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ESPARTO RESIDENTS TAKE ACTION TO REVITALIZE TOWN

RENOVATION CELEBRATION HELD IN DOWNTOWN ESPARTO

Esparto community members came together to plan the future of their own town. During town meetings, it was determined that rural Esparto needed a revitalization organization to save historic buildings threatened by age and neglect. Had you been driving down the short main street in this local community a year ago, you would have encountered a road closed sign and detour as a result of a former hardware store that was in jeopardy of collapse. Neglected by absentee landlords, the historic Wyatt building was literally falling down. Step ahead a year and you will find the road open, the building removed, and the opening of a new hardware store across the street in the newly renovated Lindberg building. A big deal in a small community that lacks many services that larger urban neighbors take for granted.

Local non-profit, New Season Community Development, was born as a result of community workshops sponsored by Capay Valley Vision. They began working with funders, including the USDA special stimulus funds for rural development, by rehabilitating a rundown commercial property in downtown Esparto that had deteriorated over the last 15 years. Then New Season secured a 10-year lease on this remodeled historic property with Pacific Hardware of the ACE Hardware family.

"Like many rural communities, many of our downtown buildings are in disrepair and restoration costs are prohibitive for individual owners. New Season Community Development Corporation was formed to act as a revitalization agency in our unincorporated community and a conduit for public/private funding sources," said Jim Durst, President. "This is our first project and exemplifies what can happen when local citizens take responsibility for their own future."

The New Season board began looking at commercial buildings in downtown Esparto and eventually chose the Lindberg building, a three story former IOOF building. Although the building required extensive upgrades, the structure was sound. Funds were attained through Tribal Mitigation Funding, USDA rural stimulus funds, and a bank loan from 1st Northern Bank in Woodland.

"There is a need in rural communities for new commercial ventures to stimulate economic vitality, create jobs for local citizens, and provide needed services. This project would not have been possible without our funders having a vision similar to our board. Stimulating growth in the commercial core not only helps the local economy but also awakens local hope and promise in future investment. All of our current businesses and properties will benefit in the long-run," stated Sue Heitman, Secretary of New Season and retired Executive Director of Capay Valley Vision.

To honor the funders, supporters, and hardware owner, Pacific Hardware, New Season hosted a Renovation Celebration and Press Event on Tuesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot behind the newly restored Lindberg Building at 16851 Yolo Ave. in Esparto. Brief remarks from the project principals, funders, and government officials were followed by a reception and tour for all invited guests.

Submitted by Bill Bradley

Many thanks to all of our readers, contributors and advertisers who make this paper special to our communities. Many thanks to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for providing the needed resources to keep this paper free to all, and to Esparto Unified School District and RISE Inc. who partner to keep this paper published.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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Pictured above: the new ACE Hardware store which is now open in downtown Esparto.

The Empty Bowls Fundraiser

This Valley has a huge heart for the hungry & homeless! Five years ago the Empty Bowls Fundraiser was started in Woodland to support the Wayfarers Christian Mission. The Capay Valley region has been on board since the beginning, donating to support this worthy cause in Yolo County. Each year Esparto Elementary students have worked with teacher Marie DeGand, & Yolo Arts Council's Mark Abildgaard to make & donate handcrafted soup bowls. Madison High School students with Richard Radcliffe as their principal have also participated in this venture. Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy has made bowls for three of the five years, including this one. Without the hand crafted bowls from students & other artisans, the event would not be possible.

Education & community service don't stop there. Not just students & teachers support the Empty Bowls Project. Cache Creek Casino & the Wintun Foundation have also donated each year. Yocha Dehe Community Fund is a "Beyond Premier" sponsor this year! Cache Creek Casino has donated each year. Several community members are supporting sponsors at \$250 each. Sam Bledsoe baked fresh bread for the event! Road Trip Bar & Grill provided soup & bread for 50 for both the lunch and the evening seating this year! Jane Stallings & David Markham have donated many volunteer hours.

Silent auction and raffle donors included Capay Valley Bed & Breakfast; author, Ann Scheuring; artisan, Lynn Morgan; Manas Ranch; the Martin's; Haag Walnuts; Capay Valley Vineyards; Full Belly Farms; and Capay Valley Vision. There are supporters from all over Yolo County & our area has more than our share of them! Thank you to all who purchased tickets & made donations. The Bowl Viewing Party sponsored by Esparto Elementary School raised \$1025 all by itself! To find out more about supporting the Wayfarer Center throughout the year, go to ywcmmission.org. (also see article on pg. 4)

Submitted by Bowl Coordinator & past Yolo Wayfarer Board member & proud Capay Valley resident, Trudie Martin.

