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ESPARTO—CAPAY VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CHILD CARE CENTER IS RECRUITING CHILDREN (AGES 2—5) TO ENROLL!

The Esparto community eagerly awaits the grand opening of the Esparto—Capay Valley Neighborhood Child Care Center. It is tentatively set to open for business within the next month. Anyone who has called either ER-FINEST, Healthy Start, or the Director himself, to inquire about the center, will receive a phone call from ER-FINEST staff asking if they are still interested in enrolling their child in the pre-school. If they are, they will be sent an enrollment packet, which includes a brochure describing the program and many forms that must be filled out.

The Center will have the capacity to serve 24 students. We urge you to call as soon as possible to begin the enrollment process, because enrollment is on a space-available basis.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you should call ER-FINEST at 787-4110, or Patrick, Child Care Director, at 787-1826.

You may direct your questions regarding tuition costs, hours of operation, staffing, paperwork, by calling Patrick, Child Care Director, at either 787-4110 or 787-1826.

This will be a self-sustaining business, so expect to pay competitive prices. There is possibility for financial assistance for those parents needing subsidized childcare. If you will be needing a childcare grant, you can call ER-FINEST staff at 787-4110, to inquire about subsidized child care requirements.

The Child Care Director, Patrick Huitt, would like to thank John Furtado, from Do-Co Welding, Garry Drexler, of Woodland, Cuahutemoc Vargas, of Esparto, Jorge Diaz, of Esparto, for all the dedication, hard work, and long hours they've put into this project.

Your work is greatly appreciated!

D.A.R.E. Graduation Speech



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Healthy Start After School Program

By Carrie Mosher

As an Americorps member, as well as a leader at the Esparto Healthy Start After School Program, I would like to tell you about some of our successful enrichment activities.

In January, I started a community clean up called Operation Community Clean Up or O.C.C. Our group of kids (4th and 5th graders) go out in the community cleaning it up to make it a more beautiful place to live. We accept any donations anyone would like to contribute for special functions throughout the year. The main focus for O.C.C. is for the kids to understand the importance of giving to their community. The environmental aspect of the O.C.C. is very important too. ...

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*** Esparto District Chamber of Commerce Questionnaire Results ***

The spring 2001 questionnaire mailed to our members had two primary goals:

- 1) determine the **degree and range of personal computer usage** of our members and
- 2) to obtain directions from them as to the **future priority of the Chambers activities.**

Putting the 34 responses, optionally anonymous, from our members into narrative form* for clarity, over half of them responded, a very high percentage. Of these members, over 80% had a functioning PC with an average use of 24 hours/week, but the wide range was from 3 to 60 hours/week. Their area of business was 40% in agriculture, 60% other. As to applications, 80% had e-mail, 40% had a website, and over 20% had made purchases at eBay auctions. Only one had sold items at eBay auctions. We can conclude the depth and range of computer usage is average to high, and indications are that our **members wish to increase this PC usage** as one-third state they would attend a demo on using eBay auction facilities and over 40% would attend a seminar on Internet usage.

Secondly, as regards future priorities for the Chamber, members rated an **automated weather station as the most important matter** for us, followed closely by **business contacts, and the Almond Festival.** These priorities were respectively, 8, 7 and 6 as to how many "10s" they were given for "Most Important." The order of those activities given from "9" thru "7" for importance was **organic growing, marketing, and food processing center** with scores of 12, 9 and 7, counting up to three choices from each respondent.

In the author's opinion, it seems that the Chamber members desire mostly basic infrastructure activities (**automated weather station, business contacts, organic growing, and marketing**) which are of DUAL PURPOSE, serving our two 40-60 mix of constituencies of agriculture and commerce. Members seem equivocal over a food processing center, an arts cooperative, and eCommerce. Finally, members seem to okay the **downsizing of the Almond Festival and social mixers and speed measuring** as Chamber of Commerce activities.

