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## Meet the District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas



**Angel Barajas**

Dear Yolo County Residents,

I am deeply honored to have been given the trust and responsibility to serve you as a Yolo County Supervisor.

I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to members of the Woodland, Knights Landing, West Plainfield, Madison, Esparto, Dunnigan and entire Capay Valley communities for opening their front doors and discussing issues and sharing personal stories with me. During the Campaign, I was able to engage with extraordinary people from all walks of life such as agricultural workers, farmers, parents, students, small business owners, public safety officers, seniors, educators, and other important community stakeholders. They have certainly shaped who we are as a county.

Since being sworn into office on January 4, 2021, I have worked with other County Supervisor colleagues, staff, and community members on the expansion of COVID-19 testing and vaccination rollout, Lower Cache Creek flood planning, Road 41, road maintenance concerns, homelessness, cannabis land use ordinance, public safety issues, and much more.

I will be sending newsletter updates periodically to keep you informed and engaged in Yolo County affairs.

My goal is for Yolo residents to not only feel, but to see that County leaders are providing equitable and effective representation to all sectors of our community. Yolo County has the potential to lead the region into economic, educational, and social prosperity. We will continue to work with community residents, nonprofits, agricultural industry, governmental agencies, educational institutions, business and labor communities, and other service providers to make this happen.

**Yolo County District 5 Supervisor, Angel Barajas**

### Meet Deputy to Supervisor Barajas, Monica Rivera

To Yolo County residents,

I am excited to be part of the community and make the essential changes necessary to make this a better Yolo!

I will be collaborating with you and other county staff to assist with issues or concerns that may arise in the community. We are here to serve you!

Please feel free to reach out to Supervisor Barajas office for any questions or concerns. Our initial response time will take less than 48 hours. You can call me at my office number **(530)666-8227** or email me directly at **monica.rivera@yolocounty.org**



**Monica Rivera**

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Yolo Council #10058 & St. Martin Alter Society will be having a corn beef & cabbage dinner fundraiser. **Order by phone only.** Sunday March 14, 2021.

You can pick up your orders at **25633 West Grafton St. at St. Martin Mission Hall in Esparto from 2 pm - 6 pm.**

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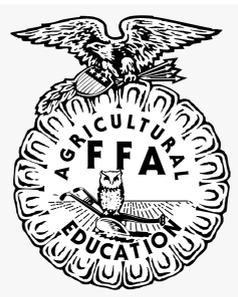
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## Agriculture Trivia!!!

1. How many people does one United States farm feed annually?
2. Approximately how much money do Americans spend on food for their 4th of July cookouts each year?
3. Corn is the No.1 crop produced in the United States, with farmers planting more than \$90 million acres in 2017, How many bushels of corn were harvested that year?
4. The United States is the world's largest beef producer, What is the total number of cattle and calves in the United States in 2018?
5. Textile mills in the United States spin about 3.6 million bales of cotton per year, according to the National Cotton Council of America, How many pairs of jeans could that much cotton make?

**A. 750 Million B. 14.6 Billion C. 94.4 Million D. 6.7 Billion E. 166**

*Answers: 1: E, 2: D, 3: B, 4: C, 5: A*



We would like to thank everyone for your continuous support throughout these tough times. Although, this school year is very different. We are trying the best we can to continue to be great and provide an awesome FFA experience for our new and existing chapter members.

