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Woodland Healthcare Foundation Kicks Off ER Campaign With \$250,000 from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians

The Woodland Healthcare Foundation has launched a \$1.5 million campaign – *When Every Second Counts* – to enhance Yolo County’s busiest and most comprehensive emergency department. Marshall McKay, Chairman of the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, kicked off the campaign with a \$250,000 check presented to Kevin Vaziri, President of Woodland Healthcare, and Mark Engstrom, a foundation board member of the Woodland Healthcare Foundation and chairman of the capital campaign.

“With the growing population in Woodland and surrounding areas, this expansion and modernization is much needed and we were happy to take the first step toward helping them reach their donation goal,” said McKay. “Woodland Memorial is our local emergency center so we are especially committed to helping maintain and improve this hospital.”

The Woodland Healthcare Emergency Department has nearly 2,000 patient visits a month. Emergency department enhancements include a new “rapid response” triage area, advanced diagnostic and radiological equipment, high tech innovations for patient monitoring, an electronic medical records system, an automated medication dispensing system, an upgraded nursing station, and expanded registration and waiting areas.

“This generous donation from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians is a tremendous start to our campaign and a wonderful commitment to our community,” said Vaziri. “We want to improve our role as a valuable resource in Yolo County and we need the help of local residents and businesses to make an investment in the long-term health of our entire community.”

With the help of advanced funds, the initial phase of the project has been completed, resulting in a decrease in average patient wait times to less than 30 minutes in the emergency department. The project’s second phase is scheduled to begin this fall, with completion by the summer of 2008.

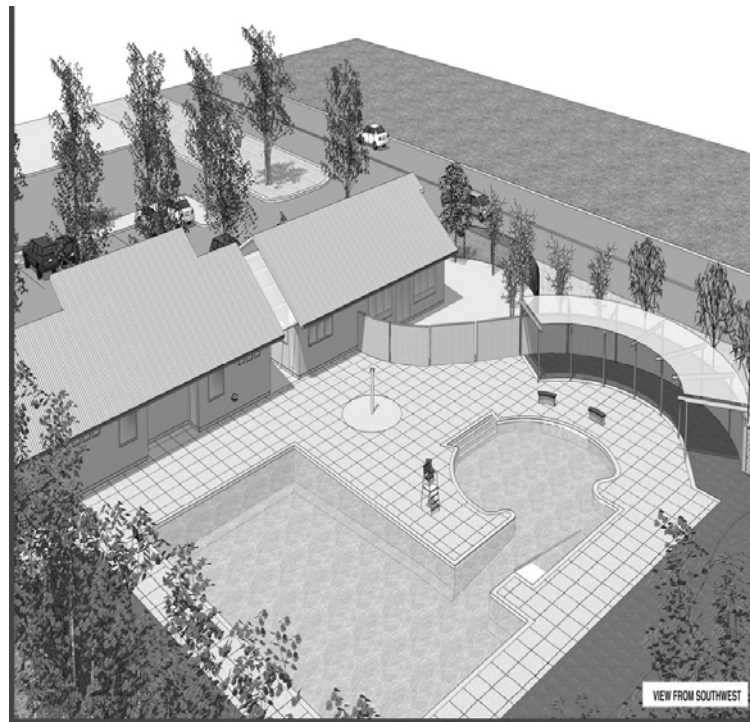
The emergency department enhancements are part of a master plan that includes the construction of new medical office buildings in Davis and Woodland, expanding the hospital and introducing new advanced diagnostic imaging services.

Submitted by Taryn Kinney,
Rumsey Community Fund



Marshall McKay, Chairman of the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, (second left) presenting \$250,000 check to Mark Engstrom (left), a foundation board member of the Woodland Healthcare Foundation and chairman of the capital campaign, Kevin Vaziri, President of Woodland Healthcare (second right), and Sandra Madrigal, Woodland Healthcare Foundation Executive Director (right).

WYORCA Proposed Aquatic and Recreation Center



August 2007

Western Yolo County Swimming Pool Project

The Western Yolo Recreation Center Association (WYORCA) recently completed several important pool planning steps. Thanks to a generous grant from the Yolo County Advisory Committee on Tribal Matters, WYORCA and the Berteaux Architectural Collaborative created pool facility concept drawings. The grant project also includes a detailed facility cost estimate, pool and building site plans, and floor plans. A report that accompanies the drawings describes facility design criteria, building elevations, and swimming pool dimensions. To view the report and the pool concept drawings, go to www.capayvalley.com/wyorca.htm, the Capay Valley community website. Thanks to the cooperation of Laurie Hayes and FERL, the concept drawings were featured in the Esparto Library display cases during the month of May.

WYORCA is a non-profit community organization dedicated to planning and fund-raising for the construction of a public swimming pool to serve the residents of the Madison, Esparto, and the Capay Valley region.

