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Sweet Success: EHS Culinary Shines at Statehood 175

This year marks an important milestone in our state's history- 175 years of statehood! On September 9th, 1850 California was ratified as the 31st state in the union. To commemorate this anniversary, the city of Sacramento in conjunction with California State Parks, threw a massive block party celebration in Sacramento on Thursday, September 9th, 2025. Esparto High School's culinary department was invited to bake and serve the birthday cake for this event. Seven of our 2nd and 3rd year culinary students, led by our amazing instructor, Chef Katlyn Beggs, baked twelve sheet cakes in three gourmet flavors.

The team prepared pistachio cake with mascarpone cream and macerated strawberries, fresh fig cake with almond and olive oil, and Plumtastic CA grown prune cake with elephant heart plum icing. The three cake recipes were provided by California Grown, the lead sponsor of the celebration. Our Spartan culinary team served well over 1500 slices of cake in under two hours- a major feat for the team of seven students. In addition to the sheet cakes, Chef Beggs also prepared a 3D cake model of California. The baked sculpture served as a center piece for the main event. (Continued on page 3)



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October drifts on golden air,
A whispered chill, a rustling prayer.
Leaves ignite in crimson flame,
Each sunset never quite the same.

Pumpkins glow, and skies turn gray,
Shadows stretch at end of day.
A gentle hush, the year turns slow—
October hums, and we let go.

**RISE Students Show Their School Spirit at First Home
Volleyball Game**

I would like to share a highlight from this week. Our Middle
School students showed their school spirit by attending their
classmates' first home volleyball game against Douglass. They
cheered on their peers from the stands, bringing great energy
and support to the team. It was a wonderful opportunity for
our students to build community, encourage one another, and
celebrate school pride.

Adamaris Zamudio
RISE Inc.
Middle School ASP Coordinator



(Continued: Sweet Success: EHS Culinary Shines at Statehood 175)

The invitation to showcase our students and instructor at this event are a testament to the success and growth of our program. Chef Beggs was particularly excited to bring her students to this event, as it not only exposed students to career opportunities, but also gave them a chance to showcase their talent. She shared that, “An event like this with so much momentum and excitement is kind of why I got into culinary. It is hard to celebrate something with so many people and not feel proud and connected.” Chef Beggs went on to say, “To include them in these exclusive events that have high end chefs- and have them bump elbows with them- it’s a great networking opportunity”. Chef Beggs is also grateful for the exposure that her program gained from participating in the birthday celebration. Jerry James Stone, an influencer who manages the food Instagram page for the City of Sacramento, connected with her during the event and asked if he could be a guest speaker in her classes- focusing on teaching students about the importance of building a brand when working in the food tourism industry.

Events like this continue to provide our students with unique real-world learning experiences, further enhancing their career readiness skills. Opportunities to collaborate with industry professionals, gain statewide recognition, and serve thousands of community members are experiences that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom alone. The confidence and professionalism our students displayed at the California Statehood Celebration reflect both their hard work and the high-quality instruction of Chef Beggs.

Esparto Unified is incredibly proud of our EHS culinary Team for representing Esparto on such a grand stage. We look forward to continuing to see our students and educators thrive in our community!



Wildfire Prevention Projects in the Capay Valley

(Capay Valley, CA) – In early 2023, the Yolo County RCD completed a wildfire planning document called the Yolo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which was approved and signed by the CAL FIRE Lake-Napa-Sonoma Unit, the Yolo County Fire Chiefs Association, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, and the Yolo County Fire Safe Council. A CWPP is a local plan developed with input from the community, local agencies, and fire professionals to reduce wildfire risk in and around the high fire hazard areas. The result of a CWPP is a list of projects that mitigate and reduce the risk of wildfire.

