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THE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

for

MADISON, ESPARTO AND THE CAPAY VALLEY

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Esparto Lions Club History

The Esparto Lions Club was actually the name of two Esparto Clubs: the "old club" and the "new club".

The old club was formed 50 years ago on December 11. 1947. It started out with 42 members, Fred Stahl as president and Shelford Wyatt as Secretary. The club was very strong and did many community services with its 68 members that it had 5 years later. In 1957 it reached its highest membership with 83 members but membership declined to 65 during the mid sixties. During the old clubs heyday it accomplished many things:

*Annual Blood Bank Drive
*Annual boy to Boy's State
*Annual dinner for school faculty members
*Annual Student Speakers Contest
*Annual White Cane Day
*Annual Fathers and Sons Banquet
*Several High School Athletic Honors Dinners
*Restored park and installed sprinklers in the park
*Erected and wired the first athletic lights at high school
*Gave glasses, Typewriters & white canes to Espartans
*Sponsored and aided the Boy Scouts
*Aided Flood Victims
*Furnished clocks, uniforms and funds to local schools
*Devised a plan and numbered the houses of Esparto
*Operated a fourth of July celebration in the park
*Hosted a "pit beef barbecue" for 1200 people (5 years)
*Conducted an "Operation ID" for local residents
*Had annual pheasant breakfast
*Sponsored Almond Festival contestants and floats
*Annual March of Dimes Card Party

The old club was very active but membership declined in the early seventies partly because we could not find a good caterer for our meetings. It was active even to the end when it was abandoned in 1973-74.

The new club was formed in 1980 with Tom Moulton as President and about 30 members. The club has maintained a very active membership of near 30 to this day. This club is still very active in the Esparto Park improvements carrying on the tradition of the old club in establishing a community park. Among the projects of the new club are:

*Reestablished the inactive Boy Scout Troop
*Purchased an enclosed utility trailer for the Boy Scouts
*Constructed 2 permanent tables in the park
*Purchased 2 moveable tables for the park
*Installed barbecue stands in the park

This photo is from an Esparto Lions Club barbecue in 1953.

*Installed a drinking fountain in the park
*Helped on playground equipment in the park
*Planted many trees through Esparto's main stretch
*Remove trash annually from a section of Capay Valley
*Annual Student Speakers Contest
*Annual presentations to outstanding high schoolers
*Annual White Cane Day
*Annual Esparto High scholarship of $750.00
*Service Award to a Middle School student
*Annual Halloween pumpkin sales for projects
*Annual corndog booth at Almond Festival
*Annual Crab Feed to raise project funds
*Sponsor a circus for the community & project funds
*Contribute to "Sober Grad Night"
*Conduct forums for sheriff elections
*Conduct forums - Community Service Dist. elections
*Help support the school plays & the local library
*Sponsor a Boy's State Delegate
*Furnish glasses for needy locals
*Donations to Lions Quest Training (drugs and living)
*Sponsor school exchange day- Esparto/Woodland/ Winters
*Annual Lions Flag day (Elementary School classes)
*Donations; Esparto Little League, Wilderness Camp for the Deaf, Diabetes Association, Clean up the town day, Cheerleaders, Yolo Unite, Academic Decathlon, Spring show, LCIF, LEF, Booster sign, FFA and many other projects.

The Esparto Lions Club does and will do much, but we need a few more dedicated members to carry on the good work.

A note from the editor:

Debbie Kaake

The Western Yolo Collaborative has receive such a positive response from the community for the first issue; here we are getting ready to print our second edition. Many of these articles have been written and submitted by community members, (we are glad to get them) and are not endorsed or necessarily the opinion of the Western Yolo Collaborative or the editor. Our newspaper is for local news, information about events and organizations in Madison, Esparto and the Capay Valley. Thank-you very much to everyone who wrote an article, it made this edition much nicer. Thank-you to Winters Express for their expert layout assistance and low printing cost. A BIG thanks goes out to the Esparto Lions Club for co-sponsoring this 2nd edition printing and half of the postage cost. We would like to thank White Water Adventures for their donation of one half the postage cost. It takes all of us working together to keep publishing our newspaper. Time, money and talent are always welcome. I really appreciate her and want to say a special THANK YOU to Lion Trish Eason for all her help and support in bring this edition together. If you haven't been to a Lions Club meeting, you should check it out.

Why I'm Proud To Be An Esparto Lion

By Rick Wilson

Linda and I moved here in 1986 to buy Cache Canyon River Trips in the big town of Rumsey. As a brand new resident, one of the smartest things I did was to join the Esparto Lions Club.