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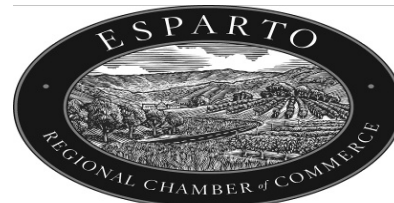
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News from the Esparto Regional Chamber

We are pleased to announce that the Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce office is once again sharing a building with Capay Valley Vision, and is located at 16856 Yolo Ave. in downtown Esparto. This exciting news allows the offices to be open Monday-Thursday.

Please Welcome New Members:

Capay Junction Saloon

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The oldest bar in scenic Capay Valley with a deed dating back to the late 1860's, this colorful saloon has wood floors, old farming & hunting artifacts in the rafters, and peanut shells on the floor. It's an interesting place indeed, so, stop by Capay Junction Saloon and experience it.

Al Obermueller is a returning individual member.
Individuals can join the chamber for just \$35
Thank you for supporting the chamber!



Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Party

will be a fundraiser benefit for the 2011 Annual Capay Valley Almond Festival. This event will be held on Wednesday, December 8th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

It will include an auction with drinks & appetizers.

All proceeds go to benefit the Almond Festival.

*We need support in the form of donations for the auction. All donations are tax deductible. Please contact Monique at (530) 787-3242.

Thank you for supporting the 2011 Capay Valley Almond Festival!

Submitted by
Monique Garcia of the
Esparto Regional Chamber

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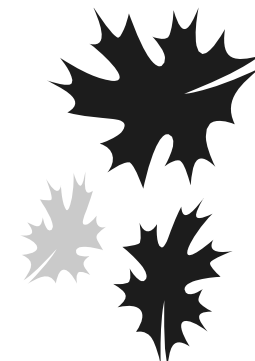
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CAPAY VALLEY VISION

Preserving a sense of place

New Foundation to Support Non-Profits

Capay Valley Vision is thrilled to announce the newly formed Suzanne and Larry Dale Heitman Charitable Foundation. Its first major gift has been given to Capay Valley Vision to support its continuing efforts to create collaborative dialogue and community projects in the Capay Valley. The foundation, locally formed, plans to award funds on a case by case basis with the focus on local projects this first year. It is also hopes to challenge other charitable foundations to match their gift to Capay Valley Vision. Without this support, CVV like other non-profits locally, cannot survive in these economic times. Capay Valley Vision thanks the Suzanne and Larry Dale Heitman Charitable Foundation for its generous gift.

Submitted by Monique Garcia of CVV

News from Esparto Regional Library Branch of Yolo County Library

- Bilingual pre-school Story Time is held every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Wintun Room, and features stories, finger-plays, and songs.
- The book club will be meeting on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Call for the book title.
- The Teen Book Club will meet again in December. Call for details
- The English Conversation Class meets on Tuesday, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room. All English learners are welcome. Practice your English in a group setting.
- The Senior Computer Class will meet on November 18th at 10:30 a.m. Call for details.
- Got a PIN number? Create a PIN number with your library card which will allow patrons to search the library catalog and place a request on any circulating item in our collection. If you have any questions please call the library at 530-787-3426.
- The Yolo County Library web site has a multitude of data bases to help with homework and other research. Go to <http://www.yolocountylibrary.org> and click on "Databases: find articles and more".
- Yolo County Library is celebrating their 100 year anniversary!
- The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library Annual Harvest Dinner is Sunday, November 7, at the Alice Marsh Social Hall, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. This year's theme is the 100 Year Anniversary of the Yolo County Library. As always we will have turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, and pumpkin pie. Tickets for eat-in or take-out are: adults \$12 & children \$6. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance by calling Gabe at 787-3892, or Julio at 312-1637, or at the library.
- There will be free wagon rides between the Alice Marsh Hall and the library during the Harvest Dinner, where you can view an historical display of all branches of the Yolo County Library. Please stop by between 1:00-4:00 p.m. and tour the library, partaking of these traveling panels of Yolo County history.
- Autumn is here and leaves are falling. If you have an hour or two each week and a rake, please come on down to the library and help the FERL volunteers rake leaves at your library every Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. through November. Thank You!

Submitted by Malinda Baker, Branch Supervisor, Esparto Regional Branch



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News from Esparto Unified School District

Submitted by Aida Buelna, Superintendent



In this article I've asked Tim Brock, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, to write about school funding and the importance of student attendance.

Did you know...

The largest source of school district funding is from the State of California. It is called Revenue Limit funding, and is sometimes referred to as Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding. This income is paid to each district based upon the daily attendance of each student. The State recognized the importance of students being in school, so in the late 90's they changed the funding formula to reimburse schools based on actual student attendance: when students are in school we receive funding; when students are not in school, we do not receive it.

