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Hello, my name is Western Yolo Grange!

In Guinda, behind the Corner Store is an old building that time forgot, and most Capay Valley residents only think about once a year when enjoying the Almond Festival. But the Grange Hall is more than pony rides, petting zoo, and Granny Wyatt's Almond Roca. The Western Yolo Grange Hall provides vital services to our rural community, and is a labor of love for a small group of local residents.

Built in 1909, the Western Yolo Grange #423 is the original home of the Almond Festival. Long before the festival moved to Esparto, The Grange was the hub for a vibrant community of small farmers who grew wheat, almonds and fresh fruit. The Almond Queen pageant, which occurs the weekend prior to the Festival, has always been hosted by the Grange. Guinda was once a thriving town that went through a boom period in the early 1900's. The residents decided to start a spring festival to celebrate the almond tree's beautiful bloom, which transformed the Upper Capay Valley into a pink and white fairyland. The railroad (yes, there was a railroad that ran down the Capay Valley) could bring fresh fruit (in the days before refrigeration) to the SF Bay Area in less than a day, making our area very profitable to farm. During the 1900's, there were almost 5,000 people living in Guinda and nearby. We had several grocery stores, a school, a bank, a hotel, an ice cream parlor, a barber shop, a meat market, and even a small jail!

Our Grange was part of a national network of Grange Halls that gave rural communities a way to organize, find markets for their produce, and have fun! Dances, such as contra dances (sort of like a line dance but with a fiddle and a caller) and harvest festivals were common in the days before TV and the internet. Old newspapers also show that the Grange Hall had many groups that met, anywhere from quilting groups to fire department meetings. The Grange Hall hosted the Multicultural Festival which was a celebration of African American culture in the Capay Valley for about a decade until the organizers passed away, and some of our members were instrumental in starting the Yolo County Historical Society.

In the last 5 years the Grange Hall has undergone a series of renovations that has allowed us to continue serving the Capay Valley. We rebuilt the foundation which was sagging after years of continuous use. During the Great Depression, people even used to play basketball in the hall! We also upgraded the kitchen and installed a brand new up to code septic system.



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Valley Seniors
Enjoy Exciting Field Trips



Last month, Valley Seniors had the chance to get out and enjoy two exciting
 outings filled with fun, laughter, and good company.

The first trip took the group to the Woodland State Theater, where they
 gathered to watch the action-packed movie Fantastic Four. Everyone had a
 great time sharing the experience together, with plenty of popcorn, snacks, and
 smiles to go around. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax, be entertained,
 and enjoy the big screen in the company of friends.

Later in the month, the group hopped aboard the Yolo Bus and made their way
 to the Yolo County Fair. The fair provided a day full of excitement, as members
 walked through the exhibits, explored the sights, and soaked in the festive
 atmosphere. Of course, no fair trip would be complete without indulging in
 some delicious fair food, and the seniors were more than happy to sample the
 tasty treats on offer.

Both outings were a big success, giving Valley Seniors a chance to connect,
 create new memories, and enjoy the simple joys of shared experiences.

Everyone is already looking forward to the next adventure!



Valley Senior Program



FREE Senior Exercise Classes
Every Tuesday & Thursday
9:30 am - 10:00 am

RISE Inc., Community Room, 17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto

(Continued: Hello, my name is Wester Yolo Grange)

The Grange's primary purpose these days is to host public meetings and be an evacuation center. We host meetings such as for the Yolo County Flood Control District, the Sheriff's Department and the County Supervisor. We are an evacuation center and cooling center in case of natural disasters. We host a public food distribution from the Yolo County Food Bank twice a month on Mondays. The Hall is available to rent for all types of events, including weddings, concerts, plays, quinceaneras, dances, and fundraisers. We offer our hall free of charge for Celebration of Life/Funerals for our community members. In addition to the Almond Festival and the Almond Queen pageant, we have an annual theater production put on by the Capay Valley Players. We also host the 4-H Spaghetti Dinner, a Halloween Carnival and a Children's Christmas play that has been in continuous existence since 1911. Our commercial kitchen is available for rent, which empowers food vendors to legally sell their products to the public in a very affordable way. We currently also provide commissary services to El Vaquero Food Truck.