Looking back over a dozen years of involvement in this community, I smile the widest when I think about some of the achievements of our club. Most communities have a couple of service clubs. Esparto, Madison and the Capay Valley have one club. Hence, we have to cover alot of ground.

Helen Keller challenged the Lion's in the 1920's to adopt vision as the club's reason for being. As Lions, we are delighted to provide glasses and eye exams to all children that need them. We have a glaucoma van that visits our community regularly.

Since we have the energy to look at other aspects of our community; we have adopted programs designed to challenge and motivate the future of this community - our Kids.

Esparto Boy Scout Troop 192 - the winningest troop in the Yolo Council, is just one of our kids sponsored programs that I take great pride in. The Esparto Lions donated a complete camping trailer to the scouts about 2 years ago.

The Esparto Leo Club, has 33 members in our high school. These kids care about Esparto. They have initiated an Esparto town cleanup, they co-sponsor Sober Grad Night and working with the Countryside Church, put together Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.

Several of our lions were very involved with the Academic Excellence Foundation. This program was instrumental in spawning a reading buddy program in the second grade. Today, there are students helping students learn to read.

During my year as Lion President, we built the playground equipment in the Esparto park. This action was the corner stone for positive change in the park. Once again, it is a lovely place for families to enjoy themselves.

One of the things I enjoy most about the club is the fun we have at our meetings. I have made some wonderful friendships as a Lion. It keeps me in touch with what's happening in my back yard.

We are looking for a few good men and women to help. Help us make this community stronger. Become a Lion!

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Esparto Lions Club Past Presidents

(Well known Western Yoloans)

1. Fred Stahl 47-48
2. George Story 48-49
3. Otis Wright 49-50
4. Joe Bradshaw 50-51
5. Floris Mast 51-52
6. Lloyd Rominger 52-53
7. Robert Hayes 53-54
8. Andrew Hess 54-55
9. Andrew Hill 55-56
10. Jim Hansen 56-57
11. Clarence Schaupp 57-58
12. Fred Neilson 58-59
13. Vic Vieira 59-60
14. Ken Han 60-61
15. Tom Spiva 61-62
16. LeRoy Barth 62-63
17. Evan Lowery 63-64
18. Paul Stephens Jr. 64-65
19. Ted Smith 65-66
20. Charles Fugate 66-67
21. Clark Davis 67-68
22. Merle Westcoat 68-69
23. Gordon Pratt 69-70
24. Stanley Rooney 70-71
25. David Pratt 71-72
26. Gregg Stephens 72-73
27. Bob McLaughlin 73-74 (New Club Presidents)
28. Tom Moulton 80-81
29. Tom Moulton 81-82
30. Ed Traverso 82-83
31. Sam Fortner 83-84
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33. Dan Lopez 85-86
34. Frank Nichols 86-87
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37. Rick Wilson 89-90
38. Larry Means 90-91
39. George Slavich 91-92
40. Dick Slaugh 92-93
41. Bob Schaupp 93-94
42. Nick McNicholas 94-95
43. Dan Lopez 95-96
44. Clay Eubank 96-97
45. Nord Johnson 97-98
46. Charlie Schaupp 98-99

Thank you, Esparto Lions Club.

Ready to go

Boy Scout Van Troop 192

Keeping it beautiful

Lions Club members help keep the highways clean.

Remember...

This newspaper is for all of you, so any suggestions how we can make it better are greatly appreciated. If you can help get event information or pictures, current calendar dates, editing, data entry, distribution and later selling advertising space; please call 530-908-1186.

Stock Partners

Would you like to learn about the Stock Market? You're invited to join a group of local investors and own a share of American businesses. The meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at the Esparto Library at 7 p.m. The next meeting is September 28, for more information contact Robert Bramlett at 796-3515.

Congratulations!

The Esparto Baptist Church is growing, and proud to announce they have a great Pastor. On August 16, 1998, Pastor James Stark was ordained. The church body and the ordination counsel unanimously agreed on ordaining Pastor James. The church was nicely decorated and there was standing room only during the ordination service. Then, a celebration dinner wrapped up the event. James and his family previously attended church at Trinity Baptist in Woodland, where he served as Youth Pastor for about 8 years.

James is 33 years old, his wife Brenda, and three children, Jordan, Molly and Dylan are his constant support team. James has a loving heart for God and wishes to meet more people in our community and has future plans to move to this area. If life sometimes gets you down and you need a lift, the church doors are open for everyone at 26534 Madison Ave. in Esparto.