The next WYORCA board meeting will be Thursday August 9, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Esparto Library. Board meetings are open to the public. Community members interested in planning a public swimming pool are encouraged to attend. Community input is needed to determine a site for the community pool. These hot summer months inspire community efforts to build a public pool for people of all ages to enjoy.

For more information, contact Trini Campbell at 530-796-4122.

Submitted by WYORCA

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ESPARTO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Overview

Chamber Mission

The Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advancing the economic and social vitality of the Esparto Region.

Who Are The Chamber's Member?

The Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce is a rural chamber of commerce in what we consider the jewel of Yolo County. Our membership is made up of businesses, farmers, non-profits, social groups and individuals.

How Does The Chamber Work For Its Members?

We are working hard to provide a vital community and some of our key targeted areas are: creating a strong local economy, promoting the community, networking/business contacts, representing business to Government and political action.

What Is The Chamber Doing To Promote The Economic Vitality Of The Region?

The Chamber is working with Yolo County officials and local organizations, to increase incentives for small and large businesses. We are collaborating with local businesses, organizations and developers to bring commerce to our community.

What If My Business Doesn't Need Promotion, How Do You Help?

The Chamber has secured group health insurance discounts, we have a lending library of catalogs and information, to make your business more profitable and we have a list of business resources on our website.

How Can The Chamber Help My Business Advertise?

The Chamber has established a weekly online newsletter and members can advertise on that local newsletter. As well, members can advertise on our website with a banner listing or in the *Valley Voice* once a month. There are networking opportunities like mixers and open house meetings, which we keep you informed about.

Where Do I Start And How Do I Get Involved?

Joining the Chamber is easy. Call the Chamber office and staff can email, fax or mail an application. If you want to volunteer, just let us know. We have several programs that still need staffing. You are always welcome.

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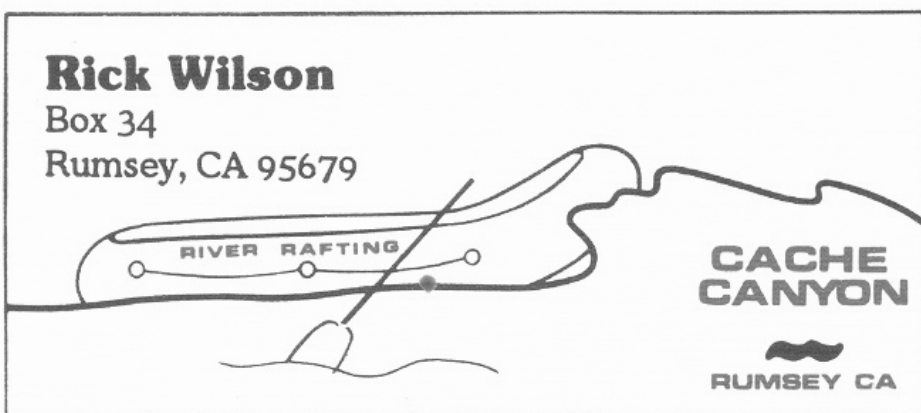
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Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce



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CAPAY VALLEY VISION

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CAPAY VALLEY VISION COMMUNITY FEEDBACK JULY, 2007

Highway 16/Esparto Downtown Streetscape Design

Great month for Downtown Streetscape Design! Thank you to everyone who has worked diligently over the last 15 months providing feedback; exploring options and talking with each other and numerous organizations and officials about your vision. The IGLCBC (Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit) funds will go a long way to providing support for the supported projects, specifically focused on safety and traffic calming. Additionally, New Season Community Development Corp. has gathered \$300,000 in funds for items such as plantings, awnings, streetlights, etc. The next steps are to move forward with implementation.

A big thank you to the Tribe and Emerald Homes for recognizing the importance to us all for downtown improvements. Capay Valley Vision and Yolo County had a good meeting with the Esparto Community Services District. They are considering taking up the maintenance of plantings for downtown Esparto. The CSD is another great resource for our community as partners in downtown improvements.

Dan Burden and team came to Esparto to report back on all of our conversations. His full report will be published in August but in the meantime, we hope to have an executive summary in the CVV office in the next couple of weeks. Please stop by and view it anytime.

Capay Valley Grown and Ag Task Force

The Ag Task Force hosted a goodbye at Taber Ranch for staff member Chelsea Becker, who will be leaving at the end of July. Much of the agricultural work and Capay Valley Grown efforts have been under Chelsea's steady hand and she will be missed. We wish her luck as she continues her pursuits as a teacher; she will be one of the best.

The Capay Valley Grown subcommittee on website design and commerce is completing its work. The new Capay Valley Grown website will expand the commerce of each of its partners and be much more user friendly. We look forward to its completion and will keep you posted.

Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market

Speaking of commerce, The Farmers' Market held its second night market on July 7. Featuring El Rado Scufflers, the market enjoyed good weather and good company. Please welcome new market President, Pat Harrison. The last of the night markets will occur on Saturday, Aug. 4 in the park. Big news—Market Manager, Julio Cota has managed to have our market as one of the features for Bi-National Health Month. That means there will be lots of free health screenings and other events provided right here in the park. Mark your calendar for October 6 at the morning market time, 9:00 a.m.

New Season Community Development Corp.

New Season is now in escrow, pending funding, on the Lindbergh Building in downtown Esparto. With the goal of rehabilitating and then recruiting businesses for the building, let Hanan Bowman know at 787-1883 if you would like to be a part of making this dream happen. New Season also hosted a special workshop with Dan Burden on "Building Commercial Habitat". This workshop will be followed by more workshops on this important topic, working on the Yolo Ave. buildings and infrastructure.

Two meetings were held in the last month looking at potential designs for a new clinic/community building. Utilizing a two-story look, the group consisting of Esparto Unified School District, RISE, Community Medical Centers-Esparto Family Practice and Capay Valley Vision, discussed the notion of mixed-use development; pharmacy expansion for the clinic, further funding opportunities and the builder plans for the entire Town Center. Builder John Deterding has begun some preliminary site plans with Yolo County for the area north of Yolo Ave. along Highway 16 adjacent to the train station. These plans include a 10,000 square foot facility that would be designated for the new clinic, pharmacy and community space.

Goodbye and good wishes to Capay Valley Vision Board member, Tom Michaelson. We wish him well in Kings City!

Submitted by Capay Valley Vision

Cache Creek Watershed Stakeholders Group (CCWSG) Update

The Stakeholder's Group had its shortest meeting ever at the beautiful Taber Ranch facility in Capay on July 12th. We met with the Capay Valley Vision Ag Task Force as part of a thank you celebration for Chelsea Becker. Here are the updates:

- ◆ We were pleased to hear that Tanya Meyer of the Yolo County Resources Conservation District will continue to serve as the Capay Valley's Watershed Coordinator through December of this year, as a result of an extension on the grant that funds her position.
- ◆ The plans for the Will Baker Native Plant Garden were submitted to the Yolo County Department of Parks, Planning and Public Works. The Department will submit the plans to the State soon.
- ◆ Tanya is still recruiting landowners in the Rumsey area for tamarisk treatment for this summer. Please contact Tanya at 662-2037 x 114 immediately if you or someone you know in the Rumsey area is interested in invasive weed control along the creek or its tributaries.
- ◆ The next meeting of the Stakeholder's Group will be Thursday, Sept. 13th, 6-8 PM in the Guinda Grange Hall. We will have a presentation on local birds of prey by the California Raptor Center, located at UC Davis, and it will include a couple of live birds to view up close! The Raptor Center is dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned raptors. It receives over 250 injured or ill raptors each year and is able to release over 60% of these birds. The Center provides hands-on training in the care and management of birds of prey and provides educational programs to the general public and the university community. This should be a fun and informative event for the entire family. After the presentation by the Raptor Center, we'll have a discussion on how to organize the Stakeholder's Group for the future. As usual, our meetings are a potluck, so bring some food to share. We hope to see you there!

Submitted by John Capitano, with help from Tanya Meyer

Capay Valley Vision Calendar for August

Agriculture Task Force

Thursday, August 2, 7 - 9 p.m.
Esparto Library

Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market

Saturday, August 4, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Esparto Community Park

Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market Board Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 7 - 9 p.m.
FreeHeart Farm

Yolo County Fair

August 15 - 19
Yolo County Fair Grounds, Woodland

Hoes Down (save the date)

October 6
Full Belly Farm

***Full Belly Farm is looking to fill a paid position for a
FOOD COORDINATOR for the Hoes Down Festival on
Oct. 6. Please contact Dru at 796-2214.***

News from the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library



Library Hours

Monday: 1:00 - 8:00p.m.
 Tuesday: 8:30-12:00, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 8:30-12:00, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10-12:00, 1:00-8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00-2:00 p.m.

From the Editor...

I've been looking at the scholarships awarded to graduating seniors last May, and wondering how many of our finest young people (which includes all of them!) are going to avail themselves of the chance to continue their education. I've retired from a career of educating young people and have occasional contact with some from classrooms past-- I ask them about their current happiness. Have they found a comfortable and rewarding place in life? There have been some interesting answers, but the point of this message is that the most successful, by their own standards (not always monetary) have been those who've found and maintained a broad interest in many aspects of life, society and culture.