Sincerely,

**The Esparto FFA Officer Team**

**Submitted by Jose Trejo: Reporter, Esparto FFA**



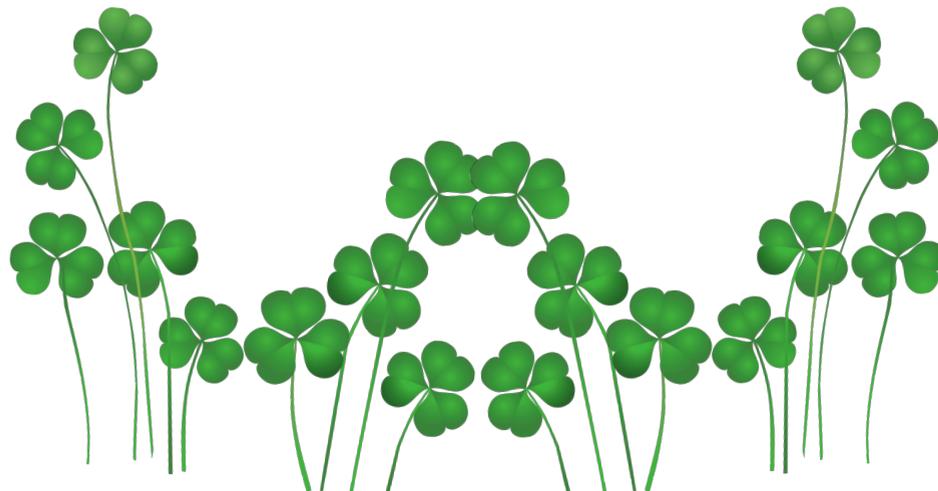
Christina (Christy) Goennier  
Esparto Unified School District  
Superintendent

## \$4.5 Million Dollars Awarded to EUSD

Esparto Unified School District applied for four facilities grants during the 2019-20 school year. We are excited to announce that we received all four grant awards! This means that over \$4.5 million dollars has been awarded to EUSD. The grants include a building for a preschool classroom, digital media classroom and a second agricultural mechanics classroom. These grants will allow for additional classroom space for our community.

The caveat to each of these grants is the need for matching funds and services. We have started a capital campaign to provide a way for the community to be involved. Please help us get the word out to those who can help us fund these projects through donations of finances and services.

We encourage the community to stay informed by visiting the following website: <https://edo.eusdk12.org/> these are exciting times for Esparto Unified School District and our community.



## Esparto Middle School News

### Perseverance is a Theme for NASA and for EMS By Ms. Erin Simons

We worked hard, but we have fun! Recently, amongst excited cheers and awed faces, Ms. Simon's 7th grade classes watched the United States 3rd major Mars Rover Mission, the "Perseverance", successfully touched down during NASA's Live Stream event for students. It was perfect timing for our class! This year, with our new Amplify Science curriculum, students researched from previous rovers and satellites sent up to the red planet. We compared and contrasted what we knew about Earth's water channels and lava tubes to come up with the probable conclusion that life on Mars *could* exist if a specific "river delta-looking" geologic feature that we saw on the planet was formed by water. On Feb 18th. at 12:50 pm Pacific time, the "Perseverance" landed in the *exact* same crater that our class was evaluating! The rover's primary mission is to collect evidence of possible ancient life forms and to research the possibility of the geologic feature, which we had been studying, having actually been formed by flowing water. We are so thrilled at the prospect of getting to see the product of NASA's hard work in the future! Who Knows? It could be our very own students studying the evidence collected from this phenomenal mission. Thank you Ms. Vann for letting us know about this awesome opportunity!



7th grade students watching the Mars Rover Mission Live Stream



## Esparto Elementary News

### March 2021 News!

By Gricelda Rodriguez, Dean of Students

On Thursday, March 11th, Esparto Elementary School will be hosting Family Literacy Night as a part of our Read Across America Week activities. It will be from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm online. We will offer three thirty minute sessions where families will be able to participate in fun literacy games. This will be a fun time for our students to play games with their family and grow their reading skills. More information will be sent to our families as we get closer to the event.

Beginning on March 1st, parents can begin registering their students for Kindergarten. Parents can come to the office to pick up an enrollment packet and receive information on the supporting documents that will be needed. The birth-date cutoffs for TK & K are listed below:

**Kindergarten: 9/2/2015 - 9/1/2016**

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The countryside Community Church  
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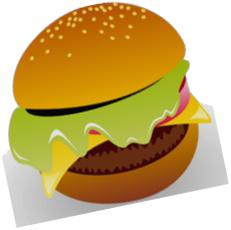
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Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bilingual

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Sunday 8:00 a.m.—8:20 a.m.

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regularly scheduled time off.

## Madison Community Food Closet Distribution

The Madison Community Committee Food Closet new distribution dates are the second and fourth Monday of each month from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

(Submitted by Rachel de la Cruz)

## FERL (Friends of the Esparto Regional Library)

We so count on your support so we can maintain programs for all community members. Losing fund raising activities certainly (COVID) hurts our ability to support as in the past. Your membership dues can go a long way to softening the loss of funds. Please support a gift of membership to FERL.