Esparto Baptist Church Pastor James Stark and family.

Sunday service begins at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School / Team Kids start at 11:15 a.m.

For more information or special needs call: Pastor James Stark at (530) 662-3748.

The Esparto Baptist Church Body thanks the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for sending them Pastor James Stark. They are building to better serve the people in the community.

COMING SOON!! HEALTHY START SURVEYS

If you have ever wanted to express concerns or ideas about services, programs and improvements needed by children and families in Madison, Esparto and the Capay Valley your opportunity is coming. Parents and guardians of children at E.H.S., Middle and Elementary School can find a "Needs Survey" coming home with their children; everyone's opinion counts. The survey is part of the work of Espartos' new Healthy Start Program to apply for a $400,000 grant to create or bring to town services and programs that will improve the lives of children and families. The application must include plans based on the needs and opinions expressed by the community, particularly the families. By returning a completed survey, parents can express their concerns for the community and for their family in a positive way, by identifying which services and programs are needed most. Parents can be assured that their families will not be identified through this anonymous survey. These services can range from family counseling to affordable health clinics, from after

See survey, page 6

PTSA = Parent, Teacher, Student Association

Our membership theme this year is "Strength in Unity." The PTSA is open to all community members so please join and help make a difference. This year we hope to work with the elementary school on their International Day and Student Author Program. Also, we will provide a school reader board to announce upcoming events at the schools and in the community. With the middle school, we will be involved in the 8th grade Gray and Blue Ball, the 6th grade environmental trip, and fund the athletic awards. Of course, we hope to continue to sponsor the Family Fun Night and the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

Upcoming events include the middle school MAGAZINE SALE starting September 11. Ask any middle school student about ordering or renewing your current subscription through the school. This is a great way to help raise money for special school programs and projects to benefit our students. Order Magazine Subscriptions as holiday gifts for family and friends they encourage reading. Tell co-workers and relatives about our Fund-Raiser and ask them to renew or order Magazine through us. You can even order on line at www.qsq.com and we get the credit. Thank you, chairperson, Noreen Johnson!

Our annual Craft Fair will be held October 24. For more details contact Margaret Middleton (796-3751) chairperson for this event, thank you Margaret!

If you would like to be a part of PTSA, feel free to contact any of the new 1998-99 school year officers: President Barbara Kitchen 787-3860, VP Toni Harden 787-4705, Secretary Pat Gnoss 666-5008, Treasurer Margaret Middleton 796-3751. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of John and Ginger Schneider at 24463 County Road 22, Esparto. We will welcome our new Elementary School Principal Greta Taber and guest speaker Reid Thompson will present the DARE Program coming to our school soon. Everyone is welcome the more the merrier.

Fifty years ago

This float was built in 1948 by the enthusiastic Esparto Lions. It displays the first fifth district road grader which was bought in 1880 by Yolo County and later owned by Roth Farm in Hungry Hollow.

NEW PROJECT PUTS LOCALS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

One of the many accidents on Highway 16.

Imagine what it would be like if you could prevent a nationwide epidemic from spreading to your community, an epidemic that causes needless pain to thousands of children... one that is the leading cause of death for all citizens ages 6 to 28. This epidemic is also the leading cause of long-term disabilities and surpasses all other causes of injury death on the US. The epidemic is motor vehicle injury... and this epidemic is predictable and preventable.

To tackle this epidemic on Highway 16, the University of California - Davis teamed up with a core group of concerned citizens and local agencies including: the California Farm Bureau, the Yolo County Health and Sheriff Departments, the Yolo County Library, the Esparto Unified School District, and the Collaborative for Healthy Children and Families. This was the beginning of the **Highway 16 Safe Communities Corridor Project** funded by the California Dept. of Health Services and Office of Traffic Safety.

According to Martha Stiles, project coordinator at UC Davis, most crashes are due to driver error and unsafe driving practices. "We are currently examining 10 years of CHP crash data along Highway 16 and preliminary results show that almost 80% of the crashes occur in good weather in broad daylight between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., about half involve only one car." Also, according to Ms. Stiles "almost 800 crashes were recorded, averaging 82 per year. This is about 2 crashes for every mile of this beautiful rural road."

During the first year, in addition to interviewing citizens and other stakeholders, Highway 16 Safe Community staff also organized the "Lights On Highway 16" program and the road safety art contest for Esparto kids grades 1 through 5. We were very pleased with the interest from the school and the kids," says Cheryl Boney, Yolo County Health Educator. "The safe community project will allow us to identify and target high risk drivers. We already know that most single car crashes on (state route) SR 16 involve young males ages 21-34. This coincides with national surveys identifying drivers with risky behaviors."

