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ALMOND FESTIVAL 2014

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February 2014

Rumsey

- **Food:** Wood-fired Pizza Oven with breakfast & savory pizza; local sausage sandwiches and sides, beer, local homemade baked goods.
- **Local Art Show** in Historic Town Hall features the valley's award-winning artists, 9-5 p.m.
- **Fine crafts, arts and organic farm products**

• **Children's Area:** Hands-on farm activities, demonstrations, sheep-to-shawl
 • **Silent Auction:** Local gift baskets, B&B stays, farm dinner for 8 and more
 • **Dancing** to great foot-stomping bluegrass music, noon-4 p.m.

Esparto - Festival Headquarters

- **Festival in the Park**
- **Local and regional crafters**
- **Almonds and other regional nuts for sale**
- **Olive oil tasting**
- **FFA pancake breakfast**
- **Library book sale**
- **Climbable hay pyramid**
- **Live Music; food vendors**
- **Vintage car show**
- **Almond baking contest**

Guinda

Western Yolo Grange (16787 Forrest Ave.):

- The Festival sweet spot with homemade almond sweets and savories, Almond Ice Cream and Grammy Wyatt's Almond Rocha
- **Crafters & artisans**
- **Music**
- **Petting Zoo**
- **Vintage engines and tractors**

Capay Valley Firefighters Association

- **Delicious oysters, shrimp and sausages**

Guinda Corner Store

- **Fresh-baked goods, groceries, sidewalk crafts, farmers market, live music.**

Guinda Commons Historic Restaurant and Bar

- **Southern barbeque menu featuring slow-cooked meats, handmade desserts**
- **Beer garden: 40 beers, ciders** • **Live music**

Brooks

- **Cache Creek Casino Resort**
- **Seka Hills Olive Oil Press/Winery**
- **Capay Valley Vineyards**

Capay

- **Live music & dancing**

Other Almond Festival information can be found throughout the paper.

Community Events during the Almond Festival

Esparto

- Nuts and nut products for tasting, buying.
- Olive oil tasting.
- Vendors: crafters & artisans.
- Friends of the Library annual book sale.
- Non-profit organizations with informational booths.
- FFA breakfast, food vendors, beer garden, climbable hay pyramid.
- Children's activities: try various nut cracking machines.
- Blacksmithing.
- Go-cart track (potential).
- Almond Dessert Bake-off with cash prizes.
- Vintage Car Show.
- Live Music.

(All events are subject to change; festival will be held rain or shine!)

Guinda

Western Yolo Grange

- The Festival sweet spot with homemade sweets, inside & out including homemade Almond Ice Cream, Grammy Wyatt's Almond Rocha.
- Crafters & artisans, jewelry, quilts, blacksmith wares.
- Music on stage!
- Local farm animals. Touch wool on a sheep. Our local 4-H will staff this petting zoo.
- Vintage engines and tractors.
- Come enjoy the warm hospitality of a nearly 100 year old building & tradition!

Capay Valley Firefighters Association at Guinda Fire Hall

- Serving delicious oysters, shrimp and sausages.

Guinda Corner Store

- Grand Opening with New Owners and live music.
- Offering fresh baked goods and groceries.
- Vendors will include local crafts and farm fresh food.

Guinda Commons

- Visit this historic restaurant and bar offering Southern barbeque menu featuring slow cooked meats, handmade sides & desserts and a beer garden.

Rumsey Improvement Association

- **Wood-fired Pizza Oven:** Serving breakfast and savory pizzas using local ingredients. Time: 9:30 -3pm.
- **Local Art Show:** The historic Rumsey Hall will feature art work from local award winning artists. Time: 9-5.
- **Children's Area:** Hands-on activities for children of all ages including grain grinding and much more! Time: 11-3.
- **Silent Auction:** An array of gift baskets, plants and "experiences" will be auctioned off in the hall. Time: 9-4;
- **For Sale:** Homemade Baked Goods and Café Almond Mochas will be sold in Rumsey Hall. Time: 9-5.
- **Sheep to Shawl Demonstration:** Local experts spin wool from sheep into a woven shawl. Time: 11-3.
- **Rumsey Town Hall Slideshow:** The old town hall was renovated by a group of dedicated valley-ites. Time: 9-5.
- **Viewing of the Historic Opera House Stage Curtain:** See the original painted curtains from the Hall. Time: 9-5.
- **Local Sausage Sandwiches:** Sausage sandwiches will be served all day with salad, beans, and desserts. Time: 11-5.
- **Dancing:** Dance to the music of the Heel Draggers, providing great bluegrass music. Time: 12-4.
- **Craft Vendor and Farmers Market Booths:** Local crafters and farmers will be on hand to sell delicious and beautiful wares. Time: 9-5.