**Please send in your FERL membership for 2021 we so count on your support.**

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(Family \$15.00)**

**Benefactor \$25.00 & up (Make checks payable to FERL)**

**Send to: Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, P.O. Box 787,  
Esparto, Ca. 95627**

It was very difficult to not have Children's Shopping Day this past year. It was a great and long tradition so many have benefited from. We have every intention to hold it this year.

Gretchen Paddock and Pamela Marvel our two retiring board members served with great contributions and truly loved our library. I am sure they will be helping with activities in the future. They will be missed. Congratulations to Estella Chavez our new board member.

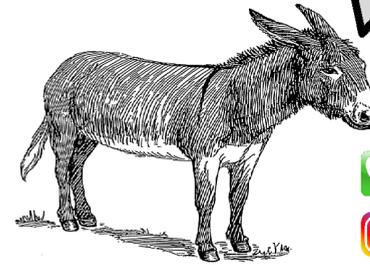
I am also retiring as board president but will continue on the board to finish my term. Thankful to board members and community for such great support.

**Jim Schulte FERL President**

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## Happy St. Paddy's Day Seniors!!

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We hope you have a Great month!!! We miss you All!!

-Susan & RISE Staff

## 2021 Almond Queen Pageant

The Almond Queen pageant is an over 100-year-old tradition and not even the Corona Virus will stop it! The time has come to celebrate a handful of incredibly talented young women in our community. This year, three brave young ladies will compete for the title of 2021 Almond Festival Queen. The pageant will be held on Saturday, March 13th at the Western Yolo Grange Hall in Guinda at 6:30 pm, however this year will look quite different. The General public will not be able to attend the dinner due to Corona Virus, however the pageant will be live streamed for all to watch. You can view the pageant in real time on YouTube:

1. Go to YouTube.com
2. Search Capay Valley Almond Queen Pageant
3. Click on the Circle of Almond Blossoms

Thank you to Esparto Broadband for providing WiFi! Thank you to Wayne Hall and Tristan Wetter for live streaming the pageant!

The Buckhorn truck will be at the Esparto Park from 5pm-7pm and will be donating a percentage of the proceeds to the Western Yolo Grange and the Rumsey Improvement Association: the sponsors of the pageant. Please come and support this great event: grab your Buckhorn BBQ (see menu below, each meal is \$15) and tune in to watch these amazing young ladies live!

Thank you to our esteemed judges, Makayla Shera, Almond Queen 2014; Esparto Fire Chief, Mark Nichols; Yolo County Sheriff, Tom Lopez.

This year's pool of qualified candidates include athletes, scholars, leaders and community-oriented seniors from Esparto High School. Each of the three contestants will deliver a speech prepared on the topic: "What is a personal strength you have discovered in the past year and how did growing up in a small town community help you develop that strength?" Each young lady will answer a follow up questions, a current event question and a fun question. The three judges will have met with each contestant earlier in the day for an interview and to study each application.

Join the entire Capay Valley in honoring these remarkable young women and celebrating this important community tradition.

Lizeth Bermudez lives in Esparto with her parents Miguel and Raquel Bermudez. She has three brothers, Miguel, Jose, and Cesar. Lizeth has been very involved at Esparto High School, she has been a member of the FFA, float building, Spartarama, and making rally posters. She played volleyball and soccer, and was an equipment manager for AYSO Soccer team. Lizeth is highly active in her community and volunteers with her local church, making meals for the elderly. She has earned perfect attendance, Honor Roll and has placed in Farm Art contests at the County level. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, sports, makeup, exercise, documentaries and music. In the future, Lizeth would like to attend Woodland Community College and then transfer to UC Davis with the end goal of a degree in Business. She would also like to attend Cosmetology School. She would like to use her education to create a business that helps empower women and create positive body images. Lizeth is participating in the Almond Queen pageant because she is a competitive person, and she wants to show the world the strength and beauty she has inside of her. She looks forward to memories like these lasting her lifetime. Thank you to Lizeth's sponsors: Miguel Bermudez.