If you are interested in finding out about any of these services, renting the hall, or viewing our calendar of events, you can visit us at www.westernyologrange.org, or email us @ westernyologrange@gmail.com



Community Schools & Esparto Scholars Program

Esparto Unified School District, alongside the Community Schools team, proudly hosted its annual backpack giveaway this summer on July 1st, 2025, providing students with the tools they need for a successful start to the new school year. Thanks to this program, every student has the opportunity to begin the year prepared and confident, without the added worry of school supply costs.

This year's distribution was held on a summer school day, which made the event even more special. Students already on campus for summer enrichment classes were able to receive their backpacks during the day, ensuring that many of our learners left not only with new knowledge and experiences but also with brand-new school supplies in hand.

After the summer school day ended, the doors opened to the rest of the district, welcoming families from across EUSD to pick up their free backpacks. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as students eagerly selected their supplies, and parents expressed their gratitude for the district's commitment to supporting families.

Events like the backpack giveaway highlight the strong sense of community within EUSD. By coming together to ensure students are equipped for success, the district continues to demonstrate its dedication to both education and equity—reminding us all that when our students thrive, our whole community thrives.

By Marlen Cervantes
Community Schools Secretary



Capay Valley Flora, Fauna and Farms
Capay Valley Regeneration
By Pamela Bateman

Wildlife Friendly Fences

All of us claim to love wildlife but how many of us are willing to accommodate wildlife when building fences? How would we feel if we knew many of our barbed wire fences have the potential to maim or kill wildlife? A quick search on the internet will show deer, owls, rabbits and other wildlife horribly caught and entangled in barbed wire like flies in a spider web. Fencing may also cut off wildlife corridors that lead to the only available seasonal water or food. However, small changes in fence design can go a long way toward working with wildlife rather than against it.

Understanding how and why wildlife moves across the landscape is the key to building wildlife friendly fences. Almost all animals move through their environment in search of food, water and shelter. Additionally in order to maintain genetic diversity they must have access to other populations of their own species to prevent inbreeding. Conservation biology describes the “50/500” rule as needing 50 individuals to avoid inbreeding and 500 individuals are needed for long term genetic variability. Specifically in the Capay Valley many of the mammals like badgers, bobcats, coyotes, deer, and mountain lions, need room to roam from Cache Creek to the eastern and western hills and beyond. Roads are known to be extremely destructive to these necessary wildlife corridors but fences can hinder this movement too. During our hot summers animals need to move from sources of water like Cache Creek to areas where prey and forage can be found. By assisting this movement there will be less pressure on wildlife to graze in our agriculture fields and help to avoid the loss of domestic animals on our farms.

Wildlife will typically follow existing edges of woodlands or riparian ribbons which are areas of flowing or seasonal creeks. Familiarize yourself with the topography that surrounds your land. Consider leaving these areas unfenced so that wildlife can continue to move across the landscape. We can help wildlife thrive by taking fence design into consideration. For an excellent description of wildlife corridors and detailed descriptions of fence design please see:

A Landowner’s Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fences from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

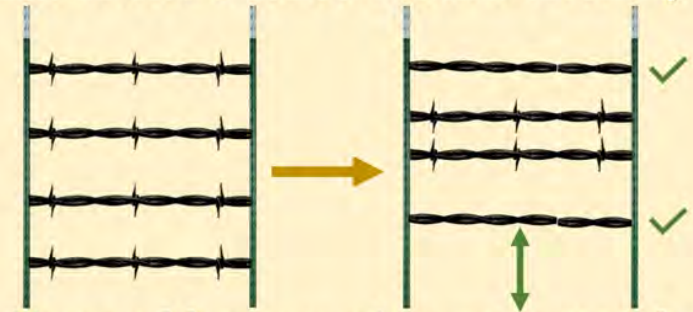
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/WildlifeFriendlyFences.pdf>

This document has detailed fence design drawings and descriptions.