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Presidents' Day on February 17



CAPAY VALLEY VISION

Preserving a sense of place

Capay Valley Vision 2014 Community Projects

Capay Valley Vision was created to enhance ongoing communications within the communities of the Capay Valley. Reflecting all opinions and searching for a common ground on community issues and vision, CVV recognizes that change is inevitable. The organization works to manage and guide change in a way that best preserves the Valley's rural character, agriculture, history and natural environment while supporting a vital, local economy.

The Capay Valley Vision Board of Directors met in January to discuss the 2014 year's priorities and projects deemed important to our communities. In keeping with our mission and the reason for our creation, the following projects were adopted for this year.....

Broadband Access: Did you know that 90 percent of the country has full-on and adequate Broadband Access? The remaining 10 percent of the country without adequate access are the rural areas and that is US! Yolo County has received resources to look into the needs and inadequacies in the County with emphasis on its rural locations. There was a meeting for business owners and residents on January 29 at the Esparto Library where county consultants interviewed both Winters and Capay Valley community members. The information will be used to garner support for more adequate access. There is a survey that needs filling out. These will help correct the CA Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) incorrect mapping of access. Go to www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=2504.

Small Farm Trail Map: The Ag Task Force (a CVV committee chaired by Paul Muller) is meeting on February 6. They will discuss the upcoming Capay Valley Trail Map project sponsored by a grant given to the UCD Small Farm and Agritourism Continuing Education Department. The meeting is open to everyone and your input is vital to the project's success in creating better agricultural education and economic opportunity for the Capay Valley. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and is held in the LBL room of the Adams building across from Ace Hardware at 16856 Yolo Avenue in Esparto.

Parks and Recreation Project: If there is one common thread that runs through the Valley, it is the recognition that there is not much for the youth of our communities to do. Recently, the Board of Supervisors approved "in concept" proceeding with plans to complete the fund development to add to the already available \$2.9 million grant and build a recreational park that would serve the Capay Valley and Madison for many years to come. An endowment has been set up with a major donation from a local foundation in concert with WYORCA.

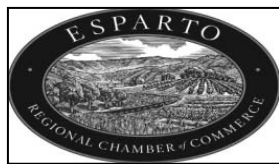
Healthcare Access: A major grant application to fund a new healthcare clinic in Esparto was written and submitted, but was denied. However, that was just the first round of efforts to get funding for a clinic that can provide emergency, x-ray, pharmacy and general medical services in Esparto. Look for more information and work in the health care arena.

Esparto Childcare Center: The lack of childcare is a major issue in the Valley. A First Five Grant to study the situation was awarded and implemented last year. RISE and Capay Valley Vision are working on a very do-able program that will offer childcare to fill the void in our communities.

West of 505: CVV and the City of Winters have begun a partnership of sharing resources and working together to make a bigger impact on such projects as broadband access, economic development and workshops. One recent example was a cyber bullying workshop at the Esparto High School. Special thanks to Mayor Cecilia Aguilar-Curry and her energetic staff for sharing the networking, connections and services that can benefit all of us.

The hardworking CVV Board include: President Lynn Rolston; Vice President Sue Heitman; Secretary Betsy Marchand; Treasurer Barry Burns; Members Vicki Murphy, Alice Meserve Manas, Jack Moris, Kristine Stanfill, James Kinter, Tico Zendejas, Paul Muller, Trini Campbell, and Bonnie Stormont.

For more information or questions and comments, please call CVV Executive Director Nancy Pennebaker at 916/475-6408 or email nancy.pennebaker@gmail.com



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Crafts, artistry and foods to be featured in Esparto for the Almond Festival!

*Tamales, Tacos, Hibiscus Tea...*These local foods would be very welcome. *Aprons, paintings, photographs, quilts, woodwork...*bring it on! *Not enough nuts to take to Mariani's?* Join up with other small scale farms and form a table showcasing your mixed nuts...visitors are requesting more nuts. The fees for vending crafts and food have been significantly reduced to encourage local participation. Stop in at the Chamber offices or download an application from our website:

www.espartoregionalchamber.com

Cooking Contest

The Chamber is sponsoring an almond cooking contest with cash and other prizes. Rumsey House B&B will award \$100 to the adult winner in the dessert category; \$50 to the winner in the student (elementary through high school) category; and your name and recipe will be featured in an upcoming Valley Voice article. Applications can be picked up at your school office, the Chamber office, or online at our website:

www.espartoregionalchamber.com

Successful "Fam" Tour for Contra Costa Times

The Contra Costa Times is preparing an article about our valley to precede the Almond Festival. Camilla Barry, Chamber Director, led a successful tour for reporter Martha Ross and her photographer. This sort of tour is known as a "Fam tour" (familiarization tour) and is part of the curriculum in the agritourism classes Camilla has been attending. Local foods were tasted, historic buildings along the way were seen, a ride along Cache Creek was taken, interviewed farmers, and visited farm shops. Martha wants her readers to know about places to visit during the Almond Festival...and other times, too. If your business wasn't visited, you are welcome to send email photos and a description of your business to mross@bayareanewsgroup.com. If you'd like to be included on future tours, or if you know other newspaper editors we could contact, contact Camilla Barry at the Chamber office. (787-3242)