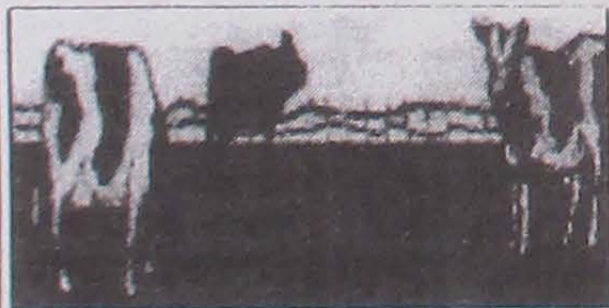
D.A.R.E. Graduation Speech By Sarah Smith (fifth grader)

Hi, my name is Sarah Smith. First of all, I would like to say what a great program DARE is. I knew drugs were bad, but I was never sure what drugs could do to you, before I had DARE. After DARE I learned what drugs could do to you and from then on I made a vow to myself that I would never do or take drugs.

I think it is very important to be drug and violence free. Drugs can kill you and give you many other substances that are very bad. Violence can really hurt you and many others in very bad ways. If you're not quite sure what DARE stands for, it means Drug, Abuse, Resistance, and Education.

When I first started DARE I was so curious to find out what we were going to do and if we have tons of homework to do. Maybe a little bit too excited about DARE. My mom was telling me that I was bouncing off the walls. I'm not sure if you knew that back in the 1920's thru the 1970's they didn't know that drugs were bad for them. But now we know that drugs are bad and they can kill us. DARE is a program that teaches young kids not to do drugs. Personally, I think that DARE is a fun and exciting program and every kid should look forward to being in DARE.

In DARE I learned what kinds of questions and choices to be prepared for in future years. I learned many different ways to say no and many ways to avoid many situations. I think it's pretty neat that Officer Thompson would take the time to teach us DARE. We should be thankful we have DARE, some schools don't have DARE. I can't imagine what those schools look like, and that's why I want to say thank you to Officer Thomson for teaching us DARE.



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Valley Happenings By Ardie Laing - 787-3030

Corrections

Tom and Shirley Hall, parents of Jeff Hall and his sister's family, Lavella Kiemy attended his graduation from Clovis, Ca adult LVN school.

Some of the students who were home for the holidays have returned to various colleges. Nathaniel Riley, who attended a semester in Edenborough, Scotland, returned to Dartmouth and Jennifer Herbst to Lund, Sweden.

Now, for this month Happenings.

The Ferl Reno trips are scheduled May 7. The bus will leave from Esparto Supermarket at 7:30am with a stop at K-mart parking lot at 8:00 am. Tickets may be purchased at New Reflections Beauty Shop.

The smiles on Bill and Debbie Tharp's faces are because they have a new granddaughter, Deane. Their daughter Joy is the new mother.

Easter vacation is the date contractors will start renovations inside and will close off partial areas of the high School to start clearing out the asbestos.

Welcome to our newest School board member Iris Westerdahl who is replacing Charlie Schaup.

According to Roger and Ruth McMillan and twenty other local residents the cruise to Mexico was fun, fun, fun, and what you would call a real vacation.

Good luck to Carrie Mosher and Monica Covell, Americorps member who are staff in our Healthy Start After School program, participating in the Human Race premiere fundraising events. The event supports more than 35 non-profits and charitable organizations, throughout the county, Saturday 28. A couple of the programs that will benefit will be the After School program and Sober grad nite.

Ardie Laing had a pleasant surprise. Her two sons visited her, one is from Kelseyville, Ca and the other is from Chula Vista.

The Cota family traveled to LA, then down to San Diego for their niece's Quinceñera.

We all wish luck & fun to the eighth graders on your trip to Washington D.C. during spring break.

Please help support the high school students fund raising for their upcoming trip to Europe in the summer of 2002.

Congratulations to Mr. Bailey, security employees trainer at Cache Creek Bingo held their first employees dinner recently to honor and present him an award for five thousand dollars for being the outstanding employee the past year out of 1051 employees.

Mrs. Cota and I are proud of all our elementary students but two are outstanding, Marco Melendrez and Mayra Miramontes who received the awards of Star of the month in their perspective grades. They are in our Healthy Start after School program. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK MARCO AND MAYRA.

Happy Birthday Ardie! (Editors)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dental Services:

- **Where:** at CommuniCare Health Center:
- **Location:** 16827 FREMONT ST, ESPARTO
- **When:** TUESDAYS, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- **Contact:** (530) 787-4972

Following insurance accepted:
Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, YCHIP, Cal Kids
Sponsored by: Esparto Healthy Start

Medical Services:

- **Where:** ESPARTO FAMILY PRACTICE
- **Location:** 17050 S. Grafton St., Esparto
- **Hours:** Monday and Thursday 2:00 to 6:00.
Tuesdays 9:00 to 1:00.
- **Contact:** (530) 787-3454 for appointments.