The primary goal of this program is to reduce traffic injuries and to assist the Highway 16 communities in improving the safety of towns and neighborhoods. The next step is to build a coalition of health and law enforcement professionals, citizens, and decision makers to make this a priority.

According to John Schneider, EUSD School Board Member and Safe Community core group member, "we want to gain a commitment from law enforcement, CalTrans, county officials, and residents to collaborate on saving lives and preventing injuries. This is a long-term commitment, but we feel through building partnerships, community education and awareness that we can make headway. We ask everyone to get involved."

If you want to become involved and/ or wish more information, call Martha Stiles, UC Davis, Dept. of Human & Community Development, (530) 752-2606.

HARVEST DANCE RAISES FUNDS FOR ATHLETICS

On October 17, 1998, the E.H.S. Athletic Boosters and Esparto Youth Baseball are joining forces to raise funds to support youth athletics in our community.

The two organizations will co-sponsor a "Harvest Dance" featuring the music of C.S. & Company, at the Madison Town Hall; 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.. Tickets will be available at all Esparto High School athletic events or by calling 787-3074 or 666-6950. Ticket prices are $7.00 in advance or $10.00 at the door.

This is an adult only event as there will be alcohol available. Please come out and support our kids and have a great time doing it! See you on October 17, at the Madison Town Hall!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

1 Elementary School Carnival
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

1 Lions Club Social
Alice Marsh Hall 6:30 p.m.

2 Healthy Start Meeting
H.S. Library 10:00 a.m.

3 Hoes Down Festival
Rd.43 2mi. N. of Guinda Hwy. 16

4 Hoes Down Festival
All Day Tours -796-3464

12 **EUSD Board Meeting**
H.S. Rm. 16 6:00 pm

5 Cub Scout
C. Center 6:00 p.m.

6 FERL
H.S. Library 7:00 p.m.

6 Toddler Group
CountrySide Church 9:00 a.m.

6 Nimble Needles
Guinda Grange 7:00 p.m.

6 Boy Scout
C. Center 6:00 p.m.

7 Chamber of Commerce
C. Center 6:00 p.m.

7 Athletic Boosters Mtg.
Rm. 16 7:00 p.m.

8 Western Yolo Collaborative
Winters Head Start Bldg. 7:00 p.m.

8 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

8 4-H Meeting
C. Center 6:30 p.m.

9 Football, Esparto vs Biggs
At Biggs 5:30 p.m.

13 L. League Meeting
H.S. Rm.10 7:00 p.m.

13 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

13 Nimble Needles
Guinda Grange 7:00 p.m.

~~14 Blood Drive~~
~~C. Center 2:30-6:30 p.m.~~

15 Lions Meeting
C. Center 6:30 p.m.

15 Leo Meeting
Band Rm. 1:00 p.m.

15 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

16 Football, Esparto vs Hamilton
Esparto 5:30 p.m.

17 Harvest Dance
Madison Hall 7:00 p.m.

26 **EUSD Board Meeting**
H.S. Rm.16 6:00 p.m.

19 Cub Scout
C. Center 6:00 p.m.

20 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

20 Nimble Needles
Guinda Grange 7:00 p.m.

20 Boy Scout
C.Center 6:00 p.m.

21 Seniors - Parent Night
H.S. 7:00 p.m.

21 Band Boosters
H.S. Band Rm. 7:00 p.m.

22 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

23 Football, Esparto vs Williams
Williams 5:30 p.m.

24 P.T.S.A. Craft Fair
C. Center 10:00 a.m.

25 All Day Quilting Party
Guinda Grange 9:00 a.m.

27 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

27 Nimble Needles
Guinda Grange 7:00 p.m.

28 P.T.S.A. Meeting
To Be Announced 7:00 p.m.

29 Toddler Group
Countryside Church 9:00 a.m.

30 Football, Esparto vs Mercy
Esparto 5:30 p.m.

DISTRICT NEWS

By Jerry Elmore

New Faces: We would like to congratulate those who are in new positions and welcome those who are new to the district. Our new elementary principal is Greta Taber, she has been with the district 13 years as our Title I teacher and Project Director. Our new Title I teacher and Project Director is Shannon Fralish who has been with the district for 5 years as an elementary teacher. Bart Haley has moved from the High School after 4 years of teaching Special Ed., Math and Coaching the JV football team, JV girls' basketball and Varsity softball. Mr. Haley is now a Core teacher at the Middle School for 6th & 8th grade; teaching Language Arts and Social Studies. He also has 6th grade PE, and is willing to help with coaching at this level if needed. Bart desires to teach math full time, and hopes to slide into the next vacant math teacher position. He says he really enjoys working with the Middle School age kids, and is looking forward to a great year.

