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Student Run Coffee Shop Comes to Esparto *Spartan Grounds Café*

A coffee shop is coming to town...*Spartan Grounds Café*.

This new establishment, under development, will be located at 16876 Yolo Avenue, just before the turn onto Woodland Avenue in Esparto.

The Spartan Grounds Café will be a local coffee shop for community members, students, passersby, and anyone in search of a nice place to relax and have a good cup of java.

In an interview with the Esparto Unified School District Superintendent Diego Ochoa, he said the coffee shop will provide several benefits. "There's not a place where you can sit down and have a cup of coffee. And that's essential for a community to have a place to sit and talk. The coffee shop is very much needed," said Ochoa.

The Advanced Culinary Class at Esparto High School will be putting in extra effort to prepare for the opening. Although at the moment the building is empty, it will be made ready for the opening with a comfortable setting and a welcome atmosphere that invites one to enjoy the new spot in town.

Students will work at Spartan Grounds under the guidance of Culinary Teacher Teresa Warde. Warde reveals that she hopes students will "achieve real world work experience." This opportunity will provide students with hands on job experience and skills for running a small business venture.

In addition, "it provides students an outlet to be creative and think about their future. For students starting to think about their future, this gives them an opportunity for job skills," expressed Ochoa.

Plans are in the process for the coffee shop to kick off development around the new year. The grand opening is not yet decided, but the sign posted on location reads "Coming Soon...Spartan Grounds Café."

Submitted by Haleigh Bei & Baylee Miller Spartan Scroll Staff Writers, Esparto High School

AYSO U14 Boys Team Do Well in Playoffs

On December 12 and 13 at the AYSO Sectional Tournament in Foster City, Capay Valley AYSO U14 Boys, the "Aztecas" advanced to the State Championship Game after an undefeated season.

They placed second in the Championship Game after a 4-3 loss to San Mateo. During the tournament they beat three excellent teams from around Bay Area regions that were 10-20 times the size of Esparto. They shut out Mountain View 2-0 in driving, windy rain!

You can imagine the other teams asking themselves, "Where is Capay?" They may not know where Capay is, but they know the soccer teams from the Capay Valley are to be respected.

Coach Sergio Miranda spend many hours preparing his team for every game. He is an outstanding AYSO volunteer who, despite not having the time to coach, found time anyway, and took 15 boys to the brink of the state championship. The Azteca boys played with great sportsmanship and represented Esparto, and the Capay Valley very well. Coach Miranda is already looking forward to taking his team to other tournaments throughout California.

Submitted by Brian Paddock.

Congratulations to this outstanding team!

January 2016



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RISE, Inc. is proud to announce the launch of their new website. The new website will provide information about RISE, Inc. services and programs in English and Spanish. Along with employee contact information, the website also includes a Valley Voice archive. This new resource will allow RISE, Inc. to better serve the communities of Western Yolo County.

Along with the new website all RISE Inc. employees will have new e-mail addresses. Each employee e-mail address will change to @riseinc.org instead of @riseincservices.org. If you have any trouble reaching RISE, Inc. employees please contact us at info@riseinc.org or (530) 787-4110. Submitted by RISE Staff

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Happy New Year from Capay Valley Vision

Happy New Year! Capay Valley Vision, working along with other local non-profit organizations, is looking forward to a busy year finishing up the construction on the new Esparto Childcare Center, moving the Park and Pool construction forward, developing plans for an updated Healthcare Clinic, zeroing in on grant opportunities and holding town meetings to update our 2000 consensus document. The town hall meetings will be held throughout the Capay Valley from Madison to Rumsey. This is a chance for everyone to share concerns, issues and dreams for our beautiful Capay Valley. The new information from your input will be used to set a new strategic plan that lists priorities based on this information-gathering process.

