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Mayor re-appoints two planning commissioners

■ Coates, Cooper back on 5-member board

By Pat Hampton
Tribune Publisher

Two incumbent planning commissioners have been re-appointed to the five-member body on the recommendation of the mayor and approval of the city council.

General contractor Paul Coates and Scott Cooper, who works in real estate and finance, both re-ap-

plied for their seats that carry two-year terms. Cooper was appointed in 2012 and Coates in 2006, completing his eighth year on the commission.

Coates served on the city council for four years and is currently on the Building Code Enforcement Design Review Board.

In a statement on why he wanted to serve again on the planning commission, Coates wrote, "We

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Storms inundate city, dropping 13.5" of rain so far but doing little damage

■ Residents take advantage of free sandbags

By Pat Hampton
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With a third storm due to bring rain and storm clouds today, Calistoga is weathering the December drenching with little damage.

Public Works Director Mike Kirn told the city council Tuesday that the town's reservoir is flowing over the spillway and that "We're plum full." He said the reservoir in the hills north of town holds

267 acre feet of water and is at capacity.

Daily rainfall measurements taken at 10 a.m. by water treatment plant personnel show a total of 5.48 inches of rain fell between Nov. 29-Dec. 5, another 4.22 inches came down between Dec. 6-11 followed by 3.89 inches Dec. 12-16. Kirn said the station has recorded a total of 19.86 inches of rain since July 1, the start of the 2014-15 rain season.

Fire Chief Steve Campbell said the Napa River reached 11 feet from the bottom of the Lincoln Ave. bridge on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 11. He said he staffed two additional engines Wednesday evening through Friday morning as a precaution. Firefighters responded to two fallen trees and to the mobile home parks on Wednesday to clean out clogged storm drains.

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QUILTER GIVES FAMILIES SHIRTS OFF HER BACK



PHOTO BY CHRIS RHODES

Audrey Lattemore, 97, will be donating 85 handmade quilts to the UpValley Family Centers. Lattemore says her passion for making blankets all started when she couldn't figure out just what to do with her late husband's nice shirts.

Handmade blankets help keep kids warm

By Amanda Rhodes
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Audrey Lattemore is quite the woman and not just because she's 97-years-old and sharp as a nail.

Lattemore has been working year-round and is gearing up to donate more than 85 handmade blankets to the Holiday Assistance Program at the UpValley Fam-

ily Centers.

Yes, you read right – Lattemore hand makes all the quilts herself.

Now in her second year providing blankets to the family center—she made an astonishing 110 last year—the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"We literally have blankets stacked up

in our office ready to be distributed. It is truly inspiring," Jenny Ocón, executive director of the UpValley Family Centers, said.

Lattemore says making the blankets is a process but she paces herself, doing a little bit at a time.

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Preschool agreement extended

■ New 3-year lease for \$1 a year approved

By Pat Hampton
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A new agreement between the city and the county office of education will give the Calistoga Preschool a new three-year lease at \$1 a year to continue educating local children.

City councilmembers approved a new lease Tuesday for the county-run school established in 2001 when the city allowed the placement of a building on vacant land between Eddy and Earl streets.

In 2001 city officials gave the preschool a five-year lease with the condition that future develop-

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City partners with NVC for classes

■ 'Music Memory and Singing for Adults' first

By Pat Hampton
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The new year will bring new classes for Calistoga's seniors through a partnership with Napa Valley College which will sponsor additional satellite classes in 2015.

The city council approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the city and NVC for a non-credit basic music class to start in January with the poten-

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