New to the district is Cheri Fullerton she is our new Administrative Assistant. The new High School teachers are Dannette Bell, Patty Taylor and Barbara Hickman. New Elementary teachers are Andy Pataky and Ghesleli Ramirez Tate. Sharon Hack is the new music teacher.

Facilities: New Middle School Project: We are currently out to bid for the site work of the new Middle School. We will be awarding the bid on September 14 and the completion date is schedule for June 11, 1999. The classrooms are currently being built and will be ready to be placed when the site work is complete.

Movement of the High School Classroom and District Office: The classroom was moved and it did survive. The district office will be moving sometime before January 1, 1999. The district office will be moving to the current student parking lot across from the high school gym.

Modernization: Plans for both the elementary & high school modernization projects are to be approved by the State Architect's Office in November. Bids will to be awarded May of 1999, and completion of the work is scheduled for August of 1999.

High School Fields: Completion Date is scheduled for the summer of 2000. Look for the sign on your way into town on Hwy. 16.

New Sidewalk: We are very pleased with the work of Mr. Sanford's crew that completed the new sidewalk at the Elementary/Middle School this summer. It is a great addition.

Proposition 227: Proposition 227 was passed by the voters of California in the last election. School districts had 60 days to implement the program after it passed. We are still waiting to get the final regulations of this proposition from the California Department of Education. The new law states that basically all children in California public schools are to be taught English as rapidly and effectively as possible. The law also states that all children be placed in English language mainstream classrooms. Children who are designated as LEP (limited English proficiency) are to be educated in an immersion program during a temporary transition period not to exceed one year. Parent's of LEP children can apply for a waiver for one year to have their children taught in a bilingual education program. When more information is sent to the district it will be passed on to site principals, project directors and you.

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school care to job training and placement. The long-range goal of the grant, from the California Department of Education, is to improve the educational performance of the students in each community. The grant is called the "Healthy Start Initiative." It recognizes that students have lives and issues outside of school and that they exist within families. For more information or to get involved contact Coordinator, Debbie Kaake at (530) 908-1186.

Thank you White Water Adventure.

Greta Taber is new Esparto Elementary School principal

Esparto elementary school has a new principal, her name is Greta Taber. She isn't new to the school; she has been teaching the Title I reading program for 13 years. Mrs. Taber has been teaching since 1965. She started out working with grades 4-8, in a variety of schools in San Francisco, Southern California, Fresno and a couple of other states. When she moved to Capay and started working in Esparto School District, she began as a long-term substitute, then she filled the vacancy when the Title I program position became available. Every year has been different and a challenge. Greta has learned a lot and has a great appreciation for the primary teachers.

Even though Mrs. Taber does not plan to make any radical changes, she does have some goals to work toward. She would like to have a Coffee Klatch on the last Friday of the month. Following the 8 a.m. Star Breakfast, from 8:00 to 8:45 so, parents and community members can meet the new principal. These will be informal gatherings and will be a time to share information, to ask questions and to hear about some of the events at school. A translator will be available for those parents who speak Spanish. Opening the school for parents is the second goal. She would like to see more parents working in the classrooms or working in other places in the school. She says all of us see the school in different ways, and therefore, will have an "idea box" located at the office for you to put suggestions about how they can do a better job. Mrs. Taber believes that the teachers have things under control as far as the classroom goes. The elementary school started a new phonics program a year ago. It usually takes a year with a new program to make it flow. This year, the teachers will feel more comfortable with the phonics and be able to apply it in the classroom with ease.

GRETA TABER

Learning how to implement Proposition 227 has been one of the big items to learn about this summer. Putting everything into place for the new rules is hard, because the state has not passed down all of the regulations. The school is starting the year with two qualified teachers for the English Immersion classes. Ms. Shannon Fralish, former 1st grade teacher, will be the new Title I teacher. Mrs. Taber's advice to all the students is "look forward to a great year and a new learning experience."

Jim Schulte nominated for honorary FFA degree

Esparto agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor has been nominated to receive the National FFA Organization's Honorary American FFA Degree.

This is the highest honorary award presented by the FFA, recognizing those who are helping advance FFA and who have rendered outstanding service. Jim Schulte will receive the degree during the convention, pending final approval of the nomination.