Since April 2023, Yolo County RCD has been planning and implementing wildfire risk reduction projects in the Capay Valley thanks to funding from retired Senator Bill Dodd, who granted \$1.5 million dollars to Yolo County after the LNU Lightning Complex Fire in 2020. After completing permitting, the RCD and the Yolo County Fire Safe Council has implemented a number of projects to protect evacuation routes and create buffers of reduced vegetation to protect the Capay Valley from catastrophic wildfire. These projects include:

- **Rumsey Ditch Shaded Fuel Break** – The overgrown Rumsey Ditch posed a fire hazard to neighbors on Rumsey Canyon Road. By trimming back vegetation and eliminating ladder fuels, this project improves access and evacuation. Completed in November 2024
- **County Road 41A Shaded Fuel Break** – To ensure access and improve evacuation, trees, shrubs, and understory plants were trimmed back or removed along County Road 41 and 41A in Rumsey, CA. These overgrown roads often impeded first responders from easily accessing properties in emergencies. Completed in January 2025
- **Rumsey Buffer Projects:** in partnership with local fire protection, several small prescribed burned fuel breaks were completed on private properties around Rumsey. Completed in June 2025.
- **Tree Grove Thinning along Highway 16** – to improve the evacuation route along Hwy 16 south of Guinda. Currently underway – expected completion-October 2025.
- **Highway 16 Shaded Fuel Break** – To ensure access and protect evacuation, trees, shrubs, and understory plants were trimmed back or removed along Hwy 16 from the snow gate to Camp Haswell. Completed in July 2025.
- **Highway Fire Awareness Signs** – a large metal sign will be posted along Highway 16 to alert visiting cars they are entering a high fire hazard area. Smaller signs will be stationed along commonly used pullouts along the highway that highlight potential common fire ignition sources.

- **Knox Boxes for emergency response access** – These emergency lock boxes provide rapid access for the fire officials without needing to cut fences or damage gates. Keys are held by the fire protection districts of Capay Valley, Esparto, Madison and Winters.
- **Neighborhood Chipper Days** – The RCD and a crew from the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District have hosted a number of free chipping days for landowners in the high fire areas of Yolo County. The Chipper Program chips materials from your defensible space work so you don't have to burn it. This program is ongoing and residents can request a Chipper Day at <https://tinyurl.com/ycfscchipper>
- **Reflective Address Sign Program** - Neighbors in the Capay Valley can request a free address sign from the Yolo County Fire Safe Council to help first responders find your property in an emergency. To request your sign, visit <https://tinyurl.com/reflecttodetect>

This fall, the potential for wildfire to occur will continue until late November through December due to abundant cured grasses and highly flammable shrubs in the Capay Valley. Stay vigilant and stay prepared! To learn more about the Yolo County Fire Safe Council, please visit www.yolofiresafe.org.



D-G Pumpkin Patch

Jumbo Pumpkins 2 For \$20

Large Pumpkins 5 for \$25

Small pumpkins 5 for \$15

Minis and gourds 4/\$1

County Road 82, Capay
Open Fridays 4 to Dark,
Saturdays 4 to Dark
and Sundays 10-4 in October

- Pumpkins
- Ornamental corn
- Farm Fresh Eggs
- Family Fun activities
- Refreshments



Farm Stand open Mon-Thursday at 4pm



While we're all hoping for much cooler weather, the League of Women Voters of Yolo County is going to be heating up in the fall.

We begin September with advocacy for our recently released County Mental Health Position which can be found at <http://bit.ly/4mezi3C>.

Our League spent two years studying the Mental Health needs of residents in our county. Our members understand that mental health is a critical component of public well-being, yet too often, individuals and families struggle to find timely, affordable care. Our residents can all advocate for a stronger system.

In Yolo County, we face real challenges: growing demand for services, a shortage of providers, and the stigma that still surrounds mental illness. Competing county funding demands and changes to State financing of county prevention services will likely decrease prevention program access for some. At the same time, we are fortunate to have dedicated local organizations, health departments, and peer-led programs that offer essential support and care.

The LWVYC's Position calls for sustained investment in mental health services, improved coordination between agencies, and equitable resource access across all communities in our county. Our advocacy is both timely and necessary. Supporting this vision means strengthening partnerships among schools, health providers, law enforcement, and community organizations who can raise resource awareness and help promote current programs and services to those in need.

We urge our leaders and fellow residents to support this work through awareness efforts, and by lifting up the voices of those directly impacted. Together, we can build a healthier, more compassionate Yolo County.

LWVYC is a strong advocate for the prevention and support services offered by county resources like YOLO NAMI. As part of our commitment to mental health, our county League will be participating in "NAMIWalks!" this September, to raise funds to support top-rated mental health programs and services, far-reaching guidance, and valuable education for our entire community.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) promotes critical awareness of mental illness and promotes the well-being of every person. The League team is raising dollars and awareness and we hope to see many more community members there. Learn more at <https://www.namiwalks.org/yolocounty>

We're growing our League membership and service outreach. We've heard from the Winters City Council and have spoken to the Esparto Chamber of Commerce. We are looking for opportunities to learn more from the West Sacramento City Council. We want to stay in touch with all of our cities, so if you've got a group that would like to know more about the League, please reach out to us at lwvyolo@gmail.com.

