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Local Students Nominated For National Scholarship Program

Esparto- Hallie Muller & Karla Hernandez, Esparto High School seniors and members of the Esparto High School National Honor Society, has been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Stan Dodd, Principal at Esparto High School today announced the nomination, which places Hallie Muller & Karla Hernandez in the national competition. Two hundred national NHS winners will be chosen this spring to receive $1,000 college scholarships.

Hallie is one of our student leaders. Not only is she an excellent student but a highly citizen. Karla is our ASB president and an Honor Roll student. She is a positive role model and a leader by example.

High School National Honor Society chapters from across the country were eligible to nominate two senior high members to complete. Nominees were selected based on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organization and clubs, achievement in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"Students nominated for the NHS scholarship not only demonstrate academic excellence, but also excellence, but also excellence in service, leadership, character- traits that are more important now than ever before," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "I am always impressed by the high caliber of students like Hallie & Karla and NASSP is proud to recognize them."

The National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nations premier organizations recognizing outstanding middle level and high school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NHS and NJHS are proudly sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The NASSP—the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school leaders- also sponsors the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), which promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower students to serve their schools and communities.

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Check it out!
4 additional pages featuring Almond Festival Events
Starting on Page 7!

THE FACTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED ESPARTO WATER AND SEWER RATE HIKES

The Esparto Community Services District is proposing to raise rates for sewer and water. The vote is being carried out under Proposition 218 guidelines.

THE RATE INCREASE IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

INCREASED OPERATING COSTS:

- The rates have not been raised since 1996. Daily operating costs have continued to rise and the District can not now meet normal operating expenses.
- Because of the age and deteriorated condition of the system there are many emergency repair costs that have pushed operating costs even higher.

SYSTEM REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS, AND UPGRADES:

- We are seeking funding in the form of a low cost, 40 year United States Department of Agriculture loan to accomplish the following repairs, replacements and upgrades:
- Install water meters so that water fees are more evenly distributed according to usage.
- Purchase and install the booster pump at the new tank. The tank cost has already been borrowed to cover the tank's construction. The tank would be useless unless this booster pump is constructed.
- Repair or replace deteriorated sewer and water pipes throughout the older portion of town. This will remove the rust and particulates from the water. As the pipes are replaced they will be upsized to allow for better fire flows, and the fire hydrants will be upgraded and replaced. Everything will be brought up to California Waterworks Standards and fire code regulations.
- Additional hydro-pneumatic tanks and variable speed drives will be installed at the well sites in order to maintain constant flows and pressures throughout the town.
- The District's sewer pond facility and lift-station will be repaired/replaced, so that it meets the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 133. It will also comply with Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, Division 3, Chapter 9.
- Poorly constructed and damaged sewer lines will be repaired or replaced to solve continuous blockage and overflow problems. Some of these overflows have resulted in damage to individual's homes.

While raising the base rate to $70.00 is a drastic jump it is not unreasonable, considering the benefits to be gained and the work required to repair our system. It is a rate that is closer to the average monthly rate charged throughout California.

REPLACEMENT FUND:

- The District has never set money aside to replace parts as they wear out. A portion of the rate increase will be set aside in a special fund to pay for long-term replacement of parts and equipment as they wear out. This allows the District to have an ongoing maintenance program rather than waiting for everything to wear out at once.

OTHER ISSUES:

- It has been asked why our biggest pump is not being used, and the answer is quite simple at this time of year it is not needed.
- There has been concern over the life expectancy of our ductile iron pipe. Whereas it is true that a 100-year lifespan may be the average but this can be cut short by many factors. In our town, minerals within the soil, stray electrical currents, dissimilar metal connections, and bedding in native soils have reduced the pipe's life. Samples showing the deteriorated condition of pipes removed from our system are available for viewing at our District office.
- It has been mentioned that the developers do not pay for this loan and people wonder why. The developers **are** charged fees to cover 100% of the sewer and water expansion for new homes and they must construct the entire infrastructure within the system at no cost to the District. By State law the District **can not** use these development fees **to fund repairs or replacement** of existing infrastructure. ***STORY CONTINUED ON PAGE 12.***

CVV Seeks to Preserve the Valley's Sense of Place

The Almond Festival is a great opportunity to take pride in sharing the special assets of our rural communities with visitors from across California. The same goal is embodied in the new Capay Valley label that seeks to brand an identity of value and authenticity for food and art products of the region. At the festival, Capay Valley Vision (CVV) will have booths in Esparto and Rumsey to showcase the new regional label including a variety of items on hand for visitors to learn about the Valley and to take home. Local community members will staff the booths helping with sales of t-shirts, hats, and tote bags.

CVV is exploring partnerships with agricultural producers, artists, craftspeople, and businesses to develop the Capay Valley brand as a common regional identity. For example, ag producers interested to complement their label with the regional identity can become a charter partner with the Capay Valley Grown project. More than a dozen farms and ranches have already signed up. CVV developed the label through meetings co-sponsored by the Western Yolo Grange and Community Alliance with Family Farmers and in cooperation with members of the Esparto Chamber of Commerce and Capay Valley Artists. Contact the CVV office for partnership details.

In other CVV news, the nonprofit organization has been awarded a grant by Yolo County to conduct a participatory, community-based affordable housing study for the region. Working under the guidance and land use designations of the area plans for Capay Valley and Esparto, the project seeks to recommend locally acceptable affordable housing options. The one-year housing project will include research into best practices dealing with workforce solutions in rural areas impacted by tourism-related activity. Community meetings will be held to present options for review and will help to shape a written plan of action.

The regional transportation study of the Capay Valley Highway 16 Corridor worked on by community members and consultants through CVV last year is scheduled to be published later this month.

For more information about CVV's work or to volunteer for a festival booth shift, please call Thomas at 796-4160 or email info@capayvalleyvision.org.

Biznuts from Esparto District Chamber of Commerce

Starting with the next edition this section of the paper will be reserved for news from the Esparto District Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the chamber please call them at 530-787-3242. This month news form the chamber is located on page 7 which highlights their activities at this year's Almond Festival.

What Does Your Community Need? Untied Way Wants to Know.

We need your help! Tell us how to address the following needs in your community:

Youth Programs — Health Care Coverage for Kids
Child Abuse Prevention — Homelessness

All meetings will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm. Child care and refreshments will be provided.

February	3	Placerville
February	5	Jackson
February	11	Lincoln
February	18	West Sacramento
February	19	Esparto
February	23	North Highlands/Antelope
February	24	Del Paso Heights/Rio Linda
March	2	Elk Grove
March	4	Meadowview
March	9	Rancho Cordova/Folsom
March	11	Midtown/Oak Park
March	16	Galt
March	17	Davis
March	22	Roseville

To register for the meetings closest to you, please call (916) 856-3974.
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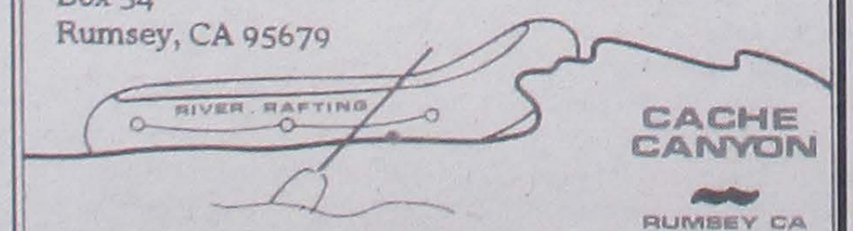

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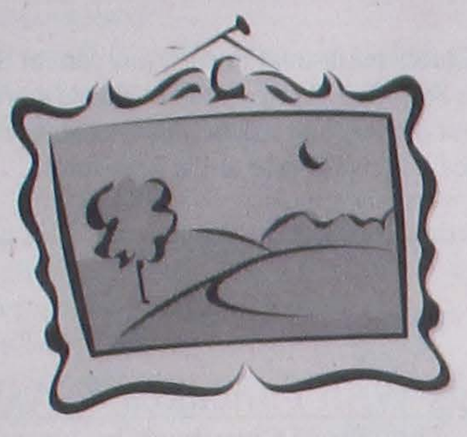
New Gallery In Esparto

Yolo Avenue Gallery Opening

We invite you to come and visit Yolo Avenue Gallery. The Gallery is a show of local artisans from around the county, featuring works from Gretchen Ceteras and many other creative and fabulous artists. We are located at 16915 Suite B, Yolo Avenue in Esparto. We welcome you to our new store, Almond Festival weekend, February 29th.
Look for our grand opening in March.

