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## Capay Valley Almond Festival is on Sunday, February 24

For nearly 100 years, the annual Capay Valley Almond Festival has showcased the charming Northern California region of Esparto and the Capay Valley. Collectively hosted by the communities of Rumsey, Guinda, Brooks, Capay and Esparto along bucolic Highway 16, this one-of-a-kind regional festival traverses a 21-mile route, with each location offering different activities and a unique atmosphere. This year's Almond Festival is scheduled for Sunday, February 24.

Early spring in the Capay Valley is one of the best times to experience the area's distinct beauty. The almond blossoms begin to flower in February and continue through March, creating a stunning backdrop for the event's numerous activities. To help navigate, the "Blossom Trail Map" was developed to provide a vibrant, spring-bloom tour of the event. View this guide at [blossomtrail.org](http://blossomtrail.org).

### Festival highlights include:

- Kick things off with the "Almond Queen" dinner and help inaugurate the newly crowned queen on Saturday, February 16 at the historic Western Yolo Grange in Guinda. This is co-sponsored by Rumsey Improvement Association and the Western Yolo Grange.
- Participate in a 10K Fun Run sponsored by the Esparto Unified School District. This race is on Saturday, February 23. Applications are available at [espartok12.org](http://espartok12.org).
- Join in the Almond Festival Golf Tournament at Yocha Dehe Golf Club on Saturday, February 23. Tournament info at [yochadehegolfclub.com](http://yochadehegolfclub.com).
- Meander through the Blossom Trail as you visit each of the five locations. As always, the festival will feature family-friendly fun, food and a variety of arts, crafts, local products and produce.
- Start off at either end of the valley with a homemade breakfast. You can choose traditional pancakes or breakfast pizza.
- Submit your mouth-watering almond recipes for consideration in the bake-off event.
- Enter your baby in the Diaper Derby. Maybe yours is the "Fastest Little Nut!" Applications and schedules can be found on our website.
- Experience the "Sweet Spot". Stop at the Guinda Grange. Nibble on "Granny Wyatt's Legendary Almond Roca" and famous homemade baked goods while on a hayride across the historic Rumsey Bridge.
- Come see how almonds are actually harvested, from shaking to sweeping, and experience the rich agricultural history of the area. Demonstrations will be held in Rumsey. Posters will be shown at the Chamber booth.
- Experience additional goings-on, which include something for everyone: a car show, festival rides, BBQ and festival food, local wine tasting, beer and margarita garden, live music and dancing in five locations, library book sale, farmers' market, petting zoo, wool spinning demos and a blacksmith working his craft. Delicious festival food this year includes almond blossom ice cream, corn dogs, caramel apples, tri-tip, BBQ oysters, local sausage sandwiches, and lots and lots of delicious almonds.

This just scratches the surface of activities at the 2013 Almond Festival in the Capay Valley. See you at the Almond Festival! For more information, times, schedules, and complete details, including an event map, please visit [capayvalleyalmondfestival.com](http://capayvalleyalmondfestival.com). Submitted by Monique Garcia, ERCC Director

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February 2013

## 98th Annual Almond Queen Pageant

The Capay Valley will celebrate the 98th Annual Almond Queen Dinner and Pageant on Saturday February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Western Yolo Grange Hall in Guinda. Adults are \$15.00 and children under 12 are \$12.00. It is suggested that tickets be purchased before the event as there is limited seating. Tickets may be purchased at the Corner Store in Guinda, New Reflections, Ace Hardware, and the Esparto Chamber office in Esparto. There may be some tickets available at the door.

The Rumsey Improvement Association sponsors the Queen Pageant, and the Western Yolo Grange hosts the dinner. Six Esparto High School seniors will compete for the Almond Queen crown this year.

The dinner will be roast beef, green beans, local roasted potatoes, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, local salad greens and cake. Prepared and served by members of the Western Yolo Grange, this substantial meal is appreciated by those attending.

A raffle will be held during the evening. Donated products, services, and items for this raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event. The proceeds will benefit the Rumsey and Guinda Halls.

Come and support the young women who are competing for this honor.

Submitted by Marian Nichols,

(The six candidates are highlighted on pp. 8-9 of this issue.)

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# CAPAY VALLEY VISION

Preserving a sense of place

## Changes Are Happening at Capay Valley Vision (CVV)

CVV has new staff and while you may have already met them, it is definitely time to officially introduce them to the community.

Nancy Pennebaker is the new executive director. Professionally, Nancy comes from more than 30 years of nonprofit development and administration. Her background is in education, health care and more recently she directed a non-profit for disabled veterans. Nancy and husband, George, thought they were retired when they arrived here in Esparto last spring by way of Sacramento. The Pennebakers decided it was high time to move out of their large family home, check out rural living and take a breather. It wasn't long before they embraced their new environment and became very involved in the community. Nancy thinks it was her indoctrination by way of CVV's annual event, the Taste of Capay, that she really got the bug to do more in support of the Valley's well-being.

That goes for Maya Walker, CVV's new program director, too! Maya comes to CVV by way of Woodland. She brings a wealth of local government and agricultural experience to her position, having worked for Yolo County Supervisor, Duane Chamberlain, Yocha Dehe Farm and Ranch, and the Wine Institute. Maya is interested in supporting agricultural enterprises in the Capay Valley.

