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Council weighs budget priorities

Don Williams' arguments for water rebates, more police spending over downtown beautification, court repaving considered, rejected

By Kim Beltran
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In spite of a second push by member Donald Williams to eliminate some planned expenditures and use the money for water rate rebates, the City Council chose to advance its 2019-20 fiscal year budget without those changes.

Williams had made the same suggestion at a prior budget workshop but failed then to convince his colleagues to

go along with his plan.

Elected to the council last November, Williams said he campaigned by knocking on every door in Calistoga and asking each resident what his or her concerns were. By far, he said, the number one issue was relief from Calistoga's high water rates, which were restructured last year to include annual increases for five years.

Williams said the city could eliminate about \$400,000 in discretionary

spending in order to provide rebates for water users. The funds would come from not spending \$30,000 to resurface the Monhoff tennis courts, \$100,000 on downtown beautification and \$100,000 on a planned Oat Hill Mine Road Trail parking lot/rest area/entryway. He even offered up a small portion of his \$2,500 City Council supplies budget.

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Karan Schlegel serves as chair of the non-profit Celebrate! Napa Valley, bridging that organization with its predecessor, the Napa County Fair Association Board of Directors, on which she also served.

Saving traditions behind Schlegel's commitment to fair

■ Entries are now being accepted for Calistoga's July 4 Parade, an annual tradition that dates back, in one form or another, to before the turn of the century. See inside for information.

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Last fall, when the Napa County Fair Association Board of Directors was reorganizing itself into a fundraising committee to support fair activities, none of the members at the time planned to remain active after the new year.

But with the property in transition and CEO Carlene Moore leaving for another job, there would be no one left to coordinate the annual fair events, including the Christmas Bazaar and the July 4 parade and celebration.

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PHOTO BY CLARK MISHLER

Diego Flores looks over his promotion certificate after receiving it during sixth-grade graduation ceremonies Wednesday.

Sixth-graders recall good times, move on 'together'

By Claudia Aceves
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Although Calistoga Elementary School sixth graders are leaving their grade school days behind, they will always carry with them fond memories of the many outdoor field trips they shared and time spent with their favorite teachers.

Marin Headlands, Yosemite and Pepperwood Preserve were some of the most noteworthy adventures that the sixth-graders mentioned during their promotion ceremony Wednesday night.

"All the memories I've made here will stick with me for as long as I live," said student speaker Monica Suhr. "I'll never forget the hikes, fun and especially the food on both of those [Marin Headlands and Yosemite] amazing trips."

"I'm leaving with the best experiences of my childhood for the trips we made to Marin

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Graduate Avril Montanez addresses the assembly Wednesday evening at the Calistoga Elementary School sixth-grade graduation ceremony held outside on Berry Field. She and 64 classmates were promoted to junior high school.

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District to consider new graduation requirements

By Claudia Aceves
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Adding more math, science and language courses to Calistoga High School graduation requirements for the Class of 2021 and beyond is under review by district officials in an effort to ensure all students are eligible to apply to California universities.

The school trustees will undertake a first reading of the proposed graduation requirement changes at Monday night's school board meeting, and will then consider them for approval at their June 17 meeting.

Calistoga's current graduation requirements meet those of the California Department of Education (CDE), which are suitable for receiving a diploma, director of Educational Services and Human Resources Michael DeFrancesco told the Tribune, but do not nec-

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Two school districts oppose family's request to transfer properties from one to other

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A family whose properties are aligned with St. Helena but sit inside Calistoga Joint Unified School District boundaries has petitioned for a territory transfer to ensure that future family members can attend St. Helena schools.

The property owners, Glenn and Gayle Cook and their daughter Shawn Moura and husband Paul, have had family attending St. Helena schools for four generations, said CJUSD director of Business Services, Maureen Hester.

The two parcels in question, located at 236 and

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