Please contact Patricia Harter at (530) 906-3798 for information on consignments and shows.



NEWS FROM THE ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE...

- **From the Desk of Superintendent Tom Michaelson**:

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2004 ... was held at the December 17, 2003 regular school board meeting. Officers for 2004 were elected as follows: President – ***Helen Voss***; Clerk – ***Linda Herbst***; Yolo County School Board Association Representative – ***Julio Cota;*** Board Members: *Jane Stallings*, *Rick Wilson*.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS ... are generally held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Esparto County Library (with some modifications). A list of meeting dates is available at the School District Office, 26675 Plainfield Street, Esparto. Telephone: (530) 787-3446; Fax: (530) 787-3033.

SCHOOL BOARD AGENDAS ... are posted at least 72 hours prior to regular meetings. When a Special Board Meeting is called, the law requires agendas to be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. All agendas are posted prior to the meetings at each of the school sites in Esparto (EES, EMS, EHS).

PROCEDURE TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD ... If there is a desire to address the School Board of Trustees, a form should be completed and submitted to the District Office at least one (1) week prior to the meeting. This will allow an item to be placed on the agenda.

9 **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROUDLY ANNOUNCED ...**

The District has recently addressed another facility project with "restricted" money that will ***not*** affect the general fund. We are excited about:

- Development of a "Fitness Center" at EHS
  - This will allow expanded physical fitness instruction for:
  - ♦ Regular P.E. Program
  - ♦ - Extra Curricular Programs e.g. wrestling, football, etc...
- Removal of Weight Room in the EHS Gymnasium
- Upgrading to the interior of EHS Gymnasium (In Progress)
- Storage of Wrestling Mats in Gymnasium (In Progress)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES *AT ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT*:

*** Speech/Language Therapist (Certificated)
*** ROP Restaurant Occupations Teacher (EHS)
*** Independent Study Teachers (Certificated)
*** Yard Duty Supervisors

(If interested or need more information, call ***Nena Lemus*** at the District Office: **787-3446**)

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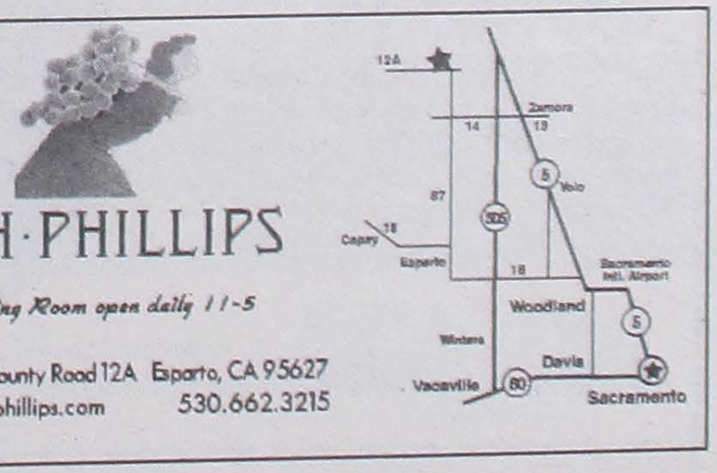

Conservation Plan Development Workshop offered to County Farmers

January 15, 2004: Farmers and agricultural producers interested in participating in US Department of Agriculture Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) programs are invited to participate in a 2-part workshop to develop conservation plans for their properties, a key requirement for both programs. The first part of the workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 7 and the second part will be held on Saturday, February, 21. Both sessions will take place from 8 am to 12 pm.The Conservation Plans for Farmers workshop is a pilot program developed with a grant from the Great Valley Center LEGACI program to Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD), in partnership with Dixon RCD, Yolo County RCD, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and UC Cooperative Extension. The program offers growers in Solano and Yolo Counties the opportunity to develop a comprehensive, highly usable conservation plans for their operations.Over the course of the two 4-hour meetings, this free program will allow participating growers to:

- Work one on one with a Conservation Professional to develop an NRCS-compliant Conservation plan that meets all EQIP and WHIP requirements
- Utilize the skills of UC Davis Landscape Architecture students to develop site assessments, maps and other graphic documents to support the plan
- Learn about and use cutting edge planning programs to develop a plan specifically tailored to their precise farming conditions, needs and goals
- Access professionals from NRCS, RCDs and Cooperative Extension at the same time to insure integrated and doable planning

The 2-part workshop is limited to 16 participants, with no more than eight participants from each county. Participants must attend both sessions to complete a conservation plan for their operation. To insure time to prepare the necessary materials for the workshops, participants must RSVP by January 23, 2004. To claim one of Yolo County's spots, or for more information, call Paul Robins at 530 662-2037 x 116.

Yolo County's Car Seat Safety Program comes to the RISE Programs

The Yolo County Car Seat Safety program came out to Esparto on January 21, 2004 to give all interested parents training on Car Seat Safety. This training included a car seat educational class, purchase of low cost car seats and hands on instruction on proper belt fitting. Parents were also informed of the consequence that would follow if children aren't properly secured when traveling in their automobile. This program was provided through the support of FIRST FIVE California and the Children & Families Commission (prop 10). Out of the fifteen participants, eleven car seats along with car seat checks were completed. We want to thank Lynn Albrecht and her assistant Anel for being able to provide this service to us. Their agency also provided parents with information and hands on instruction on how to test items within your home for possibility of lead content. For more information on how to participate in the playgroups that RISE Inc. provides, please contact us at 787-4110 and ask for Oralia, Lupe or Joe. COME JOIN US!

ESPARTO-CAPAY VALLEY 4-H

Liz Schwall- Co-Community Leader

Local 4-H'ers were busy last month working on their projects, acquiring their project animals and attending various 4-H events.

Members participated in the Countryside Community Church's Food Box Giveaway in December and four members participated in Knowledge Merit day on January 10 in Woodland. Five of the sheep project members attended a Sheep Skills Day which was held on January 10 at the Yeager-Garrett Farm in Davis.

Our intrepid adult volunteers who serve as 4-H project leaders have been meeting with their groups and passing along their many skills. The Swine, Horse, Dog Care, Woodworking, Small Engines, Sewing, Leather craft, Arts and Crafts and Camping Projects have all been meeting regularly and are busy raising and training animals and producing various clothing, art, leather and wooden items that will eventually be entered the in the 4-H Spring Show this May.

Mark you calendars!! One of the Esparto 4-H Club's main fund raisers, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction, will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2004. This is a great way for the local community to come out, have a great dinner, buy a delicious homemade cake and support area 4-H kids. We will have advance tickets for sale in the near future.

The Season of Lent Begins With Pancakes & Ashes

On Sunday, February 22nd, Countryside Community Church will be having a free Pancake Breakfast immediately following the church service in the Social Hall. We will be eating our fill of pancakes in honor of Fat Tuesday, translated from the French as Mardi Gras. Why pancakes you may ask? The tradition comes from thrifty housewives who used up the fats they kept around the house (the can of bacon drippings, or whatever) for cooking, but that they would not be using during Lent. Since pancakes are a standard way of using up fat, the day is also called Pancake Tuesday. In England, and perhaps elsewhere, the day is celebrated with pancake races. The contestants run a course while holding a griddle and flipping a pancake. Points are awarded for time, for number and height of flips and number of times the pancake turns over. There are of course penalties for dropping the pancake.

The day (or sometimes a longer period immediately preceding Lent) is also called CARNIVAL, which means "farewell to meat." "*Carni*" as in carnivorous, and "*vale*" as in valediction, valedictorian, etc. One last hamburger before the Lenten fast begins!!

After everyone is content with food and patting their bellies full of pancakes, the next day, Ash Wednesday, officially begins the season of Lent. (Lent represents the 40 days of wilderness that Christ spent in the desert after he was baptized. It is a time for spiritual reflection.) In ancient times, people who did penance often did penance in "sackcloth and ashes." Christians have ashes placed on their forehead in the sign of the cross to show a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes remind us of our mortality on earth ("ashes to ashes and dust to dust"), and our redemption in Christ. The ashes come from the burning of the palm branches used in the previous year's Palm Sunday service.