Avanelle Dennis lives in Maxwell with her parents William and Stephanie Dennis. She has six siblings, Vanessa, Jordan, Matthew, Nick, Trevor, and Amber and has attended the Esparto School District her whole life. Avanelle is involved in the FFA, EHS Junior State of America, Leo's Club, National Honor Society, and science club. She has held many offices in these clubs such as FFA Chapter Secretary and National Honor Society Chapter President. She plays Volleyball and is very involved in her community. Avanelle has volunteered for the EHS Athletic Boosters, Leo's Club highway trash pick-up, the Esparto Public Library, and Northern California Special Olympics. She has earned Spartan Honor Roll, Scholar Athlete and the FFA High Point Award. Avanelle's hobbies include volunteering, tutoring, reading, and working with her mom on their photo booth business. In the future, Avanelle plans to attend a four-year university, and double major in Psychology and Child Development. With these degrees, she hopes to become a Psychologist for children and teens that are placed in the foster care system. Avanelle is participating in the Almond Queen Pageant because she believes it is important to connect with the Community in every way possible.

Thank you to Avanelle's sponsor: Full Belly Farm.

Harley Grant lives in Esparto with her mom Christina Young Grant and has an older brother, James Grant. Harley is a member of the FFA, Student Council, Leo's Club, 4-H, and NSHSS. She is ASB President, and has earned Honor Roll, Cheer Coaches Award, many FFA titles and awards such as FFA Sweet-heart and FFA State degree. She plays basketball, softball and is a cheerleader and has earned captain in multiple sports. Harley's hobbies include sports, showing livestock and singing. She has had the opportunity to perform at the Almond Festival and Yolo County Fair. In the future, Harley plans to attend Woodland Community College to receive her Associate degree. She then plans to transfer to CSU, Chico to major in Agriculture Education to achieve her dream of becoming and Ag Teacher. Harley is participating in the pageant because she has had the opportunity to witness her family members, peers, and close friends compete in this amazing Capay Valley tradition. Harley's Aunt Cheryl and Cousin, Janette both competed in the Almond Festival Queen Pageant and she is happy to be able to keep this family tradition going in honor of her family, friends and peers.

Thank you to Harley's sponsor: Nick and Heather Echarte

Submission by Caitlin Zavala



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## **Woodland League of Women Voters to hold 26th Annual Spring Fundraiser**

The league of Women Voters is excited to announce its first 2021 event A League Spring Series..." *DEMOCRACY WORKing.. in Woodland and Beyond*", an informative three part series providing the community an opportunity to meet Woodland's new members of the Board of Supervisors, City Council & School Board. Each month's event in March, April & May will include a delivered Box Lunch prepared fresh by a different local vendor, AS WELL AS A PIECE OF THE LEAGUES' TRADITIONAL, FAMOUS AND FANTASTIC CARROT CAKE BY MARY ANN!! This special surprise will accompany each lunch!!!

The Series will be a virtual event and the League fundraiser for the year as the traditional "Bean Soup Luncheon" could not be held. Celebrating 2021, we chose to adapt our yearly fundraiser into a new shape and size. This accommodation will allow us to continue our mission of providing information to encourage informed and active participation in our community. Each month will be a virtual presentation carried LIVE for ticket holders. The recorded version will be available on the Leagues' website and Facebook page and carried on local cable Channel 21.

Looking forward to this unique event and its success, the league encourages community members to participate, purchase a Series or Individual Event Ticket, become more informed about the interests and concerns of our new members of the Boards and Council here in Woodland and Yolo County. Consider becoming a Sponsor as sponsor's names, businesses or organizations will be listed in the Series Program and on the Box Lunch bags. Additionally, sponsors will be listed in the Leagues' VOTER, on their website and Facebook page and in articles published locally. Consider, too, purchasing an Individual or Series ticket as a gift to a friend, an excellent introduction to the Leagues' community involvement.

Sponsorships are also available and include all of the publicity opportunities listed above. A delightful and delicious "Yolo County Bounty" door prize, a basket overflowing with many local treats, will be awarded to one lucky ticket holder.