One of those interests generally became their vocation or profession but they always had many other activities. I ask what they read, and a.m. amazed at the variety-- books, yes, but magazines, both popular and professional, and newspapers and the remarkable variety of news and personal writings on the internet. Blogs-- Web Logs-- they're called, and they frequently herald the changes in our world and our society.

The take-home lesson of this brief rant is for the young people who might wonder what's in store for their future-- broaden your horizons, find some new and exciting areas and dig into them. Where to start? --your local library has some great resources.

sam bledsoe, FERL newsletter editor

Library calendar and activities:

The Summer Reading Program will continue until August 4th at the Library. Just visit the library six different days this summer, check out a fun book, and get a small prize at each visit. On the sixth visit, you will earn the grand prize of a free mini pizza donated by Round table Pizza and a free paperback book provided by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library. On July 24th at 3:00 p.m. there was a cupcake decorating party to celebrate the summer reading program.

- ◆ This month's prize in the guessing game is the new book "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows". The guessing game is sponsored each month by FERL.
- ◆ The knitting class was held on July 18th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room. Four children attended the knitting class on June 20. Check at the circulation desk for an August knitting class. Come and learn to knit!
- ◆ Pre-school story time is held every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ The Library has plenty of new fiction titles for your summer reading enjoyment.
- ◆ The new reservation system to use the public computers is a great asset. Come in and get a library card and make use of the eight computers with internet access.
- ◆ The Brian Scott Magic Show was a big success on June 12 with 93 in attendance. On June 24 Bonnie Lockhart's "Songs and Games from Around the World" was popular with 73 in attendance. A puppet show was held on July 10.
- ◆ In June the Library had 2 pre-school story times with 24 in total attendance. There were 17 summer school classes visiting the library with a total of 549 students.

Malinda Baker, Librarian

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Directors meet 1st Tuesday of each month, 7p.m., at the Library-- all members welcome!

In Short...

- ◆ The new, interim Yolo County Librarian, **Roger Pearson**, was on hand at the July 10 Board meeting. Roger discussed the Davis Library strategy for keeping their branch library open for extra hours-- Tax Measure P will be on the fall ballot, to increase the parcel tax by \$46 per year, or 12.5 cents per day. (How would Capay Valley folks view this approach to keeping the Esparto Library open?? Maybe, check out the FERL Open Hours campaign, below, instead.) Funds from Measure P will also purchase new books, renovate the existing library, increase the story collection for story time, and increase the number of computers. We are fortunate to have the Rumsey Rancheria to help us with both new computers and extra clerical help at ERL.
- ◆ FERL Treasurer **Al Emrick** reports that Membership is up this month to 174, short of the 200+ membership of past years, but a gain of 3 members from last month. Incoming funds are lagging expenditures by \$8,769.64 so far this year, however our Vanguard Money Market fund currently has a balance of \$7,918.38. He asked the FERL funds manager, **Larry Stark**, to transfer \$5000 into the checking account.
- ◆ Al would appreciate help for FERL book sales at the monthly (1st Saturday) Esparto Farmers' Market. (If you can give Al a hand, please call him at 787-3858.) He especially needs assistance in transporting materials from the FERL storage container before and after the markets.
- ◆ **Larry Stark** of LINSICO/Private Ledger was also on hand at the July Board meeting. Larry gave the quarterly report on our endowment fund, currently at \$233, 597. (The By-Laws do not allow FERL to use endowment funds for current operating expenses. These are reserved solely for "expansion of the Library facilities" and only after 2/3 vote of the membership.) The investment strategy has allowed our endowment to grow at an annualized rate of 8.2% since inception (approx. 5 yrs, through the market down-turn years early in this millennium), however it is up 6.6% to date in this calendar year. The fund is approximately tracking (and slightly leading, currently) the Standard & Poor 500 Index.
- ◆ We also were pleased to have our website manager, **Lynn Morgan**, as a visitor. Lynn has recently moved back to the Capay Valley from Alaska, with her family. You can read the latest FERL news at this website, <http://ferl.org>, on the Library computers or your own. Lynn has put a lot of effort into management of our website over the years--she deserves a vote of thanks from all FERL members and Library patrons--Thanks a lot, Lynn!
- ◆ FERL continues to look for a chairperson for the **Harvest Dinner** in November. Please contact **Jon Durst** (787-3100) if you can help with this lively and enjoyable Fall community event.

The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library are dependent on your dues and contributions for support of our Library. Please join your friends and neighbors and send a check today. We encourage our business and farm supporters to join FERL as Benefactors, as several of our former advertising supporters have done-- all will be recognized in our Newsletter.