Congratulations Jim.

Having a baby when you're a teenager can do more than just take away your freedom, it can take away your dreams.

THE INVASION OF THE RED TRUCKS

By Linda Wilson

Saturday evening, August 29, 1998 is a day - make that a week - that I will never forget. At 5:30 pm, my husband's plectron went off with the message: grass fire, middle site campground, rapid spread.

As we were within a half hour of serving our rafting guests dinner - 1 mile from this location, this was not good news. My guests got a bonus that night. Watching the fire consume the mountain across the highway was quite a light show.

The next morning at 7:30 am, I attended a CDF briefing at the Rumsey Hall. The spokesman said, "When we suspended air operations at dusk, we had a 38 acre fire. This morning, it is 1,000 acres and before we put it out, it will be seven times that area." The amazing thing is, his estimate was right on the money.

After breakfast, CDF evacuated our guests, so we had them drive down to Rumsey and park in our orchard. Then, we bussed them back up to their rafts and off they went.

There were three helicopters drawing water from the creek at the rapid Mother. There was a window of two minutes between the third bird taking off and the first one returning empty. We set up a metering light system just like at the dragstrip. The rafters had one exciting day.

Monday, I wandered over to the hall. By then, most of the 1137 firefighters that would control this blaze had arrived. After helping for an hour, CDF offered me a job in the area of ground support.

Fighting the Rumsey Canyon fire.

Before you know it, I am approaching the top of a mountain, next to 60 ft. flames, delivering lunches. So, I'm thinking, how did I get myself into this? As I crested the hill, I encountered three fire engines and felt safe again.

I would like to thank each of those 1137 firefighters. The logistics were smooth; the commitment was unswerving. Thank you ladies and gentlemen. You were great!

YOUNG GRADS

The Neighborhood Toddlers are proud to announce their 1998 Graduates— pictured above left to right Taylor Hayes, Dustin Hayes, Shannon Madigan, Myla Passantino and not pictured Page Holcomb. As they move on to Esparto Elementary School, the group wants them to know they are all very proud and will miss them. Past Graduates include: Robert Madigan (1994) Ari Rome (1995) Marissa Harmon (1996) Aaron Rome, Mallarie Goemen, Megan Muller, Mathew Muller and Kyle Loop (1997).

HELLO MARTHA JEAN — SEND MY KIDS HOME!!!!

"Hello Martha Jean this is Judy. I just found some critters on my baby's head. I guess you better send my other kids home. No they cannot spend the night."

How many of us have had the pleasure of head lice in our home? My guess is most of us have or will have before our children are out of school. Lice are a problem in every community, every state, and every country. They have been around for generations. According to a survey sponsored by Warner Lambert Co., which makes lice shampoo, school nurses in 208 U.S. cities reported six million cases last year representing a 10% increase from the year before. Ask your parents what kind of experiences they had when you were growing up.

Routine checks of all Elementary & Middle school children will be made throughout the year. If adult lice are found on your children, you will be required to come pick up your children from school. If only nits are found on your children, a note will be sent home. In both cases, your children will not be allowed to return to school until their heads are both lice & nit free. For those of you who are new to this game, what might you expect if your children bring this fun stuff home?

Hours of picking nits from your children's head.

Hours of washing all bedding, clothing, and cloth toys.

Hours of vacuuming and scrubbing.

$ spent on lice products.

Parents of the Esparto Unified District are banding together to help fight this problem in our own homes & community. Information is available from the school nurse as well as volunteer parents. Help is available for you to:

Identify adult lice and nits (immature form).

Eliminate adult lice & nits from you and your family's head.

Sanitize your home.

Make regular checks to avoid future infestations.

Lice are not a disgrace to any child or family. Lice are a fact of our society. All kids and adults can get them. They actually like clean hair better than dirty hair. Please do not hesitate to call for help. We also need volunteers to help on our routine lice checks. It is a great opportunity to sharpen your eye for checking your own family.

For more information call your school nurse.(530) 787-3417.

A great way to spend time with your children: head to the library.

