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Supervisor Barajas distributes toys to over 500 children in 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Distribution

Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas, in collaboration with the Dunnigan Fire Association, successfully hosted the 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Distribution in the tight-knit community of Dunnigan, CA. Annually, the quantity of children receiving toys rises. This year's event brought joy to the hearts of over 500 children, leaving an indelible mark on the community.

A wide variety of toys were distributed, all of which were carefully chosen to meet the distinct interests and preferences of the youths in the area. Remarkably, Yolo County Children's Alliance went above and beyond by kindly providing the community with their resources and services, which aligned with the evolving needs of children and their parents. This thoughtful contribution paved the way for resources and promoted the overall well-being of Dunnigan, Yolo, and Zamora.

In his expression of gratitude, Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas acknowledged the invaluable assistance of generous sponsors and committed volunteers who selflessly contributed to this noble cause. "In our third year of the Dunnigan Toy Drive, the increasing wave of support is heartening. Together, we're not just collecting toys; we're crafting smiles on the faces of children, fostering moments of pure joy that resonate far beyond the holiday season," stated Supervisor Barajas. The distribution sponsor list, having expanded from the previous year, played a pivotal role in enhancing the scale and impact of the event. The collective efforts of the sponsors and volunteers translated into more smiles, laughter, and excitement among the children.

With their distinctive populations, Dunnigan, Yolo, and Zamora symbolize the diverse range of experiences and cultural backgrounds that define Yolo County. The toy distribution event not only brought seasonal cheer but also fostered a sense of community and shared responsibility. The presence of Santa Claus added a magical touch to the festivities. The genuine delight on the faces of the children served as a reminder of the positive influence such events have on the community's overall well-being.

The 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Distribution in Dunnigan emerged as a ray of joy and unity. The event not only brought joy to the youth but also strengthened the bonds of community in this unique corner of Yolo County. The collective warmth of generosity and compassion shone bright, leaving an enduring impact on the hearts and minds of all those who participated in and benefited from this remarkable initiative.



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Embracing the Future: A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Esparto Unified School District Community,

I hope this message finds you well as we kick off the new year with enthusiasm and a commitment to the ongoing success of our students. As we embark on this journey together, I am excited to share some important updates regarding our efforts to shape the future of education within our district.

Completing the Graduate Profile: A Milestone Achieved

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully completed the development of our Graduate Profile—a comprehensive document outlining the knowledge, skills, and attributes we aspire for our students to possess upon graduation. This accomplishment is the result of collaborative efforts involving educators, parents, students, and community members who have dedicated their time and expertise to ensure the profile reflects our collective vision for student success.

The Graduate Profile serves as a roadmap guiding our educational endeavors, providing a clear direction for curriculum development, teaching strategies, and student support programs. It represents a shared commitment to preparing our students not only academically but also socially and emotionally for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Embarking on the Strategic Plan Design Process: Your Input Matters

Building on the momentum of completing the Graduate Profile, we are now gearing up for the next phase of our journey—the development of our district's Strategic Plan. This process is critical in charting the course for the future of our schools, and we want your input to be an integral part of this transformative initiative.

Over the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to internal and external stakeholders, including parents, students, teachers, staff, community members, and local businesses. Your perspectives, ideas, and insights will shape the strategic priorities and goals that will guide our district for the next several years.

Your participation in this process is vital, and we encourage you to attend community forums, participate in surveys, and share your thoughts during town hall meetings. Together, we can create a Strategic Plan that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our community.

As we move forward in this exciting journey, I am confident that our collective efforts will propel our district to new heights of excellence. Your dedication to the success of our students is truly inspiring, and I look forward to the positive impact we will make together.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make 2024 a year of continued growth and achievement for Esparto Unified School District.

Sincerely,

Christina Goennier Ed.D. Superintendent



PBIS at Esparto Middle School

By: Aman Kullar

Hello again! As you may have read in the December Valley Voice paper, we are working hard to improve the school culture at Esparto Middle School. Four specific examples that our students highlighted in the last article were: Our ROARS Tickets and ROARS Market System, Willy the Wildcat, Student Organized School Dances and Rallies, and our New Structured Lunchtime Activities. In addition to all of these efforts, our school is also having regular PBIS team meetings in order to further improve the culture of our school.