Over the last two years, State funding of school budgets has been cut about 20% in almost every area. For example, last year our ADA funding per day was reduced from approximately \$38/day to \$30/day. That's a reduction of over \$8,000 per day for ADA funding alone!

So, in this era of slashed school budgets, not only will your student benefit from being in school, but your school as a whole benefits from your student being in school!

Equally important is arriving to school on time. Over the last couple of weeks we have had several students arrive 5 to 10 minutes late and this in turn causes a loss of educational time and disruptions in classrooms. Please help us help your child arrive to school on time.

Thank you for your support in this very critical component.

New Esparto Unified School District School Board

Esparto Unified School District Office received notification from the Yolo County Elections Office in the form of CERTIFICATE OF FACTS, which states, "I, Freddie Oakley, County Clerk of the County of Yolo, State of California, do hereby certify that the number of nominees for the office of Governing Board Member, Esparto Unified School District, did not exceed the number of offices to be filled at the November 2, 2010, General Election." In accordance with the California Education Code 5326 and 5328, the following persons who were nominated, were appointed by the Board on October 27, 2010 at a Special Board meeting: Wendy England, Bonnie Simas and incumbent James A. Schulte. The new Board will be sworn in on December 8, 2010.

Submitted by Aida Buelna, Superintendent



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**Esparto K-8 School News from
North Campus Cubs and South Campus Wildcats
Veronica Michael, Principal, Esparto K-8 School**

These first two months have been a period of adjustment for our students, staff and parents. However, the transition to a K-8 school has gone quite smoothly. I commend our K-8 community for coming together and moving forward. Teachers are busily teaching and students are busily learning. Our focus continues to be improving student achievement by learning about each student individually. Academic focus continues to be teaching and learning grade level appropriate standards.

Organizations on campus are busy fundraising and planning events! Please support PTA's upcoming cookie dough sales. PTA has already begun its planning for our 2nd auction. If you attended last year's event, you know how successful and how much fun this next auction will be! Along with PTA, Associated Student Body (ASB) is also busy at work. ASB, which is lead by elected student officers and student representatives, raised money by selling wrapping paper in October and selling tickets for the Fall Festival "Bake Walk". Some ASB sponsored activities include: Red Ribbon Week and 7th/8th grade dances. By supporting our fundraisers, you support these wonderful organizations. THANK YOU!

November brings fall weather and the anticipation of Thanksgiving break. However, there are a few tasks that we must complete before our vacation. Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled during the week of November 15. Please make every effort to attend your appointment. It is so important to take advantage of this individual opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Dismissal time for the entire week of November 15-19 is **12:40**.

Thanks to all who attended our Fall Festival. What a fun event! We look forward to more family friendly events like this in the future.

Happy autumn!

Veronica Michael, Principal, Esparto K-8 School

- Nov. 11: Student holiday
- Nov. 15-19: 12:40 dismissal all week for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 22-26: Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 29: 12:40 dismissal

The Empty Bowls Project from the School Perspective

Esparto K-8 and Madison High School students had the pleasure again to participate in this year's Empty Bowls. This was a very special year for us. This year we did the whole process right here in our own district. We formed, painted, glazed, and fired right here at the south campus in *our* own kiln, which worked great! None of this would have been possible without the following generous donations: Teichert Construction for the purchase of the kiln, Mark Abildgaard for his knowledge and support, and Louie Robles for the electrical work. The kiln was busy as both schools created 101 bowls! Board member Jane Stallings donated not only her time, but purchased the supplies for this entire project. Thank you, Jane! Jane led the making of the bowls at Madison High School. She carted the bowls back and forth between Madison and the kiln. The final products were magnificent hand crafted bowls. Grades 4-8, as usual, did an amazing job. They learned about food uncertainty, homelessness, malnutrition, and how they can directly help. Their bowls have so much significance and the students are so proud of them. Last Thursday there was a family showing to display the bowls and share in refreshments. There were many tickets sold for the event and donations given for the bowls. It is always such a joy to watch how the parent community comes together for worthy causes. Modeling community behavior for our youth is so very important.

All staff volunteered time to encourage and help this project be a success. Esparto K-8 staff are the best in the business. Our kids are lucky to be nurtured and taught by this staff. We look forward to next year and thank you all.

Submitted by Marie DeGand, Esparto Empty Bowls Coordinator

**Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy News
Sarah Martinez, Director of Education**

As a first time contributor to this publication, let me begin by sharing the true honor that is mine to serve the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation as their Director of Education. I have been in this position for two years now and have had the opportunity to bring my 40 years of experience in education to the children of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy. To be sure, many changes have been made since I've joined the Academy, but by far the greatest change has been in the development of the academic infrastructure of the school. My directive from the Yocha Dehe School Board was to build a solid academic program around the language and culture of the Tribe. Those of us who have been involved in multicultural, bilingual and immersion education fully understand the importance of validating a child's language and culture in a formal classroom setting, and when administrators and teachers are given the opportunity to build such an academic program, their students become the recipients of a powerful teaching and learning model. I am proud to report that a strong language and culture program is now fully integrated in all areas of academics at Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy.