Now that the Taste of Capay and the holidays are over, both staff and the CVV board are implementing a few more changes. First, CVV's former office space located behind the Chamber of Commerce was leased to the Mercy Foundation, and CVV has moved upstairs to the second floor LBL room. According to Pennebaker, "CVV is definitely on the move as we are applying for and have been awarded several grants that will help us address the needs of Capay Valley. The opportunity to move upstairs came just at the right time for us as we definitely needed the extra square footage in order to manage both current and potentially new community projects."

And look for a few more positive changes as the CVV board and staff complete their strategic planning with a day retreat in early April. Pennebaker does make the point that while there have been a few changes, there will be one thing that will never change and that is the original CVV mission of providing the conduit for constructive and productive dialogue in order to manage growth and preserve a sense of place in the Capay Valley.

Current Board Members include Lynn Rolston (President), Jack Moris (Vice President), Barry Burns (Treasurer), Betsy Marchand (Secretary), Alice Merserve Manas, Kristine Stanfill, Pam Miller, Trini Campbell, Sue Heitman, Paul Muller, and Vicki Murphy.

**Important Ag Task Force Meeting:** Thursday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the LBL room, second floor above the Esparto Chamber of Commerce offices. The Ag Task Force is currently working on developing comments for the Yolo County Ag Ordinance. All interested in participating in this important conversation are urged to attend. Topics of importance include: 1) Animal Husbandry and Facilities; 2) Visitor Facilities and Restaurants; 3) Small Processing, Wineries and Retail; 4) Rural Recreation; and 5) The review of sections 3.02, 3.03 overlay zones. Draft copies of the Ag ordinance may be obtained by emailing Maya at [maya.m.walker@gmail.com](mailto:maya.m.walker@gmail.com).

**CVV was awarded a grant** from First Five of Yolo County to study the state of childcare in western Yolo County. If you are interested in providing comments, opinions, or information, please email project director Nancy Pennebaker at [nancy.pennebaker@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.pennebaker@gmail.com).

Submitted by Lynn Rolston, CVV Board President.



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**News from the Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce**

**ERCC Meetings:** The Esparto Chamber meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the ERCC office at 16856 Yolo Ave. Esparto at 5:30 p.m.

**ERCC Community Calendar:** Please send your community events for the calendar. View & download at [www.espartoregionalchamber.com](http://www.espartoregionalchamber.com).

**Please join us in welcoming the newly elected members of the 2013 Esparto Regional Chamber Board of Directors:**

- Camilla Barry:** Owner, Cache Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast
- Alan Humason:** Executive Director, Yolo County Visitors Bureau
- Melissa Jordan:** Co-owner, Dan Mossinger Construction & DM Sheds
- Alice Manas:** Owner, Manas Ranch & Manas Old Style Custom Meat Mkt.
- Tico Zendejas:** CEO, RISE Inc.

**They will join the current board members:**

- Kim Stephens:** Vice President, Historic Oakdale Ranch
- Pat Harrison:** Secretary, Lawson Real Estate
- Gabe Galvan:** Lions Club
- Mike Leonard :** Cache Creek Casino

*A very special thank you to the Chamber members who are exiting the Board this year: Gretchen Adan—Reputable Insurance; Lynn Rolston—Free Heart Farms; and Jim Durst—Durst Organic Growers.*

*The new board of directors will be installed and officers elected at the Wednesday, February 13 meeting.*

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Submitted by Monique Garcia, Executive Director ERCC

**News from Esparto Unified School District  
Submitted by Aida Buelna, Superintendent**



**Student Attendance:**

Several years back the State changed how it allocated funds to schools for student attendance. If parents called in that their child was sick, had a doctor appointment, dentist appointment, then schools were allowed to collect the average daily attendance for these students. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE TODAY.** Schools no longer collect average daily attendance for student absences, regardless of the reason for the absence. For our schools that means we lose approximately \$35 dollars a student a day for any absence. If 100 students are absent on any given day this equals \$3500 that does not come to the school or district. This \$3500 could have bought books, paper, pencils, etc.

At this point, you may be asking why then send notes with students when they are out of school, either sick or with medical appointments? The State attendance laws require that all students attend school and when they fail to attend school and return without a valid absence they are counted as Truant and Truancy laws kick in. After three days with unexcused absences students will receive their first Truancy letter and a meeting with administration will be set to discuss these absences. Please help us by sending your children to school every day so that we can continue to do our job of educating students.

**Bullying/Cyber Bullying:**

The topic of Bullying and/or Cyber-Bullying has come to light over the last several years in the media and television programming. In an effort to address the public's concern regarding Bullying and/or Cyber-Bullying in the Esparto schools, we have made arrangements to bring in an attorney who will discuss this issue, by defining what bullying is, how we can work proactively to prevent it from occurring, and what steps we must take if we know it is taking place. This event will be held:

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Esparto High School Marsh Hall**

**The presentation is geared to parents and community members  
All are invited to attend.**

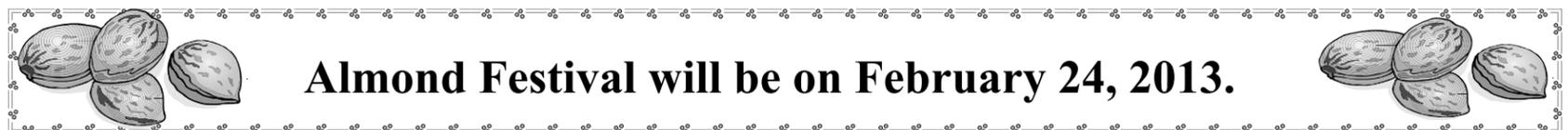
**Bullying and Cyber Bullying**

**How to recognize that it is happening and what you can do to address it**

Our teachers and classified staff work very hard to make our schools a safe place to be. However, it becomes a very difficult job for administrators when we are unaware of situations that cause our students to fear coming to school. The first step we need is for students to step forward and speak to school staff, and inform them of what is occurring. We need parents to let us know of any incidents they are aware of that place students in jeopardy. In this way we can work jointly in addressing the concerns and putting a stop to incidents.