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From the Treasurer...WANTED

Donations to the Partners in Hours--for a donation of \$25.00 or more, you may join our club. You may use your Business name or your personal one. We will publish this list every month in our newsletter seen in the Valley Voice. The Friends are digging deeply into our reserves to maintain our present commitment of over 600 extra open hours for the Library. This is due to the increase of cost per hour, drop in membership, and other cost increases. The library has been constructed and is in tremendous use, but the most expensive part of any facility is in operational cost, not in construction. Will you please join our Partners Club, all donations are fully tax deductible.

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MEMORIALS

(Including some belated attributions which were inadvertently omitted from past issues— apologies! --Ed.)

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BY--

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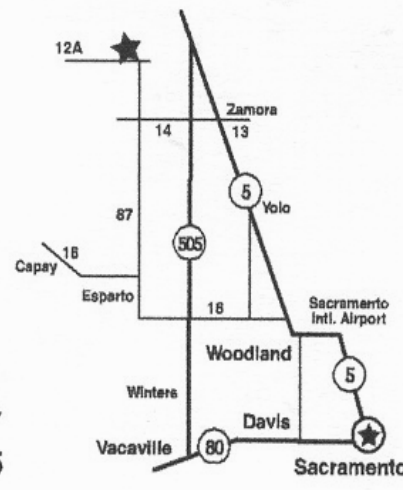
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NEWS FROM THE ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE...



Many Thanks!
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♦ **From the Desk of Superintendent Tom Michaelson:**

THANK YOU AND MAY ESPARTO'S BEST DAYS BE IN THE FUTURE ... I want to extend my deepest appreciation to the Board of Education, staff, students, parents and community for allowing me to serve as Superintendent over the past 6 years. I have been proud to see our schools provide a safe haven for students, and, at the same time, present educational challenge through a rich, rigorous and relevant curriculum. My hope is that this tradition will be maintained and that a "college-going culture" will truly be realized in the days ahead.



♦ **CHARGE AND CHALLENGE TO THE COMMUNITY ...** The most precious commodity of any society is the education of the next generation. Consider this old Chinese Proverb expressed in two different ways:



**When planning for a year, plant corn.
When planning for a decade, plant trees.
When planning for life, train and educate people.**

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**If you want 1 year of prosperity, grow grain.  
If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees.  
If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people.**



♦ **IMPORTANT SCHOOL START DATES ...**

- \* New Teacher Orientation Day
- \* Teacher In-service Day (Optional)
- \* Report Back Day (All Employees)
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Student Attendance Day

*Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>*



♦ **2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR --- MARK THESE DATES NOW! ...** The Board has approved next year's school calendar. Vacations and breaks will be similar to this past year's calendar as noted below:

**School Start Date:** Monday, August 13, 2007  
**Thanksgiving Holiday:** Week of November 19-23, 2007  
**Winter Break:** December 24-January 4 returning Monday, January 7, 2008  
**Spring Break:** Week of March 17-21, 2008  
**School End Date:** Friday, May 23, 2008



♦ **REMINDER! ... Your children are in good hands in the Esparto Schools! ... We have great teachers & staff members, great leaders & administrators and great Board members all working together in a great community with great parents for the betterment of our GREAT students!**

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| 2004 | Esparto Middle School     | --- | National Blue Ribbon           |
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# Esparto Unified School District



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### Winds of Change

The Michaelson Era at Esparto Unified School District has drawn to its glorious conclusion. Dr. Tom Michaelson has accepted a new position as Superintendent of both the King City School Districts. Tom will be missed, as his guidance, vision and unshakeable focus on "what's best for the kids", have driven our school district to unprecedented academic excellence. Six years ago, Tom walked into a school district with an underperforming high school and a financial situation that was on the verge of bankruptcy. With his guidance, all three of our comprehensive schools have been designated as "California Distinguished Schools" in the past four years.

One of Dr. Michaelson's constant themes has been that you cannot change the past, so it is important to focus on the future. So, bearing this in mind, on July 18, your School Board appointed Mr. Tim Brock as interim superintendent. The Board has also engaged the services of the California School Board Association to assist in the search for a permanent replacement for the district superintendent. EUSD used the CSBA search firm six years ago and this led us to Dr. Michaelson. The District is pleased to announce that in addition to being the interim superintendent, Tim Brock has a new title of Assistant Superintendent for Business Services. Mr. Brock remains the key to our fiscal recovery and smooth business operation.

The District would also like to commend John Word, our Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation. Esparto High School alumni will have tears of joy when they first glimpse the newly renovated high school auditorium this fall. Another of Mr. Word's recent big accomplishments is the fabulous new Little League Field at Esparto Elementary School.

The Esparto Unified School District is very fortunate to have an incredible staff. Thanks to each and every one for all that you do for the students in our District. Together, we will go forward.