There is an honest commitment on behalf of this Tribe to advocate strongly for the education of their children and to teach them of their responsibility to their community. Over the past year, the students of Yocha Dehe have held garage sales and bake sales, coat drives and other such fundraisers to give back to their broader community. Through these efforts, Academy students were able to contribute time and significant dollars not just at the local level, but also at the international level, with donations to the Haiti earthquake victims. For this work, the students received official recognition for their generosity from World Vision U.S. At the local level, the budding artists at Yocha Dehe were able to put their talents to work by designing soup bowls for the Empty Bowls Project for the Yolo Wayfarer Center. Academy students have participated in the Empty Bowls Project for at least three years.

Last year the Yocha Dehe School Board supported a contribution to the UC Davis School of Education for their first annual Equity Summit, which was offered as professional development to teachers and administrators in Yolo and Sacramento counties. As the Director of Education, I had a seat on the planning committee of the Summit, and was able to bring educational issues of relevance to the table on behalf of Native American children. Building this strong collaborative with UC Davis provides opportunities to exchange ideas and to share best practices.

Finally, through a joint effort with award winning cookbook author and teacher, Georgeanne Brennan, and her business partner, long-time food and garden consultant, Ann Evans, Yocha Dehe Academy students will be discovering the fresh taste of fruits and vegetables. They will be planting and harvesting in the Academy garden, taste-testing fruits and vegetables, and cooking seasonal foods in their classrooms as part of the Academy's *Sustainability* theme.

I look forward to keeping the community up to date with the academics and program accomplishments of Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy. It is my intention to use this contribution to share stories and bridge our communities, working to close the gap in our educational landscape.

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Esparto/Madison & Capay Valley Families!

RISE will begin taking sign-ups for Christmas Holiday Food Baskets beginning November 1st through November 30th. Please come into the RISE office at 17317 Fremont Street (next to the Esparto Supermarket) to sign up. Names will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, based on the number of baskets available. The RISE Community Office is open for sign-ups Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Familias que viven en Esparto/Madison y El Valle de Capay!

RISE empezará tomar inscripciones para la Canasta de comida de Navidad el primero de Noviembre hasta el 30 de Noviembre. Les pedimos que por favor se comuniquen a nuestra oficina de RISE localizada en 17317 Calle Fremont (junto al Supermercado de Esparto). Los primeros participantes que se inscriban serán aceptados debido a la cantidad de canastas disponibles. **NO ESPEREN!** La Oficina de la Comunidad de RISE está abierta para inscripciones de lunes a viernes de las 8 de la mañana hasta las 12 de la tarde, y de la una de la tarde hasta las 5 de la tarde.

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CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM DURST FARMS' PUMPKIN DONATIONS

Jim and Deborah Durst hosted small groups of children, and in some cases also their parents, as they donated large, perfect pumpkins to encourage "Harvest Halloween" delight! Durst Farm donated over 150 pumpkins to the RISE Early Learner Program, RISE After School Program (Grades K-5), and RISE Middle School Program (Grades 6-8). The highlight of the generous donation was the group trips to the farm, meeting the Dursts, and the children individually selecting and field picking the pumpkins.

The pumpkins all had special purposes. At the farm, Early Learners colored Halloween pumpkins and manipulated special pumpkin play dough surrounded by the lovely scenery of Capay Valley. (Thanks to Durst Farm's Debbie Purdue, who also gave the children a packaged sample of play dough to take home.) This trip complemented other pumpkin activities at the Early Learner Center. Parents took pumpkins home to delight older siblings of children 0-5 years old who attend the pre-school program. Elementary program "junior staff" were assigned to hand-pick over 105 pumpkins – and the delivery of the pumpkins was a fun program event. Program children formed a "pass-along" line to work together moving pumpkins from truck to classroom. The Middle School After School Program had a pumpkin carving contest, knives in hand and imaginations mentally engaged, as part of weekly "ShopTime."

The field of pumpkins was an impressive one, and kids ran loose to enjoy selecting and harvesting (and loading) the donated pumpkins. Jim told the staff accompanying the groups that the Farm didn't sell pumpkins – but they grew the field "just for local kids." The pumpkins were very large, very orange and very uniform – what a joy having professionals set aside acreage and talent to benefit others! Thank you.

Submitted by the RISE Staff



Pictured on this page are children in RISE programs participating in trips to Durst Farms to pick pumpkins (above); and left, kids in the After School Programs enjoyed decorating the pumpkins donated by the Jim and Deborah Durst.