We are delighted once again to partner with the Yolo County Election Office and the Yolo County Office of Education to help support our county's **Youth Empowerment Summit (Y.E.S.!)**, a nationally recognized and award-winning full day of civic engagement for high school students. Y.E.S.! presentations and activities empower and encourage youth to say "YES!" to the leadership roles that make a positive difference. It is a privilege to help educate the next generation of Yolo County voters with the important civic understanding that inspires confident election participation in support of our democracy. For more information, check out Y.E.S.! here: <https://yolosaysyes.com/>

October brings two important voter engagement events. At our fall membership meeting we will honor the 2025 recipients of our Democracy Works award on October 9th. Afterwards, a presentation by Jesse Salinas, the Yolo County Registrar of Voters, will offer members and guests updated voter information on the November 4th Special Election. His talk, "Understanding Prop 50: Voter Education for Yolo County" will help to better inform us of Proposition 50 impacts to congressional districts in California and Yolo County. The following week, on Wednesday, October 15th, the League will host its public non-partisan informational forum to discuss the Pros and Cons of Prop 50. Check our website <https://lwvyolo.org> for time and location. To get additional non-partisan factual information check out the League of Women Voters **EASY VOTER GUIDE** available online after September 22nd at <https://cavotes.org/easy-voter-guide/>.

November will be upon us before we know it. The League would like to remind everyone that the last day to register to vote is October 20th. The Secretary of State has more registration and election information here: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration. We hope everyone will be ready to participate and be an active voter in 2025.

We have more coming up and we look forward to keeping in touch with everyone who reads the Valley Voice.

From Jessica Smith

Seasonal Recipes

Using ingredients sourced from the Capay Valley
From the kitchen of Pamela Bateman



Apple Chutney

2 tablespoons butter
1 medium onion chopped
4 apples chopped
1 Asian pear chopped
1 tablespoon fresh ginger chopped
1/2 cup raisins

1/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup water
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
Pinch of salt
1/4 teaspoon of ground cinnamon

In a saucepan over medium heat begin cooking the butter, onion, apples, pear, ginger, raisins, brown sugar and water. Keep cooking and stirring the mixture until the fruit starts to soften. Add more water if necessary. As the mixture begins to soften add the apple cider vinegar, the salt and the cinnamon. Cook until most of the liquid has reduced to a syrup. Remove from heat. Gently mash the fruit leaving some large pieces. Cool. Serve at room temperature and refrigerate any leftovers.

This recipe can be adapted to your taste by adding more or less vinegar and brown sugar. This chutney is delicious served with grilled sausages or other grilled meat.

Capay Valley Flora, Fauna and Farms

Capay Valley Regeneration

By Pamela Bateman

Farm Folklore- Fairy Eggs

Approximately eight thousand years ago in Southeast Asia the Red Jungle Fowl, the genetic ancestor to our modern chicken, was domesticated. It is estimated that today there are over 34 billion chickens worldwide which makes them the most abundant bird on earth. Through selective breeding we have manipulated the size of chickens and number of eggs they lay annually. Hardy and adaptable chickens have become the animal of choice for most farmers. Living in such close proximity to these birds makes it inevitable that much folklore has developed around chickens.

Every chicken farmer knows that sometimes when collecting eggs something unusual and seemingly magical happens. Hidden in a chicken's nest along with the other eggs will be a tiny egg or what is sometimes called a Fairy Egg. Much smaller than the other eggs this diminutive egg must be the result of something otherworldly according to folklore and fairy tales. No wild bird has laid this egg because it looks much like the other normal sized chicken eggs. Perhaps a fairy secretly put this egg in the nest!

Other cultural beliefs or superstitions attempt to explain this phenomenon. Historically the tiny egg was sometimes called a Wind Egg because it was fertilized by the wind. Many ancient cultures believed the wind gave 'a breath of life' and could therefore, in the absence of a rooster, cause a chicken to lay an egg. Others thought perhaps these tiny eggs were laid by roosters. Whatever its origins it is often taken as a sign of good luck. The egg was believed to ward off evil spirits and was saved as a talisman for that purpose. Yet in some other cultures this tiny egg was thought to be a bad omen. Some believed the tiny egg would hatch into a mythical creature like a serpent with a rooster's head. These tales are of course an example of how humans create stories to explain phenomena they don't understand.

