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Calistoga Chamber of Commerce executive director Bruce Kyse, far left, poses Monday with 2021 Community Award winners, left to right, Teresa Shinder for non-profit of the year Olé Health; Karen Cakebread, Citizen of the Year; Lee Loban for St. Helena Hospital

Foundation, non-profit of the year; Steven Ticen for his late wife, Lil Ticen, Gary Barrett Lifetime Achievement Award, and Rex Stultz for the Napa Valley Vintners. All the winners were celebrated at an annual luncheon.

Chamber recognizes exceptional citizens, businesses

By Tribune Staff

The Calistoga Chamber of Commerce feted its 2021 Community Award Winners at its annual luncheon ceremony held Monday at Calistoga Inn.

The late Lil Ticen, who was named the Gary Barrett Lifetime Achievement award winner, was poetically remembered by Gretchen de Limur, past president of the Calistoga Education Foundation, which Ticen helped

found in the late 1980s.

“Lil Ticen...what a force of nature,” de Limur told the large crowd gathered outside in the restaurant’s beer garden. “Like a venerable valley oak, she had a sturdy, strong center, supported

by deep roots, and topped with a vast canopy of branches and leaves which reached out over all of her community, providing ample acorns and protection to

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‘Green’ group recommends tree protection

By Pat Hampton

Tribune Publisher

The newly-formed Green Committee will ask the City Council to adopt two resolutions that fight climate change after representatives of a student activist group earlier this month reported on the need to take action now to save the planet for future generations.

Students Emily Bit of American Canyon High School and Alisa Karesh, a junior at Napa High School, asked that the city look at its General Plan and prioritize climate goals and practices as well as urge the county to put a temporary moratorium on the removal of trees in areas sited for development with slopes under 30%.

The students were at the Green Committee’s meeting on Tuesday at the direction of the City Council. The girls, co-chairs of the Napa Valley Unified School District’s Schools for Climate Action Committee, had pitched the resolutions to the Calistoga City Council on July 6.

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HEAT WAVE? NO PROBLEM!



PHOTO BY CLARK JAMES MISHLER

Calistoga didn’t experience some of the extreme temperatures that a major heat wave imposed on other locations throughout the west and north-west last week but a high of 88 on Sunday was still plenty warm enough to create a line at the commu-

nity pool’s diving board where youngsters waited their turn to make a cool splash. The forecast for this Saturday calls for a pleasant high of 84 before temperatures move into the low 90s on Sunday and stay there through Wednesday of next week.

Finance group to talk fairgrounds bonds Tuesday

■ Also: Telecomm ordinance, change in energy supply up for adoption by City Council

By Kim Beltran

Tribune Editor

Calistoga’s City Council on Tuesday will hear an update on the market status for municipal bonds, the funding mechanism that would allow it to buy the Napa County Fairgrounds.

Urban Futures, a southern California firm that specializes in these complex transactions, is scheduled to make the presentation shortly after the start of the council’s regular bi-monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Council members are also set to consider adoption of a Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance, as well as a request by staff to spend an additional \$20,000 a year for city-owned facilities to be powered by 100% renewable energy.

The City Council is revisiting its

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Council awards annual grants to non-profit groups

By Kim Beltran

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The Calistoga City Council earlier this month awarded its annual Community Enrichment Grants to seven local non-profits for programs or services that benefit different segments of the population.

The council received eight applications with requests totaling \$53,750. With only \$19,000 budgeted for the program, however, the two-person council subcommittee of Irais Lopez-Orterga and Gary Kraus had some tough decisions to make.

They ultimately decided against funding a \$15,000 request from the Brannan Center, a group dedicated to rehabilitating the Community Presbyterian Church and turning it into a community center for meetings, performances and group events.

“We’ve only got so many dollars to give right now and they’ve got time,” Kraus said of the reason the subcommittee chose not to fund their request.

Only two applicants received

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