NOVEMBER
A great time to visit
Esparto's new church
Calvary Baptist of Esparto

Meeting at Alice Marsh Hall Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

This month at Calvary:

- November 7 First Communion Service
- November 14 Youth Pastor, Alan Taylor, speaking
- November 21 Thanksgiving Service
- November 28 First Advent Service

CBC Esparto is a Bible believing church that seeks to share the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ with the Capay Valley Community and beyond
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The Capay Valley Rotary presents \$6,000 to the Madison Community Service District

The Rotary Club, whose motto is "Service Above Self", looks for local projects yearly to adopt and help bring to completion. When approached by the Madison Community Service District, the Rotary Club found their first and very necessary project right here in Madison. The Madison Community Service District has needed complicated back-up power generation on their town water supply. When the power is down, so is the water supply for the town of Madison. The Capay Valley Rotary, Brooks, Past President Mike Chandler, working with Project Chairman, Tom Lopez, and Madison CSD Chair, Leo Refsland, began the process of assuring that the complicated equipment was ordered and installed in Madison.

Current Rotary President, Patrick Scribner, presented the check to the Madison CSD at their meeting on October 13. The Capay Valley Rotary, Brooks, meets every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. at C2 restaurant for breakfast, fellowship and planned community service. The Rotary is always looking for local projects that help communities prosper and live healthy lives. There are 1.2 million Rotary members around the world working on local and international projects. The Capay Valley Rotary, Brooks club is the only one serving the Capay Valley from Madison to Rumsey

Submitted by Sue Heitman of Capay Valley Rotary, Brooks



Steve Gomez, Madison Community Service District (MCSD); Ann DelCastillo, Rotary; James Postell, MCSD; Mike Chandler, Rotary; David Harbick, MCSD; Patrick Scribner, Rotary; Tom Lopez, Rotary; Janis Anquay, MCSD; Leo Refsland, MCSD; and Lewis Phillips, MCSD

Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is welcome to attend the 13th annual **Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Countryside Community Church located at the corner of Fremont & Grafton Streets.**

Special Music by the Tarlesson Family and the Capay Valley Chorus!
There will be a potluck to follow in the Social Hall.

Join us for this special combined worship service and bring your friends!!!
Sunday School for children will be provided.

Participating churches are: St. Martin's Catholic Church, Esparto Baptist Church, Guinda Methodist Church, Capay Valley Christian Fellowship, Calvary Baptist Church and Countryside Community Church.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson, Pastor

Free Holiday Craft Making Workshop at Countryside Community Church

On Friday, November 19th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. In the church Social Hall located next to the sanctuary

We will drink hot apple cider and eat popcorn as we make crafts for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Come and get into the spirit of the holidays and bring a friend!!!

Countryside Church is located at the corner of Fremont & Grafton Streets
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Worship services are Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson, Pastor



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NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY
ESPARTO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant To California Government Code Section 61042 and California Government Code Section 1780, notice of vacancy on the Esparto Community Services District (the "District") Board of Directors (the "Board") is hereby given. In accordance with State law, the Board will fill the vacancy by appointment during its Special Meeting to be held on November 17, 2010. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at 26490 Woodland Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627.

Appointee Qualifications and Responsibilities

The appointee must be a registered voter currently residing within the boundaries of the District. As a member of the Board, the appointee's responsibilities will include attending Board meetings, establishing assessments, rates and charges, and formulating District Policy, and Resolutions. The appointee will serve on the Board until the District's general election in November, 2011, for an unexpired term.

Notification of Interest

The Board requests that eligible residents obtain an application from the District's General Manager, or Administrative Assistant at the following address:

Ron Loudon – General Manager;
 Administrative Assistant – Anna McNamara
 Esparto Community Services District
 Mailing: P.O. Box 349,
 Physical: 24960 Woodland Avenue
 Esparto, CA 95627
 Phone: 787-4502
 Fax: 787-4219

The Board asks that eligible applicants express their interest in filling the vacancy by completing the application and returning it to the District's General Manager no later than November 12, 2010, by 3:00 p.m. The Board also requests that eligible applicants attend the Board of Directors' meeting at the time and place set for the above appointment to discuss their interest and qualifications with the Board.

Submitted by Chairman of the Board of Directors: Laurel Kiemy

RISE Thanksgiving & Winter Break Intersession Program

During the Thanksgiving & Winter Breaks, RISE, Inc. will offer an Intersession program for Kindergarten – 5th graders. Intersession Activities include Arts & Crafts, Staff Led Outdoor Play, Field Trips, Library Visits, Special Projects, and more! Kids help to make their own healthy breakfasts, lunch, and snacks, which are included. Pre-Registration for Intersession is required.