Series Events are scheduled on:

March 24th, A. Barajas, District 5, BOS

April 21st, Woodland School Board: B. Garcia, K.R. Fowler & N. Rodriguez

May 19th, Woodland City Council, T. Garcia-Cadena, M. Vega & V. Fernandez

Tickets are available through the League website at [mylo.lwv.org/california/woodland](http://mylo.lwv.org/california/woodland) or by request via email at [woodlandleagueneews@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandleagueneews@gmail.com) or by calling (530)383-3143

February 23, 2021

Work Cell: (530) 908-0186

**Yolo County Returns to the Red Tier; Restrictions Ease for Select Businesses**

(Woodland, CA) – On February 23, the State of California announced that Yolo County would move into the Substantial, or red, tier in the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy (Blueprint) after meeting the red tier’s metrics for two consecutive weeks. As a result, many local businesses and activities will either be allowed to expand capacity or resume operations. Effective Wednesday, February 24, the following restrictions will apply while Yolo County is in the red tier:

- **Fitness centers and gyms:** open indoors with 10% max occupancy
- **Gatherings:** Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged but allowed with modifications; no more than 16 people from no more than 3 households
- **Hotels and lodging:** fitness centers can now open indoors with 10% max occupancy
- **Movie theaters and family entertainment centers:** open indoors with 25% max occupancy or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- **Museums, zoos, and aquariums:** open indoors with 25% max occupancy
- **Personal care services (including tattoo parlors, piercing shops, electrolysis and body waxing):** open indoors with modifications
- **Places of worship:** open indoors with 25% max occupancy or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- **Retail (including standalone grocers):** open indoors with 50% max occupancy
- **Restaurants** open indoors with 25% max occupancy or 100 people, whichever is fewer; only members of same household may share a table
- **K-12 Schools:** May reopen after the County has been in the red tier for 5 consecutive days and must follow the State’s Reopening Framework
- **Shopping centers (including swap meets and indoor malls):** open indoors with 50% max occupancy
- **Youth sports:** competitions between two teams are allowed for outdoor low- and moderate-contact sports according to the State’s Youth Sports Guidance

The max occupancy percentage is based on the California Building and Fire Code that is displayed in every business and determines the maximum number of people, including staff and the public, permitted in a room at a time and able to escape safely in case of a fire.

The following industries were allowed to open indoors in the purple tier and may continue to stay open in the red tier: critical infrastructure, limited services, hair salons, barbershops and personal care services.

The following industries are only allowed to open outdoors with modifications, not indoors, while in the red tier: family entertainment centers, wineries, cardrooms, satellite wagering and professional sports with no live audiences.

The following industries must continue to stay closed in the red tier: bars and breweries where no meal is provided, live audience sports and amusement parks.

“Moving into the red tier is an indication that COVID-19 cases are declining, but it does not mean that coronavirus has gone away,” said Yolo County Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson. “We cannot let down our guard. Reopening must be done cautiously to avoid a surge in cases. I urge residents to continue taking precautions to keep themselves, their loved ones, and the rest of the Yolo County community safe. Wearing masks, distancing, not gathering indoors, and getting vaccinated when it is your turn remain as important as ever.”

Yolo County was placed in the most restrictive Widespread, or purple tier on November 17 and stayed in the purple tier through the State’s Stay Home order for the Greater Sacramento Region. The State’s Blueprint tracks three metrics: the seven-day adjusted case rate, the seven-day testing positivity rate and the health equity metric. For the week ending February 22, Yolo County’s rate for adjusted cases was 5.6, for testing positivity was 1.6% and for health equity was 5.2%. To move into the red or substantial tier, counties must meet a daily case rate of between 4-7, a positivity rate of between 5-8% and a health equity rate of between 5.3-8% for two consecutive weeks while being in the purple tier for at least three weeks.

Yolo County must be in the red tier for at least three weeks and meet the Moderate, or orange, tier’s metrics for two consecutive weeks, before officially moving into the orange tier. Counties can also move backward into more restrictive tiers if their metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks. Additionally, if a county’s case rate and positivity rate fall into two different tiers, the county remains in the stricter tier.