This year we will be celebrating a reflective Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00pm. Ashes will be available for those who want them. If you have any questions, please contact us at Countryside Community Church at the corners of Fremont and Grafton Streets: 787-3586.

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Whenever there are 5 Saturdays in a month, we have a dance.
Mark your calendar! (July may be optional. Call to confirm)

After School Fund Raiser…..

The Middle School Students of the After School Program hosted a Spaghetti Dinner on January 22nd. The Students served 236 dinners. All proceeds from the dinner went to their field trip fund. The first field trip that they will be taking is to Leland High Snow Park for a day of sledding, tubing, and fun on February 9th.

The students would like to thank Sysco Foods and Michael Vaillancourt for the donation of the food and supplies for the dinner. This allowed ALL money raised to go directly to their field trip funds. Thank You for your support.

There is still a few spaces left in the Middle School Program. Students go on Monthly field trips. For more information call Dennis Huitt, Program Coordinator at 787-4110 or 908-1052.

Esparto Family Practice New Hours

Beginning January 5th

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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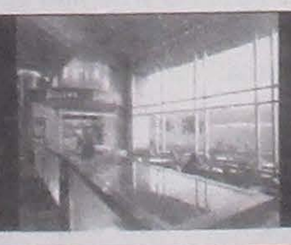

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Hoes Down Harvest Celebration Raises Funds for Local Groups

In October, the Hoes Down Harvest Celebration in the Capay Valley offered the public a special chance to enjoy rural life and deepen their understanding and connection to the local food system. In addition to bringing people together in celebration of sustainable agriculture, the Hoes Down serves as an important fundraiser. From the 2003 event proceeds, the Hoes Down contributed $14,000 to Capay Valley and Yolo County organizations.

The groups who benefited were:

Capay Valley Vision, Capay Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Community Alliance of Family Farmers (CAFF), Esparto Future Farmers of America (FFA), Esparto 4-H Club, Esparto Lions Club, Friends of the Esparto Library, Students and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS), Temba School, Western Yolo Grange, and Western Yolo Recreational Center Association (WYORCA)

The Hoes Down also benefited the Ecological Farming Association (EFA), a non-profit educational organization that promotes ecologically sound agriculture, with a contribution of $11,000.

The groups who received funds from the Hoes Down will apply them variety of ways that benefit the community, the environment and sustainable agriculture. Groups were awarded funding based on their involvement in the event. The Capay Valley Volunteer Fire Department acted as first aid responders, the Esparto 4-H Club ran the petting zoo in the children's area, and members of all the groups filled essential volunteer positions at the event.

Four organizations, Capay Valley Vision, CAFF, SLEWS and WYORCA, were awarded grants for their work in the areas of sustainable agriculture and the enhancement of life in rural communities; Capay Valley Vision for work on an agricultural strategic plan for the Capay Valley, CAFF towards its Farm-to-School project, SLEWS for habitat restoration and wildlife-friendly farming projects in the Capay Valley region and WYORCA towards the construction of a community swimming pool.

Held at Full Belly Farm in Guinda, the Hoes Down Harvest Celebration featured agricultural workshops and demonstrations, farm tours, a giant children's hay fort, live performances by local musicians, hands-on crafts, a local farmers market and craft fair, a petting zoo, and lots of games and contests -- all with an agricultural theme. The Hoes Down was attended by over 3,000 people from across the state.

For more information please contact us at (800) 791-2110 or info@hoesdown.org.

A Short History of Capay Valley

Capay Valley was home to Native American tribes for centuries, although little physical evidence is left of their way of life European and American explorers and trappers began to move through the area in the 1830's. In 1942 the Mexican government granted William Gordon two leagues of land on both sides of Cache Creek from the western hills to the Sacramento River. An in 1846 three Barryessa brothers were granted land in the valley, which marked the beginning of settlement here. Livestock production was the principal economic activity at this time. Portions of the land were sold to Americans beginning in the 1850's. Beginning in 1858 parcels of land were divided and used for grain, grapevines and fruit trees. The county's first winery was established in 1860.

In the early 1870's local farmers formed the Rumsey Ditch Association to build and operate an 8-mile irrigation canal from Cache Creek above Rumsey to the vicinity of Guinda. Several small schools were established in the valley. Central Pacific Railroad established a line for Elmira to Winters and five investors incorporated the Vaca Valley and Clear Lake Railroad in 1877, planning to extend the line north from Winters to Cache Creek and on to Clear Lake. Madison was established where the railroad was to curve north toward the valley and most of the village of Cottonwood was moved to the new town which became a center for grain shipping.

During the 1880's Esparto and Rumsey were established as town sites along the anticipated railroad. In 1887 land speculators organized the Capay Valley Land Company and together with the Vaca Valley and Clear Lake Railroad began to divide up areas of the valley into parcels for fruit farmers. The railroad served the valley from 1888 until the 1930's. A three-story hotel was completed in Esparto featuring gas lights, a pressurized water system and electric bells Guinda had a house for the section supervisor and a bunkhouse for workers. Postmasters were appointed at Guinda and Rumsey and Langville was renamed Capay.

The Guinda store, still in use was built in 1891. A high school was established in Esparto in 1893. In the early 1890's a single-wire grounded telephone line between Guinda and Rumsey was laid and a phone was placed in a store in each town for public use. Guinda built a community hall, the Western Yolo Grange Hall today, in 1909. During this time local Wintun Indians were relocated from Rumsey to a federally purchased rancheria on the other side of the valley. Plans to extend the railroad through the Rumsey canyon were abandoned.

Yolo Water and Power Company completed a concrete dam across Clear Lake that improved storage capacity for flood control and irrigation downstream in 1914. The first Almond Festival was in 1915. Capay Valley Almond Growers Exchange began to serve the area's growing almond acreage as farmers converted fruit orchards to more profitable almonds. In 1928 electric power came to the valley and was extended to outlying areas over the decade. The Great Depression discouraged economic activity but government projects provided some employments. State Highway 16 was cut through the Rumsey Canyon starting in 1931 and by 1935 transportation was opened up to Highway 20. Six gas stations served motorist between Brooks and Rumsey. The railroad tracks were taken out from Rumsey and rail service ceased north of Esparto in 1941.

Major flooding occurred during the 1940-41 and again in 1955-56. During World War II several Japanese families who had operated fruit orchards in the upper valley were relocated to internment camps and did not return after the war. Efforts to create a consolidated school district were successful in 1959-60 and small elementary schools dotting the valley closed down as school bus service expanded.

In 1975 a new Indian Valley Dam in the mountains north of the valley began to store water for flood control and irrigation however the reservoir was not yet filled when the drought of 1976-77 began.

Organic growers began intensive farming in the valley, gradually building markets and expanding acreage in a variety of crops. In 1985 the Rumsey Band of the Wintun Tribe opened a bingo parlor near Brooks. This later became the Cache Creek Casino a rapidly became a major gambling venue. After years of fundraising the new Esparto Regional Library branch of the Yolo County Library opened in 1999.

In 2000 Capay Valley and Esparto residents began a two-year Capay Valley Visioning process to assess challenges for the future and to prepare a community action plan to improve regional quality of life.

Thanks to the Capay Valley Atlas for Resource Information for the Capay Valley –Esparto Region.

The

Valley Voice
Almond Festival Guide

2004 ALMOND FESTIVAL
New From the Esparto District Chamber of Commerce

Biz Nuts By: Elizabeth Campbell

This years Almond Festival is turning up all sorts of great additions. The Esparto District Chamber of Commerce, who sponsors the event in the Esparto Park, says the vendor list is growing by the hour.

