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spotlight

Monday, 7 p.m. The Yolo County Cabrillo Civic Club No. 26 will hold its monthly meeting at the Holy Rosary Pastoral Center, St. Mary's Room, 503 California St. The agenda will include a report on the October State Board Meeting; final plans for the Nov. 7

Family, friends cope with loss of Coast Guard pilot

Capay native Che Barnes, 35, said valley was favorite place to be

By JAKE DORSEY

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Carrie Reynolds was looking forward to moving to the Sacramento area to be closer to her boyfriend. She is in the last week of her job in San Francisco, and had already found a place.

Now, however, things have changed.

Her boyfriend is Lt. Cmdr. Che Barnes, 35, of Capay; the pilot of the downed Coast Guard C-130 plane off the coast of San Diego. Reynolds said she was unsure if she could follow-through with the move.

Barnes is presumed dead,

along with six other Coast Guard members on board the plane and two Marines piloting a helicopter. The chopper and plane crashed Thursday evening.

Members of the Barnes/Barsotti family were at



Lt. Cmdr. Che Barnes, USCG

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the family home on their Capay farm on Sunday night, telling stories about Che and remembering the many good things about him.

"He was always a soothing, comforting person," Reynolds said. "He was my best friend."

Freeman Barsotti, the youngest of the four brothers and one of two who uses his mother Kathleen's maiden name, held his infant daughter Imogen as he talked about Che, the eldest.

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— Freeman Barsotti, Che's brother

"We're just kind of coping now," he said. "We're gonna miss Che."

Freeman said he and Che were brought closer when their mother died nine years ago. The brothers grew up working for Capay Organic, which later became Farm Fresh To You, a Community Supported Agriculture.

"We won't have that feeling

again," Freeman said.

Family members laughed as they told stories about Che on the patio outside. Reynolds said home was his favorite place to be.

Memories were just one of the things Che gave them.

"He had so much to give," Freeman said. "There's givers and there's takers, and Che was a giver."