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Marijuana Issues Need Capay Valley Community Voice in Preparing Final County Ordinance

One important priority of the Capay Valley Vision mission is to "Preserve our Sense of Place" which describes the long-standing pride we have in our way of life. Potentially, this way of life is in jeopardy.

At the CVV July 20 Board meeting, many board members expressed deep concern about the impact of "marijuana farming" as an agricultural product in the Capay Valley. While growing marijuana is no longer illegal in Yolo County, there is significant concern over a new marijuana draft ordinance that needs to reflect thoughtful insight before Yolo County supervisors vote on this ordinance. John Young, Yolo County AG Commissioner is actively soliciting our community input. However this draft ordinance is on a fast-track for Board of Supervisors approval. We, as a community, need to slow this process down so that important dialogue about limitations, restrictions and oversight can take place. It is paramount that we prevent a potential "Gold Rush mentality" that threatens to upset our way of life.

The following article, by Jim Rix, CVV Board Secretary, Capay small farmer and active participant in the "Marijuana dialogue" offers an insightful look into the issues that need to be addressed before any County action can take place. Please consider filling out and sending in the County survey (link within Jim's article) and contacting both John Young (john.young@yolocounty.org) and Supervisor Duane Chamberlain (duane.chamberlain@yolocounty.org) with your comments and concerns.

Without your input, chaos will run rampant and we will lose our beautiful "sense of place" as we know it today. Submitted by Nancy Pennebaker, CVV Executive Director Nancy.pennebaker@gmail.com

On August 3 Yolo County officials met with a group of residents in the Grange Hall to hear community feedback about the rising number of marijuana grows in our Valley. The discussion was spirited, with a wide range of views on what is still an emotional and controversial issue with many residents. While not attempting to summarize the views expressed, it is safe to say that the regulatory framework being developed by the County will have a significant impact on the character of our extended community.

I don't pretend to have all or even any answers to how our local government should deal with this issue, but I'm sure that this is extremely important, and something that deserves a wide conversation to best inform the Board of Supervisors before it makes critical decisions in the coming months that will shape our future. In that spirit, the below comments are one attempt to contribute to that conversation. They revolve around three general issues: the density of marijuana grows; the regulatory environment for medicinal versus recreational grows, given the expectation that California voters will vote to legalize recreational marijuana in November; and the pace of change we should seek assuming recreational legalization in November.

I believe the County Board's decision on marijuana grow density will be the most important part of the upcoming decision, for that decision will alter how the Capay Valley develops over the next 1-15 years. If it allows too high a density, the incredible economic value/acre of marijuana could drive up land prices dramatically, prevent farmers from being able to lease land at reasonable prices, and change the character of the valley in as-yet unforeseeable ways. If the initial density levels are set too high, it will be difficult to walk regulation back to a lower density, because by then some current residents will have left on moral or Cont. on pg. 3



2016 Yolo County Fair
Esparto Exhibitors

September 2016

Esparto FFA attends 80th Yolo County Fair

The Esparto FFA just put another great fair in the books. Numbers of exhibitors were up slightly and we had rabbits in the small animal barn again. There also was quite a showing of Ag Mechanics projects and even had two students in the Ag Mechanics auction.

The following students exhibited an animal at the Yolo County Fair:

Sheep:

Yvette Lopez and Jaicey Pate

Goats:

Joseph Echarte

Rabbits:

Skye Dawley-5th in Showmanship

Christina Quijano-3rd in Showmanship

Hogs:

Katie Miller-Berberich-Champion Hampshire Hog

Zach Gness-Reserve Champion Duroc Hog

Andrea Melendez-2nd Novice Showmanship, 2nd in her market class

Allyah Perez-1st in her class

Gina Schwenger-1st in her class

Courtney Warner

Kelly Schwenger-2nd in her class

Samantha Dutton

Chuck Muller

Katie Yates

Ag Mechanic Projects:

Luke Crabbe and Katie Yates also exhibited their ag mechanics projects that they worked on over the summer and sold them in the Ag Mechanics Auction. Ryan Phun won Best Metal Project and Best Overall Project with the headache rack he made in his shop class last year.

Submitted by Amber Charter, FFA Advisor



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New Season News – Building and Business Upgrades

Since New Season bought the building across from our other building where Pacific ACE Hardware is leasing, there have been a lot of changes. We have worked to remodel nearly every space bringing it all up to code and giving everything a face-lift. We have had some terrific people working on all the projects including Dana Sucevich, Brian Kuhn, Plumbing Doctor, Evergreen Arborists, Rudy Delgado and Jim Durst and his crew. Big thanks to all!

The building is now fully rented with great tenants who have brought great businesses to our community. The Post Office got a very visible upgrade and looks great with the new floor and paint job. The Salon and the Café (soon to open) still need the façade finalized. The Chamber and meeting room also have gotten upgrades. While the gym, apartment and Trucking Co. part of the building got an all over paint job. Below is some news about **Fitness Forever Gym** which will soon be 2 years old, from owners, Zee and Manny:

Its hard to believe that we have been open nearly 2 years. When we first moved to Esparto, we were concerned about the viability of our business in such a small town. On our first day, everyone was asking us how long we would last. However, ever since our inception, this town has given us much love and continues to support us. We could not be any happier for helping Spartans get in shape.

Fitness forever is not just a business. It is more of a social club. We do not see our members as customers but rather as friends and family. It makes us happy to seeing our members working hard on their bodies day-in and day-out. It is a joy witnessing their transformations. Seeing them get excited when they reach their physical goal is the best feeling. It means we are doing something good here. We know we won't get rich; however, the lessons we have learned, the people we have met, the relationships we have built, are all more valuable to us than any amount of money.