A quote from the document:

“Wildlife friendly fences should be low enough for adults to jump, high enough for animals to crawl under and minimize the chance of tangling.”

What makes a fence wildlife friendly?



**Top and bottom wires are smooth.
Bottom wire is higher off ground.**

Seasonal Recipes

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

Scrambled Eggs with Mushrooms and Tarragon

8 Eggs- free range
1/3 cup Milk
4 Tablespoons Butter
1/3 cup Red Onion diced
4 or 5 Mushrooms sliced
3-4 Tarragon sprigs- leaves removed from stem and chopped *
1/2 cup Pecorino or Parmesan Cheese grated

In a medium bowl beat the eggs with the milk and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat melt 3 tablespoons butter and add the onion and mushrooms. Sauté until soft. Remove the vegetables from the pan and set aside. Melt the other tablespoon of butter in the skillet and cook the egg mixture, stirring, until the eggs are soft but not dry. Turn off the heat. Add the mushroom mixture and mix into the scrambled eggs. Serve immediately with a sprinkle of chopped tarragon leaves and topped with Pecorino cheese. Delicious with buttered toast or a croissant.

Serves 2 to 4

*Note:

Tarragon is an easy to grow herb that takes little care. The combination of eggs, mushrooms and fresh tarragon is a classic and delicious dish perfect for breakfast or a light dinner.



Fire Resilience Programs 101 Workshop

(October 1, 2025) – Are you worried about wildfire impacting your home or property? The Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the Yolo County Fire Safe Council are hosting a Fire Resilience Program 101 to bring together residents with organizations offering wildfire preparedness assistance and funding opportunities for fuels management. The Program 101 will feature short presentations about free technical assistance and funding opportunities to support wildfire preparedness and prevention in the high fire areas of western Yolo County.

Programs and speakers featured will be the California Department of Insurance, Yolo County Office of Emergency Services, Yolo Prescribed Burn Association, Yolo County Fire Safe Council, and Yolo County Resource Conservation District.

Residents interested in wildfire preparedness and prevention from Yolo County are invited to join this free, informational workshop on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, which starts at 5:00 pm with free refreshments and food. Residents that live in the high fire areas of Yolo County, like in communities in West Winters and throughout the Capay Valley, are encouraged to attend to learn how to prepare your home and property for wildfire. At 5:30 PM, seven-minute presentations will begin and continue until approximately 6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm, there will be a Q & A session and the option for one-on-ones between agency representatives and residents. To attend, please RSVP by filling out the registration form at <https://qrco.de/fire-prog-101>.

Join the Fire Resilience Program 101 to learn about funding opportunities, technical assistance support, wildfire preparedness, and meet/ask questions of your local agency representatives on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at the Capay Valley Community Hall (17340 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627). Programs featured are optional, non-regulatory, and are meant to support properties in the high fire areas of Yolo County with financial or technical assistance for fuels management and wildfire preparedness.

For questions, please reach out to Alli Permann, Outreach Coordinator, at permann@yolorcd.org or call 530-661-1688.



FIRE RESILIENCE PROGRAM 101

Join the Fire Resilience Program 101 to hear about wildfire preparedness and fuels management technical assistance and funding opportunities available to properties in the high fire areas of Yolo County.

AGENDA

5:00 – 5:30 PM: Doors Open & Dinner
5:30 – 6:30 PM: 7-minute presentations
6:30 – 7:00 PM: Q & A and one-on-ones

PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Homeowner's Insurance
- Defensible Space Inspections
- Firesafe Landscaping
- Yolo County OES
- Yolo Prescribed Burn Association
- Prescribed Grazing
- Oak Woodland Health
- Wildfire Preparedness Programs

WHERE

Capay Valley Community Center
17340 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627
yolorcd.org • yolofiresafe.org

OCT 1 2025

Dinner will be provided! To attend, please RSVP by scanning the QR code or visit the link below:
<https://qrco.de/fire-prog-101>



QUESTIONS

Reach out to
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YOLO COUNTY RCD
Yolo County Resource Conservation District

2025 SWIM SEASON WRAP UP AT TULI MEM PARK

The 2025 swim season at Tuli Mem Park Aquatics Center is coming to an end September 1 and WYORCA would like to thank the community, our local lifeguards, the County, Esparto Community Services District, and especially members of the newly formed Friends of Tuli Mem (see list below) for their support through another challenging summer.