Submitted by Camilla Barry, Executive Director, ERCC

News from Esparto Unified School District Aida Buelna, Superintendent



We are personally inviting you to partner with Esparto High School and the Athletic Boosters for our 22nd Annual Esparto High School Athletics Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be at Wild Horse Golf Club in Davis, California on Saturday, June 21 at 8:00 a.m. We hope to have 72-100 participants playing this year. It is our hope to bring together the community with the goal of raising funds for Esparto Athletics. We believe the community is vital to our success and plays an important role in the future of Esparto Athletics. We hope to partner with you in one of the following ways:

Gold Sponsors: \$1000.00

- Four player entries
- Company name with logo to be posted on a tee box
- Sponsor tournament event of your choice: Longest Drive, Closet to Pin, etc.
- Sponsor recognition during the awards banquet

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- Two player entries
- Sponsor Tournament event of your choice: Longest Drive, Closet to Pin, etc.
- Sponsor recognition during awards banquet

Hole Sponsors: \$250.00

- Company name with logo to be posted on a tee box
- Holes #1, 9, 18 Will cost \$400 sponsorship

Product Sponsor: Product Gift For Raffle

- Sponsor recognition during banquet

Proceeds from this tournament will allow Esparto High School to provide student athletes with equipment, uniforms, entry fees for tournaments, transportation and awards. All athletic teams and the Cheer squad will benefit from the proceeds made from this tournament. With your generous sponsorship and participation this event will help accomplish our vision. Believe me when I say, every little bit counts.

A copy of the registration form can be found on page 11 of this issue. Please feel free to pass it along. If you choose to become a sponsor, please send your check, payable to Esparto High School Athletics, to 26675 Plainfield Street, Esparto CA, 95627 or contact Aida Buelna at (530) 787-3446 before May 30, 2014. We would be glad to personally meet with you, should you have any question or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your time and support. We hope to hear from you very soon.

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News from Esparto K8 School

Veronica Michael, M.Ed., Principal

We have reached the halfway mark of the year! This time has approached quickly. We are now in transition to really begin preparing for our spring assessments. As this time gets closer, we will be sending home information and schedules so that you are aware of your student's academic demands.

Our PTA is in need of a new Board. At this time, we do not have anyone slated to run. We cannot maintain a PTA without a Board. I encourage anyone who is interested in being on the PTA Board to see me for information. This important organization does so much for our school; it would be truly unfortunate to see it disappear.

Our next School Site Council and English Learners Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Time and location will be posted soon.

It is with great pride that I am able to invite parents to check out our new computer lab. Susie Hedrick, our IT person and the custodial staff have worked diligently to get this up and running. Many thanks go out to them. We are all super excited to have such a great addition to our campus.

Also, please join me in welcoming Mr. Chris Smith. He will be teaching our 7th and 8th grade technology elective in the south campus computer lab. Mr. Smith, or Coach, as he prefers to be called, comes to us with much technology, administrative and instructional experience. Please introduce yourself to him if you run into him on campus.

Now is the time to pre-order your tickets for the spring live and silent auction. The Polynesian themed auction is Saturday, May 3, 2014. Tickets are \$25.00/person or a table for 10 for \$225.00. Please see Mrs. Michael or Mrs. Phifer if you are interested in purchasing your tickets early. Also, if you have a product or service that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact the school office 787-3417. Thank you for supporting this very fun and worthwhile event.

As some of you may know, I have revived the student travel program for 5-8 graders. Students at EK8 have traveled to Washington D.C., and this spring, more students will be traveling to New York City. The next trip that I am planning is to Boston in the spring of 2015. I will be having an informational meeting for this trip on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 11 on the north campus. I have worked with EF Explore America each time and they have proven to be a responsive, quality company. By planning so far ahead, payment for the trip becomes more manageable through a payment plan. I encourage all interested families to attend. I will extend the trip to 4th -12th graders who are interested.

Please remember that Friday, February 14 and February 17, 2014 are holidays. Minimum days for February are February 10 and 24.

NOTICE OF YOLO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA).

- Do you know someone with a disability that may be affecting their learning?
- Individuals with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education.
- If you have someone in your home or know of someone, birth through 21, who may have a physical, intellectual, emotional, or communication problem, please contact your local public school of residence for assistance.