At our recent December board meeting new leaders were elected. Alice Manas Meserve (Esparto) will be our new board President, Leo Resfold (Madison) will be our new Vice President, Sue Heitman will be Treasurer (Capay) and Betsy Marchand (at large) will be Secretary. I would like to extend my deep appreciation to our out-going officers: Sue Heitman (past president), Giacomo Moris (Vice President and Lynn Rolston (treasurer) and I am very excited to be working with our new board officers as we meet the challenges and opportunities of the New Year.

One of the capabilities that a non-profit organization has is to be a vehicle for other projects and grant opportunities that require a formal administrative process. CVV has represented many grant projects throughout its existence. The 678 Art Street project is a recent program that is being administered through our non profit organizational structure.

With various types of support (financial, administratively, or marketing) from the Heitman Foundation, Countryside Community Church, RISE and the Esparto Unified School District, the first month of this after-school arts program for middle-school children, was a huge success. Teacher and project Executive Director Trish Gustafson-Ayala worked with more than 35 junior high students four afternoons a week to produce beautiful art pieces to show on December 17. The new artists together earned more than \$500 from selling their creative pieces. Both the weekly, four-day program and the art show held in a classroom gallery at Countryside Community Church were very well attended. See photos on this page and the next January's art program announcement is on page 8 of this issue of the Valley Voice.

Submitted by Nancy Pennebaker, Executive Director of CVV

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Esparto Chamber of Commerce News

Thank you to all who made our holiday party a great success and a lot of fun. Special thanks to Mike Leonard and the Casino for putting on a wonderful spread at the golf club house. Thank you to all who brought raffle and silent auction items.

Thanks to Jim Durst and his helper Scott for putting up our Holiday banners.

The Almond Festival is quickly approaching. Please think of some time that you might be able to spend in the Chamber tent and encourage others to do the same. We are an all volunteer group and need as much help as possible.

February 28, 2016 is the date for the Almond Festival. Please mail your booth space requests to P. O. Box 194, Esparto, CA 95627.

Submitted by Pat Harrison

The pictures on these pages show attendees at the **678 Art Show** held on December 17 at the Countryside Community Church. The work of 35 middle school students was on display and for sale. This was a well-attended event in the community. See page 8 for the announcement of the next program.



Message from the Superintendent/Principal Diego Ochoa



Season's Greetings to all!

As we enter 2016, the teachers and staff of the Esparto Unified School District remain hard at work. The district's focus on preparing students for the upcoming Smarter Balanced exams remains strong. Our unified staff is working together to engage students in critical reading and writing activities throughout the curriculum.

There is renewed emphasis on technology training since the new exams are being administered on computers. With non-student days coming up in February and March, teachers and principals will work together to plan the teacher-training offered on those days.

Looking forward to the next few months and the achievements we'll be celebrating on the Smarter Balanced Exams!



Esparto Elementary School News
Erika St. Andre, Principal

December was a fun-filled and exciting month at Esparto Elementary School! We had a wonderful celebration of student success at our Trimester 1 Awards Assembly on 12/8/15. Students in 4th and 5th grades were recognized for Proficiency in English/Language Arts and Math, as well as for Perfect Attendance. We had many parents attend, as well as our 3rd grade classes, who will have this to look forward to next year. Our teachers' dedication to their students was evident in the many students who received certificates.

We also had the great pleasure of walking over to Esparto High School to watch a dress rehearsal of Santa's Eight. We even had a few stars in our midst, with Mrs. DeGand's 5th grade class serving as Reindeer in Training. It was a wonderful experience and our students were very impressed with the high school production.

(Pictured below are the 5th grade "reindeers" in the high school play, *Santa's Eight*.)



Esparto Middle School News
Hortencia Phifer, Principal

It is time to embrace new goals and set New Year resolutions for the 2016 school year! With the ending of a year, we are granted the gift of reflection. Let us take this time to reflect on how far we have traveled in our personal journeys and celebrate the hard work that has gotten us all this far.