Come and join us and be part of this growing community. Come say hi to your friends, see old friends, and make new friends. We are growing and we would love to make new friends. We always welcome new faces. Stop by and say hi. Join us for a day; ask a question; leave a comment on how we are doing; and tell us how we can better serve you. **We have back to school specials running now for individuals and a new special for groups of 10 or more that waives the initiation fee and reduces monthly membership for the groups' members to \$20/month each.** Great time to join us!

New Season will continue to provide regular updates on all the efforts we are undertaking to bring new businesses and jobs to the area.


Submitted by Lynn Rolston of New Season



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Marijuana Ordinance

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economic grounds and the Valley will be changed for decades, perhaps forever. If the County opts for a conservative, lower density level, there's a greater chance that marijuana can co-exist with the Valley's existing personality and character. And if experience proves that the allowable density level is too low, the Board can then ease up if desired. My suggestion would be that the County opt for a low density level, giving residents, the county, and the Board the chance to assess the impact of the changes, and then adjust from there if needed. Indeed, I'd suspend issuing grow permits until the Board decides on density, so the pace and economics of the process doesn't create a fait accompli that overwhelms pending regulatory decisions before they can be made and take effect.

I don't envy the County's predicament in working to develop a framework to regulate medicinal marijuana grows at the same time the state appears to be on the verge of legalizing its recreational use. I hope the County will be very cautious and works any processes for medicinal completely separate from recreational, for the process of regulating a medicinal product versus a recreational one is fundamentally different, with a host of issues that will need addressing. For both of these processes, getting the regulatory and approval process right is more important than getting it done fast.

My final thoughts relate to the pace of change underway, or about to be underway in our Valley. There is no need or reason for Yolo to lead the state in approving marijuana grows (medicinal or especially recreational); indeed, I'm concerned that the state has not learned the lessons from Colorado, Washington, and Oregon on how to proceed on this issue. For example: Colorado is becoming a boom-town for pot tourism; while that's fine if that's what they want, I'm pretty sure the Capay Valley doesn't want to ever be that type of place. Oregon, on the other hand, one year after voter approval, has approved only 8 legal recreational grow permits statewide; clearly Oregon is following a more measured approach, to preserve the state's ability to moderate the changes it might bring as well as the long-term prospects for legal growers. I hope California and Yolo County will follow more the Oregon approach than the Colorado one, as it will be far easier to relax the regulatory environment later, having preserved an ability to control the pace of change and respond to unforeseen challenges, than to tighten up after having allowed too many grows, or too swift a process; because by that point the personality and character of the Valley will have already have been altered.

These comments are an attempt to start a conversation. They are not perfect, as they perhaps unwisely interweave the County's current effort to regulate medicinal marijuana grows and any future processes for recreational. And I'm sure they aren't the last public comments, for the County's response to the challenges and opportunities marijuana grows bring are vital to our community. As such, I encourage you to read the County's draft ordinance on medicinal grows and to make your thoughts known to the county's survey on medical marijuana at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yolomedmar>

Submitted by Jim Rix, Capay Valley Farmer

Marijuana Agriculture Regulations Meeting

On **September 20** the Esparto Community Advisory Committee (ECAC) will host a discussion of the issues regarding the regulation of marijuana growing.

The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Esparto Library.

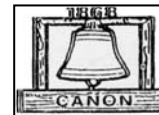
The discussion will be lead by John Young, Yolo County's Agriculture Commissioner, who is responsible for drafting regulations for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

This is an opportunity to understand what Yolo County is doing, the current rules and the proposed regulations which Mr. Young is preparing for presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

For more information contact George Pennebaker (916) 501-6541 or george.pennebaker@sbcglobal.net

Submitted by George Pennebaker

News from Esparto Unified School District Diego Ochoa, Superintendent



Esparto Unified School District Ranks With The Best

When you ask most high school seniors to describe their experiences as Esparto Unified School District students they will often talk about their favorite subjects, field trips, friends, and teachers. They remember their times in high school with fondness, in particular, events like Spartarama. Then the conversation turns to elementary/middle school and their "favorite teacher". You get the sense that our students have a shared experience. Our entire district has four schools, forty-five support staff, and about fifty teachers. Our district's size makes us unique in the greater Sacramento region.

Some might think that being a smaller district has a limiting effect on our student's college and career opportunities. Well, I'm going to share with you that smaller, in our case, is better. The US News and World Report has been ranking high schools in America for many years and bases their rankings on college readiness and academic achievement. Esparto High School has been ranked as the #224 high school and been named a "Silver Medal" recipient on the US News and World Report list in 2016. Our recognition is based on the high numbers of students who take and pass Advanced Placement (AP) exams, our SAT exam scores, and our graduation rates.

Our high school teachers and Mrs. Kersting, our high school counselor, deserve a great deal of praise for the school's ranking. It is truly a source of pride for me to be able to report that Esparto High School ranks ahead of the following schools on the US News and World Report 2016 Rankings: Folsom High School, Whitney High School, Consumnes Oaks High School, Del Oro High School, and many others. In Yolo County, only Davis High School also made the list. The common theme is that our school ranks ahead of larger schools with a reputation for having "better programs".

So I think back to my conversations with students and reflect on the fact that the vast majority of our them will tell you that they've been going to school in our district since Kindergarten. This makes our #224 Ranking a celebration for our entire district because most of our high school seniors started as EUSD Kindergarten students. Every elementary school teacher had a hand in teaching our students to read and write. Our middle school teachers have guided our students through the challenging "pre-teen" years. So unlike so many large high schools, nearly all of our high school students started at Esparto Elementary School and attended Esparto Middle School making our US News and World Report Ranking a point of pride at every school in the district.

There is an old saying at Esparto High School that is painted on the back wall of Alice Marsh Hall. It reads, "**Raise your chin and throw out your chest, Esparto High School ranks with the best.**" Right now would seem to be a very good time for every graduate, parent, and student associated with the Esparto Unified School District to do just that.