*Offer immunizations, physicals and check-ups.
On-site Medi-Cal intake worker Mondays 2:00 to 4:00*

Employment Services

- **Where:** ER—FINEST
- **Location:** next to Esparto Post Office
- **Hours:** 8:00 to 5:00 Monday to Friday
- **Contact:** (530) 787-4110.

*Walk-ins are welcome!
Offer help with résumés, job searches, cover letters, and much more!*

Food & Clothes Closet:

- **Where:** Country Side Community Church
- **Location:** Corner of Grafton and Fremont
- **Contact:** Letty at 787-3519 or Lupe at 787-4110 for assistance.

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Women Infant Children (WIC):

- **What is WIC?** A program to help women, infants, and children with food vouchers.
- **How to apply?**
 1. call (209) 870-5000 to schedule an appointment (phone hours Mon—Thursday, 8:30 to 4:00)
 2. call WIC office in Woodland at 666-8445, or stop by at 825 #123 East St., Woodland.
- **Where to pick up vouchers?** Once you apply, you can pick up vouchers at the Esparto Clinic once a month.
- **Contact:** For local information, contact 787-4110.

Referrals and low-cost insurance:

- **Where:** Healthy Start, Family Resource Center, room #12 in Elementary School
 - **Hours:** Mon to Fri. 8:00-4:30.
 - **Contact:** 787-3519
- Offer help filling out Healthy Families application, Medi-Cal application, immunization info., agency referrals, and much more.

The Capay Valley Science Club will meet on Tuesday April 10th at 6:00PM. The next topic will be the adventures of building and flying a small plane presented by the Capay Valley Flyer-John Wilson. There will also be a surprise seafood entrée at the potluck. Take part in the discussions about different aspects of science and technology. For more information call: 796-4118.

Adoptable Dog (Yolo County SPCA)



Rocky is a very laid back, 10-11 month old, male, Pit Bull mix. He is great with other dogs and tolerates cats quite well. Rocky loves human company, and he is very well socialized. Rocky is also housebroken. If you are interested in this pet, please contact Stacy Beckley at (800) 509-5428 or via e-mail at StacyB11@aol.com.

Sponsored by Whitewater Adventures



Scholarships for the Esparto High School Seniors Whitewater Adventures Is offering scholarships to Esparto High School Seniors

Mark Gholson of Whitewater Adventures is offering his annual scholarships to two Esparto High School Seniors. The scholarships are 1,000 each. To apply for the scholarships, Esparto High School Seniors should write a one page letter on their major and what their goals are.

Please send all letters to
Mark Gholson
C/o Whitewater Adventures
P.O. Box 191
Guinda, CA. 95638

FREE TAI CHI CLASSES IN ESPARTO

By Grace Imani

June Hebb is offering weekly Tai Chi classes each Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse of the Country Villa Mobile Estates, which is next to the middle school.

The Tai Chi form practiced that June teaches is a meditative art rather than a martial art, which consists of 20 slow and gentle movements. This practice coordinates body, mind and breath, improving health, flexibility, strength and coordination. Just one movement done each day has been proven beneficial. Movements can be done standing, sitting, even lying down—an appropriate exercise for all ages and fitness levels!

June grew up in country communities of Florida and Georgia and suburban Kalamazoo, Michigan, raised four children and has a Master of Science Degree from Sacramento State in Educational Counseling and Art Therapy, plus a Bachelor of Art Degree from UC Davis. June was introduced to Esparto by friends who lived here; and in 1994 she made it her home. She says, "Esparto is quiet, peaceful and safe to walk in the moonlight if I want to."

While at Sacramento State, June trained in Tai Chi with Tara Stiles, Massage Therapist, Yoga and Tai Chi Instructor. As her "community service," June offers these classes free-of-charge, as described in Roger Jahnke's book, *The Healer Within*. You can visit the Healer Within website at www.healerwithin.com for more information.

This class is an opportunity to remember the wisdom of your body, heal yourself, heal your world, become empowered and empower others. We all have natural healing abilities!