“I am glad that we are finally able to re-enter the red tier,” said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Jim Provenza. “This will benefit gyms, restaurants, youth sports and many others. I would like to caution Yolo County residents to continue observing safe practices; such as distancing, wearing face covering and staying away from large gatherings; so that we can avoid another surge in cases and a possible return to the purple tier.”

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our communities safe and healthy, including wearing a face covering, physical distancing and not gathering with others outside their household. Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions should continue to stay at home as much as possible. Lower spread of COVID-19 means that more businesses and industries can reopen and revitalize our local economy.

For additional information about the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>. For more on the County’s dashboards and metrics, visit: <https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-dashboard>. To learn more about Yolo County’s Roadmap to Recovery and see which businesses are currently open, visit: <https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap>. Residents can call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. Follow Yolo County on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/YoloCounty](http://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty) or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.



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### **Area Food Distributions**

RISE, Inc. manages several food distributions each month in Esparto. Madison Community Committee sponsors a Food Closet in Madison 2x a month. A Food Closet is also held in the Guinda Grange Hall 2 x a month (2nd and 4th Mondays). Below is a summary of these opportunities. They are also announced in other places in this paper. (Call RISE office 787-4110 for more information)

Food Bank Give - Away on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the RISE office from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Free produce distribution on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the RISE office from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**The Food Closet is open at the Countryside Community Church on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

The Madison Food Closet is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to Madison residents.

Produce distribution at the Guinda Grange Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Monday, and produce and commodities at the Grange Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Monday.  
**Countryside Community Church Food Distribution on Sundays at 10:00.**

### **Free Produce Distribution**

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
**Where:** RISE, Inc. office  
17313 Fremont St.,  
**Esparto**  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**1 PER HOUSEHOLD /  
BRING YOUR OWN BAG**  
*Any Family in Esparto or  
Capay Valley are Welcome!*  
Submitted by RISE Staff

### **Distribucion de Frutas y Verduras**

**Cuando:** 1<sup>er</sup> y 3<sup>er</sup> Jueves del mes  
**Donde:** La Oficina de RISE  
17313 Fremont Street  
**Esparto**  
**Hora:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**1 POR FAMILIA  
TRAIGA BOLSA**  
*Familias en Esparto y  
Capay Valley son Bienvenidas*  
Submitted by RISE Staff

### **Food Distribution in Guinda**

Produce distribution is on the 2nd Monday of the month & produce plus commodities is on the fourth Monday of the month. The time is 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. It is always held at the Guinda Grange Hall.

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### **FINANCE EXPERT JOINS VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY STAFF**



DAVIS, Calif. (February 10, 2021) — Valley Clean Energy announces the hiring of Edward Burnham as Director of Finance and Internal Operations. He will be responsible for oversight of finance and accounting tasks as well as VCE’s treasury, enterprise risk, information technology and audits.

Prior to joining the local electricity provider, Burnham worked for Yolo County’s Treasury Division, overseeing all revenue, treasury and finance activities, including handling investments for all county pool participants (county, local school districts and special districts), endowments and other investments. The pool was valued at an average of more than \$500 million last year.

Additionally, Burnham spent 12 years abroad, working in finance for private and publicly traded companies in the energy sector. His duties took him to China, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Cyprus, West Africa, and the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

“We are thrilled to welcome Edward Burnham to Valley Clean Energy,” said Dan Carson, VCE board chairman and a Davis City Council member. “He comes to us with extensive experience in energy finance and has a deep understanding of Yolo County as well.”

VCE Interim General Manager Mitch Sears added, “Since the community choice energy model is evolving quickly, we were pleased to find someone with Edward’s talent and energy sector experience for this important position who can hit the ground running. We know he will be a great asset to the VCE team and our customers.”

Burnham said he feels “privileged to join VCE and am excited about the opportunities to bring sustainable clean energy to the community. I look forward to working with the entire team to build on the organization’s momentum and contribute to the execution of VCE’s Strategic Plan.”

Burnham earned a bachelor’s degree in international business from Stephen F. Austin State University and a master’s degree in business administration from Rutgers University in addition to completing studies in Spanish and Mandarin. Burnham is currently pursuing his certified public accountant license with the California State Board of Accountancy.