Submitted by the Yolo County Selpa Office



A vertical advertisement for Road Trip Bar & Grill. At the top, the logo "Road Trip" is in a stylized font, with "BAR & GRILL" in a smaller font below it. The background features a large, detailed image of a hibiscus flower. The text reads: "Don't Forget Valentine's Day - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY". Below this, it says "The 99th Annual Almond Festival WEEKEND CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 22 - 23". The schedule for the weekend is: "SATURDAY, 2/22 STEEL SHOT BAND 12PM - 4PM" and "SUNDAY, 2/23 TERRY SHEETS BAND 12PM - 4PM". At the bottom, it says "COME JOIN US FOR AT THE ALMOND FESTIVAL GREAT FOOD - GREAT FUN - LIVE MUSIC - WEATHER PERMITTING". The address and contact information are: "24989 State Hwy. 16 • Capay, CA • [530] 796-3778 ROADTRIPBG.COM".

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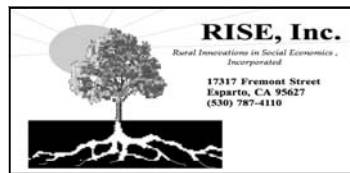
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- Parent-Child Activities
 - Story time
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Countryside Church Social Hall
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EXPERIENCIA PRE-ESCOLAR

- Actividades para Padres-Niños
 - Tiempo de Cuentos
 - Arte Educativo
- Lunes 11:15 a.m.—12:15 a.m.**
Countryside Church Social Hall
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Submitted by the RISE Staff



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In the tradition of the Esparto-Capay Valley Region...
It's Back!

Almond Festival Dance

Hosted by the Esparto-Capay Valley Boosters
Non-Profit Tax ID#: 46-3056271
Proceeds benefit youth in the Esparto-Capay Valley 4-H program

Friday, February 21st
Madison Town Hall
Time: 6:30-11:00 pm

Music by The Terry Sheets Band
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Attendees must be Age 21 and Over
No-host Bar will be available

Advance ticket purchase of \$15 includes casual appetizers
and one free drink ticket

Limited tickets for sale advance purchase recommended

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- Milliron Feed, Esparto
- Manas Meat Market, Esparto
- Hayes Feed, Woodland
- First Northern Bank, Woodland
- First Northern Bank, Winters

For Tickets or More Information Contact:
Heather Echarte (530) 787-4332 or Gretchen Adan (530) 723-8600

**Almond Festival
Countryside Community Church Country Store**



Countryside Community Church's Country Store
will be open during the Almond Festival on
February 23rd from 7am to 4pm.

- There will be:
- Free Coffee
 - Sweets
 - Plants
 - Fabric
 - Homemade Crafts
 - And many more items for sale!

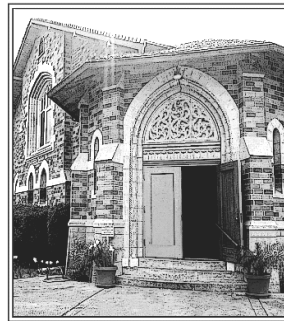
You can also buy raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-Crafted quilt.
Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Meanwhile, if there are items that
you would like to donate to the Church's Country Store, please give
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FFA Students Visit Universal Tech Institute

Led by Mr. Charlie Abee, Ag teacher at Esparto High School, 28 students went to Universal Technical Institute (UTI) on Wednesday, December 18. Mr. Tracy Kilby of UTI addressed the students about making life choices and explained to them that UTI was a life choice they could make. He explained to them what made UTI different than other schools was that they have partnerships with some of the leading automotive manufacturers in the industry, Porsche, Ford, Toyota, International and Caterpillar. He explained to students that diesel technology is a huge industry and is in need of qualified technicians. Students learned about the success rates of UTI graduates. The students then broke into two groups and visited the general automotive shop.

Students saw a small block 350 Chevy engine that was tuned to get maximum horsepower out of it. It was exhilarating for students to listen to the engine roar. Students visited the diesel shop and were able to tour through the shop. The group learned about how diesel engines are used by hospitals to generate power, and by trains and ships that haul equipment and supplies.

The group then went through the diesel truck chassis and brake shop where students got to go into a pit and look at a diesel truck from underneath. We then went through the hydraulic shop where Tracy Kilby explained how many people working on agriculture and construction equipment encountered hydraulics and were having to fix them, so UTI stepped up and developed a hydraulics program. Students felt the chill when we they entered the refrigeration shop and learned about how refrigerated trailers haul produce, meat, and other perishable items.

Submitted by Esparto High School Staff

Spartan Follies Talent Show

On the heels of a very successful Winter production, EHS MAD Club presents the 7th Annual Spartan Follies Talent Show on Friday, February 21 With so many talented students and staff members, Spartan Follies is guaranteed to be a night filled with fun, laughter and applause.

Scheduled to appear are Broadway-style numbers, hilarious comedy acts, some amazing singers and musicians-- maybe even a surprise or two from the EHS teachers and staff. You won't want to miss this on Friday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Come early to get a good seat!

Submitted by Tracy Nash

FFA Almond Festival Breakfast

It is that time once again for the Almond Festival, and what a better way to start it off than by getting a great breakfast. After all, it is the most important meal of the day. Come on over to the Esparto High School Gym between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday February 23 for one of the best breakfasts around.