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Esparto Elementary School News
Erika St. Andre, Principal

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year!

School started for all Esparto schools on Thursday, August 18, and is in full swing. We welcomed a new class of Transitional Kindergarteners and Kindergarteners as well as five new teachers. Our new teachers are: Katy Pineda-Early Literacy Teacher, Alexandra Guerrero-3rd grade, Meghan Ringer-3rd grade, Theresa Saetern-5th grade, and Shevaun Thompson-5th grade. We are looking forward to a great year!

September brings a host of activities to Esparto Elementary School. Back to School Night is Thursday, September 1 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with the principal, Erika St. Andre, speaking with parents in the cafeteria about programs this school year. Classrooms will be open from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for teachers to present their program to parents. We will have our two Minimum Days for Teacher Professional Development on Wednesday, September 7 and 14. School will dismiss at 12:40 p.m. on these days in order for teachers to receive training on Google Apps for Education Certification. September is also Attendance Awareness Month. We will focus on helping students and their families make plans to help them have their children at school on time every day. Finally, Picture Day will be Thursday September 29. Your child will bring home information about ordering school pictures in the coming weeks.

In order to help your child be successful this school year, please consider the following ideas:

- Set a regular bedtime and wake up time.
- Organize backpacks and clothing the night before.
- Arrive at school a few minutes early (supervision begins in the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m.).
- Read with your child every night.
- Attend school meetings and events.

We are here to support you and your child this year. If you have questions or concerns, please start by talking with your child's teacher. You can also contact the principal, Erika St. Andre, at (530)-787-3417, or estandre@espartok12.org.

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The website also includes contact information for RISE, Inc. staff in Esparto and Winters. Under our list of services you can learn more about the services RISE, Inc. provides. We also have an e-mail newsletter (e-newsletter) which includes updates and program highlights

We hope you will check out our website at www.riseinc.org and sign up for our e-newsletter. If you have a question, our Resource & Referral Specialists look forward to helping you in Esparto at (530) 787-4110 and in Winters at (530) 794-6000.

Submitted by RISE, Inc. Staff

678 Art Street Paints On

678 Art Street, an after school Art Program for 6th, 7th and 8th grades, came to life during the last school year, beginning with donated space and \$2500 in seed funding from Countryside Community Church. 678 Art Street opened its doors. Another \$1000 donation from the Heitman Foundation covered the first few months of supplies and another donation of \$500 from Durst Organic covered snacks for the first few weeks.

678 Art Street was created to afford Esparto/Capay Valley middle school children the opportunity to engage in the arts at no fee. 678 Art Street's main goal is to give Esparto/Capay Valley middle school children an avenue where they can develop creative problem solving skills, positive forms of personal expression, and become more engaged in their communities through all avenues of the arts.

The Program was well received by the students, their parents, the community and the middle school. The program has generated many successful Art Shows/Sales at their studio at the Countryside Community Church and one at an open house at the middle school. The students are responsible for setting up their shows and pricing their art under the direction of Trish Gustafson-Ayala, their teacher.

678 Art Street students were commissioned to paint a local mural by the Friends of the Esparto Library, on their storage container. It turned it into a summer project that should be completed the first week in September. 678 Art Street invited the students from the RISE summer program and Jodi Treat's Daycare to come and paint flowers on the bottom of the Mural, with the guidance of 678 Art Street students. Excitement filled the air as everyone created a part of themselves in the community. (See pictures below)

678 Art Street will be hosting a show at the Middle School Back to School Night on August 31 with work from last year. 678 Art Street is waiting to hear if their grant is approved to continue the program for the 2016-2017 school year. In the interim 678 Art Street paints on with their mural at the library.

(See pictures below.)

Submitted by Trish Gustafson-Ayala



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Esparto Middle School News
Sherrie Vann, Principal

Esparto Middle School welcomes a new principal, Sherrie Vann. Mrs. Vann was a teacher in the Williams School District for nine years before becoming a Principal for an elementary school in the Oroville area. She is excited to join the Esparto School District and is quickly getting to know students, their families, and the community.

Vann lives a short drive away in the Arbuckle area with her husband and her two young sons. They live in a small almond orchard and have been active in agriculture their entire lives. Vann grew up raising animals in 4-H and competing on an FFA Ag Sales team.

She believes in creating a climate in which students want to come to school because they feel welcome, safe, and engaged. She believes it takes an entire staff working together to create that kind of atmosphere.

Vann has already begun working with the dynamic teachers at EMS to incorporate technology into the classroom and instruction in a meaningful way. Teachers are learning about Google Classroom and preparing to be Google certified! Looking ahead we will be featuring all of the staff and returning staff in coming editions.

Back to School Night will be held on August 31 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at EMS! Come by and meet the EMS staff. If you are interested in volunteering at school or coaching please come by and stop at the **Identifirm** booth to be fingerprinted.



Left: Showing goats at the Yolo County Fair



Esparto High School News
Jennifer Wiese, Principal

Welcome back to the start of the 2016-17 school year! There have been a lot of improvements to our campus over the summer. The student bathrooms got an update with new flooring, the D-1 classroom got new flooring and a new sink for our floral class, the B-wing received a new roof and air conditioning unit, all the floors were waxed, all the carpets were cleaned, and many rooms and buildings received new paint. Additionally, the renovation to our baseball field has begun and we will soon see a new scoreboard for our football field. Our gymnasium will be getting a new floor, new striping and some new carpeting on the walls. I hope you have all had a chance to see our new digital signboard located on Yolo Avenue. Keep your eyes on it to stay informed about upcoming events at the high school. I'd like to say a huge "Thank you!" to our maintenance and custodial staff for all their hard work during the summer.