- Every vendor from caramel corn, a giant saber tooth slide, arts and crafts, jewelry and even a baking contest will be there.
- Jim Haag, who is organizing the Chambers' booth will have over 5000 cups with almonds and walnuts for visitors. As well, businesses are encouraged to provide brochures and information to promote their businesses.
- New and exciting ventures include sponsorships for the downtown Esparto holiday/event flags (Pat Harrison Chair), Businesses, groups or individuals can sponsor a flag at a reasonable cost and have their name displayed on the bottom of the flag.
- In addition the "Where's the Map" campaign spearheaded by Pat Meade, will be at the booth. Business sponsors can buy affordable add space in the new and very exciting regional map program.
- Perhaps the newest event during the Festival is the 1St ANNUAL BAKING CONTEST! The brainchild of Pat Harrison (Lawson Realty), this contest is guaranteed to leave everyone craving more! Check at the Chamber of Commerce Booth for exact time and location.
- Don't forget about the Queen's Dinner and Crowning that was heldSaturday February 21, 2004 at the Western Yolo Grange. Watch for the Queen and her Court at Festival locations and activities.
- Capay Valley Vision has been gracious enough to allow the New Capay Valley Brand label to be used to advertise the Festival. Look for posters in local stores.

Welcome to the Festival!

The First Almond Festival

The year was 1915 and big things had been happening in the Esparto area, a new public consciousness had awakened and a Chamber of Commerce was formed. The Chamber's purpose was to promote growth in the area and they were looking for methods to educate the rest of the world that Capay valley was a good place to live.

Agriculture always had played a major role in the area, and by this time the number one crop was almonds. Six hundred twenty five tons coming from the 150 growers in the Capay Valley area. It was with this fact in mind that Rev. William Thompson proposed that a Festival be held to commemorate the harvest.

Committees were organized and plans were drawn up for an event of "immense" proportions to be held on September 4, 1915. The Almond Growers Association lended their support and the Yolo County Farm Bureau announced that it would serve as their third annual exhibition.

Posters were printed along with a special invitation, which was to be presented to Gov. Hiram Johnson. Jeweler Ed Praet of Woodland formed an almond into a small locket with a gold clasp and hinges with the invitation inscribed inside.

Flags and bunting were draped throughout the town. The roadways were lined with evergreens and concession stands were erected. A merry-go round and other entertainments were set up in what is now the Post Office parking lot.

The main exhibit tent was erected in the 'town square". Within its confines over 60 varieties of almonds would be displayed along with many other items for judging.

Since no festival is complete without a queen, a competition was held and Miss Felicia McKinney was elected.

Finally the day arrived and with it came nearly 4,000 people and 205 autos. The parade finished and at 10am the queen was crowned the Hon. G.H. Hecke gave and address and welcome speech after being introduced by Dr. M.O. Wyatt, the president of the day.

After this a free lunch was provided by the Farm Bureau under the direction of H. Hartwig. The next couple of hours were spent viewing exhibits, enjoying the concessions and riding the merry go ground. A better baby contest was held and Shelford Wyatt emerged the victor. John Schaupp walked away with the prize for biggest family, with 6 boys and 7 girls.

But the day would not go untarnished for Esparto. By 4:30 the home team had been beaten by Dunnigan 11 to 5 at baseball and it was learned that Davis had captured the Almond Display prize.

Later came the races, motorcycle, foot and horse—followed by an open air brass band concert under the direction of Ed I. Leake, Woodland Postmaster.

Finally it was the time for the Grand Ball, which was held in the Fredsons Hall, the second story of Wyatt's Store.

Over two tons of almonds had been given away, one half ton of which were in souvenir boxes.

As the day drew to a close, T.H. Brock who was Grand Marshall, breathed a sigh of relief and Esparto became the self proclaimed "birthplace of the almond".

Thank You to David Herbst for allowing us to excerpt portions of this account of the original 1915 Almond Festival.

Past Almond Festival Queens

1915-Felicia McKinney	**1969-Mary Shaw**	**1988 Laurie Harmon**
1929-Josephine Owens	**1970-Karen Hall**	**1989-Amy Heinz**
1930-Helen McCants	**1971-Cynthia Wanshop**	**1990 Treesa Schleier**
1931-Lela McFarland	**1972-Sue Campbell**	**1991-Dee Dee Talbot**
1932-Elsie Cook	**1975-Joan Johnson**	**1992-LaWanda Blanton**
1934-Agnes Tibbits	**1976-Cathy Goerres**	**1993-Heidi Baker**
1938-Janice Humphrey	**1977-Renee Aune**	**1994-Katie Wicks**
1939-Lucille Spearin	**1978-Janeen Castillo**	**1995-Brandy Covington**
1940-Laverne Holland	**1979-Cheryl Young**	**1996-Aaron-Marie Wicks**
1941-Phyllis Gibson	**1980-Heidi Durst**	**1997-Sonia Armas**
1942-Mirriam Faulkner	**1981-Lisa Shera**	**1998-Marcela Muratalla,**
1943-Barbara Pede	**1982-Laura Cadena**	**1999-Johanna Lowrey**
1964-Lani Burris	**1983-Lisa Moretto**	**2000-Jolene Berg**
1965-Shirley Lloyd	**1984-Carol Rominger**	**2001-Katie Burton**
1966-Gloria Lewis	**1985-Karen McCrea**	**2002-Carol Heil**
1967-Nancy Johnson	**1986-Heather Durand**	**2003-Anita Lua**
1968-Antoinette Perez	**1987-Tiffany Eberein**	

2004 Almond Queen Candidates

Johanna Oliver
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Krissy Bahlman
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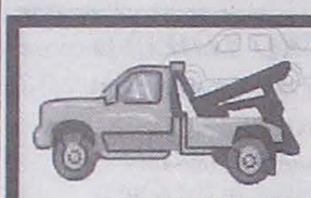

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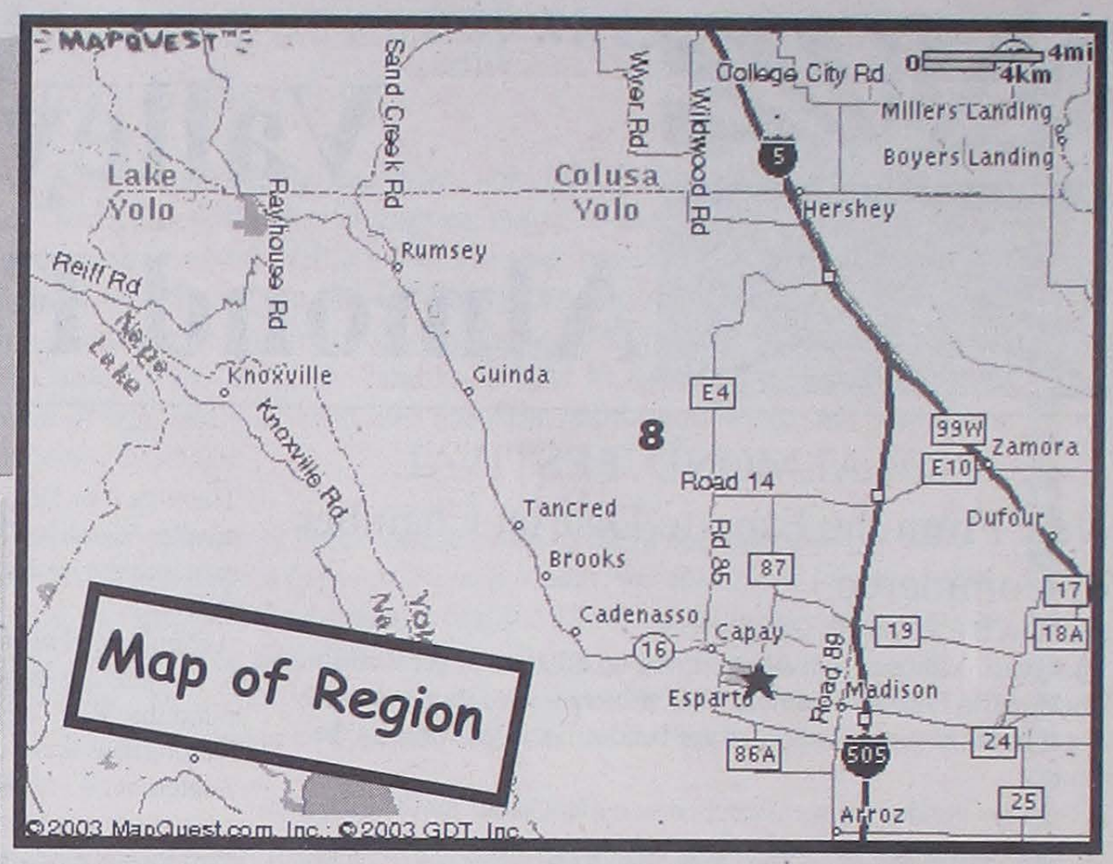