All of our EMS students have been working diligently this year to assess with the released CAASPP practice questions this year. Teachers are using the raw data to help drive the instruction, review and reteach key standards across the core classes. This year, we as a district have made assessments a priority in helping us determine the needs of our students. We have developed an assessment calendar which is posted for families on our website.

EMS Staff has also had the opportunity to work on professional development in creating Data Based Questions across all core subjects. Our students are learning to write on demand and defend their responses using evidence from various sources.

I hope that all of our staff and students take the time to rest and rejuvenate over winter break so we are all ready to return stronger and more focused to finish out the year!

The EMS Wildcat Wrestling season is in full effect and we are so pleased to have our Coaches, Curtis Lawrence with the assistance of Jeff Farnham, back this year! These coaches give so much of themselves so that our students can have a wrestling program. Our wrestling program includes Esparto Elementary students as well. If you have not come out to see this amazing team, please save the date and come check us out. We hosted our first match December 16 and will host one again on January 13 in the EMS Gym. We are also in the midst of 8th grade boys and girls basketball season, please visit our website for more information and schedules. Thank you to our dedicated coaching staff, Julie Sagara and Coach Smith!

(Pictured on this page are the middle school wrestlers.)



Santa's Eight A Fun Production

Santa's Eight, the winter production of the Esparto High School's MAD Clubs, was a winning event for the community. Many, many students took part in this amusing, and well-done production. The sets were incredible, the acting and singing were well-done by the students, and it appeared that everyone had a great time performing in this original play.

Wayne Hall, author of the play, and Tracy Nash, director, produced a polished and very funny theater experience for all attendees. Many community members helped in a variety of ways throughout the preparation and final performances.

It was great to see the 5th graders who performed and sang as reindeer at the beginning of the play. Congratulations to all who participated in this. Editor

Drought Housing Relocation Funds Approved

The California Department of Housing & Community Development has awarded \$150,000 to Yolo County to provide relocation assistance to Yolo County residents without access to potable water as a result of the drought.

This award, from the Community Development Block Program, is part of the Drought Housing Relocation Assistance Program which was established under the governor's drought state of emergency to assist eligible households, renters and homeowners in relocating and receiving rental assistance for 12 months in the event they lack reasonable access to potable water as a result of the drought. The program also provides assistance with security deposits, last month's rent and a one-time moving cost allowance.

The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES), which is responsible for the planning, preparation and coordination of large-scale emergencies throughout the county, will have oversight of the program as they also manage groundwater/dry well issues. Yolo County Housing, however, will carry out the program since they have provided quality affordable housing and community development services for 65 years.

"Most Yolo County residents living in the unincorporated areas rely heavily on wells for their water needs, and some of those wells are drying up," said Yolo County OES Coordinator Dana Carey. "This funding allows us to offer water assistance during a time when the drought has seriously impacted our communities."

Experts agree that the drought will not end in California with one wet winter. Even with the projection of an El Niño winter, the number of dry wells and residents seeking assistance is anticipated to increase throughout 2016 and beyond. For more information on eligibility criteria and program guidelines related to the Drought Housing Relocation Assistance Program, contact Yolo County OES at (530) 406-4930 or www.yolocounty.org/oes.

Submitted by Beth Gabor, Public Information Officer



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Happy New Year and Welcome to 2016!!! Veronica Michael, Principal



I hope that you all had a restful, joyful and eventful winter break.

We are coming very close to the end of the semester. Congratulations to **Heriberto Aguirre**, who has completed his coursework at Madison! We have many other students who have also made up enough credits to return to Esparto High School. I am so proud of these students. Their hard work and determination are paying off.

I need to recognize the Madison students for their efforts in the community. Madison students loaned a hand to help prepare for the community Thanksgiving meal sponsored by RISE, Inc. The service learning that the students are involved in is making a difference in the community and also a difference in the lives of the students themselves. They feel appreciated and included. So, if you see our students around town, let them know you appreciate their efforts.