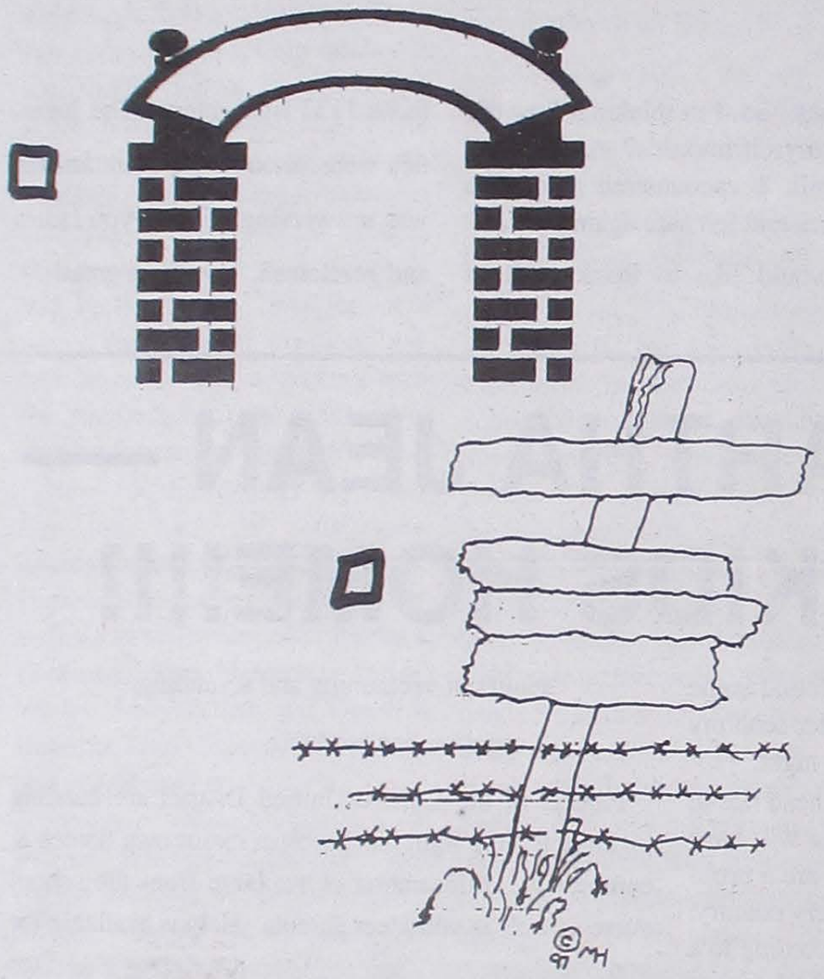
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

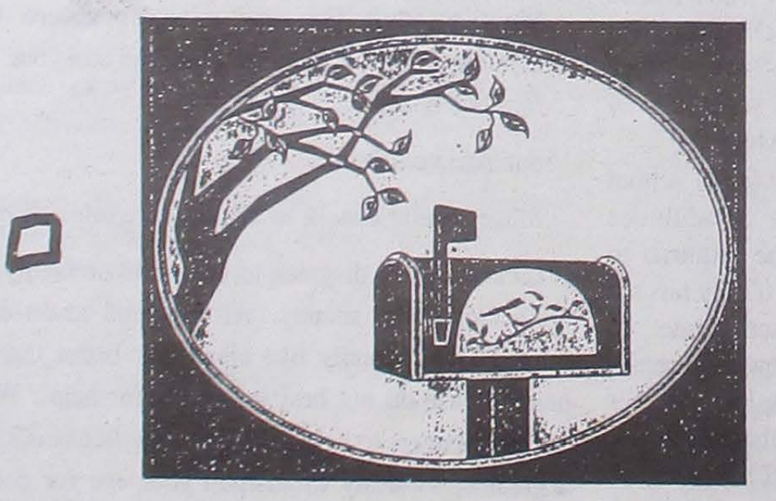
Thank-you! to all the folks young and old who submitted entries to "Name the Newspaper." The response was tremendous and all the names were witty and wonderful.

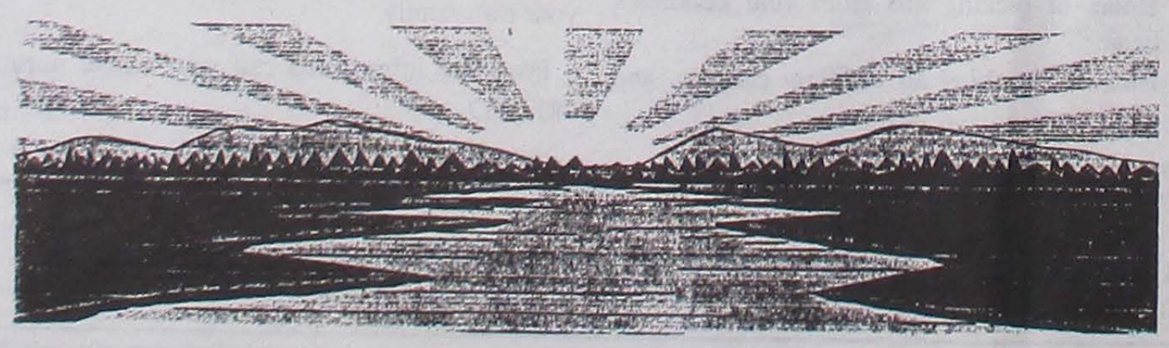
On Sept. 1, a committee of collaborative members, school facility and students had the tough job of narrowing the choices down to these four or five. Now the choice is yours to select the Winning Name and Logo. Please check only one box for each and return to any of the drop boxes in your local post office or mail your choice to: Contest PO Box 133 Esparto, CA. 95627.