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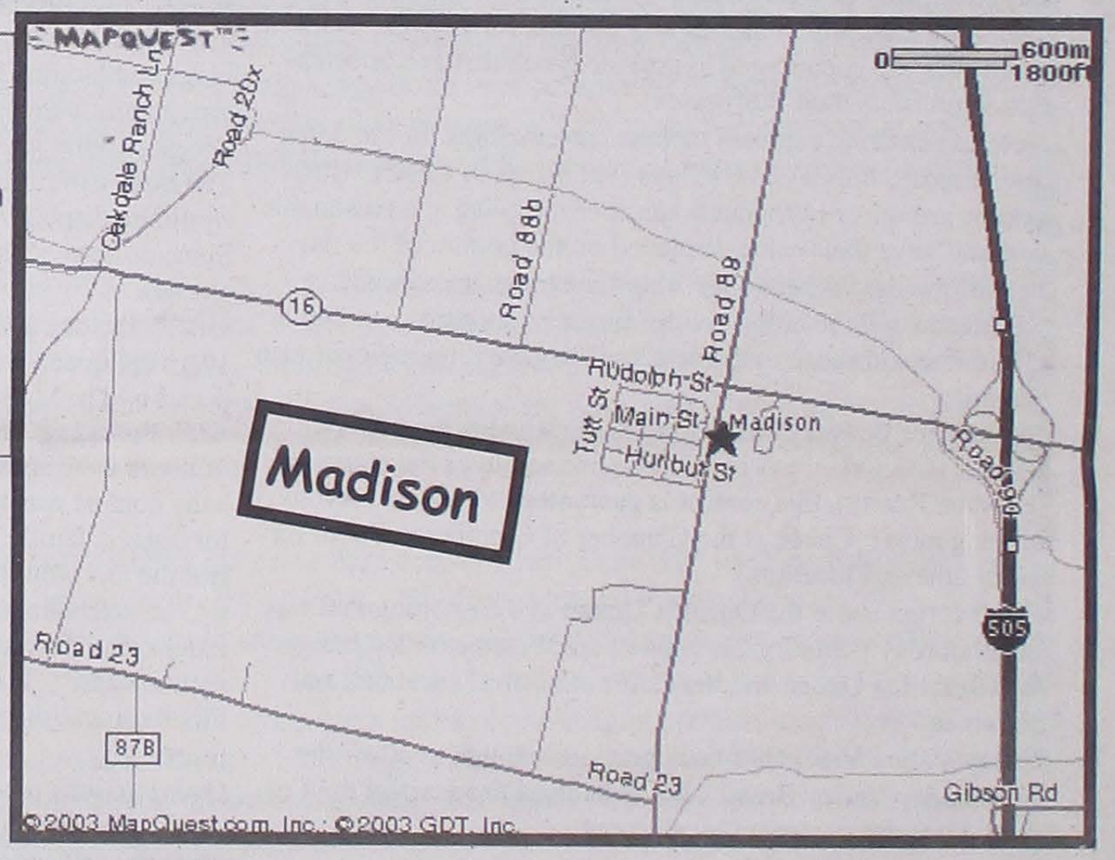

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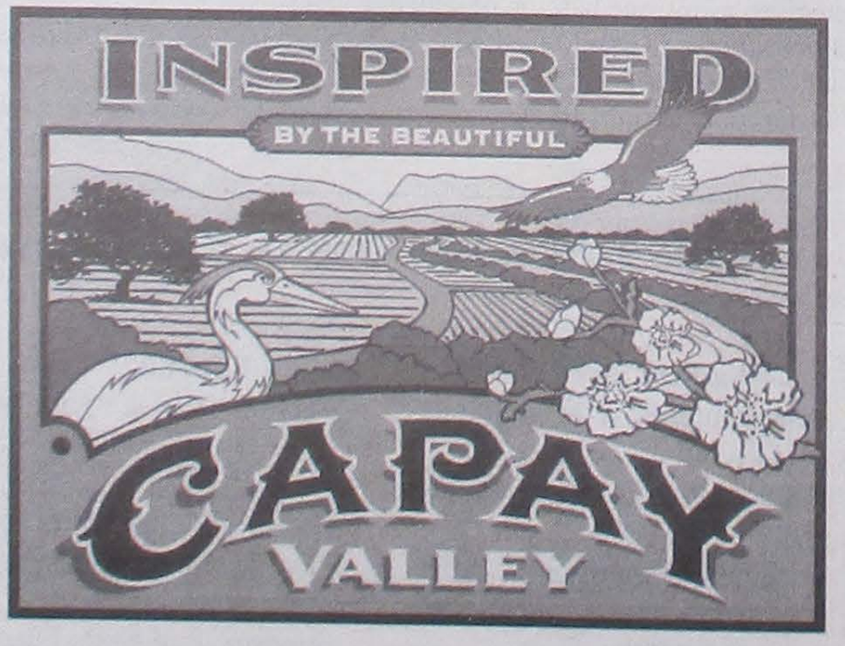

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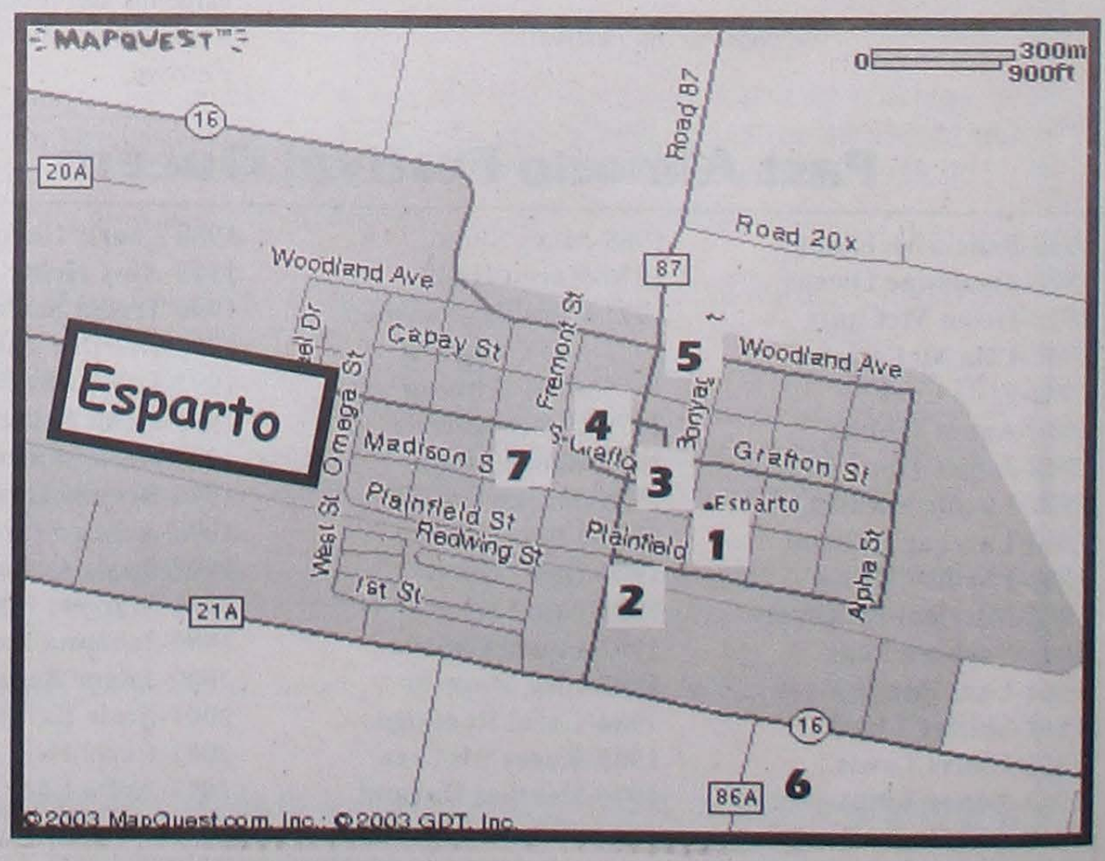