Science readily provides an answer to this curious occurrence. Young hens will occasionally produce very small eggs as a normal part of their cycle. A chicken's reproductive system sometimes creates a small piece of tissue which causes the hen's body to enclose the tissue in a tiny shell. These eggs typically do not have a yolk and it is not an indication of an unhealthy bird. As the chicken matures she will start laying normal sized eggs. If a chicken continues to lay tiny, unusual shaped or soft shelled eggs the farmer would be wise to consider the health of the chicken. Possible causes for egg anomalies could be stress, poor nutrition, or an unhealthy environment. But the occasional discovery of a Fairy Egg in the chicken coop shouldn't be a cause for worry to the farmer and may even bring good luck!



Community Schools & Esparto Scholars Program

By Marlen Cervantes
Community Schools Secretary

At Esparto Unified School District, we are proud to continue strengthening our Community Schools program by providing meaningful support and opportunities for our students and families.

Our staff is excited to welcome students each morning starting at 7:00 a.m. for before-school care in the elementary school library. This program gives families peace of mind knowing their children are safe and supported at the very start of the day.

Through our partnership with Yolo Food Bank, we are able to provide 100 food boxes to EUSD families on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Upcoming dates for October are October 8, 2025, and October 22, 2025. We are grateful for this partnership that helps meet the needs of our community.

This fall, we also offered Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) workshops in August and September. PIQE empowers parents with the knowledge and skills to support their children's academic success. Over the course of eight weeks, parents engaged in interactive sessions to learn strategies for partnering with schools, preparing children for college and career, and creating strong educational foundations at home. Sessions were provided in both Spanish and English, with childcare and refreshments available to ensure accessibility for all families. We are excited to celebrate the graduation of participating parents on October 7, 2025.

Congratulations to our Summer School Students!

We are so proud of our students who entered their plant projects at the Yolo County Fair! Out of 16 entries, nearly every student brought home a ribbon—what an amazing achievement!

1st Place – Jimena Magaña

2nd Place – Ariel Edens, Valkyrie Martin, Sophia Servin, Leilani Marin, Abigail Kipker (two entries!), Sofia Ortiz, Harley Muller, Anthony Rodriguez Hernandez

3rd Place – Erika Ochoa Sandoval, Hannah Flores Ferguson, William Vann

Way to go, students! Your hard work and creativity truly shined at the fair. Together, these programs reflect our ongoing commitment to fostering student success and building a strong, supportive school community.

With appreciation,

The Community Schools Team



Thank You, Metro Edge, for Supporting Our After-School Program

In August 2025, our After-School Program had the honor of being selected by Metro Edge as the featured organization for their Give Back First Friday Coffee fundraising event. Each month, Metro Edge spotlights a local nonprofit, and we were fortunate to be chosen as the beneficiary of their generosity.

Through this event, Metro Edge members and community partners came together to raise funds and collect much-needed school supplies for our program. These donated materials are already being put to use in our after-school activities, from homework support and art projects to STEM challenges and enrichment clubs. The supplies have helped ensure that every student has access to the resources they need to participate fully and confidently.

Starting a new school year often comes with challenges, especially when it comes to making sure hundreds of students have the tools they need. Thanks to Metro Edge's support, we were able to begin the year strong, with a smooth transition into programming and a focus on what matters most—supporting student growth, creativity, and success.

On behalf of our staff, students, and families, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Metro Edge and everyone who attended the Give Back First Friday Coffee. Your contributions are making a real difference, and we are excited to carry this momentum into a successful school year.

Perla Aguirre
RISE Inc.
After School Program Coordinator



Superintendent's Update – October 2025

As we step fully into fall, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements happening across our district.

Celebrating Excellence in Education

On September 29th, we proudly recognized our **2024 Excellence in Education Award winners**. These individuals and programs exemplify the dedication, innovation, and passion that drive our schools forward:

- **Individual Award – Instructional Technology:** Alejandro (Alex) Cortez and Jon Dickinson
- **Salute to Educator:** Erin Simons, Teacher
- **Program Excellence Award:** Esparto HIPPY Program

We congratulate these outstanding honorees for their contributions and thank them for inspiring excellence in education.