From the Editors

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Esparto FFA News Release

Contact: Jim Schulte 530-787-3405 ext. 125

Bread-Make

In January, Esparto Elementary third graders were again treated to the Bread-Make unit put on by Mr. Schulte's Ag Science II students. Forty-three students came to the high school social hall and were instructed on how to make bread from scratch. At the end, the students had a loaf of bread to take home for their mothers to bake. The students learned the value of wheat, as well as the scientific reactions that take place when adding yeast and honey to the flour. It is a great activity for students to teach students.

Parliamentary Procedure Team

Twelve varsity members of the Esparto FFA have recently competed in three procedure events testing their skills—Freeman Barsotti, Carol Heil, Katie Burton, Kim Morris, Julie Herbst, and Ryan Jones. Novice members include: Anita Lua, Tiffany Kay, Erin Harrington, Amanda Abogoush, Kera Eubank, and Hallie Muller. These students competed at Chico State in January, at UCD on March 3rd, at the Sectional contest on March 6th, and will hopefully compete at the Regional finals later this month.

Sweetheart and Donkey Basketball

Laine Ronchetto was crowned FFA Sweetheart at the half time of this year's Donkey Basketball game. Other contestants included: Jenna Martinez, Stephanie Cutts, Anita Lua and Jackie Taylor. The girls competed in a series of events during lunch—driving nails and sawing logs. Madison and Esparto Fire Department competed in this year's Donkey Basketball Contest. Special thanks to the Madison and Esparto Fire Departments and the more than 300 people who attended.

Almond Festival Breakfast

Thirty members of the Esparto FFA hosted the popular "Make your Own Omelet breakfast," which also included pancakes and ham. Over four-hundred people poured into the gym on Feb 25th to enjoy the personally-prepared omelets. As always, Mr. Perkins and the crew did an outstanding job. Many people gave high praise to students on an outstanding job.

Sophomore Field Trip

In January, Mr. Schulte's Ag Science II class toured the UCD aquatic facility under the direction of Dr. Paul Lutz and manger Bill Bentley. The students were introduced to valuable information about feeding and research. Later they toured the new UC Davis Swine facility, and saw all the stainless steel pens and animals used for research. In the afternoon, students toured Seminis Seeds Greenhouses and learned about hydroponics and genetic research.

Greenhouse

The greenhouse is up and running and will soon have plants for sale. The first sale dates will be in late April and early May.

Main activities:

March 13th: FFA Meeting
March 16th: St. Patrick's Day Dance
March 17th: Chico State Field Day

Early Learning Kindergarten Program at Esparto Elementary School

By Greta Taber, Principal

In September 1999, the Esparto Elementary School initiated a full day Kindergarten program. Our kindergarten students' school day runs from 8:10 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. daily. The program will complete its second year by June 2001.

What have been the benefits? Our Kindergarten teachers have been able to work with our youngest students in the mastery of their reading readiness and math skills for much longer periods of time each day than they were able to do so when the program was only 3 ½ hours long. Not only are most of our Kindergarten students going on to 1st grade knowing their letters and sounds, but also knowing how to blend words and have a good-sight word knowledge. Some of our Kindergarten students are going to 1st grade already reading!

Esparto is soon to begin a much larger

preschool project for more of the children in the area. We look forward to working with this project, as it has been our experience that those students who go to preschool enter kindergarten with stronger skills and are more ready to learn.

Esparto Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2001-2002 school year. Registration packets may be picked up from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Early registration is encouraged. Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record for this process. Also, a "Report of Health Examination for School Entry" is included in the packet. Unless legislation changes, to enter kindergarten in the Fall of 2001, your child must be (5) years old on, or before, December 2, 2001.

All paper work must be completed by Wednesday, August 15 for your child to start the first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 22, 2001.

II/USP Underway in Esparto

By Carol Souza Cole

The findings and recommendations for school improvement at Esparto High School have been released. Curriculum improvements, staff development and improving literacy efforts were identified as necessary actions essential to remedy the findings.