The Senior class of 2017 came together in August for Senior Sunrise by gathering on the football field to watch the sun rise on the last Friday before school started. After that they painted Senior Squares on the asphalt in the quad. It's a great tradition for the students to mark the start of their last year at Esparto High School. (See pictures below.)

We have some new faces on campus this year; Jennifer Crerar in the Agriculture department, Steven Crain in the Theatre department, Kyle Noland teaching English 10 and 11, Debbie Rogers is returning to our campus to teach mathematics, Coach Dan Arevalos will be our Special Education teacher along with Kim Spalding, and Joaquin Mayer has joined us as an instructional aide. They are all great additions to our staff.

Having been named one of the nation's best high schools, we will continue to provide our students with amazing educational opportunities. Students are able to earn college credit while attending high school by enrolling in any of our five Advanced Placement classes or any of our classes that are articulated with local community colleges. Students who complete a course sequence in one of our Career and Technical Education pathways can graduate with an industry recognized certification in Culinary, Ag Mechanics, Floral, Digital Arts or Theatre. By increasing and maintaining the rigor of our instruction and fostering inspired relationships, we will achieve extraordinary results!

Here are some upcoming events that I hope you will attend:

- September 2: Football vs. Lower Lake
 - September 6: Academic Awards Assembly—During the school day
 - September 6: LCAP Community Meeting—6:00 p.m. Marsh Hall
 - September 13: Back to School Night—6:00 p.m.
 - September 23: Football vs. Delta
 - September 27: Senior Night—6:00 p.m. Marsh Hall
- Remember: Minimum Days are on the first and second Wednesday of each month.

Esparto Homecoming Parade

The Esparto High School Homecoming is set for Friday October 7. The parade will take place at 11:00 a.m. Please stop by the Esparto High School Office or visit the school web page for the parade entry forms. Entry deadline is September 30.

Submitted by Amber Charter, EHS Ag teacher

Pictured below are the new EHS seniors watching the sunrise on the last Friday before school began. Pictured left are the seniors painting "Senior Squares" on the quad.



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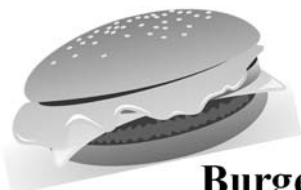
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 RISE After School Program -6th, 7th & 8th grades-				
September 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Club Live Or Teen Lounge	Alternative Art	DIY WEDNESDAY'S	Power hour & Blog Squad	Freestyle Friday & Cooking Club


Please contact Jose at 787-4110 or jose@riseinc.org with questions or for enrollment

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**Special Note: All teens must have a completed enrollment packet on file to participate in the program.



Pictured left are students in the RISE Middle School Summer Program visiting the San Rafael Farmer's Market.



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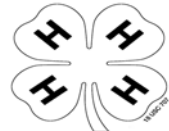
Sunday, December 11th
 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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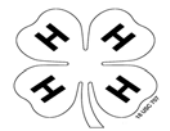
If you are interested in being a vendor please call Trudie Martin 796-3312.

Refreshments
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 Gift Wrapping
 by 4H

Olive Oil tasting
 Local Farm Products
 Hand Crafted Items
 & More!



Back to 4-H



Please join us on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Esparto Community Hall also known as the Boy Scout Cabin on Yolo Ave. in Esparto. This will be our first club meeting so to bring your enrollment forms and let the fun begin. Monthly meeting to be held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Project meeting TBD.

Go to http://ceyolo.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program to begin enrollment. Questions: you can find us on Facebook at Esparto Capay Valley 4-H.

Why you should join 4-H:
 4-H is a community of young people from across America who are learning leadership, life skills, and are having fun doing it! In 4-H there are many fun projects like sewing, baking, photography, raising animals, and many more.
 See you then!
 Submitted by Heather Echarte

Labor Day is on September 5



Fall begins on September 22

COMING SOON:
Preschool Childcare Center
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Children ages 3-5
Monday-Friday 7AM-6PM
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For more information contact:
 Jessica Uribe
 530-794-6000
 Jessica@riseinc.org

PRÓXIMAMENTE:
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 Esparto, CA




Niños de 3-5 años
Lunes – Viernes 7AM-6PM
Día Completo (Preescolar/Guardería) 7AM-6PM (\$450/mes)
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Para más información contacte a:
 Jessica Uribe
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Vengan a unirse a nuestro programa de AVANCE y escuchar todo!

Please come and join our Avance program

Las clases son gratuitas y serán un día a la semana durante cuatro horas y comenzarán a 6 de septiembre.

Los niños serán provistos de una ambiente donde puedan sentirse seguros y aprender sobre el desarrollo social, emocional, cognitivo y físico. Los padres recibirán información sobre recursos y escuchar a los oradores de programas donde podrán hacer preguntas. También se les darán materiales y ser instruidos en la fabricación de juguetes para sus niños que se usaran en casa.

Todo Esparto, Madison y el valle de Capay son bienvenidos. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con: Oralia Rodríguez o Leticia Flores al programa RISE Inc. al numero (530) 787-4110

Classes are free and are one day a week for four hours and will begin September 6.

Children will be provided with an environment where they can feel safe and learn some social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. Parents will be given information on resources and listen to guest speakers where they will be able to ask questions. They will also be given materials and be instructed on making toys for them to use at home.

All of Esparto, Madison and the Capay Valley residents are welcome! For more information please contact : Oralia Rodriguez at RISE Inc. at (530) 787-4110

Submitted by the RISE Staff

HOES DOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL



a community fundraising festival

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 1, 2016 • 11am-11pm
Full Belly Farm • Capay Valley

- Tasty Organic Food & Drinks
- Live Music & Dancing
- Farm Tours & Workshops
- Children's Hands-on Fun
- Farmer's Markets & Crafts

SATURDAY ADMISSION

Adults at Gate: \$25 • Adults Online: \$20
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SUNDAY
October 2, 2016
A variety of seminars, hands-on activities, and farm tours in the Capay Valley region.