Fall Athletics in Full Swing

Our fall sports season is underway, and our student-athletes are giving their all both on and off the field. Football, cheerleading, volleyball, and cross country are in full stride, and the energy and school spirit are stronger than ever. Thank you to our families and community members for showing up to cheer on our teams and support our student-athletes.

Exploring Career Opportunities

Twelve of our students recently had the exciting opportunity to attend the **Giants vs. Cubs game at Giants Stadium**. In addition to enjoying the game, they were able to explore **career opportunities available within a professional sports organization**, gaining valuable insights into fields such as sports management, event operations, media, and other related areas. Experiences like this broaden our students' horizons and encourage them to dream big about their futures.

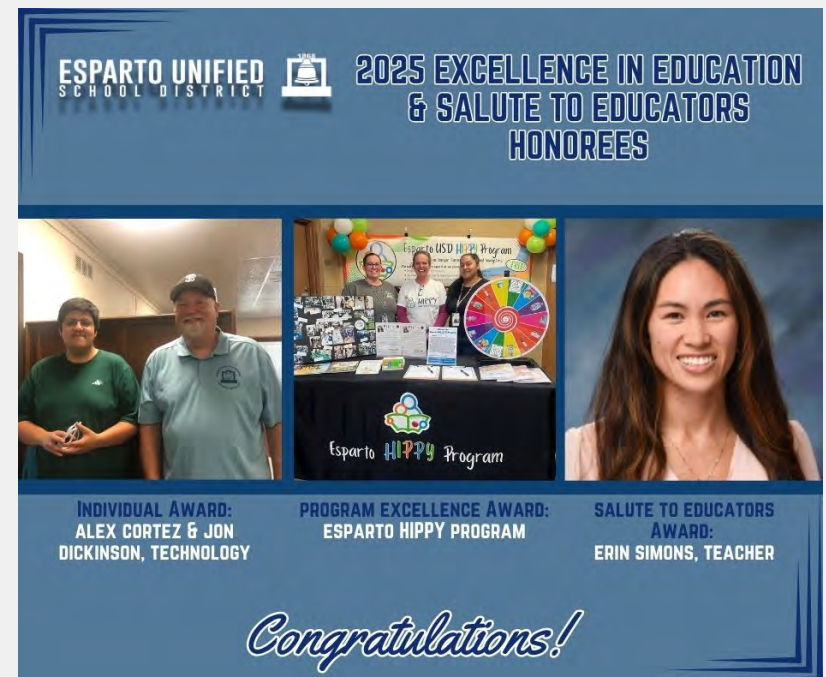
Safety and Training Remain Top Priorities

We continue to place the highest priority on student and staff safety. Our district is investing in upgraded safety measures while ensuring that all staff and students receive appropriate training. These steps reflect our ongoing commitment to creating learning environments where everyone feels secure and supported.

As we look ahead to the rest of the school year, I am proud of the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our families and community. Together, we continue to make our district a place of excellence in education.

Warmly,

Christina (Christy) Goennier Ed.D.





Inside the Game: Esparto Students Discover Behind-the-Scenes Careers in Sports

When you think of careers in sports, what jobs pop into your mind? Coaching? Announcing? Playing professionally? These are the public facing careers of the sports industry. There are however, a myriad of behind the scenes careers that are essential to professional sporting organizations. On Thursday, August 28th, Esparto High School had the opportunity to bring a group of thirteen students to the San Francisco Giants' first ever Career Day to learn more about these careers.

The event was hosted at the Giants' Stadium, Oracle Park, in San Francisco. Students had the privilege of hearing from two panels of executives within the Giants' organization. The first panel was composed of Women executives working in public relations and marketing. California students heard from the Director of Membership Services, Amanda Kershaw; the Vice President of Sales and Business Development, Jessica Santamaria; and the Manager of Promotions and Special Events, Nicole Reyes. The second panel offered a unique behind the scenes look at STEM careers in sports. Dr. Tatiana Luna, a performance science data analyst, and Dr. Matt Chan, a biomechanics scientist and the Manager of the Giants' Performance Science team talked about the science behind baseball. They primarily discussed how biomechanics, the study of human motion and forces, can be utilized to improve various aspects of players' performance.