What is PBIS? Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a framework designed to promote positive behavior in schools by implementing a three-tiered system of support. The Tier 1 team focuses on universal strategies that benefit all students, creating a positive and inclusive school culture through proactive measures such as defining clear expectations, teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors, and acknowledging students for their achievements. Esparto Middle School's Tier 1 team consists of administrators, teachers, classified staff that includes paraeducators and yard duties, parent representatives, and students representatives. This collaboration between all stakeholders ensures that all perspectives are taken into consideration when we make school-wide decisions.

The Tier 2 team, on the other hand, provides targeted interventions for students who require additional support beyond the universal strategies. This team consists of administrators, our district psychologist, a specialized academic instruction teacher, an SEL paraeducator, a mental health clinician, and district behavior specialists. This team identifies and assists students with specific behavior concerns through more individualized interventions, such as small-group counseling or social skills training, to address their unique needs and help them succeed within the school environment. Both Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams collaborate to ensure a comprehensive and effective approach to behavior management and support within the school community. The Tier 3 team comes together when a child is identified as needing more intensive supports that the first two tiers could not provide. Our goal is to provide academic, behavioral, and mental health support to any child who demonstrates a need. Our staff, students, and parents are excited to see the results of our collaboration! As we all know... it really does take a village to raise a child!



Community Schools & Esparto Scholars Program

By Marlen Cervantes
Community Schools Secretary

Esparto Families, Happy 2024! We hope you enjoyed your holidays. We are thrilled to announce the initiation of our wellness centers, a transformative endeavor aimed at nurturing the mental well-being of our students. Spearheading this initiative are our three Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Paras – Lisa, Elizabeth, and Veronica. These dedicated individuals will be instrumental in guiding students on a journey of self-discovery and emotional regulation.

Our commitment to holistic well-being extends across all levels of education. Both the Middle School and the High School are now equipped with wellness centers that offer a diverse range of resources, tips, and techniques designed to foster mental resilience. Students will have the opportunity to engage in self-regulating exercises, empowering them to navigate the challenges of academic and personal life with greater ease.

Recognizing the importance of early intervention, our Elementary School is embracing Sensory Corners in each classroom. These corners provide a haven for self-emotional regulation, ensuring that students can access tools and activities that cater to their individual needs. Whether it's a moment of stress or a desire for quiet reflection, these corners are available throughout the day to support the emotional well-being of our youngest learners.

To ensure the effectiveness of these initiatives, our educators have undergone comprehensive training to assist students in maximizing the benefits of these wellness resources. Their dedication and expertise will play a crucial role in creating an environment where students feel empowered to prioritize their mental health.

As we embark on this new chapter, we eagerly anticipate witnessing the positive impact of these wellness centers on our school community. By prioritizing the mental and emotional health of our students, we aim to cultivate an atmosphere of resilience, empathy, and lifelong well-being.

On December 9, 2023, FERL hosted Children's Shopping Day at the Elementary school, this day was full of activities and shopping along with pictures with Santa. Thanks to RISE, Esparto Little League, and Esparto High School's Senior Class of 2024 for all their help with this successful event.

Here's to a year of growth, self-discovery, and collective prosperity in 2024!





Western Yolo Grange Celebrates Christmas

On December 2nd the Western Yolo Grange hosted their annual Christmas celebration for the Capay Valley, filling the hall with friends, family, neighbors, good cheer, and a lot of delicious desserts! The highlight of the evening was the Christmas play – a yearly tradition dating back to the 1930's – performed by 24 local children of all ages. Directed by Gin Townley, the play was a depiction of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Christ, and was accompanied by the Capay Valley Musical Chairs Chorus. Following the play, the Citizen of the Year award was given to Moira Fitzgerald for her many volunteer contributions to the Capay Valley including the Yolo Food Bank food distribution, the Capay Valley Emergency Response Auxiliary, and her animal rescue and fostering efforts. Following the award, the Hall was visited by Capay Valley Fire Department's Engine 22 carrying none other than Santa Claus himself! Santa handed out gifts to all the children and stayed for pictures. This was a wonderful family event, and the community thanks the members of the Western Yolo Grange for such a treat as we come to the end of 2023.