**February Events:**

- 8-18: **Furlough Days and Holidays: District is closed**
- 19: School Resumes
- 26: School Board Meeting



## News from Esparto K-8 School

Veronica Michael, Principal

Welcome to February 2013! I am so pleased to see so many smiling, eager-to-learn children. February 1 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We are more than half way through the school year!

**Congratulations** to Andrew Walters, our school Spelling Bee champion and Lacey Humes, our Geography Bee champion! Both students will continue on in the competitions and, hopefully, go all the way.

The Omega Street parking lot will be closed from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. While we discourage dropping children off in front of school, many students are being dropped off in the middle of the street and walking through traffic. This is **EXTREMELY dangerous**. Please do NOT drop your child off in the middle of the street. Pull over to the curb. If you drop your child off on the opposite side of the street, have your child use the crosswalk. **The Grafton Street parking lot is really the safest place to drop off your child. Please make your child's safety a priority above anything else.** Also, there is no supervision on campus before 7:50 a.m. Therefore, please do not drop your students off before 7:50 a.m.

Absences that are not cleared within 3 days are considered unexcused. You may call the office at anytime and leave a message or you may send a note with your child upon his/her return to school after an absence.

Our annual PTA Live and Silent Auction is April 20, 2013. If you would like to sponsor the event, or have a product or service that you would like to donate, please contact me at 787-3417 x 502. This is such a fun and beneficial event. Please save the date and plan to attend.

February marks the time when we start thinking about our next group of prospective transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students. Enrollment packets may be picked up at the north campus office after March 1. If your child will not be 5 years old by September 1, 2013, s/he will need to enroll for our Transitional Kindergarten. Only children who are 5 by August 31, 2013 will be enrolled in Kindergarten.

Cont. on next column....

Here is some food for thought... **Why your child should read for 20 minutes every day.** Student A reads 20 minutes a night x 5 nights a week = 100 minutes a week x 4 weeks a month = 400 minutes a month x 9 months a school year = 3600 minutes. That equals about 10 school days of reading. By the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read the equivalent of 90 school days. Think about it. Student A probably: reads well, writes well, knows more, has a large vocabulary, is more successful in school and may ultimately be more successful in life. (Source: U.S. Dept of Ed, America Reads Challenge. (1999) "Start Early, Finish Strong: How to Help Every Child Become a Reader." Washington, D.C.)

### Dates:

February 8-18: School will NOT be in session (District Furlough Days and Holidays)  
February 25: Minimum day  
March 11 & 22: Minimum days  
March 25-April 2: Spring break  
April 8 & 22: Minimum days  
April 20: PTA Auction  
April 29-May 17: STAR testing  
May 16\*: Esparto K8 Open House (\*please note date change)

## Capay Valley Energy Shed

In Association with RISE, Inc.

**PG & E representatives will be coming to Esparto to present information on ways to save energy and money.**

**Who: PG & E Speakers: Barbara Butterfield & Ray Gillham**

**When: Tuesday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Where: 17317 Fremont Street, Esparto CA  
(RISE, Next to Esparto Supermarket)**

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Submitted by the RISE Staff

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**Esparto High School News**  
Aida Buelna, Principal

**Student Attendance:**

As we open our second semester I'd like to share our attendance statistics with parents and community members:

- Average Daily Attendance for the first semester = 260.07 students
- Reports of enrollment through Dec. 14 by day 20176/76 days = 265.48
- 265.48 enrolled students – 260.07 attending school on an average = 5.41 loss due to missing attendance
- Missing attendance **5.41 x \$5488.27 = \$29,691.54** (Estimated lost revenue through the first attendance report that we send to the State.)

What these statistics mean is that we are losing much needed funding for the high school. With enrollment numbers dropping district-wide and at the secondary school, it is imperative that the students who are enrolled attend school on a daily basis. We do understand that if your child is sick, has a high temperature, is vomiting, etc. then he/she needs to stay home. For any other reason, we would ask that you send your child to school, and if they begin to run a temperature we will send them home.

**Special Note for seniors (page 11 of the Student Handbook)  
Graduation Participation Policy:**

To encourage regular attendance, student responsibility, and adequate preparation for life after high school, the Esparto Unified School District Board approves a senior attendance policy. Seniors, who accumulate more than 40 period absences from the start of the second semester, may lose the privilege of attending the Prom and Graduation Ceremony. Students who are absent due to serious illness must present a physician's note to avoid losing these privileges. The intent is not to punish students who are seriously ill, or have suffered a catastrophic illness/loss, but to only encourage behaviors that will promote student success in life after high school.