Esparto FFA members will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausage, and juice milk or coffee for \$5.00 or upgrade to the big breakfast and get pancakes and an omelet, and milk, juice or coffee. There's no better way to start the day than having a great breakfast with great company and supporting a great youth organization.

Submitted by Charlie Abee EHS Ag Teacher

The Donkeys are Coming!!

The Donkeys are coming back to Esparto High School Gym on February 27 at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and see the Esparto FFA take on the Woodland FFA in the battle of the blue and orange.

Tickets are on sale in the EHS Agriculture Department or from any FFA member. Advanced ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids (Grades 7-12) and \$4.00 for children (Grades k-6). Ticket prices will go up by a dollar at the door. Come out to support your favorite player, have a burger from our snack bar, applaud the 2014 Esparto FFA Sweetheart, and have a downright good time.

Submitted by Charlie Abee, EHS Ag Teacher

Esparto FFA Canned Food Drive

During the month of December the Esparto FFA members held their 2nd Annual Community Canned Food Drive at school and throughout the community. FFA Members had class competitions to see which class could bring in the most cans. They also went out into the community and asked for canned food donations as well. With community and class support over 1000 canned food items were brought in that were donated to the Food Pantry at Countryside Community Church. These were used in the Food Basket donations at Christmas time. The Esparto FFA would like to thank the community for stepping up to the challenge and contributing to a worthy cause.

(See related article on pg. 15).

Submitted by Charlie Abee, EHS Ag Teacher

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Mariesa Cramer

Mariesa Cramer, a resident of Madison, is the daughter of Erica and Rusty Cramer. An accomplished senior at Esparto High School, Mariesa is involved in both sports and leadership activities. She is a member of the Future Farmers of America, the Early Academic Outreach Program, the California Junior Livestock Association, and the Associated Student Body.

Currently, Mariesa is serving as the Associated Student Body's Treasurer and Senior Class Vice President. Additionally, Mariesa is a talented varsity cheerleader and volunteers as a Junior Spartans cheerleading coach. Outside of high school, she is an involved member of the 4-H and has been awarded Grand Champion for both showmanship and her swine projects. She has also served as her 4-H club's president and Teen Leader.

In the future, Mariesa hopes to attend a university to study biology. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, bedazzling, and spending time with her friends and family. Mariesa's sponsor is CVC Swine.

**2014
Almond Queen Pageant**

The time has come to celebrate a handful of incredibly talented young women in the Capay Valley community. This year, five brave and wonderful young ladies will compete for the title of 2014 Almond Queen.

The pageant will be held on Saturday, February 15 at the Western Yolo Grange Hall in Guinda at 7:00 p.m. This time-honored tradition is in its 99th year and is sponsored by the Rumsey Improvement Association.

This year's pool of qualified candidates includes athletes, scholars, leaders, and community oriented seniors from Esparto High School. Join the entire Capay Valley in honoring these capable young women and celebrating this important community tradition.

Submitted by Hallie Muller, Almond Queen Pageant Coordinator



Makayla Shera

Makayla Shera, resident of Guinda, is the daughter of Steve and Traci Shera and the sister of Lizanne. An active senior at Esparto High School, Makayla is involved in the National Honor Society, Music, Art and Drama Club, the Newspaper Club, Associated Student Body, Culinary Club, and the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Makayla is an accomplished athlete and has served as captain for both the varsity cheerleading and volleyball teams. Additionally, she has been elected into positions of leadership by her peers, and has served as the Freshman class vice president, and treasurer for the drama program at Esparto High School.

Outside of Esparto High, Makayla is an involved member of the 4-H Club and the RISE Program. In the future, she hopes to attend Vanguard University to study kinesiology. In her spare time, Makayla enjoys fishing, hunting, riding horses, and abalone diving. Makayla is proudly sponsored by Dave Shera.



EllaRose Eldon

EllaRose Eldon lives in Brooks with her parents, Julie Rose and Jim Eldon, and is the sister of Miles Eldon. Ella is an adventurous and active senior at Esparto High School, and is involved in a wide variety of community organizations.

Ella is an active member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), Girl Scouts of America, Music, Art and Drama Club, and is a volunteer for the Hoes Down Harvest Festival. She has served as the FFA Chapter Treasurer and Secretary and was named the FFA's Freshman of the Year. In 2013, she spent the second semester in New Zealand as an AFS Semester Exchange student.

In the future, Ella plans on attending a university to study international economics or anthropology and pursuing a career that will allow her to travel the world. In her spare time, she enjoys participating in community service projects, traveling, and acting. Ella's sponsors are Sam and Caroline Bledsoe.