As anyone who has attended the pool this summer has noticed, the wading pool was out of commission nearly the entire season. This was disappointing to everyone, especially to those families with small children that would have enjoyed spending hot summer days at the pool in the safer shallow water. As many people have asked about it, WYORCA would like to take this opportunity to explain the events that led to this unfortunate situation.

In July 2024 the wading pool was shut down when the automatic chemical controller failed. Attempts to control the chemistry (pH and free chlorine) manually were not effective due to the shallow level and smaller volume of water for that pool's system; therefore County Environmental Health determined the pool needed to be shut down. Despite the closure, water was kept in the pool initially, necessitating manual dosing of chemicals which led to an over acidity condition that was damaging the brass pump impellers. At that point, the County decided to drain the pool and prepare for the replastering work that was scheduled for the upcoming off season.

Replastering of a pool is a normal maintenance activity which is more frequent for commercial pools than a residential pool due to the stronger chemical concentrations required. In our case, replastering will be needed every 10 years for the lap pool, and every 5 years for the wading pool because it is shallower (more sunlight/UV damage). This is a significant cost (about \$100,000 for the lap pool and \$30,000 for the wading pool) that was not anticipated at the inception of the pool, and something that the County (General Services) will be budgeting for going forward.

At the end of the 2024 season, the County had set aside funds for replastering the wading pool; but those funds had to be redirected to pay for pool management costs that were higher than expected for that summer. The County was not able to secure the needed funding during the winter months; so in the spring of 2025 WYORCA decided to advance funds from the endowment to facilitate completion of the replastering work before the 2025 season started.

In June the replastering contractor was secured, but work was held up as County Environmental Health determined the tile lip at the pool entry was out of specification and needed to be reworked - which required a change order to the contract. The personnel involved in processing the change order at the County were redirected to matters related to the explosions in early July which further delayed the work.

Replastering of the wading pool was finally completed on July 29 but required a minimum two weeks for conditioning of the water before being approved for swimming. WYORCA would like to thank everyone for their patience during this situation and we look forward to a much improved season in 2026!

Submitted by G. Moris

WYORCA Board Members

Sandra Adams, David Vigil, Giacomo Moris, Jodee Treat, Carine Hines, Sherrie Van

THANK YOU to our new members of Friends of Tuli Mem!

Great Blue Heron Level

Sherrie Wood
John and Sandra Adams
R&R Pacific Construction
Chris and Sharon Steele

River Otter Level

Anonymous

Pond Turtle Level

Letty and Homero Melendez

Egret Level

Esparto Broadband
Dave Scheuring
Jim and Deborah Durst
Double Dipper Ice Cream
Trini and Wyatt Cline
Sam and Jane Cody
Bob and Vicki Murphy
Linda Pillard
The Hines Family
Max Vann Landleveling
Loreal Monroe and David Vigil

Marsh Wren Level

Pam Welch and Tom Fredricks
The Moris Family

Chorus Frog Level

Please join us at this level for only \$25!



Community School Strategy Is Transforming Esparto Unified

At Esparto Unified School District, the Community School strategy is no longer just an initiative, it is part of who we are. Woven into the fabric of every school site, it is transforming how we support students and families. And most importantly, it's improving student outcomes.

By focusing on the whole child, whole family, and whole community, we are creating schools that are hubs of opportunity, wellness, and learning. This means academic success is no longer separated from emotional well-being, real-world learning, or family partnership. It all works together.