Seniors will not be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies and senior events, if any of the following occur during their senior year:

1. A senior receives more than two "F"s in either first or second semester.
2. A senior receives more than one "F" grade going into their final exam second semester.
3. A senior misses over 40 class periods throughout the second semester

**Important Dates:**

- Feb. 1: FFA Chico State Parli-Pro/Creed Contest  
Boy's & Girl's Basketball at Willows  
Boy's Soccer vs. Biggs
- Feb. 2: FFA Arbuckle Field Day
- Feb. 5: Boy's & Girl's Basketball at Durham  
Boy's Soccer vs. Mercy – Senior Night  
Girl's Soccer vs. Hamilton
- Feb. 7: Spartan Follies – Talent Show  
Girl's Soccer – Senior Night
- Feb. 8-18: District Furlough Days and Holidays
- Feb. 19: School Resumes
- Feb. 23: Almond Festival – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 10K Fun Run
- Feb. 24: FFA Almond Festival Breakfast – EHS Gym Esparto High School

**RISE, Inc. February Intersession Programs**

February 11 through February 15, RISE, Inc. will offer an intersession program for kindergarten—5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Intersession activities include arts & crafts, staff—led outdoor play, special projects, and more! Kids help to make their own healthy breakfast, lunch and snacks, which are included. Pre-registration for intersession is required.

**Dates:** February 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2013

**Hours:** 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Esparto K-8, North Campus

**Cost:** \$10 per day per child

Registration forms can be picked up at the RISE Community Center (17317 Fremont Street, Esparto) or at the After School Program at Esparto K-8 North Campus. Space is limited.

If you have questions please contact Chelsea Becker  
(530) 908-1052 or Chelsea@riseincservices.org

Please check the Valley Voice for information on future intersession programs.

RISE will also be offering an intersession program for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders February 11 – 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the RISE Community Center. Field trips, arts & crafts, and special events will be offered. Lunch is included, registration is free but there will be a charge for special field trips. Please pre-register by picking up a form from the RISE office (17317 Fremont St.), which will also include more specific program details. Space is limited. For more information or questions please contact Rachel Bingham by phone at (530) 787-4110 or by email at rachel@riseincservices.org.

Submitted by the RISE Staff

**Lunada**

Women's History Month

March 26, 2013 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Atrium of the County Administration Building  
625 Court St, Woodland

Everyone is invited to a Lunada, an evening of song, art and storytelling celebrating women. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. Peruse art on display until the program begins at 7:30 p.m.. The Esparto Teen Art Club's Women's History art piece, will make its debut at the Lunada. The program includes two storytellers from the Sacramento Storytellers Guild and the Pioneer Gals, musicians from Davis. The Anderson Family Catering of Winters is a Lunada sponsor and will be providing light tapas. There is no admission charge for the event. Donations to support the artists are welcome. You may make a tax deductible donation to WHM, PO Box 711, Woodland, CA 95776. Please write "Lunada" on the note line of the check (to help the bookkeeper). A donation box will be available at the event. The Lunada web site is womenslunada.com where you can find more details about the artists. If you would like to help, call Catherine Portman at (530) 666-0882.

Submitted by Catherine Portman

**President's Day Holiday**  
**February 18**

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### Country Store at Countryside Community Church During the Almond Festival

Countryside Community Church's Country Store will be open during the Almond Festival on February 24 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Be sure to come by for sweets and free coffee as you peruse the tables for homemade crafts, plants, fabric, etc. You can also buy raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-crafted quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Meanwhile, if there are items that you would like to donate to the church's Country Store, please give us a call at 787-3586. Remember that donations are tax deductible. We are located at the corner of Fremont & Grafton and we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information go to our website at  
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Submitted by Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

### Guinda During the Almond Festival



Don't miss Guinda, the Festival's Sweet Spot  
Savor the culinary flavor!  
Oysters at the Fire House, then homemade sweets & savories at Western Yolo Grange Hall- Inside & out!  
Almond Blossom Ice Cream! Crafters and artisans!  
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Submitted by Trudie Martin

### The Esparto Writers Group

The Esparto Writers Group invites all able and interested persons, regardless of ability, to join us from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room of the Esparto Library. Share your works with us and we will share our carefully chosen impressions with you. We will challenge you with our monthly prompts to stoke that fire or you can bring something that you have been pouring your heart out on so that it might be aired for the first time. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. This month it is on February 21. Please contact Sandy Pelletier at (530)796-3555 or [Sandrapelletier@me.com](mailto:Sandrapelletier@me.com). if you are interested.

Submitted by Sandra Pelletier



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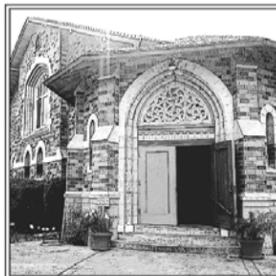
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## Black History Month

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### Black History Month to be Celebrated in Guinda

The Annual Black History/Multicultural Day will be held Saturday, February 9 at the Western Yolo Grange Hall in Guinda from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Exhibits, music, entertainment, history, and speakers on the Valley's history will be featured. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special event. It is sponsored by the Western Yolo Guinda Grange and Van Hook Enterprises.

Submitted by Clarence Van Hook



### AARP Tax Preparation Service

Once again this year AARP volunteers will be assisting residents in Esparto with their taxes. On February 8, February 22, March 22, and April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, these volunteers will be available in the Wintun Room at the Esparto Library to help prepare taxes. Services will be available in both English and Spanish. Call (530) 848-2080 if you would like to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also all right.

Submitted by Eileen Ricci

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In order to manage all tax return assistance requests, RISE Inc. will be offering tax assistance by appointment only. So, if you are interested in utilizing this FREE service with a certified RISE staff member- call RISE today at (530) 787-4110. **ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN SPANISH!!** Please help spread the word!!

In order to accurately and quickly prepare tax returns you will need the following items present during the appointment...