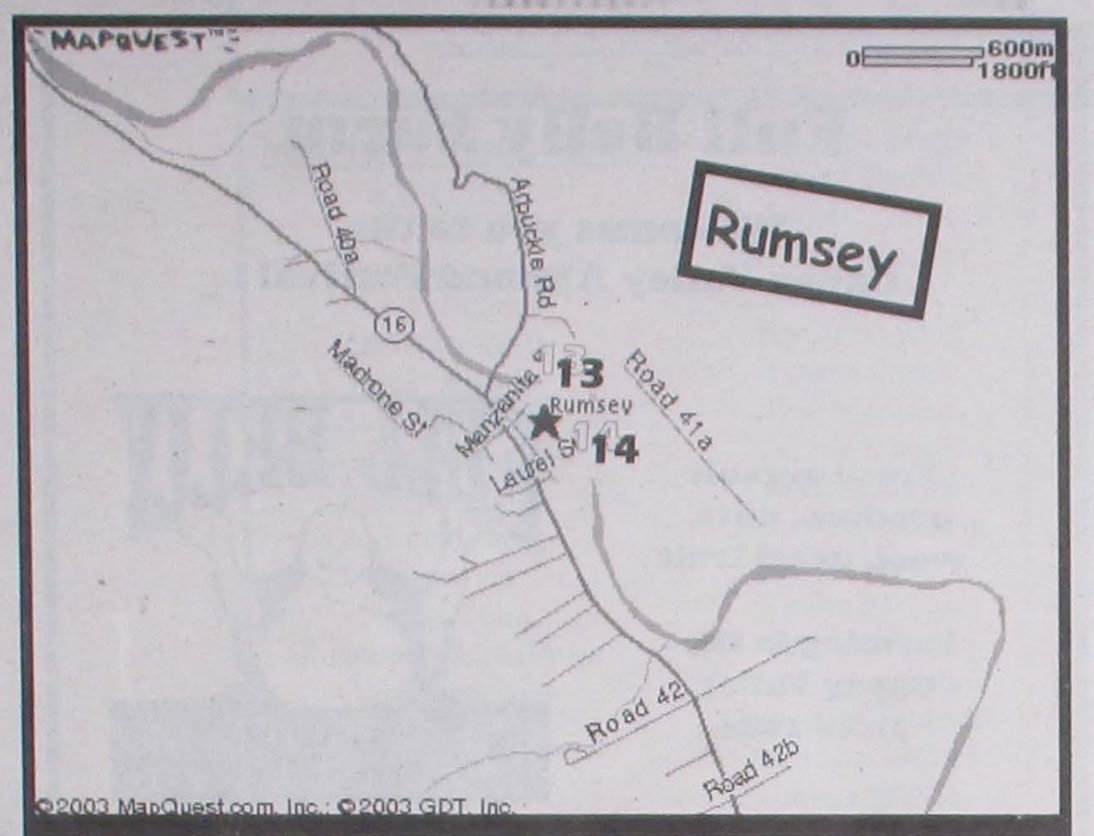

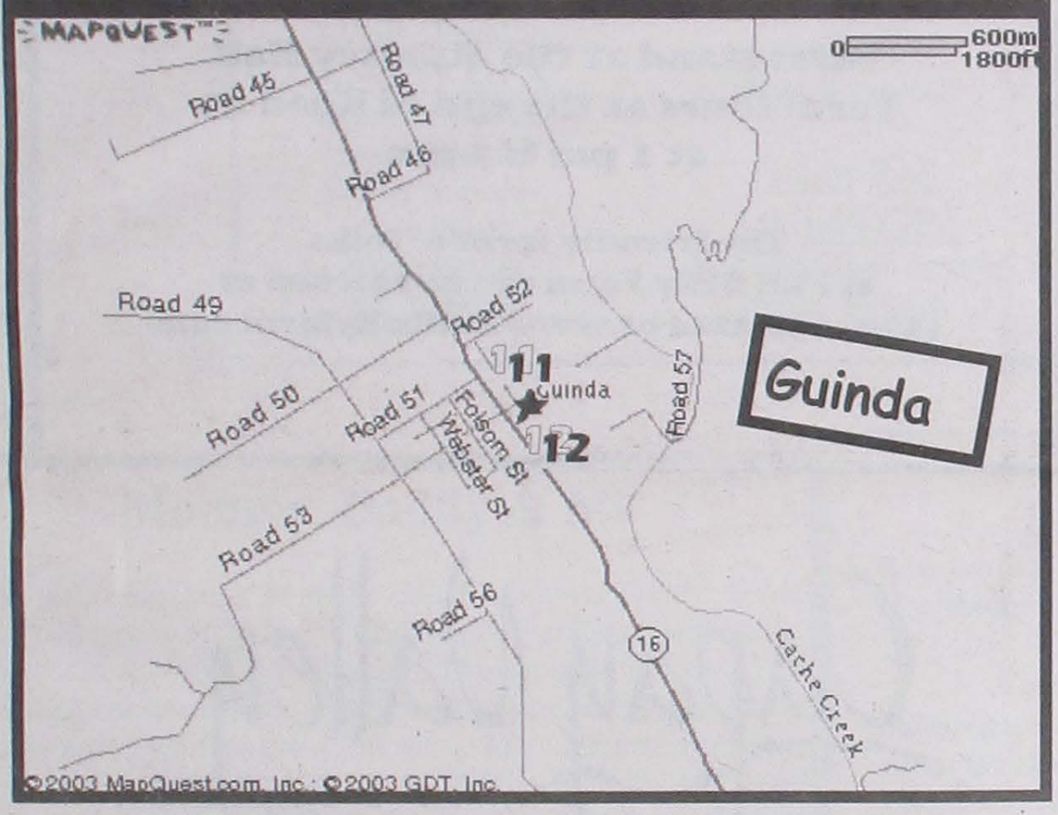

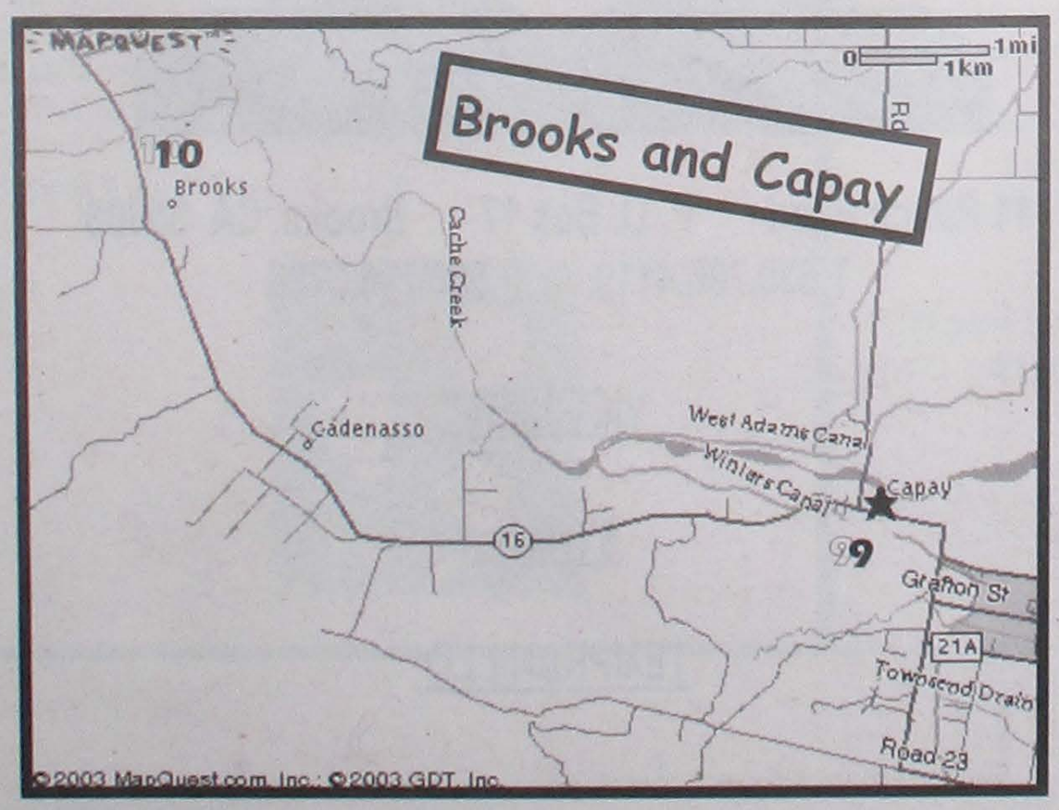

Events
Numbers Correspond to Area Maps.