Our Progress: Real Gains for Esparto

1. **Health & Wellness Supports:** Our schools have strengthened on-campus counseling services and mental health supports. Through trauma-informed practices, wellness check-ins, and expanded referral systems, students have more consistent access to help when they need it. We are seeing fewer behavior disruptions and more students engaged in class, because when students feel safe and supported, they are ready to learn.
2. **Expanded Learning Opportunities:** Our after-school and summer programs are now offering students meaningful ways to grow beyond the classroom. From skill-building in robotics to creative expression in musical dance theater, students are developing both academic confidence and a stronger sense of identity. These programs are not just fun, they are building future-ready skills.
3. **Family Voice & Leadership:** Families are no longer just recipients of information, they are active partners in school planning and decision-making. Recent input from families has directly shaped programming, improved communication practices, and supported shared leadership teams at each site. This partnership is building trust and making our schools stronger.
4. **Real-World Learning:** Across our campuses, students are engaging in real-world learning experiences, from etiquette lessons and food preparation to academic goal setting and attendance improvement efforts. These are not just activities; they are strategies driving measurable growth in engagement, self-confidence, and school readiness.

The data and stories are clear; embedding the Community School strategy into every layer of our system is driving change. Students are coming to school more often. They are reporting stronger relationships with adults on campus. They are showing academic gains and accessing supports more readily.

What makes this work sustainable is not just funding, it's alignment. We are coordinating resources, breaking down silos, and building systems that will last. Staff, families, and partners are united in this work, and because of that, our students are thriving. We're proud of how far we've come, but this is only the beginning. Every community event, every after-school class, every partnership formed is a thread in the larger fabric we're weaving, a fabric that appreciates each student for their uniqueness, acknowledges their potential, and supports their academic and social-emotional growth to ensure their success in learning and life.

When we invest in the whole child, we invest in a stronger future for Esparto.



From the Superintendent's Desk A Great Start to the 2025–26 School Year

Dear Esparto Unified Community,

We are off to a strong start this school year with a full team at all of our school sites. It has been wonderful to see our campuses filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to our students' success.

This year, we are excited to welcome many new faces to our district family:

Administration & Support

- Admin Araiza – Coordinator of Community School & EHS Athletic Director
- Ronni Bassett – Dean of Students

Teachers

- Colton Cornfoot – SAI Teacher
- Crystal Enriquez – First Grade Teacher
- Erin Haleen – Social Studies Teacher
- James Hansen – PE Teacher
- Hannah Lewandowski – Kindergarten Teacher
- Jenna Mash – Fifth Grade Teacher
- Bryon Scott – Science Teacher
- Staci Gonzales – Third Grade Teacher
- Ashley Beltran – Fourth Grade Teacher

Instructional Assistants & Aides

- Ayanna Black – Instructional Assistant
- Alexandria Cardenas – Instructional Assistant TK/Pre
- Michelle Wion – SDC Aide
- Ashlee Lenhardt – SDC Aide

Specialists & Support Staff

- John Fedorko – Music Specialist
- Summer Rejmankova – Nurse
- Kathleen Tuckruskye – SAI Teacher
- Rubi Contreras – Yard Duty

Food Services

- Liliana Camacho – Cafeteria Assistant
- Vacant – Cafeteria Assistant (position to be filled)

We are grateful for their talents and dedication, and we know they will make a positive impact in our schools.

Exciting District Happenings

We're getting closer to the completion of our new Career Technical Education (CTE) buildings at Esparto High School. These state-of-the-art facilities will expand opportunities for our students to explore hands-on learning and prepare for future careers.

Esparto High School also proudly participated in the Yolo County Fair. Many of our students showcased animals they have cared for over the past year, while others impressed the community with welding projects. Their dedication, skills, and sportsmanship make us proud to be Esparto Strong.

As we move forward, we remain committed to providing our students with the best possible education, resources, and opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and programs.

Together, we are building a bright future for every student in Esparto Unified.

With gratitude,

Christina (Christy) Goennier Ed.D.
Superintendent
Esparto Unified School District



Esparto FFA Shines at the Yolo County Fair

What an amazing week Esparto FFA had at the Yolo County Fair! Our students displayed not only their projects, but also the dedication, responsibility, and perseverance that agricultural education instills. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to support our students; it truly meant the world to them. Many of these projects required over six months to a year of daily and even late-night care, and your encouragement validated that hard work.