Submitted by Rick Wilson, President  
Esparto Unified School District School Board

### A Letter to Tom Michaelson.....

Dear Tom,

We wanted to say thank you and goodbye on behalf of Capay Valley Vision. Your service and dedication on our Board of Directors will be sorely missed. When Capay Valley Vision decided that it was important to have school representation on the Board of Directors, we immediately asked you to represent the community in that role. Over the course of the last three years, you made us realize how vital a role the schools play in all aspects of the community. Whether in land use planning or building a new community center/clinic or developing a community park, you always looked at the school as a community participant in change and progress. But, it is how you articulated that view, that we will miss on our Board of Directors. You always talked about the schools from the point of a true educator, teaching us to appreciate the process of incorporating the needs of our schools into our vision of the future. You defined schools as true educators of community values, standards of excellence, intellectual diversity and therefore, as a key voice in community dialogue. During your time in our humble community, you have helped us articulate different views most admirably; maintained and established a sounding board for school/community relationships in the future; and brought your sense of honor and humor to all of our events. We will miss you, Tom, and hope that success follows you everywhere. We thank you for the successes you have brought us and helped us to achieve.

Sincerely,  
The Capay Valley Vision Board of Directors

**The public is invited to attend  
the August 15 meeting  
of the Esparto Unified School District Board  
to provide input to the Board on the  
qualities and attributes they would like to see  
in a new Superintendent of Esparto Schools.**

**This meeting will be held in the Library  
starting at 5:30 p.m. on August 15.**

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### A Local Walk Celebrates August as National Breastfeeding Awareness Month!

In celebration of August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month, breastfeeding advocates are organizing over 60 Breastfeeding Awareness Walks in at least 29 counties throughout California on August 7, 2007. The Community Breastfeeding Coalition of Yolo County, with the Yolo County Health Department and Yolo County WIC Program., is sponsoring a walk that will take place the morning of August 7, 2007 at 9 a.m. The walk will begin at 137 N. Cottonwood St. in Woodland and continue to Cline Park where a small reception will be held to honor those breastfeeding mothers participating in the walk.

The theme for the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk, "**First Step to a Healthy Life**", emphasizes **breastfeeding as an obesity prevention strategy**. Recent studies have documented the role of breastfeeding in preventing childhood obesity. The greatest protection is seen when breastfeeding is used exclusively (no formula or solid foods) and continues for at least the first 6 months of life.

"One of the top priorities of the Yolo County Health Department is the prevention of overweight and obesity," states Dr. Bette Hinton, Yolo County Health Officer/Director. "We are fortunate to have this opportunity to promote breastfeeding as a healthy choice for mothers and babies, as well as raise awareness for such a widespread problem." For information about breastfeeding, go to [www.calwic.org](http://www.calwic.org).

Note: For additional information about the local event call:

Samantha Pfeifer, Breastfeeding Coordinator, Yolo County Health Dept. (530) 666-8446.

Submitted by Norma Springsteen, Yolo County Health Department

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Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with low weekly rates. Call Joy Escalante at (530) 787-3497 for more information.

### Esparto Middle School Mr. Chuck Tracy, Principal

Summer vacation is coming to a close and soon all students will be returning to school. The staff of Esparto Middle School has been working all summer in anticipation of our students' learning needs. Most students received tentative schedules before leaving school for summer vacation. The administrator and staff will be looking at the STAR test scores due to the schools in early August to ensure that all students have been placed at the correct learning level.

Several changes have taken place over the summer. Mr. Yust will be graduating with the last class of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school and will be teaching science at EHS next year. We have added a new social science/PE teacher, as well as a new math teacher, a half time art teacher and a new science teacher.

Several new programs have been instituted at the middle school for the 2007-2008 school year. Every morning, all students will be concentrating on intense vocabulary strategies that will address language acquisition skills across the curriculum. An intense program has been implemented for this school year addressing students' needs in the area of learning through reading. Simply, we will be addressing those students who show the greatest need in the area of reading for understanding, decoding and applying written words in learning.

This year, EMS has switched to a semester system that aligns with the high school grading calendar. Several progress reports including a quarterly grading report will be sent home as a means to help parents better understand their child's progress. Each quarter, students will be given a battery of tests in an attempt to monitor their progress. For a lack of a better term, these tests will be quarterly finals and will count towards the students' quarter grades.

Finally, several new things are happening that will be fun and educational for our students. Currently, committees of parents are raising money for the sixth grade science camp at Woodleaf. The Woodleaf program is fully accredited and focuses student learning on the environment and science. It simply puts the classroom learning into focus for each student and brings to life the things learned in the sixth grade science class. More information will be set home to all parents through the parent newsletter as well as this paper in the near future.

May all students enjoy their last few days of summer and be ready to come back to school ready to learn. The office will be open beginning on July 23, 2007 from 7:30 to 3:00 p.m., if you need to speak to Mr. Tracy or the secretaries.