As part of the process authorized under California's Immediate Interventions/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP), this report is the first step in a three year action series for academic improvement at the school. Conducted under the leadership of external evaluator, Suzanne Falzone, the evaluation took place between November 15, 2000 and February 15. "In meeting with the high school faculty and the Action Team, I am very pleased with the progress we're making," said Falzone. "I have had more people participate on this Action Team than anywhere else I have done this," she added. The areas of focus required by II/USP include: evaluating the effectiveness of the governing board; parent and community involvement; fiscal and personnel management; curriculum and instruction. While several "ingredients of success" were identified at Esparto High School, the executive summary presented to the school board on February 15 included fifteen findings for improvement. "Clearly our district is in a state of transition, and the II/USP process is a part of that. We initiated this process and look forward to implementing the recommendations of our Action Team, so that our high school students have access to the best possible education," said Rick Wilson, Esparto school board

president.

The remedy to address these findings were compiled into the following six recommendations:

- articulating the high school curriculum with grades K-8,
- aligning the High School curriculum with California standards,
- designing and implementing a comprehensive, professional development plan for the High School,
- developing and implementing literacy improvement strategies in all grades and across all areas of curriculum as part of an intervention system for low performing students.

The fourteen member community Action Team, which has been meeting since January, is responsible for developing a specific action plan to improve student achievement. "The Action Team will be putting specific steps into the plan to support these recommendations. Combining resources from II/USP and the digital high school grant will make a strong platform for improving student learning at Esparto High School," said Falzone. The Board of Trustees will review the plan by mid April. Following its approval, the plan will go to the state for funding, which is expected in the form of up to a \$50,000 grant by July. The implementation process is expected to be completed in two years. The external evaluator's findings and recommendations are available for review at the Esparto School District Office, the Regional Library and at Esparto High School.

Consultant to guide Esparto School Board

By Barbara Fleck

Twenty-one years of superintendent experience will be added to the resources available to the Esparto Unified School District through consultant Darrel Taylor, unanimously hired at the board's February 21 meeting. School Board President Rick Wilson said Taylor is needed to guide the board on imminent issues, including the upcoming budget and the hiring of a high school principal and superintendent. "Superintendent Jerry Elmore continues to have the confidence of the board and is responsible for day-to-day activities," Wilson said. "We need Taylor to work with us to provide a smooth transition into a new era."

Taylor's priorities were established at the March 7 board meeting. The first priority is to help provide smooth transition for the District after it hires a new superintendent, hopefully in July. Taylor will also organize the upcoming budget, guide the board in various functions and represent the district at the Yolo County Office of Education. He will also assist the board in choosing a superintendent and a high school principal. "I'm pleased that Esparto would identify me as someone who could help them and I'm looking forward to the experience of working with the board and staff in accomplishing the goals the board would set for me," Taylor said. Taylor is currently consulting for the Berkeley Unified School District. He expects to spend two days a week in Esparto once the goals are set. Taylor comes to the district with 21 years of experience—10 years superintendent experience at the Davis Unified School District, 7.5 years as superintendent at Perris Union High School, and 4.5 years as superintendent at the Fairfield/Suisun School District. He's also been a principal at two major high schools and an assistant principal. "I have a proven background in education," Taylor said. "I think this provides me with the ability to assist Esparto quite well." Since Taylor's retirement in 1998, he has been a consultant, staying abreast of current legislation and academic requirements.

Watch for details of Esparto High School Reunion to be held in September 2001.

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IF I WON THE LOTTERY

By Anna McNamara

For many years I have told my husband "If I won the lottery, I would put in a Boy's and Girl's club with a recreation center and a swimming pool." But no such luck has prevailed ...UNTIL NOW!!! After going to my first WYORCA meeting, which are being held on the second Thursday of each month at the Esparto Library, I finally met the amazing group of citizens who will make my dream come true. This is a newly developed organization which is dedicated to seeing just that happen. I am proud to say I will be as involved as I can to help every step of the way with this worth while project.

My husband and I are raising three kids in this beautiful valley. We are extremely excited to see this getting off the ground for all the children of the valley. I believe there isn't a person in this valley that couldn't benefit from a center with such capabilities. Please, come to the meetings and find out more about it.

Again a big thanks to Mark Gholson of White-water Adventures for his generous donation to our organization, we really appreciate that. Also, we are going to be raffling off another set of rafting tickets at the Forth of July barbeque held at the Esparto fire house. The tickets are one for a dollar or six for five dollars. For donation or membership information please contact Barbara Durst at 787-3100, or write to P.O. Box Esparto, CA. 95627. I personally have been on Marks adventures and they are a complete blast and filled with lots of great company.