1– Madison Fire Department Car Show
Esparto High School

2– Esparto FFA Breakfast
Esparto High School

3-Esparto Community Park
Sponsored by Esparto Chamber of Commerce
Food, Arts & Crafts, Baking Contest, Slide, and More…

- West Valley Alpacas, see ad page 8
- Capay Valley Vision, see ad page 8
- Syar, see ad page 10
- Haag Farm-Walnuts, sample at Chamber booth, see ad page 8

4-Esparto Fire Department Beer Garden

5-Java Station
Wagon Rides, Food, Drinks, see ad page 10

6-Metro Towing
See ad page 8

7-Countryside Community Church
Baked Goods, Crafts, Raffle see ad page 8

8-RH Phillips Winery
Wine Tasting, food, demonstrations…

9-Capay Junction
Music-Mike Ward & the Howling Blues Monsters

10-Capay Valley Vineyards
Wine Tasting, see ad page 10

11-Capay Valley Fire Department
BBQ Oysters

12-Guinda Grange Hall
Old engines, Petting zoo, Tri-Tip, Crafts, Sweets, and more

13-Rumsey Improvement Club
Rumsey Ribs
Music by Catfish & The Crawdaddies

14-Rumsey Town Hall
Flowers, gourds, Arts & Crafts, Local Artists,
* Capay Valley Vision, see ad page 8
* Full Belly Farms, see ad page 10

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Kyle Rehg
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Isis Cardenas
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Caitlin Nichols
Joanna Oliver
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Samantha Senkbeil
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Jose Zavala
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Mommy, Daddy & Me

RISE Inc. sponsors a program called Mommy, Daddy & Me with the support of Yolo Co. Children & Families Commission (Prop 10) and FIRST 5 California. This program is focused on providing information on child development and lots of hands on interaction with parents. The group meets on a quarterly basis in the evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with childcare and dinner provided for the whole family. All sessions are held at the Early Learning Center at the corner of Grafton & Fremont street behind the Countryside Community Church. Families with children from 0-5 are encouraged to attend and join in the fun. Our next session is scheduled for February 13th 2004. For more information, please contact RISE Inc. at (530) 787-4110 and speak with Oralia, Joe or Lupe.

PRE- KINDERGARTENER ALERT!

Are you a stay-at-home parent who wants to make sure his/her child is learning new things and getting ready for Kindergarten?

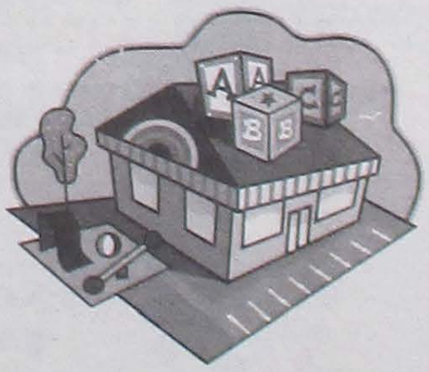
A group called "Kinder Ready!" is starting in January for all interested children and their parents! It is designed to provide important learning opportunities for children 3-5 years old. The focus is to encourage learning and skill development for a smooth transition to Kindergarten! Everyone is Welcome… all program services are free… There are additional opportunities for expanding the group to include cooperative play and expanded learning ventures!

Put on your Calendar to join us for the first session on JANUARY 27th, 2004.

The session will take place at the:

- Early Learning Center located on the corner of Fremont and Grafton in Esparto.
    - From: 9:30-11:30AM.

If you have questions, call RISE at 787-4110 … or we'll see you there!



ESPARTO WATER AND SEWER RATE HIKES, continued from Page 1.

Almost all of the upgrades are need for existing homes and engineering studies dating back to the 1980's have continuously noted these. A percentage of the developer fees will go toward these upgrades, to the extent that the new development benefits. Also all new home owners will be paying the same increased rate. By spreading this cost across this larger base it helps to defray the fixed costs of operation.

We will be raising the development fees on future to reflect any benefits that the new development will receive as a result of these improvements.

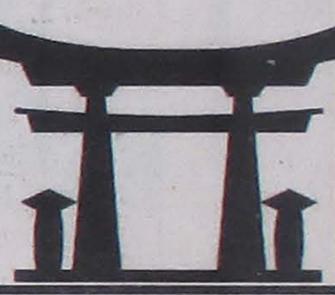
- Finally many people question why mobile home owners "aren't allowed a vote". The interpretation of voter approved Prop 218 that we have been given is that only property owners can vote. If the District does not receive payment for services delivered to a particular parcel then a lien is placed against that parcel. Thus if you own the property upon which your mobile home is placed you do have the right to vote. This is controlled by the State Constitution.

It is important that all persons be correctly informed as to the goals, benefits, and problems associated with this proposed increase.

If anyone wishes to see any backup information, engineering or financial documents they should can stop by the District office at 16960 Yolo Avenue, Esparto Ca. We have photos of problem areas and actual pipes and valves available for viewing that have been removed from our system to show its current condition.

If people wish to contact the General Manager by phone please do so by phoning (530) 787-4502.

CELEBRATE OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE



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MEETING DATES		AGENDA SUBMISSION DEADLINE
January 7, 2004	***MEETING CANCELED***	December 31, 2003
January 14, 2004		**January 7, 2004**
February 4, 2004		**January 28, 2004**
February 18, 2004		**February 11, 2004**
March 3, 2004		**February 25, 2004**
March 17, 2004		**March 10, 2004**
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May 5, 2004		**April 28, 2004**
May 19, 2004		**May 12, 2004**
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August 4, 2004	***MEETING CANCELED***	**July 28, 2004**
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October 6, 2004		**September 29, 2004**
October 20, 2004	***MEETING CANCELED***	**October 13, 2004**
November 3, 2004		**October 27, 2004**
November 17, 2004		**November 10, 2004**
December 1, 2004		**November 24, 2004**
December 15, 2004		**December 8, 2004**

PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS:

The public may address the Board on any matter, whether or not it is on the agenda, but the law prohibits action by the Board on non-agenda items. The Board reserves the right to take action on any agenda item. Should there be a large number of individuals wishing to address the Board, a limitation of three (3) minutes and one address per person may be imposed (Govt. Code § 54954 and BP 1120).

CLOSED SESSIONS:

The Board of Education may hold closed sessions only for the purposes identified in law and placed on the meeting agenda in the manner required by law. Closed sessions may be held to discuss personnel matters, negotiations/collective bargaining, matters related to student discipline or student rights, security matters, negotiations involving real estate and matters involving potential litigation.

PHILOSOPHY OF BOARD MEETINGS:

1. Board meetings are "business meetings" held in public
   - The public is invited to observe the business proceedings and provide input at appropriate times
2. Purpose: To conduct the business of the school district in an efficient, informative and timely manner in accordance with existing laws
3. The District and Board will make every attempt to come prepared to meetings with adequate background and information so that responsible decisions can be made on behalf of all students attending Esparto USD.
4. As a courtesy and out of respect for people's time, schedules and commitments, every effort will be made to expedite the proceedings of the meetings.

Esparto Basketball News

The Esparto boys' middle school basketball team finished December with a winning 3-2 record. They started the season with a resounding 53-39 victory over the Winter's seventh grade team. Jake Cunningham scored 17 points and pulled down 5 rebounds and Patrick Kuehn came off the bench to score 8 second half points off steals to seal the deal. Kasey Blickle had a solid game with 7 points and Rye Muller scored 4 points on offensive rebounds.