A special thank you goes to our Agriculture Department teachers, Bill Murphy, Gary Kincaid, and Jennifer Crear, whose guidance and mentorship prepared our students for success. Their commitment to hands-on learning continues to provide opportunities that shape future leaders.

Results from the Fair

Ag Mechanics Projects

- Manny Covarrubias – Best of Show
- Jonah Barnes – Blue Ribbon
- Sam Millron – Blue Ribbon
- Jessica Hernandez – Blue Ribbon
- Nevaeh Moreno (Gamboa) – Blue Ribbon
- Connor Pedroia – Red Ribbon
- Gustavo Alfaro – Blue Ribbon

Beef Project

- Riata Chappell – 9th place Showmanship, 2nd place in Market Weight Class

Sheep Projects

- Denise Hernandez – Reserve Champion Novice Showman; 5th Master Showmanship; 4th Cross Market Lambs
- Riata Chappell – 5th Showmanship
- Stephanie Junez – Reserve Champion Hampshire Market Lamb
- Casie Jo Valle – 2nd Hampshire Market Lamb; 5th Hampshire Market Lamb
- Lisa Tobin – 7th Hampshire Market Lamb
- Ella Tharp – 4th Speckle Face Market Lamb
- Anna Rickey – 1st Speckle Face Market Lamb
- Janelly Alamo – 2nd Speckle Face Market Lamb
- Ivan Chappell – 3rd Speckle Face Market Lamb
- Makenzie Karlstad – 2nd Speckle Face Market Lamb
- Alina Avina – 2nd Cross Market Lamb
- Nevaeh Moreno – 7th Cross Market Lamb
- Summer Sihapanya – 5th Cross Market Lamb



Swine Projects

- Gustavo Alfaro – 2nd Hampshire Market Swine
- Diego Delgado – 2nd Hampshire Market Swine
- Manny Covarrubias – 4th Hampshire Market Swine
- Axtiri Pena – 5th Hampshire Market Swine and Clean Stall Award
- Kamila Moreno – 6th Hampshire Market Swine
- Armando Campos – 2nd Duroc Market Swine
- Raymundo Melendrez – 2nd Crossbred Market Swine
- Amy Huitron – 5th Crossbred Market Swine
- Emilee Turner – 6th Crossbred Market Swine
- Rodrigo Melendrez – 1st Crossbred Market Swine
- Davina Moreno – 3rd Crossbred Market Swine

Goat Projects

- Basilia Medina – Reserve Champion Novice Showman; 8th Master Showmanship; 1st Market Meat Goat
- Guadalupe Bucio – 2nd Market Meat Goat

We are so proud of every student who represented Esparto High School at the Yolo County Fair. Their achievements reflect not only skill and determination but also the strength of our agricultural education program. Congratulations, Spartans, you inspire us all!

Dr. Goennier & Mr. Tamayo





**Celebrate INTERNATIONAL PEACE this month
with a Potluck and Movie**

“COME FROM AWAY” a Broadway musical about how
little Gander, Newfoundland hosted nearly 7,000 people
from airplanes stranded on 9/11, 2001

**Countryside Community Church Social Hall
Friday, September 26, at 6:00 PM**

Everybody Welcome!

**Just bring a dish to share
And enjoy this feel-good show together!**

**The Voice in the Valley
By Clarence G. Underwood**

Hear the cry from deep within.
I hide my cry from my loved ones
And my friends. No peace do I
Have, only chaos within. I seek
Salvation and peace my friend.

God above, I am beneath thee.
As I bow my head, I pray and
Seek thee. My life is a shadow
Of what it could be. For peace
On earth I look to thee!

Joy can be had, just trust in God.
The lord grants relief and alleviates
The woe that weighs on my heart. Time
To look up and there I will see
The light of the world shining on me!

Rejoice O world, God has smiled on
Me! I thank God as I go to my knees.
Thanking God for this blessing that
The lord bestows on me. Now I live
My life as happy as I can be!

Thank you God for blessing me! As I
Ascend the hill I am above the trees.
There I find God's light which is so bright!
Now for a great distance I can see the
Peace that I sought spreading far
Beyond me!