P.S. Another big thanks to Mark Gholson from Bonnie Williams.

Esparto High School Reunion
Will be held at the Country Fair
Grounds on Saturday, September 8th
2001. Lunch will start at 1:00PM.
Beverages and T-shirts will be on sale
For more information call
787-3579
P.O. Box 222 Esparto, CA.

CHAMBER MEMBERS

MEET ON VARIOUS TOPICS!

The Esparto District Chamber of Commerce had an important Chamber meeting on March 14th at the Buffet Room in the Indian Casino. The agenda included a variety of presentations and a "no-risk" evaluation of the Almond Festival held February 25th, 2001. Over 25 Chamber members were in attendance.

Wes Irwin and Randy Evans of Applied Development Economics and Jerry Schroeder of Flewelling and Moody Architecture gave a report on the progress of the "Esparto Downtown Revitalization Project Study." The report included recent developments in research and data collection, building and structural analysis, and a summary of recent activities. The "Household Shopping Survey" results were presented. A full "Central Business District" summary report with picture renderings of the downtown buildings was distributed to all attendees. Seven (7) specific recommendations were presented and discussed. Many of the recommendations in the new study duplicate those of a study conducted in the early 1990s, lending double credibility to certain action steps that could improve the downtown area. Funding mechanisms for improvements, the possibility of a downtown development corporation, and the discussion of actions that could be County funded activities were highlights of particular Chamber member interest! Members wanting copies of any of the studies or recommendations can call Wes Irwin at (916) 441-0323 or email him at adesac@igc.org.

Member Jim Haag presented his report on the technology survey conducted by the Chamber. Interesting news from members actively involved in the survey included the desirability of a "local weather station" and the interconnecting of local business as potential real projects for the Chamber. This stimulating report is being summarized for further distribution and discussion, to be utilized in planning for the 2001-2002 Chamber year.

Cathie Wicks gave a short presentation on the State's Healthy Families Health Insurance Program. She emphasized the community's desire to have all local children covered by health insurance and the affordability of this program. Employers are reminded that when they insure their employees and the children are left out, "this program can often fill the gap." Other Healthy Family Insurance news includes the local availability of trained, certified enrollment specialists at the ER-FINEST Office (downtown next to Taylor's Auto Parts or call 787-4110); these staff persons can come to your farm to discuss the program or can enroll people through individual family appointments in your place of business or their office. The community was also reminded that the State plans to include parents of enrolled children as of July 1st. Healthy Families is an excellent opportunity for many low-to-moderate income families!

Mark your calendars for the next Chamber meeting: Wednesday, April 11th (location to be announced)! All Chamber members get a reminder card with program highlights. To join the Chamber, please send \$25 to P. O. Box 194, Esparto, CA 95627. If you are not a member and/or have questions about the meeting, call us at 787-3242. Have a great spring!



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HISTORICAL COLLORING BOOKS – A MUTLI-PURPOSE ART TOOL AVAILILABLE FOR LOCAL KIDS!

The Esparto Region-Capay Valley children have a unique opportunity to enjoy a local coloring book that focuses on our rural history! The coloring book is designed by local resident Sherry McVickar. It features "artistic renderings great for coloring" of rural sites with complimenting narratives of the local history. This is the perfect chance for your children to learn about the history around them while enjoying some quiet time coloring.

The other bonus is that all the proceeds from the sale of this coloring book go to benefit the Esparto District Chamber of Commerce, the Guinda Grange, and the Rumsey Improvement Club. Already many copies of the coloring book have been sold in Rumsey, Guinda, and Esparto, mostly during the recent Almond Festival. These groups are now pleased to offer the book to the local general public.

The coloring book titled, *Capay Valley Coloring Book*, is a perfect birthday or Easter basket gift. Consider it! The cost is only \$4.00 and benefits three local organizations. For more information or to order a copy, call Lupe Saucedo at ER-FINEST. ER-FINEST is located downtown Esparto next to Tom Taylor's Auto Parts, or call at (530) 787-4110. Promote art with your children while exploring local history!