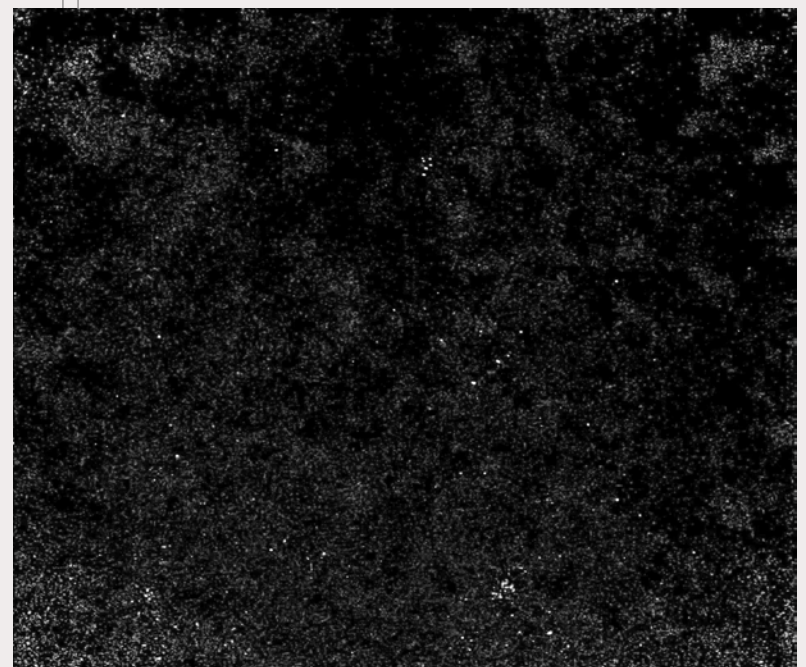
(See page 13 for additional photo of the event)

The Oldest recognized Constellation

By Clarence G. Underwood

Astronomy is a science of old. It has been a topic
Of man for ages untold. We have found signs of
Ancient societies, but sky watches have probably
Been around as long as man could see! Found in
A cave somewhere in France, no doubt after man
Learned to dance. The arts emerged as a communication
Form. A way for ideas to be sent along. Yes, ideas would
Be carried along in time. The way some words are
Transmitted through rhymes. Some 17,000 years ago
Someone painted a Bull and the Pleiades you know!
Yes, Taurus is the oldest constellation we have found.
It seems that the sky was walking there on the ground.
As above so below, it is profound to know that man
Reached the heavens so long ago!

Pictured below is the stellar constellation Taurus the Bull.



Esparto: Help and Hinder, a short history with Yolo County - Chapter 3

As many in these Yolo County boundaries know, there are County departments in Yolo County that govern our concerns. Some of those departments have heroes and are diligent about supporting both County agendas while understanding the needs of rural communities. But, sometimes there are no heroes to help us. And as the largest unincorporated area of Yolo County, Madison, Esparto, Capay, Guinda and Rumsey , we have all had encounters with their governance and departments. New Season as an economic development agency working on the commercial core of Esparto learned many lessons from Yolo County. Some of them turned into serious disagreements and some were shared successes. Here is a brief look at both from New Season Community Development Corporation perspective and with their involvement.

HELP: A Sample

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation developed a historic contract between the County and Tribe that directed a portion of mitigation funds back into the communities along the highway 16 corridor from Madison to Rumsey. Yolo County created the Advisory Committee on Tribal Matters(ACTM) to best determine how to utilize these funds. Representatives from these communities along with appointees from each Supervisorial district were selected to sit on this committee. They were responsible for issuing RFPs (Request for Proposals) and recommending funding of selected RFPs to the County. They funded items including individual home owners barriers to traffic noise; additional sheriff's patrols;; fire protection equipment and funds for schools. They also funded much of the funds for local non-profit and community services. New Season CDC applied for and were granted funds for the purchase of the Lindbergh Building; commercial zone lighting and the first crosswalks in Esparto across Highway 16.

Our Supervisors, both Lynell Pollock ad Duane Chamberlain, pushing for us to get a SACOG(Sacramento Area Council of Governments) planning grant that led to the Esparto Streetscape Plan. The plan was adopted by Yolo County and eventually CalTrans leading to much of the work on Yolo Ave. we see now.

The County agreeing to accept the State Grant from California Parks and Recreation for the new Tuli Mem Aquatics Center on EUSD land and supply additional funds for its buildout. (Another story for a future Chapter)

Yolo County support of the Yolo Food Hub network and project from American Rescue Funds. Their support is the catalyst for this regional food project. The Food Hub is on its way to being one of the highlights of Yolo County farm economy counties food production and processing.