- Proof of Identification
  - Social Security Card and/or Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration and/or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for everyone on the tax return
  - Birth Dates for everyone on the tax return
  - Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
  - Interest and Dividend statements from banks (Form 1099)
  - Bank Routing Number and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit
  - Total paid for day care. Day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number )
  - To file taxes electronically on a married filing jointly tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- For CA Renters Credit – Landlord's name, address and phone number.

RISE will also be offering this service at their Winters Office—the number to make an appointment for folks living in that community is (530)794-6000.

Thank you.

Submitted by the RISE Staff

Patrick Scribner



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# Almond Festival



← **Bridget Campbell**

Bridget Campbell lives in Capay with her parents, Elizabeth and Kevin, and siblings Brooke and Ben. An accomplished senior at Esparto High School, Bridget has involved herself in sports and leadership activities. Bridget is a member of the Music Art and Drama Club where she serves as the Vice President, the Culinary Club, and is an involved athlete in both volleyball and golf. In addition to school activities, Bridget is a member of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department Cadet Program and is a Certified First Responder. Bridget is an involved member of her church where she has participated in mission trips to Mexico and GenLife, a youth group at The Father's House. Bridget spends her spare moments working at the Capay Valley Bed and Breakfast where she is the assistant manager. In the future, Bridget hopes to attend a four-year university to study criminal justice or political science. In her free time, Bridget enjoys a wide variety of activities, including playing music, reading, and spending time with friends. Bridget's sponsors are Jeff and Cynthia Clark.



**Brenna Harmon** ↑

Brenna Marie Harmon makes her home in Esparto with her parents Renee and Kent and brother Zach. Also important to Brenna are her sisters Sarah and Marissa, and nephew Logan. A senior at Esparto High School, Brenna is involved in a wide breadth of activities, including both sports and leadership. Brenna is the Varsity Cheerleading Captain, the Varsity Basketball Team Captain, and is an All-League Softball player at Esparto High School. In addition to sports, Brenna is a member of the FFA, where she has earned her Greenhand and Chapter degrees, Leo's Club, Associated Student Body, and is on the Yearbook Staff. Brenna is also an active community member and spends time volunteering for the Esparto Little League as an umpire. Brenna is a Certified First Responder, has organized the Esparto High School Adopt-a-Family program, and in the summer months, works at the Manas Fruit Stand. In the future, Brenna hopes to attend a trade school to become a phlebotomist. In her spare time, Brenna enjoys sports- including martial arts where she holds a black belt, reading, drawing, gardening, cooking, and writing. Brenna's sponsors are Ron and Helen Voss.

**Sophia Robles** →

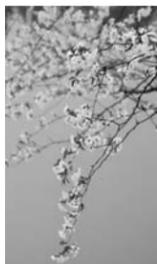
Sophia Robles is a resident of Esparto and the daughter of Socorro and Benjamin and sister of Ricardo and Sandra. Sophia is an involved senior at Esparto High School where she has involved herself in a wide variety of sports and leadership activities. Sophia currently serves as the Associated Student Body President, the Spanish Club Treasurer, and is a member of the Leo's Club, Yearbook, and Esparto FFA Chapter. Sophia is also a member of the varsity cheerleading and soccer teams. Sophia is also a member of the Capay Valley-wide Almond Festival Planning Committee. Her involvement in these activities has led her to receive her Greenhand and Chapter FFA degrees. Additionally, Sophia has sat on the mock California State Senate and California Legislative Assembly. In the future, Sophia plans on attending CSU Northridge to study psychology. In her spare time, Sophia enjoys drawing and painting. Sophia's sponsor is El Toro Foods in Esparto.



## Almond Queen Pageant

The time has come to celebrate a handful of incredibly talented young women in the Capay Valley community. This year, six brave and wonderful young ladies will compete for the title of 2013 Almond Queen. The pageant will be held on Saturday, February 16 at the Western Yolo Grange Hall in Guinda at 7:00 p.m. This time honored tradition is in its 98<sup>th</sup> year and is sponsored by the Rumsey Improvement Association. This year's pool of qualified candidates includes athletes, scholars, leaders, and community-oriented seniors from Esparto High School. Join the entire Capay Valley in honoring these capable young women and celebrating this important community tradition.