- Full Belly Farm Tour
- Bike Tour of Local Farms
- Kids' Farm Camp
- Farm Fresh Floral Design
- Many More!

Pre-registration required.

Capay Valley Farm Trail's Open Farm Day
15+ farms open to the public free admission

See Website for Details on Sunday Activities

A project of **ECO FARM**

Esparto Volunteer Fire Dept. 4th Annual Sausage Dinner Fundraiser



Saturday Sept. 24th, 2016
5:00 No-Host Bar • 6:00 Dinner
Raffle to follow
\$15.00 per person

To Purchase Tickets please contact your local volunteer, or the Esparto Fire Dept. at 530-787-3300

Job Opportunity

Full Belly Farm, based in Guinda, is accepting applicants for a Human Resources Manager. Full Belly is a 350-acre organic farm founded in 1985. We have approximately 75 full-time, year-round employees, plus a number of seasonal employees.

Summary of Duties: the Human Resources manager will be responsible for personnel functions including benefits administration; workers compensation; employee training and orientation; and regulatory compliance.

If you are interested in this position, please email your resume to Full Belly Farm: judith@fullbellyfarm.com. You will be sent a more complete job announcement and job description.

This position reports to the owner. It is 50% time, with a flexible schedule, based at Full Belly Farm in Guinda. It includes a health insurance benefits package and 24-hours of paid sick leave (prorated to 50% time).

Submitted by Full Belly Farm

Pictured right are the Esparto High School students at the County Fair with their Ag Mechanics projects which they worked on over the summer.



September Programs at the Esparto Regional Library



All are welcome to participate in the following special programs held during the month of September at Yolo County's Esparto Regional Library, located at 17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto:

- ◆ All September: Visit your local branch to get your free Yolo County library card during Library Card Sign-Up Month.
- ◆ September 8: Master Garden Program, 6:30 p.m. This garden information program is presented by the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Yolo County and sponsored by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library.
- ◆ September 13: Mad Science of Sacramento Valley, 3:15 p.m. The whole family is welcome to experience science fun in the Spin, Pop, Boom Show.
- ◆ September 15: Afternoon Movie, 3:00 p.m. Children and families are invited to view a family friendly (rated G or PG) movie. For movie title call: (530) 787-3426.
- ◆ September 22: Children's Art Class with Julie, 3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend a hands on art class featuring Byzantine medallions.
- ◆ September 28: Yolo Book Read Program, 6:30 p.m. Come watch a free documentary of Atul Gawande's book Being Mortal through the Yolo Book Read program, which is designed to promote reading and encourage community conversation.

The following ongoing programs continue in September:

- ◆ English Conversation Group, Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. Converse and improve your English in a fun and relaxed setting with the aid of a group facilitator. Drop-in visitors are always welcome.
- ◆ Hora de Cuentos/Bilingual Spanish Story Time (Ages 0-5), Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Children up to 5 years old and their parents or caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, movement, rhymes and finger-plays. All bi-lingual story times are provided through a grant from First 5 Yolo.

NOTICE: All Yolo County Library branches will be closed September 5 for Labor Day.

All Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, are free to attend and require no registration. For more information about events at the Esparto Regional Library, contact library staff at (530) 787-3426 or visit the Yolo County Library at www.yolocountylibrary.org (see calendar for Esparto Regional Library-specific events). Connect with Yolo County Library Facebook at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

Submitted by Malinda Baker and Beth Gabor



If there are any changes to the programs, meetings, etc. on Page 16 of this paper, please let us know by emailing: valleyvoice2@hotmail.com.

Eating Healthy with your Kids Made EASY

Learn how CalFresh can put healthy food within reach and get tips on making nutritious meals with your kids!

Aprende cómo CalFresh pone alimentos saludables a su alcance y obtenga consejos sobre cómo hacer comidas nutritivas con sus hijos!

Household Size Miembros del hogar	Gross Monthly Income Ingreso mensual en bruto	Maximum Monthly Benefits Beneficios Mensuales
1	\$1,962	\$194
2	\$2,656	\$357
3	\$3,350	\$511
4	\$4,042	\$649
5	\$4,736	\$771
6	\$5,430	\$925
7	\$6,122	\$1,022
8	\$6,816	\$1,169
Each additional member	+\$694	+\$146

CalFresh is a nutrition assistance program that can help you buy the foods you need. All children born in the U.S. can get CalFresh benefits if they qualify, no matter where their parents were born. Adults can qualify for food assistance too!

CalFresh es un programa de asistencia de nutricional que puede ayudarle a comprar los alimentos que necesita. Todos los niños nacidos en los Estados Unidos pueden obtener CalFresh si califican, sin importar donde nacieron los padres. Adultos pueden calificar para asistencia alimentaria tambien!

For questions or assistance applying for CalFresh contact: (530) 787-4110 Esparto / 530-794-600 Winters

Free Produce Distribution

When: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Where: RISE Inc.
17313 Fremont St. Esparto, CA 95627
Time: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

1 PER HOUSEHOLD // BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Any Family in Esparto or Capay Valley are Welcome!