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www.cachecanyon.com

National Ground Hog Job Shadowing

National Ground Hog Job Shadowing – a School-to-Career (STC) work-based initiative that connects schools to the workplace – involves close to 500 high school students throughout Yolo County.

Students "job shadow" an employer from 2 to 5 hours for a day—getting a taste of the real workplace and an exposure to a possible future career.

The two-month long event was kicked off on February 2nd when nearly 25 students from Woodland, Esparto, Winters and Yolo High Schools visited the River Cats stadium in West Sacramento and were treated to a wide variety of career futures in one of Yolo's most successful entertainment venues.

"I think that may job shadowing experience paved the way for me to continue my education in graphic arts at San Francisco University," said Patricia Aguirre, a senior at Esparto High School.

Gayle McLevich, Regional Occupation Coordinator for YCOE, feels that this "career component" in the life of a student—especially, juniors and seniors in high school—is one of the most fulfilling experiences for both employer and student: *Students really need real-world experience in the workplace where they "catch a vision" for their future—"if I can see myself doing this kind of work—then I can prepare myself for the role in life."*

Employers are encouraged to participate both in the Job Shadowing experience, as well as during the Career/Youth Conference—simply call Kerry Gibson at YCOE: (530) 668-3781 and she'll coordinate with you in this year's Job Shadowing or the Career/Youth Conference.

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Please be aware that the editors reserve the right to edit all entries as they see necessary. We sincerely apologize to everyone who emailed articles to the above email addresses. Our email network was not functioning for a couple of weeks. Our network is up and running, so feel free to forward articles once again.

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Employment: Local Child Care Center is hiring a Head Teacher and Teacher I. Must have E.C. E./Human Development units and 6 month's experience required. For application or more information, please call Patrick at 787-1826.

Dance: Contra Dance at the Guinda Grange Hall, March 31st. Lessons start at 7:30. Called dances start at 8:00. Live music. All ages welcome. \$6.00 donation per person for the band. Contact Annie Maine at 787-3187 for more info.

For Sale: "Hot Tub," outdoor, "in-deck" model. 7' wide x 3' deep. Comes with wiring, plumbing, heater, pumps, gauges. Complete! Call: 796-2237.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. at Esparto High School campus. Open to all children through 4th grade. Children must be accompanied by adult. Face-painting, pictures, bake sale and more!

For Sale: 93 HONDA CIVIC LX, 4 DOOR, RED/GREY INT, AC, AM/FM CASSETE CRUISE, POWER WINDOWS/LOCKS, 120,000 MILES, \$6000/OBO, (530) 796-3649.

Child Care in Madison:

Child Care and pre-school program. Many years of exp. Safe environment. Reasonable rates. All ages welcomed. Call Jamie at 666-0468.

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL!

SERVICIOS EN LA COMUNIDAD:

SERVICIOS MÉDICOS:

- DÓNDE: CLÍNICA DE ESPARTO, 17050 Grafton
- HORAS: lunes y jueves 2:00—6:00, Martes 9:00—1:00.
- TELÉFONO: 787—3454
- ACEPTAN MEDI-CAL, FAMILIAS SALUDABLES, OFRECEN VACUNAS Y EXÁMENES. TENDRÁ QUE HACER UNA CITA. PUEDE APLICAR AHÍ MISMO PARA EL MEDI-CAL CADA LUNES DE 2:00—4:00.

SERVICIOS DENTALES:

- DÓNDE: CLÍNICA COMMUNICARE EN ESPARTO, 16827 Fremont
- HORAS: MARTES, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- TELÉFONO: (530) 787-4972
- ACEPTAN MEDICAL, FAMILIAS SALUDABLES

SERVICIOS DE EMPLEO:

- DÓNDE: OFICINA DE ER—FINEST EN ESPARTO
- HORAS: 8:00—5:00 DE LUNES A VIERNES
- TELÉFONO: 787—4110

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COMIDA Y ROPA:

- DÓNDE: COUNTRYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, EN LA ESQUINA DE GRAFTON Y FREMONT EN ESPARTO
- TELÉFONO: COMUNÍQUESE CON LETI AL 787—3519 O CON LUPE AL 787—4110 SI NECESITA ESTE SERVICIO.

OFRECEN ALMACÉN DE ROPA Y CAJAS CON COMIDA.