Students recently took 2 of the 7 California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress (CAASPP) Interim Assessment Block (IAB) tests for English Language Arts (ELA): High School ELA—Edit Revise and High School ELA-- Read Information. In the coming weeks, students will finish the other five assessments and also complete the four mathematics assessments. The students are taking these assessments to measure progress in the academic standards and to prepare for statewide testing in the spring.

Student grade reports and updated transcripts will be available after January 15, 2016.

I wish you peace and all good things in the New Year!

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Rural Libraries Receives Increased Broadband Service

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The Yolo County Library obtained funds for these improvements through the State Library’s partnership with the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC). CENIC, along with Governor Brown and the legislature’s “Lighting Up Libraries” initiative, has allowed for the deployment of improved, lower cost broadband services to public libraries across the state, now including rural libraries within Yolo County.

By supporting the critical and long-term connectivity needs of Yolo County’s residents, users will be able to more easily access the Internet to job search, find local government or healthcare resources and engage in online education.

“I’ve noticed a lot more people at the library with their laptops,” said Maria Sandoval, staff at Yolo County’s Esparto Regional Library. “Customers can now open programs to do homework or use the Internet to find information much more quickly.”

With the remaining funds from CENIC, the library was able to purchase additional equipment which will increase broadband services to 10 gigabytes by July 2016 at both the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento and the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library.

“More than 120,000 people accessed the Internet at these two branches in 2014,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Customers are not only visiting our libraries to borrow materials, but to also access the Internet.”

The Yolo County Library continues to support the community and provide access to information and services. These changes are possible through support and partnerships with the community, Yolo County Library branches and the Friends of the Library. For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

Submitted by Beth Gabor, YC Public Information Officer.

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Rainfall Totals for 2015

2015 looks to be closing out as the third driest calendar year in 127 years of record-keeping here at Taber’s Corner. Over ten inches of rain fell last December; since then we have received just 7.35 inches. 2013 was the driest ever with only four-plus inches. Our average annual total is 22.64, so the short-fall in the present drought is tremendous.

It has been great to hear about the rainfall amounts in the foothills of the Mother Lode and to see the snow falling in the Sierra Nevada. Unfortunately, here in the Capay Valley, we are still waiting for El Nino to bring us the gift of moisture. (See chart to the right. These totals were taken at Taber’s Corner in the Capay Valley.)

Submitted by Harmon Taber

Driest Calendar Years

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Calendar
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2013	0.96	0.09	0.83	0.79	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.30	0.31	4.12
1976	0.40	0.45	1.37	0.88	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.31	0.31	0.19	0.52	1.27	5.71
2015	0.10	2.80	0.07	1.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.18	1.41	1.71	7.35
1923	2.16	0.69	0.01	2.68	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.86	0.24	0.40	1.13	8.26
1946	0.75	1.09	1.91	0.09	0.34	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.15	2.69	3.80	10.90
1989	0.79	0.98	4.51	0.24	0.17	0.21	0.00	0.00	2.70	1.96	1.26	0.00	12.82
1984	0.67	1.69	1.16	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.12	1.42	6.81	1.85	14.49
1971	2.05	0.05	2.47	0.43	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.08	1.12	7.54	14.79
1977	1.57	1.13	2.11	0.04	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.10	4.11	4.16	14.83

Yolo County Receives USDA Grant to Increase Local Foods in School Cafeterias



The Yolo County Agriculture Department's farm to school program is one of 74 projects, spanning 39 states, receiving support this year from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm to School Program to better connect school cafeterias and students with local farmers and ranchers. Yolo County's project received a \$93,500 grant which will impact 35,000 students in five Yolo County School districts, including Woodland, Esparto, Davis, West Sacramento and River Delta.

"Farm to school programs work – for schools, for producers and for communities," said USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By serving nutritious and locally grown foods, engaging students in hands-on lessons, and involving parents and community members, these programs provide children with a holistic experience that sets them up for a lifetime of healthy eating. With early results from our Farm to School Census indicating schools across the nation invested nearly \$600 million in local products, farm to school also provides a significant and reliable market for local farmers and ranchers."

