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Third generation in family of cops joins Calistoga PD

■ **Jarecki, a Napa native, is following in the footsteps of her dad, a sergeant with the Napa County Sheriff's Office, and her late grandfather who retired as a captain from the Napa Police Department.**

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

Riley Jarecki was sworn in as a Calistoga police officer this week but the 28-year-old rookie is no stranger to law enforcement.

Jarecki, who took the oath of office during Tuesday night's City Council meeting, follows both her father and grandfather into the line of

duty.

Her late grandfather, Bob Jarecki, retired as a captain from the Napa Police Department.

Her dad, Sgt. Mike Jarecki, has been in law enforcement for some 30 years, 28 of those with the Napa County Sheriff's Office.

"My dad thinks it's the

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Mary Jarecki, center, of Napa pins a badge on the uniform of her daughter, Riley Jarecki, as Calistoga Police Chief Mitch Celaya looks on. Riley Jarecki, a third-generation law enforcement official, was sworn in Tuesday night as Calistoga's newest police officer.

PHOTO BY KIM BELTRAN

It's official: Residents may grow pot outside

By Kim Beltran
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Calistoga on Tuesday became the first Napa County city to formally sanction outdoor cultivation of marijuana.

Reacting to state law passed by voters last November, the council amended sections of its Municipal Code to allow residents to grow two marijuana plants outside, and four inside.

"I'm really proud of you for being the first city in our county to actually step up and provide regulations," Napa activist James Hinton told council members. "Most cities are just kicking the can down the road waiting for Sacramento to act but I appreciate you taking some time to do this."

Proposition 64, passed November 8 by 57 percent of California voters, legalized recreational use of marijuana for persons 21 and over. It allows for individuals to grow for personal use up to six plants, either outdoor or indoor. However, the law authorized local municipalities to restrict the cultivation to indoors if they so choose. If a city or county takes no action, residents are allowed to grow their six plants outside.

When council members first shared their thoughts on November 15 about what a Calistoga ordinance might look like, they were nearly unanimous in wanting to restrict personal cultivation to indoors.

Several meetings later, however, including one in which the Planning Commission recommended allowing two plants to be grown outside, a majority of council members warmed to the idea.

It helped that at two of three public forums designed to gauge community sentiment on the subject, residents were overwhelmingly in favor of allowing outdoor cultivation.

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Monhoff to reopen late May

By Claudia Aceves
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More than three years after it was shut down due to massive water damage, the city's newly renovated Monhoff Center is about a month away from reopening.

The building, which has served as home for the Boys and Girls Club's Teen Center and city recreation staff offices, has undergone significant repairs, including a new roof and structural framing as well as the addition of a second restroom and an elevator. The elevator is one of many improvements that bring the building into compliance with Americans with Disability Act requirements.

"We're really happy with it," said Mike Kim, Calistoga's director of Public Works. "It's going to look nice when it's done."

The building was already in need of repairs when rain from a 2014 storm leaked through the roof of the building damaging both the recreation offices upstairs and the downstairs area where the Teen Center was housed.

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Little League opening day this Sunday

It's time to play ball!
Players from 4 to 14 years old will kick off the 2017 season this Sunday at Tedeschi Field on lower Washington St., weather permitting. Games will be played from 2:30 to 5 p.m.



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Clockwise from top: Coach Darren Bohan talks to his players at a recent practice; Kevin Rios is ready for the play at first base while Alexis Alvarado holds down second; Bohan helps Roland King with his batting stance.

Washington Street repairs start Monday; expect some chaos

By Kim Beltran
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The long-awaited replacement of a badly damaged section of Washington Street is set to begin Monday and it's likely to cause more than a few headaches for Calistogans used to getting around town unencumbered.

Known as lower Washington Street, the 100-year-old concrete road is among the busiest in Calistoga. It fronts the city's Fire

Department and Post Office, and provides access to a bank, a heavily used public parking lot, and numerous residences and other businesses, including the Crystal Geyser bottling plant visited by large tractor-trailer trucks multiple times daily.

"Traffic will be congested significantly so we're asking everyone for their patience," Public Works director Mike Kim said at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

The \$620,000 project will be completed in

five phases, starting with the demolition and reconstruction of the intersection at Washington and Gerard streets between the post office and fire station. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by June 6.

The second phase begins May 2 and includes roadwork on the eastern half of Washington Street next to All Seasons.

Demolition and reconstruction on the Brannan's restaurant side of the street — phase three — is scheduled for May 15 to 31.

The third phase will also include installation of new driveways at the alley between Westamerica Bank and All Seasons, the bank's main Washington Street entrance and the entrance between the Chamber of Commerce and fire station leading to the public parking lot behind the station.

The fourth and final phase of the project will be the laying of new asphalt on June 1

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