Distribucion De Frutas y Verduras

Cuando: 1er y 3er Jueves del mes

Donde: La Oficina de RISE
17313 Fremont St. Esparto CA 95627
Hora: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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 ESPARTO, CA (530) 787-3454



Dr. Andy Zhu



Erica Ramirez, PA



Susan Torres, LCSW

New Clinic Hours Nuevo Horario
Effective/Effectivo 7-1-16

Call to make an appointment/llame para hacer una cita: 787-3454

MONDAY AND FRIDAY— LUNES Y VIERNES: 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY—MARTES: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—MIERCOLES: 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

COUNSELING ONLY-CONSEJERO SOLAMENTE:

THURSDAY: 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

We are committed to providing everyday healthcare that is accessible to all people both adult and children. At Esparto Family Practice, our staff looks forward to partnering with you, and establishing a relationship that will benefit you now and in the years to come. Our providers seek to educate you and your family about health and guide you through illness.

Nos comprometemos a proporcionar atención médica continua que es accesible a la comunidad tanto de adultos como de niños. En la Clínica de Esparto Family Practice, nuestro personal espera colaborar con usted y establecer una relación que le beneficiará ahora y en los próximos años. Nuestros proveedores buscan educar usted y su familia acerca de la salud y le guiará a través de la enfermedad.

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***Come and join us at our Preschool Program
for Children 1.5 to 5 years of age.***

RISE Inc. will once again offer *free* child development programs for children and families in the Esparto, Madison and the Capay Valley area.

*Our program runs for two hours on Thursdays and Fridays from 8-10 a.m. weekly with a family member accompanying the child. All sessions are held at the **Universal Early Learning Center located at 17120 Omega Street Esparto, Room #32 at the Esparto Elementary school.***

Our program goals are to develop social, emotional, cognitive and physical development as well as pre-kinder ready skills.

For further information on how to enroll your child, please contact RISE Inc. at **(530) 787-4110** or stop by our office located at 17317 Fremont Street, next to the insurance office, and ask for Esthela! We hope to hear from you!!!

***Vengan acompañarnos a nuestro programa
pre-escolar para niños de la edad de 1.5 a 5 años.***

RISE Inc. ofrecerá una vez más un programa de desarrollo infantil **gratuita** para niños y familias en Esparto, Madison y en el área del Valle de Capay.

*Nuestro programa será cada jueves y viernes de las 8 alas 10 de la mañana. Todas las sesiones se llevan a cabo en **el Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano universal situado en la calle 17120 Omega, Esparto en la habitación #32 en la escuela primaria de Esparto.***

Nuestros objetivos del programa es desarrollar el desarrollo social, emocional, cognitivo y físico, así como las habilidades que necesitan los niños/as para preparación al kínder.

Para más información sobre cómo inscribir a su hijo/a en nuestro programa, por favor de ponerse en contacto con RISE Inc. al numero **(530) 787-4110** o visítenos en nuestra oficina ubicada en 17317 calle Fremont, al lado de la oficina de la a seguridad aquí en Esparto y pregunte por Esthela! Los Espero oír de ustedes!!!

Submitted by the RISE Staff

Area Food Distributions

RISE, Inc. manages several food distributions each month. Madison Community Committee sponsors a Food Closet in Madison. Below is a summary of these opportunities. They are also announced in other places in this paper.

- Free Produce distribution on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the RISE Office from 10:30-11:00 a.m.
- Drought Food Boxes (DFAP) every other Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Call the RISE office to find out which Wednesday of the month, since it varies. (787-4110)
- Food Bank Give-Away on the 4th Monday of each month at the RISE office from 10:00-12:00 noon. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with this distribution on June 27 and July 25.
- Food and Clothes Closet is open on Wednesdays from 9:00-noon, and on Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Call RISE office for more information: 787-4110.
- Madison Food Closet is open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to Madison residents.

Submitted by the RISE Staff



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**Located at 16851 Yolo Avenue in Esparto
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
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Phone: 787-3800**





“Spotlight on Safety“

**Chief Gary Fredericksen
Yocha Dehe Fire Department**

Pet Fire Safety

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney’s outside vents. Have a “pet-free zone” of at least three feet away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don’t chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family’s wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.

Please protect yourself, your live ones and your pets. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please stop by your local fire department or give us a call at (530) 796-2500.



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VALLEY SENIORS PROGRAM AT RISE

Schedule for September 2016

Sponsored by the Yocha Dehe Community Fund

If you are 55 or over, please join us at RISE 17317 Fremont Street in Esparto, next to the Esparto Market and the D. Warren Insurance Agency.

JOIN US ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON for Guest Speakers, Movies, Arts and Crafts, Games, Day Trips, Lunch, etc.

- Sept 1: **Monthly Meeting/ Reunión Mensual**
Sign Ups for Outing/ inscripciones para la excursión
- Sept 6: **Movie Day/ Día de película**
Movie Title to Be Determined/ Título de la película que se determinará
- Sept 7: **Game Day Series/ Serie Día juego**
- Sept 8: **Legal Services/ Servicios jurídicos**
- Sept 13: **Painting on Canvas/ La pintura sobre lienzo**
- Sept 14: **Game Day Series/ Serie Día juego**
- Sept 15: **Arts and Crafts/ Artes y manualidades**
- Sept 20: **Outing To Be Determined/**
Sign Ups for outing on 9/1/16
- Sept 21: **Game Day Series/ Serie Día juego**
- Sept 22: **Guest Speaker/ Orador invitado Susan Wittman**
Benefits of Essential Oils
- Sept 27: **Kevin Clark from the District Attorneys Office**
Citizens Academy/Neighborhood Watch
- Sept 28: **Game Day Series/ Serie Día juego**
- Sept 29: **Pot Luck/ Intercambio de comida**
Birthday celebrations/Celebración de cumpleaños

FOR QUESTIONS & UPDATES PLEASE, Call RISE Inc. @ 530-787-4110
POR FAVOR PREGUNTAS Y ACTUALIZACIONES, llamar a RISE Inc.
(530) 787-4110 Submitted by the RISE Staff

Valley Seniors Launch a Game Day Series

Please join us on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. as the RISE Valley Seniors host a new series of activities open to all residents of the Capay Valley! We are excited to launch our new series starting the first Wednesday of September with our Game Day Series. Every Wednesday through the month of September we will be learning and playing a new game. Games include are Hand and Foot, Pinochle, Mah Jong, and an open game day! Watch the Valley Voice Senior Program Schedule each month for the new monthly series to be announced. We look forward to seeing you!