In the Dixon 7th grade tournament, the Wildcats went 1- 2. The victory over Buckingham was again sparked by some aggressive thefts by Kuehn, who converted three steals for 6 points to begin the third period and turn a 1 point half time deficit into a comfortable lead that the team never relinquished. Cunningham again dominated down the stretch and totaled 14 points and several key rebounds. Jordan Watkins chipped in 6 and showed lots of hustle, and Jose Vargas controlled the tempo from his point guard position and was named to the all-tournament team.

At Holy Rosary on the 16th of December, Vargas led the team to a 35-33 victory. The Wildcats fell behind early 6-1, then settled down and led the rest of the way. Vargas and Cunningham had 11 and 9 points respectively, and Martin Zavala and Jordan Watkins added 2 key baskets each. Mathew Blickle had four steals.

ALERTA DE PRE-KINDER!

Eres un padre que quiere asegurarse que su hijo(a) éste aprendiendo nuevas cosas y preparándose para ir al kinder?

Un grupo llamado "Listo para el Kinder!" comenzará en Enero para todos los niños y sus padres interesados. Este grupo esta diseñado para proveer importantes oportunidades de aprendizaje para niños de 3 a 5 años de edad. El enfoque del programa es animar el aprendizaje y el desarrollo de habilidades para una transición suave al kinder!
Todos son bienvenidos. Todos los servicios del programa son gratuitos. Hay oportunidades adicionales para expansión del grupo que incluye juegos co-operativos y incremento del aprendizaje a través de la aventura.

Anota en su calendario para que se venga a reunirse, con nosotros el la primera reunión, el día 27 de enero del 2004.

La sesión se llevará acabo:

- En: el Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano, localizado en la esquina de las calles Grafton y Fremont en Esparto.
- De: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Vengan a unirse! Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina de RISE al (530) 787-4110.

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1ST ANNUAL
ALMOND FESTIVAL BAKING
CONTEST

Contest rules: The dish must use real almonds. The recipe must be of your own making or adaptation. You and you alone, must cook the dish the morning of the contest. You must reside in Yolo County. You must surrender the recipe to the Esparto District Chamber of Commerce for the rights to publish the recipe with your name. Contestant may enter more than one dish, maximum 3 dishes.

ALMOND FESTIVAL BAKING CONTEST

Enter to win prizes and notoriety: 1st place Winner and her/his picture will be featured in the Valley Voice and the Daily Democrat. Along with the picture a cash prize of $100 will be awarded to the 1st prizewinner and $25 to the runner up. Both 1st and runner up will receive mention in the fore mentioned papers. Three judges will judge the day of the Festival. Three categories: Dessert- Bread- Brunch

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Category of Dish (Circle One): Dessert Bread Brunch
Almond Dish: _____

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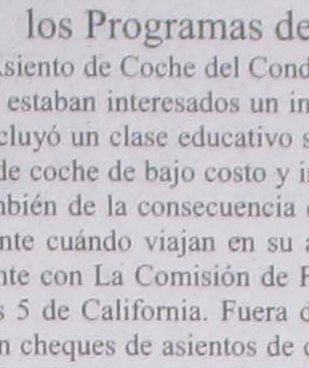
El Programa de Seguridad del Asiento de Coche del Condado de Yolo viene a los Programas de RISE Inc.

El programa de la Seguridad del Asiento de Coche del Condado de Yolo salió a Esparto el 21 de enero de 2004 para darles a todos los padres que estaban interesados un instrucción sobre la Seguridad del Asiento de Coche para los niños. Esta instrucción incluyó un clase educativo sobre el uso básico acerca de las sillas de seguridad para autos, la compra de asientos de coche de bajo costo y instrucción en el uso de los cinturones de seguridad. Los padres fueron informados también de la consecuencia que seguiría si los niños no están asegurados apropiadamente cuándo viajan en su automóvil. Este programa esta proporcionado conjuntamente con La Comisión de Familias y Niños del Condado de Yolo (prop 10) y Primeros 5 de California. Fuera de los quince participantes, once asientos de coche junto con cheques de asientos de coche se completaron. Queremos darle las gracias a Lynn Albrecht y su ayudante Anel del programa de Seguridad de Asientos de Coche del Condado de Yolo por ofrecernos este servicio. Su agencia también les proporciona información a padres sobre instrucción en cómo probar artículos dentro de su hogar para la posibilidad del plomo. Para más información en cómo tomar parte en nuestros grupos, llame a RISE Inc. al numero 787-4110 y hablen con Oralia, Lupe o Jose. **¡VENGAN A REUNIRSE CON NOSOTROS!**

Mama, Papá Y Yo

RISE Inc. esta patrocinado un programa llamado Mama, Papá y Yo conjuntamente con la Comisión de Familias Y Niños del condado de Yolo
(Prop. 10) y PRIMERO 5 de California. Este programa se enfocara a proporcionar información en el desarrollo de niños y interacción con padres. El grupo se lleva acabo en la tarde de las 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. con cuidado de niños y cena para la familia. Todas las sesiones son tenidas en el Centro de Aprendizaje en la esquina de las calles Grafton y Fremont detrás de la Iglesia Countrside Community. Las familias con niños de 0-5 son invitadas a asistir y acompañarnos en la diversión. Nuestra próxima sesión será el 13 de febrero 2004. Para más información, por favor llamar a RISE Inc. al teléfono
(530) 787-4110 y hable con Oralia, Jose o Lupe.



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Full Belly Farm in the Capay Valley is seeking an Administrative Assistant, 50%-75% time. Responsibilities include office systems, communications, light bookkeeping and sales. Call Dru or Judith for further information
530-796-2214"

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District wishes to announce that it has an unscheduled vacancy on its board of directors. The District will be selecting a replacement by February 14, 2004 from qualified landowners within the District. For more information, please contact Paul Robins at 662-2037, extension 116.

CALENDAR DETAILS

The Dental office in Esparto is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday, Call 787-4972 to make an appt.

Food and Clothes Closet, more information contact RISE Inc. at 787-4110.

AA meetings, *Countryside Community Church,* located at 26479 Grafton St. Entrance is on west side of building. Go down the stairs to kitchen. Call Don Bertleson at 787-3322 for more information.

Guinda Community Church, Fridays at 7 p.m. in Spanish

Home Schooling Cooperative, Call Elvira Paoletti at 796-2280.

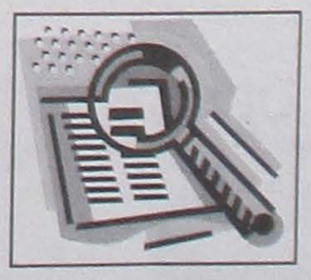
WIC Services is located in the Esparto Family Practice office at 17050 South Grafton St. For an appt. call (209) 870-5000.

Church of God Spanish services to be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. The services will be held a the Countryside Community Church.

Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee
(CVGPAC) meets every 1st wed. of the month at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to the public.

Esparto Citizen Advisory Committee to Planning Council (ECAC) meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm in the Wintum Room at the Esparto Regional Library.

If you would like to get contact information about calendar events in the next meeting please email the editors of the Valley Voice at valleyvoice2@hotmail.com or call 787-4110 to get the information in.



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February 2004

• Purchase and install the booster pump at the new tank. The tank cost has already been borrowed to cover the tank s construction. The tank would be useless unless this

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am St Martin's Service 9 am Guinda Community Church Service 10:30 am Countryside Community Church Service 11 am Esparto Baptist Church Service	2 9am-1pm Esparto Family Practice Clinic	3 8am-5pm Esparto Dental 9am-1pm Esparto Family Practice Clinic 9:30-11:30am Kinder Ready, CCC 7pm AA meeting CCC 7pm FERL Meeting 7-9pm Nimble Needles	4 9-10:30am Toddler's Too, CCC 10am-12 Food/Clothes 10:30-11:00am Story Hour, Library 7pm Church of God 7pm CVGPAC Meeting 7pm School Board Mtg	5 9am-1pm EFP Clinic 9:30-11:30am Kinder Ready, CCC 6:30-8pm TNT at CCC	6 7pm Church of God Spanish Service	7 1-4pm Food/Clothes Closet 7pm Spanish Mass St. Martin's Church
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Place and ad here on the back page of the calendar or a saying to a loved one wishing them a Happy Birthday, Anniversary or whatever. Call 787-4110 for more details and talk with the Editor.