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### Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

Starting at the end of July, Ace Hardware in Davis, True Value Hardware and Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, and Sears in Woodland will begin accepting fluorescent light bulbs and tubes from Yolo County residents for recycling.

This recycling opportunity is made possible by a California Integrated Waste Management Board hazardous waste grant received by Yolo County. These four retail stores in Yolo County have agreed to collect fluorescents from residents in a Take-It-Back partnership and as part of the partnership, the county pays for the disposal of the fluorescents while the retail stores provide staff to collect tubes and the storage space for the boxes of burned out fluorescent tubes. Fluorescents will continue to be accepted as long as grant money remains to pay for the boxes.

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control banned the disposal of fluorescent light bulb in the trash beginning in February 2006. Fluorescents bulbs and tubes contain mercury gas, and when broken, the gas is released in the air. Up until now, the only way to properly dispose of fluorescents bulbs and tubes was to bring them to the monthly household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off days at the landfill. The landfill will continue to accept fluorescents at their monthly HHW events, but these new drop-off centers provide Yolo County residents an additional avenue for recycling fluorescents. Other HHW, such as paints, propane cylinders and pesticides, still need to be disposed of during a HHW drop-off day at the landfill. The next HHW drop-off days will be August 10 and 11, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you want to bring fluorescent light bulbs in for recycling, please be sure to handle the fluorescents with care. Fluorescents bulbs and tubes (no longer than 4 ft. in length) should be brought to the front desk of the store where a clerk will direct you to the proper recycling location.

For more information, visit [www.yolocounty.org/recycle/yocl.htm](http://www.yolocounty.org/recycle/yocl.htm) or call (530) 666-8852.

Submitted by Beth Gabor  
Yolo County Public Information Officer

## Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market

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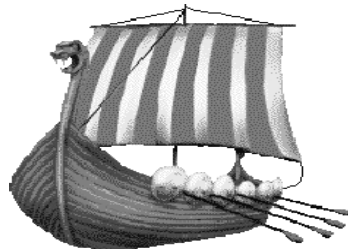
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**Esparto High School Students at Sober Grad Night**  
 Left: Sarah Mills, Charley Bassett, Joaquin Mayer; Above: Robert Madigan, Janette Lopez

**Esparto High School Sober Grad Night**

A big thank you goes out to the five parents who put on Sober Grad Night for all Esparto High School students. A lot of planning and countless hours went into this all night event. Thank you to Renee Harmon, Tracy Gerken, Kim Pearson, Carol Mills and Pixie Madigan.

Not long ago, "organized" grad parties were unheard of. Usually graduates would get together on their own and celebrate in ways and in environments that were not as safe as those that are being provided these days. Sober Grad Night was born out of the desire to reduce dangerous activities and increase fun for the students during the milestone event of their graduation. The successful grad party is one that is well attended, safe, fun, substance free and that will create memories that last a lifetime.

This year the graduating seniors at Esparto High School were treated to a "Sober Grad Night" celebration on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Stars Recreation in Vacaville. Volunteer parents and community friends sponsored the Sober Grad Night activities.

This was the fourteenth year this unique activity has been provided for the students in the district's high school. Additionally, the high school is small enough that other enrolled students were able to attend for only \$10.00 each. A total of 100 students attended Sober Grad Night this year and it was a big success. The students were treated to all-night food and sodas, bowling, games, laser tag and a variety of other exciting activities. The Sober Grad Night Committee would like to thank all of the sponsors and chaperones. This night couldn't have happened without this support.

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Submitted by Pixie Madigan, Sober Grad Night Committee

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**EHS students at Sober Grad Night**  
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**Yolo Landfill Accepting Latex Paint**

Effective immediately, the Yolo County Central Landfill will begin accepting latex paint on a daily basis. Previously, latex paint has only been accepted during periodically scheduled household hazardous waste (HHW) events. During each of those events, latex paint made up approximately 40% of the total collection of 30,000 to 70,000 pounds of HHW.

This new daily service, funded through use fees collected for garbage disposal at the landfill, is available to Yolo County residents at no charge. It costs about 50 cents per pound to accept, handle and recycle latex paint. In order for latex paint to be accepted it must be in a sealed container and clearly identifiable as latex paint, i.e. original labels or containers. All the latex paint received will be recycled into new latex paint. By making this service available on a daily basis, it is the hope that illegal dumping of paint in the county will be reduced.

Latex paint for recycling will be accepted at the Yolo County landfill during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In order for the Yolo County Central Landfill to accept latex paint customers are reminded of the following conditions:

- Yolo County residential customers only (no businesses, no out-of-county) (businesses that fall into the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator status can schedule and bring paint to the Friday HHW day.
- ONLY latex paint.
- Paint cans must be inspected at the scalehouse to make sure that the cans are sealed, not leaking, and easily identifiable as latex paint (i.e. manufacturer's label).