Vengan los miércoles al programa de RISE Valley seniors para participar de una nueva serie de actividades abiertas a todos los residentes del Valle de Capay! Estamos muy contentos de lanzar nuestra nueva serie que se iniciará el primer miércoles de septiembre con nuestra Serie día del juego, y continuara cada miércoles de las 9 a.m. hasta las 12 p.m. Todos los miércoles del mes de septiembre se va a aprender a jugar una nueva partida. Los juegos incluyen Hand and Foot, Pinochle, Mah Jong, y un día de partido abierto! Miren la lista del programa de RISE Valley Senior en el Valley Voice cada mes para ver la nueva serie mensual que se anunciará. ¡Esperamos verlos!

Submitted by the RISE Staff

AYSO Soccer News

The 2016 AYSO soccer season is underway. **American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)** is a California **nonprofit** soccer organization for children aged 4 through 19. Capay Valley AYSO is run by a team of **volunteers**, including board members, coaches, referees, team parents, line painters, many of whom are parents or family of the youth they coach. There are still openings on a few teams. It is expected that each family **volunteers** in some fashion to operate the program. If you signed up your child for AYSO and have not been contacted by the coach to volunteer, please call Brian at (530) 908-9448 and he will try to get you the coach's phone number.

Here are a few rules to consider:

- No trading players between teams without speaking with AYSO Board. We seek to balance teams
- All players must be offered to play at least ¾ of the game
- Each team must provide a trained referee for home games
- Each team must provide a person to mark fields
- Youth football has priority on Middle School South field. AYSO has priority on North Field
- 100% refunds can be made prior to September 1
- All children must wear shin guards and must have socks over shin guards at games
- No earrings at all. (cannot tape over them), no jewelry
- Fingernails trimmed, no metal hair clips
- Do not play on goals (poles or nets) Never let a child play on the goal or hang on goal.
- No coaches or parents near goals during games, sidelines only, 3 ft back.
- **No dissent (talking back) towards referees allowed at games by coaches, players or spectators.** This sets a very bad example to the kids. They are only allowed to cheer regardless of the referee's call. If you can't comply with this, don't come to the game. Anyone who violates this rule will be told to volunteer as a referee.
- Important Dates: Picture Day TBD, EUSD School starts Aug. 18, Back to School Nights: EES Sept. 1, EMS Aug. 31, EHS Sept.13, School off : Oct. 5
- Open House May 18 EES, May 17 Middle School
- First Game: September 10
- U10 & U12 Boys: Region Tourney November 5—Davis or Antelope U10
- U14 Area Tourney: November 19, 20—Antelope
- U16B Area Tourney: November 19, 20—Davis

CV AYSO incurs expenses including National fees (which include injury insurance for players and all registered volunteers), nets, field paint, uniforms, cones, referee uniforms, field corner flags, first aid kits, balls, ball bags, goal keeper gloves, goal maintenance and repair, pinneys, goal keeper jerseys, and administrative supplies. CV AYSO does not receive any grants from any government organization. All funds come from donations and fees.

AYSO is not affiliated with the school district. CV AYSO does have a memorandum of agreement with the district which describes details of use of school grounds. When it comes to volunteering no-one seems to have the time or the willingness to learn what it takes to coach or referee soccer. The fact is when it comes to our community's children, we must find the time. Those who volunteer their time are living out the basic principles which formed our great country- sacrifice and volunteerism. Please thank these community members who volunteered to coach and support them in every way: David Barajas U6 Coed, Randy Jacobs U6 Coed, Carly Gordon U6 Coed, Evan McClanahan U6 Coed, Brenda & Nick Harden U6 Coed, Nicole Spiva, U8 Boys, Fernanda Hernandez U8 Boys, Jeff Forzaglia U8 Boys, Jose Segura U8 Girls, Hernando Aguilera U10 Boys, Pablo Pino Arauz U10 Boys, Francisco & Edith Aguilera U10 Boys, Jose Lopez U10 Boys, Claudia Lopez U10 Boys, Alfredo Barriga U10 Girls, Cesar Bermudez U12 Boys, Rogelio Lopez U12 Boys, Brian Paddock U12 Girls, Juan Guzman U14 Girls, Marco Melendrez U14 Boys, Sergio Miranda U16 Boys. Submitted by Brian Paddock

Pet Adoption Corner



Vader, left, is a black Domestic Short Hair female who was born around December 6, 2015. She is a kitten with high energy and a lot of personality. As a little kitten, she had an upper respiratory infection that has since been treated. We suspect her left eye had an ulcer and her iris then sealed up. Because of this, she cannot dilate that eye and therefore likely has next to no vision in that eye. However, it doesn't cause her any pain, and it does not require her currently to be on any medication. She's as rambunctious as any other kitten, if not more so, and doesn't let much get in her way. Vader would do best in a home that is willing to take the time to expel her bountiful energy. She's not a cat who can sit and be an "accessory", and requires her family to get to know her habits and moods, to be able to mesh well. If you come armed with a jingly toy, a string on a stick, or a laser pointer, and have the dedication to mend a strong bond with your kitten, Vader would be an amazing addition to any family.

