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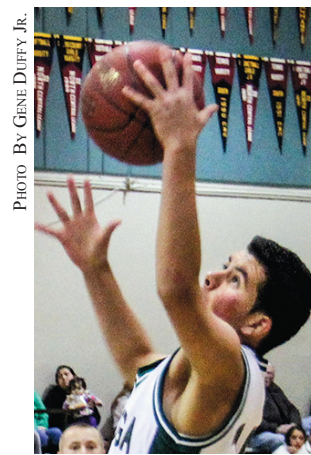


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Council bypasses Williams, asking for others to apply

By Pat Hampton

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Applications will be taken until Jan. 30 from any registered voter in the city limits interested in filling the seat vacated by the sudden resignation of Carl Sherrill, councilmembers decided this week, bypassing the selection of Charlotte Williams, who placed

third in the November elections.

Sherrill resigned in a letter to fellow city councilmembers following a Dec. 18 meeting that resulted in fourth place Jim Barnes's appointment to the two years remaining in Mayor Chris Canning's term as a city councilmember. That night Williams' supporters erupted in angry protest following Barnes' selection,

and Sherrill, who had championed her appointment, left the meeting saying he felt ill.

Williams and some of her supporters were in the audience Tuesday night, which, because of a heavy agenda, drew a standing-room-only crowd. In a brief dis-

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City's financial audit grim news for council

By Pat Hampton

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For the last three years, the city has spent more than it has taken into its general fund, and water and sewer bills don't

bring in enough money to sustain the utilities' operations, reports the city's auditor.

"It would be in the city's best interest to re-look at the revenue structure of your water

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Library renovation plans turn page for computer-age users

By Michelle Wing

Tribune Senior Staff Writer

Calistoga's library is prepping for a major renovation, one that Napa City-County Library personnel hope will make the little branch into a modern, high-functioning building, meeting demands of patrons and staff alike.

The proposed remodel, which would cost \$600,000 or more, tackles a few building repairs, such as a new roof and heating and cooling system, but most of the work is focused on the interior — a redesign of space.

Napa City-County Library Director Danis Kreimeier noted that because the 88-year-old building housing the library was not originally intended for this use, "it has all these little tiny rooms."

Kreimeier said the main emphasis of the new design is to make things more efficient and to provide more space for library materials and services.

The first change is that

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The circulation desk (above) will be moved to the opposite side of the library in the new design, so patrons will be greeted by librarians, instead of walking past them. The historic redwood bookcases (at right) will remain, but shelves will be removed and replaced with modern metal platforms.



PHOTOS BY PAT HAMPTON

New planning dept. manager hired for city

By Michelle Wing

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City Manager Richard Spitler announced on Monday that Lynn A. Goldberg will be joining the city staff as of Jan. 22 as the new planning and building director.

Goldberg, 57, was the senior planner in Healdsburg from 2005-2012, overlapping her tenure there with Spitler's time as planning director from 2005-2009. She has also done community planning work throughout the Bay Area, in such communities as American Canyon, Cloverdale, Petaluma, Yountville, Rohnert Park, Tiburon and, most recently, projects in Napa.

Spitler said of Goldberg, "She does high caliber work and is a hard worker. She's done about everything, and she has a reputation in the Bay Area as one of the top planners, so we're lucky to get



Lynn Goldberg

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Group looks at replacing park gazebo

By Pat Hampton

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The 35-year-old gazebo in Pioneer Park will be repaired, rebuilt or replaced under the auspices of a group of private citizens offering to raise the funds for the project which has received the blessing of the city council.

Councilmembers authorized the informal Pioneer Park Im-

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Excavation for new high school gym expected in next few weeks

By Pat Hampton

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Construction crews will start staking out foundations and building corners in preparation for excavation work on the new gymnasium at Calistoga High School in a few weeks.

Site work on the new \$12 million gymnasium and multi-purpose room/cafe/teria at CHS should start in early February, Jeff Threet, program manager for the project's construction

management company Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. told school district trustees this week.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new gym were held last May. The new gym will be built behind the existing building put up in the 1960s as a temporary gymnasium after the original one at CHS burned down. A request for bids last October brought 220 submissions for construction of the new gymnasium, 79 on the sitework, and 145 bids on the multipurpose/student union, Threet reported.

Money for the projects comes from a \$42 million general obligation bond approved by 65 percent of voters in Nov. 2010. Measure A improvements, broken into three phases, include constructing a new gym and multipurpose room at CHS, modernizing the elementary school, improving libraries, classrooms roofing, heating and air conditioning, technology and renewable energy projects in Phase 1

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