Dates: November 22, 23 & 24 and December 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, & 30

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Location: Esparto K-8, North Campus

Cost: \$15 per day per child (If you are currently enrolled in the After School Program the cost is \$10 per day per child)

Registration Forms will be available for the Winter Break Intersession on Monday, November 15th. There are still slots open for the Thanksgiving Intersession. Registration Forms are available at the RISE Community Center (17317 Fremont Street, Esparto) or at the After School Program at Esparto K-8 North Campus. Space is limited. Other upcoming Intersession dates will be posted in the Valley Voice. If you have questions please contact Chelsea Becker (530) 908-1052 or Chelsea@riseincservices.org

Submitted by the RISE Staff

Smoking around kids is harmful, and it's especially dangerous for babies and young children because their lungs are still developing. According to the Surgeon General, there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke for kids. Research shows that contact with secondhand smoke increases a child's risk of ear infections and can cause asthma, pneumonia and bronchitis. That's why California no longer allows smoking in most public places or in cars when a child is present.

Unfortunately, the dangers of secondhand smoke don't disappear after someone finishes smoking a cigarette or cigar. In fact, poisonous chemicals from tobacco smoke stay in the air and in objects for a long time – this is commonly referred to as "third-hand smoke."

The American Cancer Society is urging people to quit smoking this November as part of its annual Great American Smokeout. In support of this effort, remember to take the following steps to protect your children from smoke:

Keep your home smoke free. If family or friends want to smoke, ask them to go outside. Opening a window in the house is not enough to let all the smoke out.

Clean items exposed to smoke. Third-hand smoke stays on everything for a long time – including people's hair and clothes and on curtains, furniture, carpets and toys. Wash objects that are exposed to smoke before letting your child touch them. If you are around someone who smokes, change your clothes before holding your child.

Check your childcare environment. Before deciding on childcare or preschool, ask providers about their smoking policy. As a parent, you want to make sure the location is a healthy and smoke-free place where your child can learn and grow.

Don't smoke in a car with kids. California law bans adults from smoking in cars when kids are present because the secondhand smoke greatly affects air quality, making it very harmful for young children. So, follow the law and don't light up!

Be a role model. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, parents who smoke increase the odds that their children will become smokers, too. If you are a smoker, the best way to protect your family's health and your own is to quit smoking. You don't have to try to quit alone – there is free help available. Double your chances of quitting by calling the California Smokers' Helpline at 1-800-NO-BUTTS or visiting www.tobaccofreeca.com.

For information on First 5 Yolo programs, services and resources, please visit www.first5yolo.org.

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 530-669-2475 www.First5Yolo.org

Christmas at Countryside Community Church!
Come join us for the first Sunday of Advent on November 28th
at 10:00 a.m.

Special church services will be held each Sunday in December
as we build up to Christmas Eve
on Friday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Countryside Community Church is located
at the corner of Fremont & Grafton Streets
See you then!!!

Sunday School for kids is provided!
787-3586

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson, Pastor



Esparto FFA Wins at Sectional FFA Opening and Closing Competition

Esparto FFA won at Sectional FFA Opening and Closing Competition. Opening and Closing is a career development event designed to develop public speaking skills and promote the proper use of the Official FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Six members recite the ceremonies in front of a panel of judges. They are judged on memorization, poise, and presentation.

Esparto had eighteen students compete in the contest held at Woodland Community College this year. The novice team earned a Silver Award, the Advanced team earned a Bronze award and the Officer Team won first place. In addition to winning in their contest area, Margot Dittmar won Outstanding President, Carolann Clark won Outstanding Reporter, and Miles Eldon won Outstanding Treasurer!

Congratulations to all of the FFA members that competed and took the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills.

Submitted by Amber Charter, Esparto Ag Teacher

In the picture below from left to right, top row: Omar Jacobo, Loretta Knight, Mr. Abee, Esparto Ag Teacher, Ana Vazquez, Miles Eldon. Bottom row: Margot Dittmar, Carolann Clark, Inez Stephens and Avalon Lucero.



Capay Valley Schoolhouse

Our valley's independent study program for elementary students is moving to Esparto. Starting in November, students can meet three days a week in our new classroom at the Countryside Community Church. Many thanks to the Western Yolo Grange for helping us start our program in the Guinda Grange, and thank you to the folks at Countryside Community Church for being so welcoming!

How does our school work? Students are enrolled in a public charter school, Heritage Peak, which oversees the administration of our learning center. Parents and teacher choose the curriculum materials that best meet the needs of each child, taking into account individual ability and previous learning. Families can create their own schedule and students go at their own pace to complete work, at school and at home.

We currently have a mixed-age class of 1st through 5th graders. During class time, we focus on community building and project based learning. The students have developed a true sense of fellowship and will tell you "We can work together even if we don't all like each other." They have been able to solve their own conflicts, using communication skills we call Giraffe Language. (From Marshall Rosenberg's Non-Violent Communication methods.)