Serge, right, is a wonderful, affectionate bouncy boy who is a 1-2 year old terrier mix. He was found as a stray and taken to a shelter where he was very intimidated and shy. The Yolo SPCA rescued him and placed him in one of their foster homes where he came right out of his shell and became the social butterfly he really is. He's cute, fun and loves to play with his people and other dogs. He is doing well in housebreaking and will go outside to do his business regardless of the weather. He is interested in cats and should be supervised around them. He would be best in a home without kids. He is now looking for his forever home..... will that be yours?



These pets are available at Yolo County SPCA. Please fax (530-231-2969) or email (cats@yolospc.org) or (dogs@yolospc.org) for an application. Our application, as well as a full list of our adoptable animals, can be found at yolospc.org.

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Community Calendar for September 2016

- September 1: Back to School Night at Esparto Elementary 6:00 to 7:30
- September 2: EHS Football vs. Lower Lake in Esparto
- September 5: **Labor Day Holiday**
- September 6: High School Academic Awards Assembly EUSD
- September 6: LCAP Community Meeting—6:00 p.m. Marsh Hall
- September 8: Master Garden Program, 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- September 10: AYSO Soccer First Game of Season
- Sept. 7 & 14: Minimum Days at Esparto Schools for Staff Development
- September 12: 4-H meeting at Esparto Community Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- September 13: Mad Science of Sacramento Valley, 3:15 p.m. at Library
- September 13: Back to School Night at Esparto High School at 6:00 p.m.
- September 15: Afternoon Movie, 3:00 p.m. at the Library
- September 18: Capay Valley Chorus at Guinda Grange at 2:00 p.m.
- September 23 EHS Football vs. Delta in Esparto
- September 20: Esparto Community Advisory Committee at Library 7:00
- September 22: **Autumn Begins**
- September 22: Children's Art Class with Julie, 3:30 p.m.
- September 24: Esparto Volunteer Fire Fighter Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- September 27: Esparto High School Senior Night—6:00 p.m. Marsh Hall
- September 28: Yolo Book Read Program, 6:30 p.m. at the Library



GOT MICE?

Yolo County Animal Services has healthy cats that would flourish in a barn or other appropriate indoor/outdoor location.

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Yolo County Animal Services Barn Cat Program
Call (530)662-8858 or email ycasrescue@hotmail.com

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AA: Countryside Community Church, located at 26479 Grafton St. on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Call 1-800-970-9040 for more information.

Spanish AA: Alcohólicos Anónimos: Detrás de El Toro. Los lunes, miércoles, y viernes a las 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Al-Anon: Countryside Community Church on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church: meets at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday at 17050 Omega Street in Esparto. Tuesday, Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Amazing Kids Club at 7:00 p.m.

Capay Valley Christian Fellowship: 11:00 a.m. adult Sunday school; 11:45 a.m. social; 12:10-1:10 a.m. worship and children's Sunday school at the Guinda Community Church

Capay Valley Fire Commission Meeting: meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Guinda Fire Station.

Capay Valley Garden Club 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., location varies, see Facebook page for more information.

Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee: meets every 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to all.

Capay Valley Science Club, 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m., location varies.

Capay Valley Vision Board: meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the CVV office at 6:30 p.m. (Meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.)

Countryside Community Church: Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School.

Dental Office in Esparto: is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 787-4972 to make an appointment.

Esparto Ag Boosters: meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Department at the high school.

Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee Planning Council: meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Esparto Regional Library.

Esparto Community Services District: meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Esparto Family Practice: open: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00-6:00 p.m..

Esparto High School Ag Boosters meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Classroom at the high school.

Esparto Lions Club Meeting: meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the VFW hall 7:00 p.m.

Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce: meets every month on the 4th Thursday at the Chamber Office at 16858 Yolo Avenue. (787-3242)

Esparto Unified School Board Meeting: meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Alice Marsh Hall.

Food and Clothes Closet: open on Wednesdays 9:00-12:00 p.m. and Fridays 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Countryside Community Church. Contact RISE Inc. at 787-4110 for information.

Food Bank Food Give-Away: fourth Monday of every month from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the RISE office.

Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting: meets on the 2nd Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at the Library.

Home Schooling Cooperative: Call Elvira Paoletti at 796-4676.

Legal Services in Esparto: free services offered on the 1st Thursdays of every other month at the RISE office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call 787-4110 for appointment.

Guinda Community Church: Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Madison Advisory Committee: 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District. No meetings in May, November or December.

Madison Community Committee: 3rd Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Madison Community Services District.

Madison Fire Commissioners Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Madison Fire Department at 17880 Stephens Street.

Madison Food Closet: open the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District Building

Madison Service District Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the District office at 28963 Main Street in Madison.

MEDI-CAL and Cal-Fresh Services: Call RISE at (530) 787-4110 for an appointment.

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

On Fire Fellowship of Esparto: Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Youth Group: Fri. at 6:30 p.m.; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

Play School Experience: held from 8-10:30 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Countryside Community Church.

Rumsey Improvement Association: Potluck dinner and meeting on the 1st Monday. 6:00 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:10 p.m. meeting at the Rumsey Hall

St. Martin's Church: Spanish Mass: English Mass: 8:30 a.m. on Sundays; Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays at St. Martin's Church, Esparto, 25633 W. Grafton Street

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 2nd Monday each month, at Post Home, Orleans St. and Highway 16.

Western Yolo Grange: meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00: social, and 6:30 p.m.: potluck dinner and meeting at the Grange Hall at 16787 Forrest Ave. in Guinda.

WYORCA: meets on the 2nd Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Esparto Library.

RISE Collaborative Meeting: meets the 3rd Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the RISE office (except August and December).

Yolo County WIC Services: located in the Esparto Library at 17065 Yolo Ave., the 1st Wed. 8:00-12:00; and 3rd Wed. of each month from 8:00-4:00p.m. Call (530) 666-8445

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

If you would like to include calendar events or change information, please e-mail the editor of the Valley Voice at valleyvoice2@hotmail.com or call 787-4110.