After learning from the career panelists, students had the opportunity to explore the stadium before watching the Giants take on the Chicago Cubs! It was a close game with the Giants and Cubs tied for most of the game. In an exciting final inning, the Giants concluded the game with a walk-off win – courtesy of outfielder, Jung Hoo. Esparto Students could be heard cheering with Giants fans in the club section. This win was particularly exciting as it was most of the students' first time ever attending a professional sporting event.

One student, Jessica Ayala, described the Career Day as a memorable event. She went on to say, "I'm beyond grateful the school gave me this opportunity and hope for more events (like this one) to explore more opportunities with careers and choices." Esparto High School was thrilled to participate in Giants Career Day and looks forward to finding more transformative learning opportunities to offer our students.

Kathleen Diezel
Esparto Unified School District
College and Career Readiness Coordinator

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AT ORACLE
PARK**

GIANTS
— **vs** —
CHICAGO CUBS

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Blue Fires at Dawn

The Story of Harold Tacker




Hal Tacker
Mike Meier

Blue Fires at Dawn is a book by local authors that tells the story of Harold Tacker, one of early ag aviation's premiere pilots. It tells of his early days learning to fly and crop dust in Mississippi, his adventures in Nicaragua, working for Louise Hatchcock (movie: Walking Tall), a violent encounter with disgruntled Mexican dusters, and his eventual move to Yolo County where he dusted, sprayed, fertilized, and seeded fields all over the Sacramento Valley for 30 years.

The book is available locally from Mike Meier - (707) 776-7145. You can also get it through:

www.kstreetstudio.com/writing/bookBlueFiresAtDawn.html

Horrible Idea



Mike Meier
Don Michaelson

This story is not about making motoring history. It's not about a fantasy car and its not even about trying to impress our friends. It's about the two of us deciding this horrible idea was a good idea, then going for it.

From sea to shining sea to shining sea, jump in the Tinyvette, a 24 Hours of Lemons Opel GT, and make a 2,940 mile practice run to New York City, grab a bagel and schmear, then make a 2,922 mile Cannonball Run back to California.

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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.

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

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

AI-Anon Spanish: Spanish AI-Anon: Detrás de El Toro (26628 N. Grafton St.). Los Martes a las 7 pm - 8:30 pm.

Capay Valley Christian Fellowship: 11am adult Sunday school; 11:45am social; 12:10pm - 1:10pm worship/children's Sunday School at 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, at 6pm, 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 on October 27th, at the Esparto RISE office (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto).

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

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 Food Distributions: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:30 am - Until supplies last and 4th Monday of the month 10:30am - noon.

Esparto Lions Club Meeting: Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Boy Scout Cabin Social hour at 5:30pm, 6pm Dinner, For Zoom link, please call 530-787-3892.

Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce: Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 6pm, at Capay Valley Health & Community Center (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto). Questions, call (530) 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 Pantry: Fridays at 2 pm - 5 pm. (17317 Fremont Street, Esparto)

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: Yolo Food Bank 2nd and 4th Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11 AM at the Grange Hall on Forest Ave. Drive through distribution, first come first served, line starts at 8:30 AM. Produce, canned food, dry goods, meat and dairy.

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 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 4pm to 5pm at the Madison Community Services District Building.

Madison Service District Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm in the District office at 28963 Main Street in Madison.

New Life Christian Center in Madison: Sunday Service at 11:00am with Jr. Church for ages 5-12 years. Home Bible Studies on Wednesday.

On Fire Fellowship of Esparto: Sunday service at 9am. Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30pm. Youth Group: Friday at 6:30pm; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tuesday 6:30pm.

RISE Collaborative Meeting: 4th Friday of each month at 9am. Meeting held in-person at the RISE, Inc Esparto Office. (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto)

RISE Valley Seniors: Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am - 12pm at the RISE office. (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto)

Rumsey Improvement Assoc.: 1st Monday potlucks at Rumsey Hall October - June. Mingling at 6pm, food served at 6:30pm. Bring a dish to share & your own utensils.

St. Martin's Catholic Mission Church: English Mass: 8:30am on Sundays; Spanish Mass: 7pm on Saturdays. (25633 Grafton Street, Esparto)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 1st Wednesday each month, at Post Home, Orleans Street and Highway 16.

Western Yolo Grange: Meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM, except for July and August. All are welcome, you do not need to be a member to attend.

4-H: Meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Community Center in Esparto.