He is actively involved with various professional finance associations, most recently serving on the board of the Sacramento chapter of Financial Executives International and as chair of the Sacramento chapter of the Financial Executives Network Group.

A Sacramento resident, he has one son. He enjoys bringing back to life treasures found on antiquing trips, and he loves to find great local restaurants.

Valley Clean Energy is Yolo County’s community choice aggregator (CCA), dedicated to providing clean, reliable and affordable electricity to its customers in the cities of Woodland, Davis and Winters as well as the unincorporated area of the county.

For more information about VCE, visit [www.valleycleanenergy.org](http://www.valleycleanenergy.org) or call 855-699-8232.

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About VCE: Valley Clean Energy is a not-for-profit public agency formed to provide electrical generation service to customers in Woodland, Davis, Winters and the unincorporated areas of Yolo County. Its mission is to source cost-competitive clean electricity while providing product choice, price stability, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission reductions and reinvestment in the communities it serves.

## Beautiful Esparto

By Clarence G. Underwood

Strolling in the morning by the walking park,  
The dawn is coming it is no longer dark.  
Looking before me what do I see, it is a  
Picture revealed to me. With my camera  
At the ready you can see what I did see.  
Here is a picture which was in front of me.  
If you rise early you saw it like me. Esparto  
Has much beauty, just look and see! With  
Joy we live in a town of beauty and tranquility!

Enjoy your day in peace and see what you  
Can see!

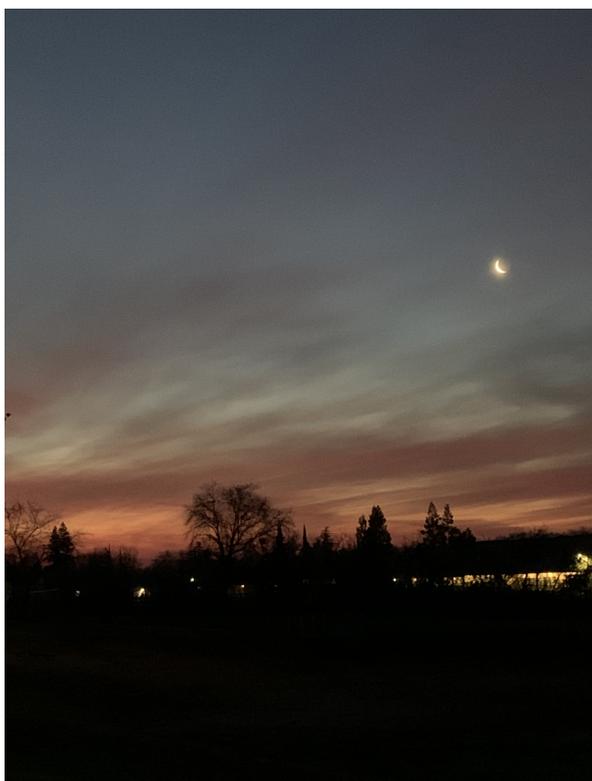


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## Capay Valley Flora, Fauna and Farm series From Capay Valley Regeneration

At Home with a Bumble bee  
Barbara Gemmill-Herren

As spring is upon us and our almond trees are blooming up and down the valley, take a moment to watch the bees that visit them. There will be many honey bees, but also often a much larger, brightly colored **bumble bee**. Bumble bees have rather round bodies covered with soft hair that makes them appear fuzzy; however, it is not a good idea to try and stroke them, as they do pack a sting. One of the most fascinating aspects of learning about bees is to find out how interconnected they are to the world around them. Of course, they help the planet to produce seeds and fruit or nuts. But they also depend on other living things for their nests. Unlike honey bees that have massive hives of around 50,000 bees, bumble bees have much smaller nest colonies, sometimes only of 20 individuals. And even that starts with just one individual -the queen. The queen is all that remains of the previous years' hive - as winter sets in, she hibernates - just like bears. She will usually find a little abandoned mouse nest, often nestled in a grassy patch or partly underground. In early spring she starts to make wax cells in which she lays her eggs. It is her sole job to gather nectar and pollen for this nascent colony; once they hatch and consume the foods she has brought them, they become the workers and she can settle down in her bumble bee home, laying more eggs, while her children carry on with the work of pollinating our crops!