Project based learning allows for different student learning styles. Our most recent project has been focused on the history and geography of the Capay Valley. Students choose a sub-topic and decide how to present their learning. They might write a song, build a model, make a chart, create a game, edit a video or paint a picture. And yes, they will write also. We use fun and games, plus textbooks and worksheets, to practice our math and language skills everyday. Spanish and music is also part of our schedule.

If you would like to know more about our unique program, or schedule a visit, call Elvira at 908-9919.

Submitted by Elvira Paoletti

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SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2010**

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next to Esparto Market and the D. Warren Insurance Agency.

**JOIN US ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, FROM 9 A.M.-12 P.M.
FOR**

FOOD, DAY TRIPS, EXERCISE, CLASSES & INFORMATION:

- November 2:** 9:00 Coffee & Light Exercise
10:00 HICAPP Representative Presentation
11:00 Lunch
- November 4:** 9:00 Kristi Link- "Senior Resources"
10:00 Local trip (call for info & to RSVP)
1:00 Return
- November 9:** 9:00 Coffee and Needlework
10:00 Informed Choices and Practical Know How
about end of life transitions.
Peggy Phelps from the Yolo Adult Day Center
11:00 LUNCH Served
- November 11:** RISE Closed for Veteran's Day
- November 16:** 9:00 Needlework/Decoupage
10:00 Brunch
11:00 Nutrition with Laura Martinez
Health Educator, Esparto Community Clinic
- November 18:** 9:00 Breakfast
10:30 Valley Seniors Computer Class with
Malinda Baker at Esparto Regional Library.
- November 23-25 :** Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.
- November 30:** 9:00-Noon Pre-Wrap Boxes for the FERL
Kids' Christmas Shopping-day
Noon Potluck
Call Beth at RISE 530-787-4110 for questions and updates.
Submitted by the RISE Staff

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For the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library this year has been full of activity, celebration and the fulfillment of the needs of the Library that serves our communities. The year 2010 began with the FERL Annual Meeting including a grand celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Esparto Regional Library Building. This will be followed by the Annual Harvest Day Dinner and the celebration of the Yolo County Library's 100th Anniversary.

As the year 2010 comes to its closing stages and with the winter holidays approaching, FERL is grateful for our community friends and for our accomplishments in the enhancements of the Library. It is through your support that FERL is able to assist in various programs, services and extra library hours. We ask graciously at this time that you consider making a contribution to one or more of the following FERL Funds: Membership by becoming a member; Partners in Hours Program which pays for additional library hours; or Memorials that are in remembrance of a departed friend or family member. For more information on these programs, call the library at 787-3426.

Submitted by Julio Cota, FERL President

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- **MediCal**—For those families most in need. Job loss &/or changes in income power may now qualify you. Review of your eligibility situation is free.
- **Healthy Families**—Federally and State Supported with low premiums. Serves the children of families who earn too much for MediCal help. Has low premiums. Once enrolled, your enrollment lasts for a year without further review. Find out today if you qualify.
- **Healthy Kids**—Supported by local funds and efforts. This health insurance option seeks to insure that all children have access to health care. Higher income families can successfully utilize this option. Thanks to the generosity of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, no qualifying local child will be put on a waiting list. Monthly premiums are low.

Check these options out! Free!

If you are interested in further discussing any of these health insurance options, please call RISE Inc. at 787-4110 and ask for a screening appointment with Beth Conn-Ossenfort or Lupe Saucedo. Free. Confidential. RISE will also come to small groups or farm meetings to discuss these options with interested folks. Call today! Submitted by the RISE Staff

Slightly More Yolo Kids Living in Poverty than Previously

By Anne Ternus-Bellamy of the Davis Enterprise on October 17th, 2010

There's good news and bad news about Yolo County children in the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures on poverty and health care. The bad news: The percentage of children in Yolo County living below the poverty line increased slightly in 2009, as did the percentage of families living in poverty. According to recently released figures, the poverty rate for children under age 18 rose from 13.4 percent in 2008 to 14 percent last year, while the percentage of families in poverty increased from 7.8 percent to 8.7 percent. The poverty rate is defined as an annual income of \$18,310 for a family of three, \$22,050 for a family of four. The numbers actually improved for Yolo County's youngest children: The poverty rate for children under age 5 decreased from 19.7 percent to 15.2 percent, though the margin of error also was higher for that age group. All of the poverty figures remain lower-and in some cases significantly lower-than the period from 2005-07 when the poverty rate for Yolo County children under age 5 was as high as 28.5 percent, according to the census.