For additional information on all Yolo County Central Landfill services visit <http://www.yolocounty.org/recycle/yccl.htm> or call (530) 666-8729.

Submitted by Beth Gabor, Yolo County

## August 2007 Summer Youth Recreation Calendar

| Sun              | Mon                                                                                                                                                                       | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sat                                                                  |
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|                  |                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><i>Please note:</i></p> <p><b>1st Five:</b> stands for the 0-5 summer program<br/> <b>SDC</b> stands for Summer Day Camp<br/> <b>SRP</b> stands for Summer Recreation Program.<br/> <b>STP</b> stands for Summer Teen Program.</p> | <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Swimming : 12:30 meet at park. <u>Last Day</u></b><br/> <b>1st Five:</b> 9-12 noon Mtg. at CCC<br/> <b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30a.m.-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>SRP:</b> Art &amp; Games at Park 10-12 p.m.; 12-1: Lunch<br/> <b>STP:</b> 7-9 a.m. Running Club at Esparto Elementary; Wahine's Club: Last Day: Field Trip to Discovery Kingdom</p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>1st Five: <u>Last Day</u></b> 9-12 noon at CCC<br/> <b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>SRP</b> Art &amp; Games at Park 10-12 p.m.; 12-1: Lunch and 1-4 p.m. Scavenger Hunt at Firehouse<br/> <b>STP</b> 7-9 a.m. Running Club <b>last day</b> at Esparto Elementary; 9:30-12 p.m.</p> | <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>SRP</b> Art &amp; Games at Park 10-12 p.m.; 12-1: Lunch<br/> <b>STP</b> 1:30-3:00 Art class at the Library ...<u>last day</u></p> | <p><b>4</b></p>                                                      |
| <p><b>5</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>SRP</b> Art &amp; Games at Park 10a.m.; 12-1: Lunch and 1-4 p.m. Kites and Balloons</p> | <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>SRP</b> Art &amp; Games at Park 10-12 p.m.; 12-1: Lunch and 1-4 p.m. and Awards Ceremony/Pictures at Firehouse</p>                                  | <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>SRP</b> Art &amp; Games at Park 10-12 p.m.; Lunch 12-1; 1-4 p.m. Shirt Signing (tie-dye shirts) <u>Last Day</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <b>Movie:</b> 1-4 p.m. at Rumsey for all programs <u>Last Day</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b> at Esparto Elementary School 7:30-5:30 p.m.<br/> <u>Last Day</u></p>                                                                                                                 | <p><b>11</b></p>                                                     |
| <p><b>12</b></p> | <p><b>13</b> First Day of School for all Esparto Schools</p>                                                                                                              | <p><b>14</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>15</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yolo County Fair</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yolo County Fair</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yolo County Fair</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yolo County Fair</p> |
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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Esparto Family Practice** is open every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, & Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Food and Clothes Closet,** more information contact RISE Inc. at 787-4110. Open on Wednesdays and Fridays at Countryside Community Church.

**Chamber of Commerce,** meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Countryside Community Church at 7:00 p.m.

**Capay Valley Vision Board,** meets on the first Monday of every month at the Library at 4:30 p.m.

**Capay Valley Ag Task Force,** meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Library at 7:00 p.m.

**Capay Valley Farmer's Market Board,** meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at FreeHeart Farm at 7:00 p.m.

**AA meetings:** *Countryside Community Church,* located at 26479 Grafton St. Entrance is on west side of building. Call 1-800-970-9040 for more information.  
*Guinda Community Church,* Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7 p.m. in Spanish.

**Home Schooling Cooperative:** Call Anna Brait at 796-3801.

**WIC Services:** located in the Esparto Family Practice office at 17050 South Grafton St. on the 4th Wednesday of every month. (2:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

**Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee:** (CVGPAC) meets every 1st Wednesday. of the month at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to the public.

**Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee to Planning Council:** (ECAC) meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7p.m. in the Wintun Room at the Esparto Regional Library.

**Madison Advisory Committee:** meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Fire Department.

**Beginning Ala-teen meetings:** Guinda Community Church 16671 Forest Ave. Call Lynn after 5 for details@ 787-4566 or Pastor Noble at 668-0870.

**Guinda Community Church:** Children's Sunday School and Bell Choir practice at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays; 7 p.m. on Monday: non-denominational prayer meeting.

**Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting:** First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

**Esparto Lion's Club Meeting:** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at Esparto Community Center.

**Esparto Unified School Board Meeting:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Library.

**R.I.S.E. Collaborative Meeting:** 3rd Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Esparto Community Hall (except August).

**Capay Valley Fire Commission Meeting:** 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Guinda Fire Station.

*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.*