SEGURO MÉDICO:

- DÓNDE: HEALTHY START, SALÓN #12 EN LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE ESPARTO
- TELÉFONO: COMUNÍQUESE CON LETI AL 787—3519

OFRECEN AYUDA LLENANDO APLICACIÓN PARA FAMILIAS SALUDABLES Y MEDI-CAL. SERVICIO EN ESPAÑOL.

Clases de inglés:

Clases en Esparto cada Lunes en el salón # 27 en la Escuela Primaria. Las clases empiezan 7:00—8:30. Hay cuidado de niño.

AHORRE DINERO:

Si quiere comprar costales de frijol y arroz a bajo costo, comuníquese con Wendy al 787—4110.

ATENCIÓN:

El último jueves de cada mes reparten comida en el salón de bomberos en Esparto entre las 12:30—1:30 p.m. Servicio sin costo.

Guardería de niños en Esparto:

Si le interesa inscribir a su hijo/a en un programa pre-escolar, ahora tendrá la oportunidad. Esta guardería tendrá servicios de cuidado de niño, así como servicios pre-escolares. Si desea más información, comuníquese al 787—4110.

Healthy Start After School Program Continues

By Carrie Mosher



Another great activity that we do is the Cooking Day. Not only do the kids have a lot of fun during this activity, but they also learn practical math skills.

These are only a few of the activities implemented during the After School Program hours. The After School Program's activities are rewarding not only for the children, but for the adults involved as well.

I take a great joy in making a difference in the lives of children and in the lives of our community members as well.

We have many Star Students in our After School Program. Some of them are: Ely Abrego, Jacob Mathies, Marco Melendrez Alejandro Robles, Sergio de la Cruz, Anthony Mendoza, Lizeth Valenzuela, and Mayra Miramontes.

Countryside Community Church

Presbyterian Affiliation

Fremont & Grafton Streets Esparto, CA Telephone 530-787-3586

Sunday School at 9:15 AM

Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Keith L. Posehn, Interim Pastor

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The Valley Voice Community Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Daylight savings time begins	2 Parent CO-OP 10AM-12PM Guinda Methodist Church Esparto Fire Dept. 7PM Firehouse	3 Board of Supervisors meeting AA meeting 7:00PM Countryside Church Boy Scouts 5:30PM Community Center Fire Dept. Aux. 7PM Firehouse	4 EHS-School Board Meeting 7PM EHS Booster Club meeting 7PM	5 Lions meeting 6:30PM Community Center Tai Chi 8:45AM Country Villa Estates Community Center	6	7 Kids Month Celebration "Live Rally" at Great America For more information call 666-8659
8 Palm Sunday (Guinda Community United Methodist Church)	9 Parent CO-OP 10AM-12PM Guinda Methodist Church	10 AA meeting 7PM Countryside Church Boy Scouts 5:30PM Community Center VFW 7PM VFW Bld.	11 FFA meeting 7PM After School Progra Student Achievement Pot Luck Dinner 5-6PM social hour 6-7PM Dinner and	12 Tai Chi 8:45AM WYORCA 7PM Library Capay Fire Dept. 6:30PM	13	14 EHS Egg Hunt 10AM EHS grounds
15 Sunrise Service Guinda Community United Methodist Church	16 Parent CO-OP 10AM-12PM Guinda Methodist Church	17 Board of Supervisors meeting Esparto Advisory Committee 7:00PM Library AA meeting 7PM Countryside Church Boy Scouts 5:30PM	18 West Yolo Grange 6:30PM Potluck Esparto School Board Band Boosters 7PM EHS EHS-School Board	19 E.Clampus Vitus 7:00PM A.J's Saloon Lions meeting 6:30PM Community Center Tai Chi 8:45AM	20 Healthy Start meeting Esparto Library 10:00-AM	21
22	23 Parent CO-OP 10AM-12PM Guinda Methodist Church	24 Board of Supervisors meeting AA meeting 7PM Countryside Church Boy Scouts 5:30PM	25	26 Tai Chi 8:45AM	27 SAT Registration Deadline Career Youth Conference 8:30AM-1:30PM Yolo County Office of Education	28 Human Race 2001
29	30 Parent CO-OP 10AM-12PM Guinda Methodist Church					