The Yolo County Agriculture Department has a three year history of farm to school activities focusing on making the connection between local farms and school cafeterias. With this grant, Yolo County will continue to work jointly with each school district, as well as the UC Davis Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program, with the four major goals of:

1. Helping farmers acquire the required third party food safety Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification;
2. Providing funding directly to school districts;
3. Analyzing crop usage in school cafeterias;
4. And providing schools and farmers with a 'forager' to make the personal connection between the two.

"Schools and farms don't always speak the same language," said Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner John Young. "Having a 'forager' available as a 'translator' for schools and institutional buyers makes all the difference in terms of local procurement for schools."

Additionally, this grant will help a number of local farms get their third party Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety certification.

"Food safety standards are becoming stricter and farms frequently struggle to keep up with the requirements," said Yolo County Agriculture Department Project Director Kristy Lyn Levings. "This grant provides training and writing services directly to farms seeking their GAP certification which makes them eligible to do business with schools and other institutional buyers."

The project will run from December 2015 to December 2016. To find out more about Farm to School efforts in Yolo County, email

kristy.levings@yolocounty.org.

Submitted by Beth Gabor, YC Public Information Officer.

Almond Queen Pageant

The Almond Festival will be held on February 28, 2016. The annual Almond Queen Pageant will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Look for the names and pictures of the candidates for Almond Queen in the February edition of the Valley Voice.



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Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Story,

The Esparto Unified School District continues to receive much needed financial support from two distinguished graduates. The George W. & Isabel M. Story Charitable Fund recently gave an additional \$5000.00 to the Esparto Unified School District in support of mathematics and science education.

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FERL Board News

The FERL Board of Directors would like to thank the following donors for contributing to the Illuminate the Library event held on December 5. The annual event, which brightens and decorates the library during the holiday season, raised \$845 for enrichment programs in the arts and sciences held each month throughout the year at the Esparto Regional Library.

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On December 12, 2015 the annual **Children's Shopping Day** sponsored by FERL raised \$509. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated and to the children who made gift purchases. The event was a successful way to usher in the holiday season. Special appreciation to Becky Schwenger for coordinating the event.

The **FERL Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wintun Room of the Esparto Regional Library. FERL members and community members interested in learning more about FERL are invited to attend. The meeting agenda will include: board elections, a special program about the importance of art classes for children by Julie Karlonas, a review of 2015 FERL activities, and an overview of FERL's 2016 goals. Refreshments will be served. Contact FERL President Trini Campbell for additional information: (530) 249-0903 or trini@riverdofarm.com.

Submitted by Trini Campbell, FERL President

Esparto Regional Library Programs and Events in January



Come celebrate the New Year by attending these special programs held in January at Yolo County Library's Esparto Regional Library, located at 17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto:

All January: 'Fifteen Years, 15 Books' Reading Challenge. Celebrate the library's 15th Birthday by registering for the reading challenge at the circulation desk. Read and record 15 books by before April 2016 to receive a free Friends of the Esparto Regional Library book bag!

January 19: Afternoon Movie, 3:00 p.m. All children and their families are invited to view a family-friendly or teen-appropriate movie (G, PG or PG-13) at the library. For movie title call: (530) 787-3426.

January 21: Dana Smith: Comedy and Juggling, 3:15 p.m. This interactive family show includes comedy, juggling, hat tricks and other fabulous feats.

January 27: Children's Art Class with Julie, 3:30 p.m. Children are invited to enjoy a hands-on art class featuring Huichol yarn painting.

The following ongoing programs continue in January:

English Conversation Group: Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. Converse and improve your English in a fun and relaxed setting with the aid of a group facilitator. Drop-in visitors are always welcome.