THANKS YOLO COUNTY!

HINDER: A Sample

The Building Department of Yolo County (Yolo County Department of Community Services). There were some hero stories like Taro Echiburu who had an open-door policy and we are hearing similar good things about Leslie Lindbo. However, citizens often run into road-blocks in the County Building Department:

- lack of courtesy at their office;
- building inspectors lack of appreciation and understanding about mechanisms for older properties.
- understanding the economics of struggling rural communities, and
- staff turnover affecting department continuity.

But hey, give us a good story about the building department in our community and we will sing their praises!

Yolo County was considering putting a Prison facility in Madison. This was to be a release facility integrating prisoners back into society. Heck, we didn't even have a grocery store or housing to fill our own residents needs, let alone the ability for a farm based community to aid in this transition. There was no input from our communities that favored this. It meant a group of us attending Prison Board meetings all over the State of California and testifying against the proposal. This was not NIMBY, this was common sense that a rural community with no resources would not accomplish the prison board's mission. Madison heroes, like Sherrie Barnett, came through and we fought back.

Ignoring the community planning documents coordinated by Capay Valley Vision through multiple community input meetings. The documents, aided by New Season Board members, were the best road map for community success as they showed the way for how Yolo County could help us prosper. Even CalTrans commended us on our Highway 16 Traffic Corridor Study. But unfortunately, the designs, projects, hopes that were flushed out in these documents were ignored by most County departments and officials. It is like starting all over again on many projects. (See future chapters on clinics and the childcare center).

And the final sample is in 2013, Yolo County was going through financial difficulties and took back all of the ACTM funds earmarked for our communities. This was after the awards were made for the projects late the previous year. These awards included key services like for RISE and the Valley Voice. It was also made without discussion with the Tribe who had already honored their contract with the County by delivering the funds. It also meant that to keep some programs going in our community, the Tribe funded these programs again, therefore paying twice. All funds coming from the County in their agreement ceased to exist though the contract is still in place.

But ending on a positive note, Yolo County helping New Season acquire the Wyatt Property at the corner of Yolo Ave. and Woodland Ave. in Esparto. Though the property was contaminated, we knew that it could not be cleaned up by an individual as those State funds were no longer available. However, funds for non-profit organizations for cleanup were still available. The story unfolds in Chapter 4.



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(Submitted by Rachel de la Cruz)

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Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce is delighted to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to our Chamber family, Buckhorn Meat Co!

We're thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the unique contributions they'll bring to our vibrant community. "We are soon going to be welcoming our first guests to Buckhorn Meats," said Bret Constentino. Bret is the General Manager working alongside John Pickerel in this new venture in Yolo County. The Buckhorn Group, owners of all things Buckhorn Brand, is expanding their business model to include this new to market product "Char-Roasted Tri Tip." Similar to what you get at Buckhorn restaurant's version that is not-fully cooked, designed to be finished at home. According to Bret nothing like this is available anywhere in the markets, and is being launched for the marketplace here in our small town. Buckhorn Steakhouse in Winters perfected this Char method and is just now going to be offering it to the market.

In the new shop they will offer seasoned and charred meat products, in a frozen sealed package to take home and finish either on the grill or in the oven. You'll be able to have that great Buckhorn char and flavor in your own home. They plan to sell seasoning products alongside the meats. Additionally the Buckhorn Food Truck will be on site with their normal delicious offerings. Very exciting. Stop by soon and check them out. Because this is a new product and venture permits and approval are taking time. Be patient and they'll be open before long.



Hello!

Gloria Bailey here from the Esparto Post Office (the one with the purple hair!) The end of December was my last day with the Post Office, as I am retiring after 39 years. My father, Val Mata, was born and raised here and it just seemed natural to stay. I want to thank all of you valley residents as you made my stay fun and enjoyable. God Bless you all! -Gloria

Thank you, Gloria, for the many years of service to our community. You will be missed.

The Esparto Chamber of Commerce



Above: The fine men and women who serve with the Capay Valley Fire District

Below: Santa Claus enlisted the help of The Capay Valley Fire Department to visit children in the area. (see story on page 6)



CVFD Year in Review

Hi all, it's been a busy 2023 for Capay Valley Fire, and as we prepare for '24 I thought I might share some of the highlights.