Esparto Online by Mike Meier

A couple of years ago I decided to create a web page that made it easy for me to pull up the web sites of schools, businesses, and other concerns in our area. I had already done this for web sites I regularly visited, such as for the utilities where I pay bills, and I found it really helpful, so I created a similar page for the folks of Esparto and the Capay Valley. It was a fun little project that helped me get to know our community better.

The entries on this page include sections for the Esparto community, schools, local businesses, farms, and more. See the image on the right. For each entry I created a 114 x 114 pixel logo and by clicking them your web browser will take you to that page.

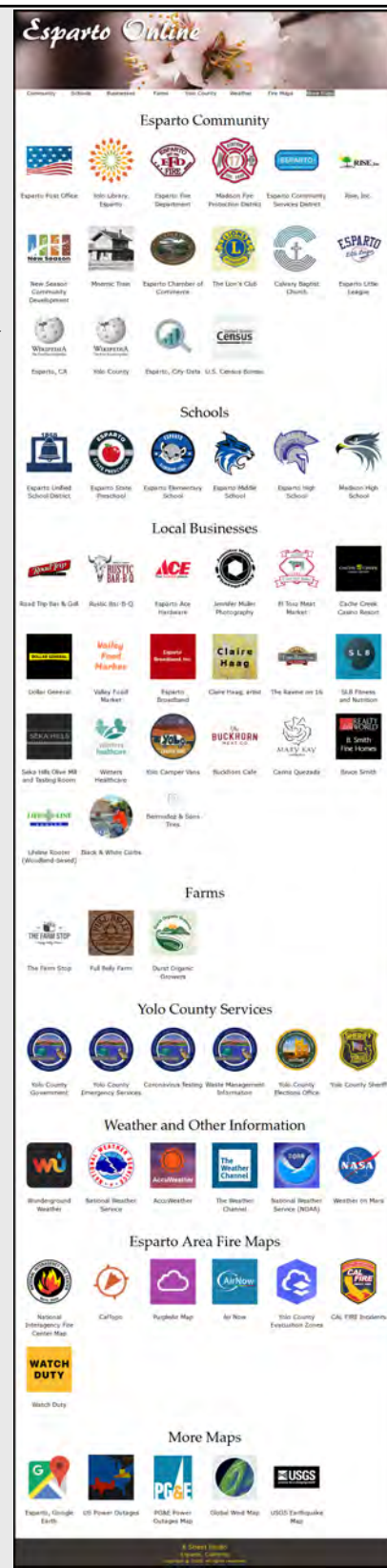
At this time this page has 65 links on it. If you'd like to add one for your business, farm, club, or organization, simply contact me and provide a name for the entry, the url, and if you have one, a logo that I can trim down to 114 x 114 pixels. If you don't have a logo, we can talk and I can probably make one that is good enough for this page.

One thing, though, I would rather not create entries for Facebook pages.

At this time, all entries are on a single page, but if it grows much more I'll break it up so that each section is on a separate page.

The url for this page is:
<https://www.kstreetstudio.com/esparto>
Take a look.

Contact: mlmeier@kstreetstudio.com





D-G Pumpkin Patch

Large Pumpkins 5 for \$25

Small pumpkins 5 for \$15

County Road 82, Capay
Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
in October



- Pumpkins
- Sunflowers
- Decorative corn
- Farm Fresh Eggs
- Family Fun activities



CAPAY VALLEY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Esparto RISE, Inc.

Thursday, September 4th and 18th
starts @ 9:30am

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Monday, September 22nd  
starts @ 10:30am

### Food Pantry

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Every Friday, 2:00pm - 5:00pm

(17317 Fremont Street, Esparto CA)

Madison Community Committee Food Closet

Monday, September 8th and 22nd
starts @ 4:00pm

(28963 Main St, Madison, CA)

Guinda Grange Hall

Monday, September 8th and 22nd
starts @ 9:30am

(16787 Forest Ave, Guinda, CA)

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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 September 15th, 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 6:30 pm, currently via Zoom. (For Zoom Link, please 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.