Submitted by Hallie Muller, Pageant Co-Coordinator



**Hannah West**

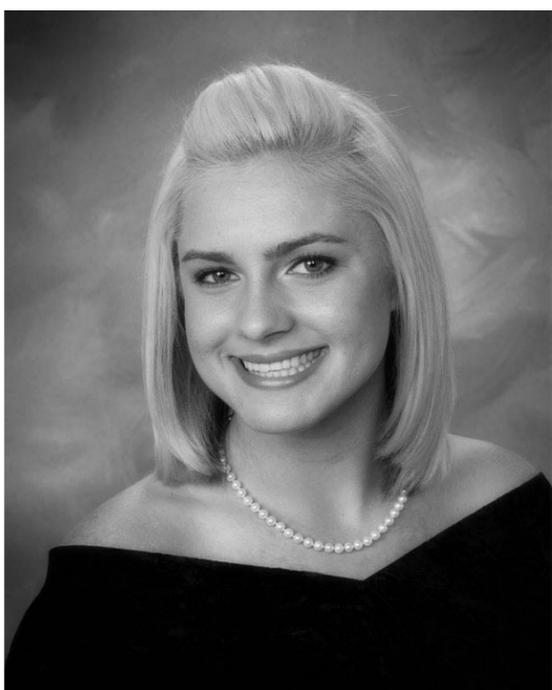


Hannah West is a resident of Esparto where she lives with her mother, Shari, and her brothers Bryton and Cody. As a senior at Esparto High School, Hannah has found herself involved in many activities, including the varsity basketball team, volleyball, softball, cheerleading, the Esparto FFA Chapter, the Newspaper Club, Culinary Club, Leo's Club, and ROP- Early Childhood Education. As a member of the ROP course, Hannah assists in a second grade classroom and at the Esparto Head Start program. Through her extensive involvement in the FFA and employment with Pioneer Hi-Bred, Hannah has received her Greenhand, Chapter, and State FFA Degrees. After high school, Hannah plans to enroll in the United States Navy. Her career goal is to become a registered nurse and work in a pediatric oncology hospital. In her spare time, Hannah enjoys playing sports, spending time with the children she babysits, working with animals, exercising, camping, and spending time with family and friends. Hannah's father, Donald, would have been very proud to support Hannah in running for Almond Queen. Hannah's sponsors are Stan and Lela Holland.



**Hannah Sheehan**

Hannah Sheehan, a resident of Brooks, is the daughter of Carrie Sheehan and sister to Courtney, Natasha, and Daniel. A senior at Esparto High School, Hannah is a member of the Music Art and Drama Club, Spanish Club, Esparto FFA Chapter, and Esparto/ Capay Valley 4-H Club. Hannah is a talented athlete and has participated in both softball and cheerleading. Hannah was a leader on the cheerleading squad and was named cheer captain during her sophomore year. As a member of the FFA, Hannah has earned her Greenhand Degree and was named as the Sweetheart of the Esparto FFA Chapter. Hannah is an employee at the Guinda Volunteer Fire Department. In the future, Hannah looks forward to moving to Santa Barbara to study massage therapy. In her spare time, Hannah enjoys spending time outside hunting and fishing, as well as singing, dancing, art, and creating art. Hannah's sponsor is Yvonne Perkins.



**Patience Teh**



Patience Teh makes her home in Guinda with her mother, Cynnomin Tarlesson, sisters Princess, Jue, and Azata, and brothers Chedepo, Putue, and Bieyour. Patience is a senior at Esparto High School where she is involved in the Associated Student Body. Patience has earned her Greenhand FFA Degree. In addition to being an active student, Patience is an involved resident of the Capay Valley community. She is a member of the Western Yolo Grange, Tarlesson Farm, and African Gospel Mission. As a member of the Grange, Patience has been honored for her contributions in the Grange Talent Show and was awarded the 2011 Grange Award. After high school, Patience hopes to attend a two-year community college and then transfer to a UC school to become a flight attendant or singer. During her free time, Patience likes to sing, write poems, and help her mother organize church events. Patience's sponsor is Esparto High School Desktop Publishing.





**Chairman Marshall McKay of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation as he prepared to testify before the US International Trade Commission in Washington, DC in December.**

**Chairman Marshall McKay Testifies in Washington Regarding the Need for Improved Labeling of Olive Oil in the United States**

In December, Chairman Marshall McKay of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation testified before the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) in Washington, D.C. about the olive oil industry in the Capay Valley region and the competitive marketplace for extra virgin olive oil in the United States.

At the request of Congress, USITC is investigating concerns about the quality of some imported oils, if they are accurately labeled, and if American consumers are being appropriately informed about what kind of oil they are buying.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation produces its Séka Hills extra virgin olive oil and also processes olives for local growers in its new olive mill in Brooks. The mill is an important asset for the burgeoning olive oil industry in the Capay Valley. The area has an ideal environment for olives and a growing reputation for exceptional extra virgin olive oil.

Chairman McKay told the USITC he wondered about the quality of some imported oils labeled ‘extra virgin olive oil’, in part, because of their very low store price, especially considering the significant import and shipment costs they must incur on top of production.

The Chairman expressed support for recommendations in a new UC Davis study, including increased sample testing, revised ‘extra virgin’ standards, and improved testing methods and quality control procedures.

“Yocha Dehe believes the U.S. market for olive oil should be fair for all producers and consumers,” Chairman McKay testified. “The American consumer deserves honesty in the marketplace. And when it comes to olive oil, they are not getting it.”

Submitted by Sophia Cazanis

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### Family Contra Dance in Guinda

Save the date for a Family Contra Dance in Guinda on Saturday March 2, sponsored by the Western Yolo Grange. The dance will be in the historic Guinda Grange Hall, well known for its wonderful wooden dance floor. Caller Erik Hoffman will be accompanied by local musicians Lewis Santer and Vince Wolfe ([www.drivingwithfergus.com](http://www.drivingwithfergus.com)). Proceeds from the dance will support much needed restoration of the Hall.

What is Contra Dancing? Contra Dancing is a form of American folk dance popular in the 1800's, in which the dancers form a set of two parallel lines which run the length of the hall. It is similar to square dancing, but not limited to four partners in a set. Each dance is taught by the caller before it is danced, and is prompted as needed during the dance. Beginners are welcome and you don't need to come with a partner, as dancers are encouraged to dance with many different partners throughout the evening. The dances have a relaxed, family-like atmosphere and are FUN! Dress is informal, and comfortable shoes are recommended. The live music consists of traditional jigs, reels, and hornpipes from the Scots-Irish tradition, with fiddle often as the lead instrument. Admission is charged to pay for the caller, musicians, and to help fund hall restoration.

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

**Date:** Saturday March 2

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

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

Refreshments will be available (donations appreciated)

Questions? Contact us at [www.westernyologrango.org](http://www.westernyologrango.org)

Submitted by Western Yolo Grange

Below are participants in previous Contra Dancing.