- ❑ Capay Valley View
- ❑ Capay Valley Courier
- ❑ The Valley Voice
- ❑ Capay Valley Gateway
- ❑ Up the Creek

The winner(s) will be announced in the next issues. Thank you for your participation and interest in our community newspaper.







Western Yolo Collaborative

The Collaborative is currently working with the Esparto School District to get the Healthy Start Planning grant started successfully and continue to be partners with them. There has been three meetings and the coordinator should be hired soon.

We are involved with the Safe Highway 16 Project, which is very interesting.

Some members are focusing on searching for funds to provide our community with a Human Resource Center. We're offering our assistance with the "Almond Festival" plans and preparations. In August, I attended the Healthy Families Insurance Workshop, and I am certified to assist community members with the application. I am also qualified to train other volunteers to become certified assistants. To see if your children qualify for this low cost (as low as $4.00 per mo.) quality insurance or if you would like to become a certified assistant to help others with the application process, please call Debbie Kaake at (530) 908-1186. If your children are uninsured call to see if they qualify, this government assisted insurance plan really is to make sure ALL children have good medical, dental and vision care.

Nimble Needles

All "Dayer" quilting party for those who can not stay up for an all "Nighter." Bring materials, sewing machine, etc., and a potluck dish to share. Linda Rydjord, instructor and author will lead the quilting group, also sell and autograph copies of her book. For the enjoyment of sewing, visiting, eating, fun, relaxing time with people who have the same interests. Limited to 20 people so sign up soon! The party will be held at the Guinda Grange Hall - Forest Ave., Guinda. On October 25, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.Contact person is Jeanne Han 796-3178 day or 796-4151 night.

Local Girl Does Good!

CAROL HEIL AND GALEN

Carol Heil's 4-H project has been to train "seeing eye dogs." When asked, why she chose this project? Carol said, she was named after a blind person, and wanted to do something to help. So, training seeing eye dogs was a good way to help blind people. She trains them for 1 1/2 years and does become attached to the dogs, but knowing from the start she has to give them up helps let them go. Pictured above with her second dog Galen, who has graduated and been placed with a partner already. Way to go Carol, keep up the good work!

Esparto Chamber officers and board

The Esparto District Chamber of Commerce has new officers and Board of Directors. They were elected at their July 8 dinner meeting. Pat Harrison of Capay is the new Chamber president. Other new officers are Betty Girtman, vice president; Marian Nichols, secretary; and Cordell Karlstad, treasurer. The Board of Directors for 1998-1999 will be Ben Adamo, Chris Burton, Ron Girtman, Nick McNicholas and Meredith Stephens.

The first items on the agenda will be future goals and plans. This includes the Chamber's role in the annual Capay Valley Almond Festival, membership recruitment and participation in economic development plans for the area.

Esparto Branch Library hours

Esparto Union High School, 17155 Yolo Avenue 787-3426

Hours:

Monday	3:00-5:30	6:30-8:00
Tuesday	10:00-12	1:00-5:30
Wednesday	1:00-5:30	
Thursday	10:00-12	1:00-:30

Closed: Monday Oct. 12 - staff in-service.

Wed. Nov.11 - Veterans Day.

Thurs. Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day.

Internet is available at the library. Anyone who has a Yolo County library card can sign up and use the Internet Station. Access of 10¢ a page for printing. The library will take reservations to use the Internet station but it is not necessary.

General time allowed is ½ hour.

Guinda Grange afghan raffle

The Grange Women's Association present a hand-made, award winning crocheted afghan, to be raffled. The proceeds to go toward the improvement of the Grange Hall. Tickets are available all over the Valley and Grange members. Tickets are on sale now, the winner will picked at the Christmas Play. For tickets or information contact Jean Reynolds 796-3928.

Watch for next month's issue.