2023 was a pretty average year for calls, with Capay Valley recording 167 incidents as I write this. 52 of those were medical in nature, and 24 were vehicle accidents. The residents of the District have been great about fire safety, with only 16 fires so far – thank you everyone!

It was a big year for personnel changes, with 4 new volunteers joining the roster and the addition of a paid full-time Engineer to the District. Capay Valley is still collaborating with Esparto Fire through our shared firefighter program, and this year we've had 2 Esparto firefighter/EMT's working up here in the Valley – our departments respond to calls together so frequently that it's great to have Esparto staff who are more familiar with our equipment and our district.

We've been working hard on repairs and maintenance up here by taking care of a lot of minor work on the engines and preparing for some renovation on 2 of our stations as well as looking at our apparatus and making decisions about which engines need replaced and when. We're also trying to plan out defensible space work in the valley with the assistance of the amazing volunteers in the Capay Valley Emergency Response Auxiliary (CVERA), Yolo County Fire Safe Council, the Yolo County Prescribed Burn Association, and Cal Fire. CVERA volunteers assisted 4 property owners with defensible space around their homes in spring of 2023, and they recently were approved for a grant through Cal Fire for equipment to do more vegetation management projects in the spring of 2024. We're hoping to clean up roadside fuels, create a fire break around Rumsey Canyon Road, and much more!

Much of this work would be next to impossible without the residents of the district having voted overwhelmingly in August to approve a benefit assessment on their property – it passed after a huge community outreach effort by our volunteer Fire Commissioners who attended public meetings, sent out mailers, and put up roadside signs. Thanks to this assessment coming through, Capay Valley Fire is also eligible for about \$120,000 per year in matching County funds – an unprecedented benefit for our agency, and due in large part to the efforts and advocacy of local Fire Chiefs and District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas. We thank all of those involved for their dedication to the continued success of the Capay Valley Fire Department, and we will continue to work hard for the safety of our district residents and those who visit our beautiful valley.

Wishing you all the best for the new year,
Jesse Capitanio
Fire Chief, CVF

The League of Women Voters Woodland

The League of Women Voters of Woodland is planning to hold candidate forums in late January, plus an informational presentation on the Pro's and Con's of state ballot measure Proposition 1, to help voters prepare for the March 2024 primary election.

Plans are in the works for forums presenting candidates for the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and for Judge of the Superior Court covering the Capay Valley and other areas in the County. Voters will have the opportunity to listen to the candidates respond to questions from the League of Women Voters as well as submit their own written questions to the candidates.

The forum for Superior Court Judge candidates and the Pro's and Con's presentation will be a joint presentation by League of Women Voters of Woodland and League of Women Voters Davis Area.

Proposition 1 was placed on the ballot by the state legislature and will include portions of AB 531 and SB 326 which were passed by the California state Assembly and state Senate in 2023. Both pieces of legislation impact mental health services in California. The Pro's and Con's presentation will provide background information and analysis of Proposition 1 as well as arguments from proponents and opponents of the ballot measure.

Details about the dates, times and location of the forums will be available on the LWV Woodland website <https://my.lwv.org/california/woodland> in early January 2024.

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library

Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 10th, 5:30 pm
at the Esparto Library
Board Member Positions are open



Become a member of FERL

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership Classes:

Individual \$15 Family \$15

Senior \$8 Benefactor \$25+

Return form and dues to the Library

or mail to: PO Box 787 Esparto, CA 95627

New Season Community Development Corporation would like to introduce you to their two newest Board members adding their expertise to our communities.

We feel fortunate to have their willingness to serve and are much welcomed by our current Board.

Bret Constantino

Member

Bret has worked in restaurants for 23 years, in California and Texas. He has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management-Economics from UC Santa Cruz. Bret is a founding member of the band, Sleepy Sun and Sol Diamond Partnership. With his partners, he produced five albums and toured extensively throughout the world. He and his wife Anna moved from the Bay Area to Woodland in 2017, where they are now raising their two children. Bret currently works for the Buckhorn Restaurant Group as their Corporate Executive Chef. His most recent project has been the development of a new operation in Esparto, the Buckhorn Meat Co.