Lela Spiva (left)

Lela Spiva lives in Winters and is the daughter of Myrna (fiancé of Damon McClure) and Joe Spiva and sister to Travis Spiva and Nathan Covington. Lela is a talented member of the senior class at Esparto High School. She is an active member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) where she currently serves as the Esparto Chapter and Yolo Section secretary. Lela has received her State FFA Degree and was awarded the Gold Award for her Supervised Agriculture Experience project.

Additionally, Lela is involved in the Associated Student Body and is currently serving as the ASB Treasurer, yearbook editor, and yearbook photographer.

Outside of high school, Lela maintains a job at the Yolo Vet Clinic in Woodland. In the future, she hopes to attend a university to study journalism. In her spare time, Lela enjoys photography and furthering her education by taking classes at Woodland Community College. Lela is sponsored by Joe Gness.



Marlee Wallace (above right)

Marlee Wallace makes her home in Guinda with her aunt and uncle, Nancy Rodriguez and Domingo Perez. Also important to Marlee is her grandmother, Helen Stephens.

Marlee is an involved senior at Esparto High School where she has involved herself in a wide variety of leadership activities and athletics. She currently serves as the Associated Student Body president, the Music, Art and Drama club secretary, the layout editor of the Esparto High School Newspaper, and was previously captain of the cheerleading team. Marlee is also a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, serves as 4-H club leader, a member of the varsity soccer team, and is involved with the Guinda Food Bank.

In the future, Marlee plans to attend Azusa Pacific University to study cinematic arts production. In her spare time, she enjoys cheerleading, making arts and crafts, reading books, and spending time with her family. Marlee is proudly sponsored by Nick, Heather, and Joseph Echarte.



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Tickets may be purchased for \$1 at the Esparto Library during regular hours and during the Almond Festival Book Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The winner will be selected at the Hoes Down Harvest Festival in October. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. FERL is grateful for their continued support!

FERL Board meetings are open to the public. Community members interested in becoming a part of FERL leadership are welcome to attend. The next FERL Board meeting will be Tuesday February 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Esparto Library Wintun Room.

Submitted by Catherine Portman

News and Events from the Esparto Regional Library!



- ◆ **NextReads:** Yolo County Library's e-mail newsletter service. Are you looking for a few good books to read? Sign up for our e-newsletters and get great book suggestions by email. We'll deliver reading lists right to your inbox along with new gems, bestsellers, and related titles. Sign up at www.yolocountylibrary.org or call any branch of the library and we will help you get started.
 - ◆ **10 Books to Read - February:** Look for our new list of suggested books for children in the Picture book area.
 - ◆ **Special Programs at the Esparto Regional Library in February**
 - ◆ **Juan L. Sanchez Interactive Multilingual Music:** February 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room. Music for the whole family.
 - ◆ **Valentine Crafts:** February 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room. Fun for all creating cards and more.
 - ◆ **After School Movie Event:** Thursday February 20 at 3:00 p.m. Join us for **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2**.
- All afternoon programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library.

Recurring Programs at the Esparto Regional Library:

- ◆ Help your child get ready to read by attending our **Bilingual Story Time on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m.** Children ages 2 to 6 years, and their parents or caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, movement, rhymes and finger plays. It's never too early or too late to help your child develop language and other early literacy skills.
- ◆ **Cuentos Bilingües. Los Jueves a las 11:00 de la mañana. Cuentos, cantos , juegos y manualidades.**
- ◆ **The English Conversation Class** meets on Tuesday, 1:15-2:15 pm, in the Wintun Room. All English learners welcome. Practice your English in a group setting. Call for further information. 530-787-3426.
- ◆ Conversación en Ingles en la biblioteca de Esparto. Fechas y horas: Martes 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. La Biblioteca de Esparto esta en 17065 Yolo Ave. en Esparto. 530-787-3426. Un programa gratis de la Biblioteca del Condado de Yolo.

Please note that the Esparto Regional Library will be closed February 17, 2014 for Presidents' Day.
Submitted by Malinda Baker, Branch Supervisor, Esparto Regional Library



As of October 2010, California named its nutrition assistance program CalFresh, which was formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. This federally funded nutrition assistance program is for low-income families and individuals. To find out if you qualify for CalFresh, call RISE Inc. at 530-787-4110 for an appointment.



Des de octubre 2010, California denominó su programa de ayuda de nutrición asistencia CalFresh, que fue sabido anteriormente como el Programa de Cupón de alimentos. Este programa financió federalmente de ayuda de nutrición es para familias y individuos de ingresos bajos. Para averiguar si uste califica para CalFresh, llame a la oficina de RISE Inc. al numero 530-787-4110 para una cita.



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Contact: Aida Buelna @ 530-787-3446 or abuelna@espartok12.org

Family Contra Dance

Please save the date for a Family Contra Dance in Guinda on Saturday, March 1, sponsored by the Western Yolo Grange. The dance will be in the historic Guinda Grange Hall, well known for its wonderful wooden dance floor. Caller Erik Hoffman will be accompanied by local musicians Lewis Santer and Vince Wolfe (www.drivingwithfergus.com). Proceeds from the dance will support restoration of the Hall.