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### Yolo Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee Funding Available

The State of California has allocated \$60,765 to the Yolo Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to award as grants to local agencies in Yolo County affected by tribal gaming. The committee is now accepting applications for grant funding. Chapter 704, Statutes of 2012 appropriated \$9.1 million statewide from the State Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committees (IGLCBCs) for the purpose of providing grants to local government agencies affected by tribal casinos.

The Yolo IGLCBC consists of seven members who represent Yolo County, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and the general public. The IGLCBC is charged with establishing application policies and procedures and assessing eligibility of applications for local government grants from the Special Distribution Fund. The IGLCBC can only make grants for projects that alleviate impacts from casinos on local government jurisdictions. For projects that also provide broader benefits to the community, IGLCBC grant funds can only be used to pay for the proportionate share of the project that directly addresses a casino impact. Priority areas for the receipt of grant funding include: law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, environmental impacts, water supplies, waste disposal, behavioral health, planning and adjacent land uses, public health, roads, recreation and youth programs, and child care programs.

Applications for funding must be received by the committee, care of the Yolo County Administrator's Office, at 625 Court Street, Room 202, Woodland, CA 95695 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013.

Application forms and instructions are available online at:  
<http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=466>

Submitted by Christopher Lee (530) 666-8150

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- Ace has pleated furnace filters on sale all month long for 3 for \$9.99. Get yours this month.
- Feed your feathered friends for cheap, cheap this February. 8-10 lb. bags for \$3.99
- If you have any suggestions for the store, let us know, or drop a card in our new suggestion box upstairs.

**In Celebration of Almond Festival, we will be closed Sunday, February, 24.**

**Hope everyone has a great Festival Day!**

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### Winter Fire Safety Tips

In the Capay Valley we tend to think about fire hazards in the summer, but in fact, house fires are more prevalent in the winter than they are in the spring or summer. This is due in part to an increase in the number of cooking and heating fires. Fireplaces, wood stoves and space heaters should be monitored for safety!

**Here are a few winter safety tips to keep in mind:**

- It is safer to use a flashlight than a candle if the power goes out. Battery powered lights that stay plugged in all the time and switch on automatically when the electricity goes out can be an enormous help in a power outage.
- If you use generators during power outages, make sure that they are properly used and maintained -- otherwise they can be very hazardous.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace or wood stove to prevent sparks from igniting nearby carpets, furniture or other flammable items. Keep flammable items at least three feet away from the stove or fireplace (for example don't leave them on the fireplace mantel). Make sure that wood stoves have adequate floor support and ventilation. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time. Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces because it is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Do not use the kitchen oven range to heat your home. In addition to being a fire hazard, it can be a source of toxic fumes.
- Note that damaged or downed utility lines can present a fire hazard.
- Note that water damaged appliances and utilities can be electrically charged and potentially hazardous.

For information about volunteering for the Capay Fire District, call Fire Chief Danny Garrison at 796-3300.

Submitted by the Capay Valley Fire Commissioners

### Flu Season Only Half Over with Cases Increasing in California

This year's influenza season is worse than an average year, and especially bad for seniors. Seasonal influenza is now widespread in California. Most influenza being seen this year is covered by the vaccine, and when needed, is sensitive to anti-viral treatment. The Yolo County Health Department reminds the community about getting a flu shot every year, and everyone should also follow these simple steps to avoid the flu:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Regularly clean commonly-touched surfaces, i.e. countertops, doorknobs, telephones etc.
- Don't share cups, straws or anything that goes in the mouth
- Avoid touching your eyes and nose
- Cover nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze, and promptly discard used facial tissues
- If sick, stay home

Flu vaccine is still available and worth receiving this late in the season. The flu vaccine can be obtained through local healthcare providers, pharmacies and the Yolo County Health Department's regularly scheduled immunization clinic held every Tuesday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland.

Submitted by Beth Gabor, YC Manager of Public Affairs

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**VALLEY SENIORS PROGRAM AT RISE**  
**Schedule for February 2013**

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- February 5:** Valley Seniors Travel Day
- February 7:** 9:00: Coffee and Legal Services  
11:00: Lunch
- February 12:** 9:00: Coffee  
9:30: Breakfast with Yolo County Health  
Nutrition Collaborative Anel Moreno  
11:00: Laura Martinez
- February 14:** 9:00: Coffee  
10:00: Energy Shed Presentation  
11:00: Special Lunch
- February 19 & 21: 9:00 to Noon:** Peggy Phelps Seminar  
Care Planning: A part of aging  
Binder Provided with Resources  
Food Buffett Provided
- February 26th:** 9:00: Coffee  
10:00: Chinese New Year's Activity  
11:00: Laura Martinez
- February 28th:** 9:00: Coffee  
10:00: Puzzles, Games  
11:00: Potluck & Birthday Celebration

Call Beth at RISE, (530) 787-4110 FOR QUESTIONS & UPDATES.  
 Submitted by the RISE Staff

**Winter Greetings from the Esparto Regional Library!**

Help your child get ready to read by attending our **Bilingual Story Time on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** Children ages 2 to 6 years, and their parents or caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, movement, rhymes and finger plays. It's never too early or too late to help your child develop language and other early literacy skills.

