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Francis House restoration

After decades of neglect and delay, renewal is in sight

By Pat Hampton
Tribune Publisher

With most major construction segments nearly completed, and the cedar shingle roof due to be installed next week, Richard Dwyer hopes to throw out the welcome mat to his painstakingly-restored bed and breakfast inn, the Francis House, by the first of next year.

Dwyer and his wife, Dina, bought the 131-year-old building, located at 1403 Myrtle St. and also known as the Old Calistoga Hospital, months after it was placed on the market for \$995,000 in January of 2015. It closed escrow on Oct. 1, 2015.

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Rafael Aguilera, 29, is foreman of the crew of workers from Ron Priest Construction of Angwin restoring the Francis House.

Apartment connection fees could be reduced

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

As part of its water and sewer rates review, the City Council on Tuesday will consider a recommendation to lower connection fees for new multi-family residential units.

The change would come as the result of recalculating multi-family water consumption that more closely aligns with actual usage.

The new formula, which calculates the connection fee based on cost-per-bedroom per-apartment, would reduce the overall annual water use baseline for a one-bedroom unit by about 30 percent, according to a staff

report prepared for the council meeting.

Using the revised calculation method would reduce water and sewer connection fees by up to 67 percent for one-bedroom units.

“Staff believes this connection fee reduction may encourage multi-family housing development in the city,” wrote Dylan Feik, city manager, in the staff report. “The water and wastewater operating enterprise funds may receive less connection fee revenue due. However, reducing connection fees may also provide impetus for future

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Work, creativity shows in parade, exhibit entries

By Pat Hampton
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Hundreds of Calistogans, young and old, entered projects and creations of all kinds in this year's Napa County Fair exhibit competition and Silverado Parade.

Ribbons for Best of Show, Best in Class, First, Second and Third place as well as honorable mention were awarded to the entrants, who submitted vegetables, canned and baked goods, photography and fine arts in a variety of mediums, quilts and crocheted items, and hand-made wood crafts, to name just a few.

In the interest of space, we are printing the names of first-place winners who also earned Best of Class and/or Best of Show for their efforts.

Youth category winners who won first-place, Best of Class and Best of Show included:

Aelene Perez, seventh grade, art, any medium, “Eye See You;” Eleanor Higgins, kindergarten, crafts, puma rug; Enrique Guzman, fifth grade, art, any medium, “Gold Tree;” Gigi Thienes, eighth grade, art, any medium, “Lady w/ Snakes - pencil;” Jasper Thienes, 11th grade, art, any medium, “Super Hero;” Katelyn Isabelle Tronstand, 10th grade, art, any medium, “Snear - Pencil;” Liliana Molina, 11th grade, woodworking, circular table.

Lucas Bourdeau, third grade, “Face of the Sun,” ceramics; Luke Morgan, 12th mechanical/ architectural projects, Trap House; Monica Teale Suhr, fourth grade,



Rosie Dunsford's entries dominated the vine crops division (left) at this year's Napa County fair. She was joined by George Watson, Lou Galetti and other farmers.

'Bird Song Bowl' (below) by Deborah Donahower was part of hand-crafts entered in professional Fine Arts & Crafts.

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art, any medium, “Sun,” Paint; Myka Suhr, second grade, art, any medium, “Fish,” watercolor; Noah Kuster, kindergarten, crafts, Paper Art; Patricia Jamieson, 12th grade, art, any medium, “Evolving;” Tyler Agapoff, first grade, crafts, “Portrait of My Cat.”

Youth entrants winning first place and Best of Class were: Azul Ceron Padilla, fifth grade, crafts, “Music,” Crayon/Paper; Bo Couture, 11th grade, any/other, metal photo frame; Deni Ratterree, 12th grade, photography, “Golden;” Diego Olivares Torres, first grade, art, any medium “Flowers,” watercolor; Evan Scully, 12th grade, crafts, “Origami Dinosaurs;”

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Calistoga signs on to group plan for disasters

By Claudia Aceves
Tribune Reporter

Calistoga and other Napa County cities have joined forces to become the first in the state to create a multi-jurisdictional Emergency Operations Plan.

The purpose of the multi-jurisdictional EOP is to create a county-wide emergency response plan to natural and man-created disasters in the operational area that includes Calistoga, St. Helena, Napa, Yountville, American Canyon and the County of Napa.

Napa County Emergency Services Coordinator Kevin Twohey received input from the different jurisdictions to create the plan over the last few years, which he presented to City Council members at their June 20 meeting.

“If we all adopt the multi-jurisdiction plan, then each jurisdiction can address their own specific needs in their annexes to the plan,” Twohey said.

The new EOP is comprised of three sections – the base plan, Emergency Operations Center guidance documents, and position guides and checklist.

“It's basically the same plan run with the Incident Command System which sets goals, priorities

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