Yolo County also is doing better than the rest of the state in terms of both child poverty and the percentage of children with health insurance. Statewide last year, 19.9 percent of children under age 18 and 22 percent of children under age 5 were living in poverty and almost 10 percent lacked health insurance. In Yolo County, that number was only 4.5 percent, or about 2,053 children without health insurance, according to the Census Bureau. The advocacy group Children Now recently reported that number has dropped further in 2010, putting Yolo in the top third of counties statewide in terms of the number of children with health insurance. Program serves area kids Since 2006, 2,472 children have been enrolled in one of four health insurance programs for low-income families in Yolo County: Healthy Families, Medi-Cal, Healthy Kids and the Kaiser Child Health Plan. Children whose parents earn 300 percent or less of the federal poverty level are eligible for at least one of the programs.

That success is largely the result of excellent collaboration throughout the county, according to Jackie Hausman, program coordinator for First 5 Yolo, which covers Healthy Kids' premiums for children under age 5 through tobacco tax proceeds. Funds covering children ages 6 to 18 come from a variety of sources, including the Blue Shield Foundation, Yolo County, local foundations, cities and individual donors. Kaiser Permanente also provides children unlimited access to the Kaiser Child Health Plan. In particular, she cited the efforts by Maria Romero of the Children's Alliance to find and enroll children throughout the county without health insurance.

It's largely a matter of finding the families and helping them with all the necessary paperwork, Romero said, since the insurance itself is readily available through the Children's Health Initiative without any current wait lists. In fact, both women said, there should not be a single child in Yolo County lacking health insurance. According to Romero, the bulk of children currently without health insurance live in Woodland and West Sacramento, as well as small rural communities. Actual numbers are very hard to come by, Hausman said, since the Healthy Kids Survey used to determine those figures is largely unreliable in counties as small as Yolo.

MOMMY AND BABY'S NIGHT OUT!

If you are a teen Mom this program is for you!

Fun activities for you and your child will be introduced along with refreshments, raffles and take home goodies! Information on healthcare, child development, education, and everyday child needs that you will encounter will be discussed. This program is geared towards helping young mothers learn that growth takes place the first three years of a child's life, and how your child will grow in all areas of development: emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively. **You won't go home empty handed!**

For meetings dates and times, please call 530-787-4110 and ask for Oralía, Lupe or Stella.

Submitted by the RISE Staff

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Game Play Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Cost to play: \$25

Questions? Contact Jeff Lorensen at 530-787-3405 ext. 234 or jlorenson@espartok12.org

Esparto High School Home Athletic Schedule

November 5:	Football	Colusa (Senior Night)	5:30/7:00
November 2:	Volleyball	Portola	5:30/6:00
November 4:	Volleyball	Williams (Senior Night)	

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AA meetings: *Countryside Community Church*, located at 26479 Grafton St. on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Call 1-800-970-9040 for more information.
Guinda Community Church, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish.

Calvary Baptist Church: meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at Alice Marsh Hall at the Esparto High School.

Capay Valley Christian Fellowship: meets at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday at 7588 St. Route 16, Guinda.

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 fourth Wednesday of every month at the Library from 5:00 to 7:00 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 Baptist Church: Worship and preaching service at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Bible Study on Sundays at 9:45 and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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 2nd Wednesday 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 Lions Club Meeting: meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Library.

FFA Parents: meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Ag classroom at the high school.

Food and Clothes Closet: open on Wednesdays & Fridays at Countryside Community Church. Contact RISE Inc. at 787-4110 for information.

Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting: meets on the first 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 and 3rd Thursdays at the RISE office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Guinda Community Church: Sunday School for youth at 8:45 a.m. and Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Madison Advisory Committee: 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District. No meetings in May, November or December.

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: meets 11:00 a.m. on Sunday at 28958 Hurlbut Street, Madison. Worship Service and Junior Church for ages 2-11.

Rotary Club of Capay Valley, Brooks: meets at 7:00 a.m. every Friday at the C² Restaurant at Cache Creek Casino Resort.

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), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 2nd Mon, each month, at Post Home, Orleans St. & Highway 16.

Western Yolo Grange: meets on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for a 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).

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

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

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



Activity Calendar for November, 2010 (as mentioned in this paper)

November 1-30:	Sign up for the Christmas Holiday Food Baskets at the RISE office
November 7:	FERL Harvest Dinner at Alice Marsh Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
November 11:	Veterans Day Holiday
November 15-19:	Parent Teacher Conferences at Esparto K-8 School (Students dismissed at 12:40 all week.)
November 18:	Seniors Computer Class at the Library at 10:30 a.m.
November 19:	Holiday Craft Making at Countryside Community Church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
November 20:	Spartan Alumni Tournament at the Esparto High School Gym beginning at 8:00 a.m.
November 21:	Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Countryside Community Church at 10:00 a.m.
November 22-26:	Esparto Schools on Thanksgiving Break
November 25:	Thanksgiving Day