**Cuentos Bilingües. Los Jueves a las 10:00 de la mañana. Cuentos, cantos, juegos y manualidades.**

The Esparto Regional Library branch of the Yolo County Library would like to begin with a big thank you to the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library for providing both funding and support for the 2012 year at the library. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, the Esparto Regional Library has offered movie events, a summer reading program for all ages, and added many new books and other material to the collection. We would also like to thank all our volunteers who do so much to enhance our library from gardening, displays, arts and crafts and much more. We really appreciate all your help.

**Special Programs at the Esparto Regional Library in February**

- Join us for our next **After School Movie Event:** February 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room. All children and families are invited to view the Disney movie "The Black Cauldron", based on the children's book by Lloyd Alexander. After school movie events are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library.
- **Valentine's Card Making and Crafts Day:** February 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wintun Room. Make a card for family and friends. Everyone welcome.
- **Opportunities in Agriculture: From Field to Table:** February 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Wintun Room. A program for teen and adults. Explore the vast options available in agriculture careers.

**Recurring Programs at the Esparto Regional Library:**

- Do you like to draw, paint, write, or take photos? Then we have the right program for you! We are happy to introduce the new **Art Club** here at the Esparto Library. This program is open to all tweens and teens who are interested in cultivating their creative minds. The Art Club will be held on February 1 and 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Wintun Room. Come by and check it out! Thanks to the Esparto Friends of the Esparto Regional Library for providing supplies.
- The English Conversation Class meets on Tuesday, 1:15-2:15 p.m., in the Wintun Room. All English learners welcome. Practice your English in a group setting. Call for further information. (530) 787-3426.
- Conversación en Ingles en la biblioteca de Esparto. Fechas y horas Martes 1:15 - 2:15p.m. La Biblioteca de Esparto esta en 17065 Yolo Ave. en Esparto. (530) 787-3426. Un programa gratis de la Biblioteca del Condado de Yolo.

Submitted by Malinda Baker, Branch Supervisor, Esparto Regional Library Branch

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

Editor



**Tux**

This dapper young gentleman is always dressed his best! Tux is a 6 month old Pit Bull Terrier mix who weighs about 40 lbs. He was born around June 7, 2012, and has been with us since he was 6 weeks old!

We have seen this little pup grow up into a handsome dog and we believe it's his time to find a forever home of his own!

Tux is a low to moderate energy dog at home. He's more often seen cuddling on the couch than anything else, but he definitely enjoys a game of fetch or a good walk. He's perfectly content entertaining himself with his toys (he loves to make little piles of his toys or parade around the house with his toy in his mouth) or even resting in his crate!

In addition, Tux is house-trained and knows some basic commands such as sit, down, and shake. He is also currently working on drop it and wait, and is making excellent progress. Tux is very smart and food motivated, so he is very eager...

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Submitted by Yolo County SPCA

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

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Payments for ads are also due by the 20th of each month.

**Calendar for February 2013**

February 7: CVV Ag Task Force Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the LBL Room

February 7: EHS Spartan Follies Talent Show

February 7: After School Movie at the Library at 3:00 p.m.

February 8-18: EUSD Furlough Days and Holidays

February 8: AARP Tax Prep Service at the Library from 9:00 to noon

February 9: Black History Month celebrated at the Grange Hall, 11:00-5:00 p.m.

February 11: Lincoln's Birthday Celebrated

February 11-15: RISE Intersession Programs for grades K-8

February 12: Valentine's Day Card Making/Craft Day at 3:00 p.m.

February 13: Chamber Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Chamber office

**February 14: Valentine's Day**

February 14: Energy Shed Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at RISE

February 16: Almond Queen Pageant at the Guinda Grange at 7:00 p.m.

**February 18: Presidents' Day Holiday**

February 20: EUSD Bullying Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Marsh Hall

February 20: Opportunities in Ag: from Field to Farm at Library at 6:30 p.m.

February 21: Esparto Writers' Group 6:00 p.m. at Esparto Library

February 22: AARP Tax Prep Service at the Library from 9:00 to noon

February 23: EUSD Almond Festival 10 K Fun Run

February 23: Yocha Dehe Almond Festival Golf Tournament

**February 24: Capay Valley Almond Festival**

February 25: Minimum Day for Esparto Schools

February 26: EUSD School Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Marsh Hall

**Happy Valentine's Day  
on February 14**



**Is Health Insurance for your Child a Problem??**

In these difficult economic and health reform times, good health insurance coverage for your children may be a problem. There are three different publically-supported options now available, which seek to assist many levels of incomes and urgent situations. You may qualify for at least one of these:

- **MediCal**—For those families most in need. Job loss and/or changes in income power may now qualify you. Free review of your eligibility.
- **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. Low monthly premiums.

• **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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Spanish AA:** next to the Esparto Grab 'n Go Market at 16814 Fremont Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

**Calvary Baptist Church:** meets at 10:30 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 the Grange Hall on Forest Ave. in 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 first Wednesday of every month at the CVV/Chamber office 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

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

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

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

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

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

**Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce:** meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday at the Chamber Office on Yolo Avenue unless it is a mixer. (787-3242)

**Esparto Unified School Board Meeting:** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Alice Marsh Hall.

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

**FFA 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 from 9:00-12:00 & Fridays from 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 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 Service at 9:00 a.m.

**Madison Advisory Committee:** 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District. No meetings in May, November or December.

**Madison Community Committee:** 3rd Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Madison Community Services District.

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

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

**On Fire Fellowship of Esparto:** Sunday service at 11:00 a.m., Bible Study: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Youth Group: Fri. at 6:30 p.m.; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

**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. & 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 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](mailto:valleyvoice2@hotmail.com) or call 787-4110.*



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