Submitted by Barbara Gemmill-Herren



Illustration by Guida Joseph

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Please contact the group you are interested in, to see if they are still meeting at this time.**

- AA Meeting:** Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Countryside Community Church in Esparto. 1 hour open.
- Spanish AA:** Alcohólicos Anónimos: Detrás de El Toro. Los lunes, miércoles, y viernes a las 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Spanish Al-Anon:** Spanish Al-Anon: Detrás de El Toro (26628 N. Grafton). Los Martes a las 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon:** Countryside Community Church on Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Calvary Baptist Church:** Meets Sunday's at 11:00am at 26479 Grafton Street.
- Capay Valley Christian Fellowship:** 11:00 a.m. adult Sunday school; 11:45 a.m. social; 12:10-1:10 worship/children's Sunday School at the Guinda Community Church
- Capay Valley Fire Commission Meeting:** Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Guinda Fire Station.
- Capay Valley Garden Club:** 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., location varies, see Facebook page for more information.
- Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee:** Meets every 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to all.
- Capay Valley Science Club,** 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m., location varies. See Capay Valley Science Club" Google Group for information.
- Capay Valley Vision Board:** Meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Esparto Library at 6:30 p.m. (Meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.)
- Cottonwood Cemetery District:** Will meet on at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, April 10** in Rm. #204 at the Woodland Administration Bldg. at 625 Court Street.
- Countryside Community Church:** Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School.
- Esparto Ag Boosters:** Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Department at the high school.
- Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee Planning Council:** Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Esparto Regional Library.
- Esparto Community Services District:** Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Esparto Family Practice:** Open: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00-6:00 p.m.
- Esparto Food Distribution:** Produce on the 2nd Monday and canned and dried foods on 4th Monday at the RISE office from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Esparto High School Ag Boosters** Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Classroom at the high school.
- Esparto Lions Club Meeting:** Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Boy Scout Cabin Social hour at 5:30pm, 6:00pm Dinner, For **Zoom link, please call (787-3892)**
- Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce:** Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m, currently via Zoom. (For **Zoom Link, please call (787-3242)**)
- Esparto Unified School Board Meeting:** Meets on the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Room A-7 at the High School.
- Farm Stop Farmers' Market:** Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; First Sunday of month from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Food Distribution at Countryside Community Church:** Tuesday: 12:00 p.m.-6:00p.m; Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting:** The 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. (except for July and November) at the Library
- Legal Services in Esparto:** Free services offered on the 1st Thursdays of every other month at the RISE office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call 787-4110
- Guinda Community Church:** Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.
- Guinda Food Distribution:** Produce distribution on the 2nd Monday and canned and dried goods on the 4th Monday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Guinda Grange Hall.
- Homeschooling:** Carly Castruita Gordon at (916) 616-5419.
- Madison Advisory Committee:** 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District. No meetings in May, November or December.
- Madison Community Committee:** 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District.
- Madison Fire Commissioners Meeting:** 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Madison Fire Department at 17880 Stephens Street.
- Madison Food Closet:** Open the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District Building
- Madison Service District Meeting:** 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the District office at 28963 Main Street in Madison.
- New Life Christian Center in Madison:** Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m. with Jr. Church for ages 5-12. Home Bible Studies on Wednesday.
- On Fire Fellowship of Esparto:** Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. Bible Study: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Youth Group: Fri. at 6:30 p.m.; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tues. 6:30p.m.
- RISE Collaborative Meeting:** Currently held Via ZOOM on every 3rd Friday of the month (please call the RISE office for more information).
- Rumsey Improvement Association:** Potluck dinner and meeting on the 1st Monday. 6:00 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:10 p.m. meeting at the Rumsey Hall
- St. Martin's Catholic Mission Church:** English Mass: 8:30 a.m. on Sundays; Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays at St. Martin's Catholic Mission, 25633 Grafton St.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW):** Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 1st Wednesday each month, at Post Home, Orleans St. and Highway 16.
- Western Yolo Grange:** Meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00: social, and 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner and meeting at the Grange Hall at 16787 Forrest in Guinda.
- 4-H:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Community Center in Esparto.