Anna Kladzyk Constantino

Member

Anna is a civil and water resources engineer working on ecosystem studies, ecosystem restoration design and implementation, and climate resilience planning. Her expertise includes hydrologic, geomorphic, geospatial, and statistical analyses; geospatial and hydrodynamic modeling; engineering project management; and science communication. For over a decade, Anna has been engaged in education initiatives to improve diversity in STEM fields, including designing and teaching workshops for high school and undergraduate students in the United States and Mexico. She is on the Mentorship and Professional Development Committees for Earth Women's Science Network. In 2016, she was recognized as a California Water Education Foundation Water Leader.

Roadside Botanizing: Turkey Mullein

Barbara Gemmill-Herren
Capay Valley Regeneration

You've all seen Turkey Mullein (*Croton setiger*) on the side of the road, even if you didn't know its name. It's that low-to-the-ground grey-green small annual plant often growing on the roadside, and in the edges of fields. Although it looks like an invasive weed, it's native plant to Mexico and the American West. But looks are deceiving – what you also may not know is that this a plant with a clever defense strategy.



Plants are often evolving ways to prevent themselves from being consumed, such as having tough leathery leaves, or exuding sticky sap to trap insects. But turkey mullein has devised a very unique scheme. It has a fuzzy appearance- these are due to many hairlike protuberances, called trichomes, on the surface of the leaf. Many flowering plants need bees to visit their

flowers, to pollinate them and make seed- and Turkey Mullein is no exception. But bees often carry a lot of pollen on their bodies, at least until they can groom themselves and pack the pollen securely into their pollen baskets.



If a bee, before grooming, lands on the leaves of Turkey Mullein, the pollen they are carrying around their little bodies gets easily trapped in the hairlike trichomes. Pollen is a protein-rich food- not just for bees but many other insects- thus the pollen on the leaf surface attracts insects looking for bites of protein- insect predators! The pollen serves as an appetizer, and for the main meal the insect predators pick off any insect herbivores that may be stopping by to eat the leaves.

(This was the finding of research carried out right here in California's Central Valley, by the founder of the landscape design and construction company Miridae, and his research colleagues).

The reference is Van Wyk, J. I., Krimmel, B. A., Crova, L., and Pearse, I. S.. 2019. Plants trap pollen to feed predatory arthropods as an indirect resistance against herbivory. *Ecology* 100(11):e02867. 10.1002/ecy.2867.

Seasonal Recipes

Using ingredients sourced from farms in the Capay Valley

By Pamela Bateman

ROASTED VEGETABLES* WITH FETA CHEESE



2 beets chopped
2 Yukon gold potatoes chopped
2 Turnips chopped
5 or 6 small Tokyo Turnips
3 carrots thickly sliced
1 onion sliced
Salt
Olive Oil
Feta cheese approximately 10 oz.
1 bunch Spinach chopped

The vegetables in this recipe can be adjusted to your taste by using your favorite root vegetables.

Turn oven on to 425 degrees. Place chopped root vegetables and sliced onion in a roasting pan, generously salt and then toss the vegetables to distribute the salt. The salt will start to draw moisture from the vegetables. Place the roasting pan in the middle rack of the oven and cook for 10 to 15 minutes until the moisture from the vegetables starts to evaporate. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and stir to coat. Continue cooking until vegetables are tender 20 to 30 minutes. Remove pan from oven. Crumble feta cheese over the vegetables. Adjust oven rack to broil and place the vegetables back in the oven. Broil until cheese starts to melt and slightly browns. Remove from oven. To serve place a handful of chopped spinach on a plate and top with roasted vegetables. Serves 2 or 4

*Freshly harvested root vegetables from our local farms are far superior to any vegetables available at the store.

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: Next meeting will be February 13th, 2023 at 9 am at the Esparto RISE office (17317 Fremont Street).

Countryside Community Church: Sundays at 9 am Worship Service and Sunday School.

The Farm Stop: Our next event is Almond Festival, February 26th, 10-5, in Guinda, located in the lot across from The Corner Store.

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.

Save the Date!

Please join us for
a blessing and dedication of
Wihne da Puchuma da Kewe
*Home of the Capay Valley Health
and Community Center*

January 11, 2024
at 12:00pm

*All are welcome to join us
for this momentous occasion!*

Additional Open House/Tours
will be given on January 17, 2024
from 4:00pm–7:00pm



Esparto's Local Meat Market and Taqueria

Tables now available
for inside dining

Party trays available

- **Rice and beans**
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