Bi-lingual Story Time: Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Children ages 2-6 and their parents and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, movement, rhymes and finger-plays sponsored by First 5 Yolo. *Please note, there will be no story time on January 7.*

NOTICES: Yolo County Library branches will be closed on January 1 and 18 and will have a change in hours on January 25 (open only from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.).

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

Submitted by Malinda Baker and Beth Gabor





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

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*Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and
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 May all of our wishes come true.*



New income guidelines for October 1, 2015- September 30, 2016
Nuevas guías de ingreso para Octubre 1, 2015 – Septiembre 30, 2016

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

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**Free Tree Recycling at Landfill & Esparto
Recycling & Transfer Station
and Holiday Closures**

Free recycling of holiday trees (treecycling) is being offered to Yolo County residents at the Yolo County Central Landfill and the Esparto Recycling & Transfer Station from December 26 through January 15.

Trees are biodegradable and will eventually decompose to provide essential organic matter. Treecycling turns holiday trees into valuable renewable and recyclable resources. Trees to be recycled should be free of all ornaments, flocking, tinsel, garland and lights. There is a limit of two trees per resident for free recycling.

While recycling your tree, please remember that old electronics, such as computers, TVs and monitors, and paper, plastics, cans and bottles can also be recycled every day of operation at the Yolo County Central Landfill and the Esparto Recycling & Transfer Station.

The Yolo County Central Landfill, located at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland is closed on Christmas and New Year's days. Normal operating hours of the landfill are Mondays through Saturdays, 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Esparto Recycling & Transfer Station, located at 27075 County Road 19A in Esparto is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Help reduce waste in our community by kicking off the New Year utilizing these waste reduction programs sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Planning, Public Works and Environmental Services' Division of Integrated Waste Management. For more information, call (530) 666-8856 or visit, www.yolocounty.org (select Landfill button).

Submitted by Beth Gabor, YC Public Information Officer.



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**VALLEY SENIORS PROGRAM AT RISE
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If you are 55 or over, Please join us at RISE; 17317 Fremont Street in Esparto, next to Esparto Market and the D. Warren Insurance Agency.

**JOIN US ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS,
FROM 9:00A.M.-NOON
FOR FOOD, DAY TRIPS, HEALTH, EXERCISE, CLASSES &
INFORMATION:**

- January 5: 9:00 Auction/ Subasta
11:00 Lunch/Almuerzo
- January 6: 9:00 Book Club Meeting
Club de Libros
Choose a Book/ Elija un libro
- January 7: 9:00 Arts & Crafts/ Manualidades
Sharpie Coasters/ Sharpie Posavasos
11:00 Lunch/Almuerzo
- January 12: 9:00 Guest Speaker: Recycling/ Orador Invitado:
Reciclaje
Marissa Juhler Yolo County Landfill
11:00 Lunch/Almuerzo
- January 14: Field Trip/ Paseo: Disney Museum in San Francisco
- January 19: 9:00 Arts & Crafts/ Manualidades
Mason Jar Craft/ Mason Jar Artesanía
11:00 Lunch/Almuerzo
- January 21: 9:00 Movie Day/ Día de la película
11:00 Lunch/Almuerzo
- January 26: 9:00 Game Day/ Día de juego
11:00 Lunch/Almuerzo
- January 28: 9:00 Pot luck/Intercambio de comida
Birthday celebrations/Celebración de cumpleaños

FOR QUESTIONS AND UPDATES, please call RISE, Inc. at (530) 787-4110.



**Capay Valley Seniors
Creative Projects**

The Capay Valley Seniors had a fun-filled month in December making Nutcrackers out of terra cotta pots, as well as Christmas wreaths for their front doors. A big thank you to Annette May for the Nutcracker idea and instruction and to Jim Schulte for the branches for the wreaths as well as instructing us on how to make them! (See pictures below.)

Submitted by the RISE Staff



Needs and Services

The purpose of this column is to put those who are in need of something specific together with those who have a service to render or can fill the requested need.

Needs: for those who may need a place to stay, a house, an apartment, a room; or who need some specific work done; or who need some help with elder care, etc.