What is Contra Dancing? Contra Dancing is a form of American folk dance popular in the 1800s, in which the dancers form a set of two parallel lines which run the length of the hall. It is similar to square dancing, but not limited to 4 partners in a set. Each dance is taught by the caller before it is danced, and is prompted as needed during the dance.

Beginners are welcome and you don't need to come with a partner as dancers are encouraged to dance with many different partners throughout the evening. The dances have a relaxed, family-like atmosphere and are FUN! Dress is informal, and comfortable shoes are recommended. The live music consists of traditional jigs, reels, and hornpipes from the Scots-Irish tradition, with fiddle often as the lead instrument.

Admission is charged to pay for the caller, musicians, and to help fund hall restoration.

Location: Guinda Grange Hall, 16787 Forest Ave, Guinda 95637

Date: Saturday March 1, 2014

Time: Lesson 6:30 p.m., Dance 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 Adult, \$25 Family, \$5 High school student, Children 13 and under accompanying family members are free.

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Submitted by Western Yolo Grange



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County Board of Supervisors Seeking Applications for General Plan Advisory Committees

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is currently seeking applications for vacancies on the Capay Valley, Esparto and Madison General Plan Citizens' Advisory Committees. The vacancies are for representatives from Capay Valley, Esparto and Madison.

Duties include: To provide a community forum and opportunity to comment and make recommendations on any discretionary projects, which are being considered for action by the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Planning and Public Works Department on future land use within these areas.

For a committee application and further information please visit [www.yolocounty.org>Government>Board of Supervisors>Advisory Bodies](http://www.yolocounty.org/Government/Board%20of%20Supervisors/Advisory%20Bodies) or call the Clerk of the Board's office at (530) 666-8195 or contact District 5 at (530) 666-8226.

Submitted by Lupita Ramirez, Deputy Clerk Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Yolo Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee Funding Available

The State of California has allocated \$120,201.78, including unspent funds from prior years, to the Yolo Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to award as grants to local agencies in Yolo County affected by tribal gaming. The committee is now accepting applications for grant funding.

Chapter 746, Statutes of 2013 appropriated \$9.1 million statewide from the state Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committees (IGLCBCs) for the purpose of providing grants to local government agencies affected by tribal casinos.

The Yolo IGLCBC consists of seven members who represent Yolo County, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and the general public. The IGLCBC is charged with establishing application policies and procedures and assessing eligibility of applications for local government grants from the Special Distribution Fund.

The IGLCBC can only make grants for projects that alleviate impacts from casinos on local government jurisdictions. For projects that also provide broader benefits to the community, IGLCBC grant funds can only be used to pay for the proportionate share of the project that directly addresses a casino impact.

Priority areas for the receipt of grant funding include: law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, environmental impacts, water supplies, waste disposal, behavioral health, planning and adjacent land uses, public health, roads, recreation and youth programs, and child care programs.

Applications for funding must be received by the committee, care of the Yolo County Administrator's Office, at 625 Court Street, Room 202, Woodland, CA 95695 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014.

Application forms and instructions are available online at:
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11:00: Lunch
- February 13** 9:00: Coffee
9:30: Valentine’s Day Auction
11:00: Lunch
- February 18** 9:00: Coffee
9:30: Calagrability Arthritis Prevention and Treatment
Stretches and Exercises Low Impact
11:00: Lunch
- February 20** 9:00: Coffee
9:30: Floral Decoration with Jim Schulte
11:00: Lunch
- February 25** 9:00: Coffee & Stretch
10:00: Nutrition with Anel
11:00: Lunch
- February 27** 9:00: Coffee & Exercise
10:00: Visiting Nurse Speaker
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Call Beth at 787-4110 for updates and information.

Submitted by the RISE Staff

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Once again many community organizations rallied together to provide food for the community and gifts for children. Donations were received from the Yolo County Food Bank, Countryside Community Church, Renegade Classic Toy Run, Yolo Masons, St. Martin’s Catholic Church, Yolo County Sheriffs, and the Winters branch of First Northern Bank, especially Linda Barbosa and the staff at the bank, and all of the many community volunteers and anonymous donors.

In November, 240 Thanksgiving Food Boxes were handed out to families in the Esparto and Winters regions. During the December holiday season, 315 families received food boxes and 500 children received toys. RISE, Inc. would like to thank everyone who helped to make the holidays a little brighter for families in our area.

Also, Countryside Community Church Food Closet would especially like to thank the Esparto Community, the local FFA students and teachers, the Yolo County Food Bank, and the volunteers who assisted with collecting, sorting, donating and distributing the Christmas Food Boxes to our local Madison, Esparto, Capay Valley and Winters families. Many people were served due to the collective generous efforts of many groups and individuals. Thank you very much!

Submitted by the RISE Staff and Countryside Community Church



Middle school students helped prepare toys to be given to local children at Christmas.



Pet Adoption Corner

Have a pet that needs adopting? A litter of kittens? You are moving and need to find a new home for a cat or dog? Just lost a pet and want a new one? Send in the information and we will place it in this space.

All notices must be received by the 20th of each month for the next month's paper. Send to valleyvoice2@hotmail.com. Editor reserves the right to edit any notice. Send a picture if desired. Please give contact information. Adoptions are strictly between individuals.

Editor



Fred is a bundle of Chihuahua personality! He weighs about 5 lbs, but that doesn't stop him from enjoying life to the fullest!

Fred came into the shelter with an injured leg—we think he was hit by a car. The leg could not be repaired, so it has been amputated. Fred does not mind having only three legs.

Fred would prefer to be the only dog so he doesn't have to share the covers when he curls up with his person on a chilly fall evening. He likes to watch TV, even though he doesn't really understand what's going on. (We think it's the couch and the comforter he really enjoys.) He is a ball of fun, has a wonderful personality, and would make a great canine companion!

Anastasia is a grey Domestic Short Hair polydactyl female with 22 toes who was born around September 14, 2013. Though she needs time to warm up to new people, she is a sweetheart who loves to cuddle once she's comfortable. Anastasia's favorite activity is eating, and she gets very excited when a new can of wet food is opened! She also adores other cats and will happily play or cuddle with them whenever possible. Anastasia's best friend is her sister, Thumbelina, and she would be thrilled to find a home with her! This sweet, gentle kitten is looking for a patient home that will give her all the love and attention she deserves!



George is a beautiful flame point Siamese mix male with plush silky fur who was born around October 26, 2012. As a survivor of rough times, he can be cautious at first, but warms up fast. George likes to pretend to be tough but once someone begins petting him he cannot help but to purr and become a little ragdoll in your arms. He loves to voice his thoughts loudly and will often meow to let people know how he feels. Although primarily a lap cat, George is also playful and loves to chase a laser pointer all over the place. He's friendly and sweet, doing well with calm adults and cats. Slightly skittish, George would love a quiet home with experienced owners that will love him as much as he loves them.

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 yolospca.org. Please contact Yolo County SPCA at cats@yolospc.org or dogs@yolospc.org.

Reminder

All articles, ads, and announcements and payments for this paper are due to the following email address by the 20th of each month for publication in the next month's Valley Voice. Send to valleyvoice2@hotmail.com. Payments for ads are also due by the 20th of each month.

Calendar for February 2014

- February 6: Ag Task Force meeting in LBL Room at 6:00 p.m.
- February 7: Juan Sanchez Multilingual Music at 3:00 p.m. at library.
- February 10: Boston trip meeting at 6:00 in Rm. 11 at Esparto K8
- February 10: Minimum day for Esparto Schools
- February 11: Valentine Crafts at library at 3:00 p.m.
- February 14: Valentines Day
- February 14: Holiday for Esparto Schools
- February 15: Almond Queen Pageant at Guinda Grange Hall at 7:00
- February 17: Presidents' Holiday
- February 17: Holiday for Esparto Schools
- February 19: Esparto K8 School SSC and ELL meeting
- February 20: Movie at Library at 3:00 p.m.
- February 21: Almond Festival Dance at Madison Town Hall at 6:30
- February 21: Spartan Follies Talent Show at EHS at 6:30 p.m.
- February 23: Almond Festival (all day)
- February 24: Minimum day for Esparto Schools



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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: next to the Esparto Grab 'n Go Market at 16814 Fremont Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00 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 Alice Marsh Hall at the Esparto High School.

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

Capay Valley Vision Board: meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the CVV office at 5:30.

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.

Early Learning Center Program: held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Countryside Community Church

ECV Joseph Zumwalt Chapter 169: meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Rose's Island in Esparto. Must be a Clamper. 681-3412 for info.

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 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00 to 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 2nd Wednesday at the Chamber Office on Yolo Avenue unless it is a mixer. (787-3242)

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

Esparto Writers' Group: meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Library at 6:00 p.m.

FFA Ag Boosters: meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag classroom at the high school.

Food and Clothes Closet: open on Wednesdays 9:00-12:00 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 each month from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the RISE office.

Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting: meets on the third Tuesday at 7:00 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 at the RISE office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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.

MEDI-CAL and Food Stamps Services: Wednesday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the RISE Inc. office. Call 787-4110 for appointments.

New Life Christian Center: Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m. with Junior Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for ages 5-10. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

On Fire Fellowship of Esparto: Sunday service at 11:00 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.

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: 7:00 p.m. on Saturday; English Mass: 8:30 a.m. on Sunday at St. Martin's Church on 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 building (except August).

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.

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