Services: for those who would like to do a specific work, or have special skills to offer; or who could help with someone moving; or would like to try the elder care field, etc.

If you would like to participate in this endeavor, it will be \$5.00 for up to two lines of an "ad". The request in writing should be emailed to this address (valleyvoice2@hotmail.com), or drop a written request at the RISE office at 17317 Fremont St. in Esparto. Payment needs to be made by the 20th of each month to be in the next edition. A contact number or email is necessary for the ad, and for us to be able to make contact, if needed.

Editor



SPCA Barn Cat Program

The Yolo County SPCA is reaching out for help in networking their barn cat program. Right now they have many cats in need of barn homes and your help is needed to spread the word about our program to help find these cats homes! Please feel free to share this with anyone and everyone you know who may be in a position to help provide a home to cats in need or help network this lifesaving program!

The barn cat program is the final safety net for cats with no other options at the Yolo County Animal Services shelter. This important program literally saves lives. This program also provides people with a natural, effective and powerful source of rodent control by nature's rodent specialists - cats!

All of the barn cats have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated with FVRCP and rabies, tested negative for Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS, microchipped and given flea control. There is no adoption fee but donations are gratefully accepted.

People don't need to have rural acreage and a barn to adopt a barn cat. Cats have been placed in businesses, residential neighborhoods and schools. The cats range from feral (wild) to friendly but with "quirks" that make them difficult to place in a standard adoption setting.

Please help us help these cats. Help spread the word so we can find homes for these cats in need. All help is very much appreciated.

Pet Adoption Corner

Pinkie (above right) is adorable! She's about 2 years old and is a spunky and vivacious girl. She gets along well with people and other dogs and has started to play with the dogs in her foster home. Once she's played a little bit, she is ready to cuddle in a lap and give her owner lots of affection. She's a wonderful girl and deserves her happy ending...will that be at your home? Pinkie would be best in a home with older kids (older than 15) and a home with some dog experience. She is a terrier and likes things on her terms!

Frankie, (below right) is our snuggly 3 year old Chihuahua/Toy Fox Terrier mix who weighs 9 lbs.—the perfect size for a lap dog! Frankie was found as a stray and was never claimed by an owner, despite being found clean and well-cared for. He just loves being with people and would love to curl up in your lap! He is good with other dogs and starts to play with them pretty quickly but would be fine as an only dog since he's such a people dog! Frankie has a playful side, and is often seen carrying tennis balls the size of his head around! He's a happy, boy who is ready to settle into somebody's lap for good! We think Frankie would do best in a home without children or with children over 12 years old.

Community Calendar for January 2016

January 1: New Year's Day

January 4: Esparto Schools Return from Winter Break

January 13: EMS Boys Wrestling Match at EMS Gym

January 14: FERL Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library

January 15: Last day of 1st Semester for Esparto High School

January 18: Martin Luther King Holiday

January 19: Movie at 3:00 p.m. at the Esparto Library

January 21: Dana Smith: Comedy and Juggling, 3:15 p.m. at the Library

January 25: Esparto Library open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. only


January 27: Children's Art Class with Julie at 3:30 p.m. at the Library



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




GOT MICE?



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

All of our cats are spayed/neutered and vaccinated. You provide daily food and water, protection from the elements and long-term care. After a short period of secure confinement, your barn cat will be ready to work.



In return for your care, barn cats will help keep rodents away from grain and food storage areas and you will be providing them a much needed home!

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

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 due by the 20th of each month.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Calvary Baptist Church: meets at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday at 17050 Omega Street in Esparto.

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

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

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

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

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

Capay Valley Vision Board: meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the CVV office at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food and Clothes Closet: open on Wednesdays 9:00-12:00 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 2nd Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at the Library.

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

Legal Services in Esparto: free services offered on the 1st Thursdays 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.

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

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

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

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.



January Calendar of Events is on Page 15.

