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## Fire department expanding

■ Three full-time fire fighter positions will be added to the staff starting in January

**By Kim Beltran**  
Tribune Editor

The City Council on Tuesday approved the addition of three full-time fire fighter positions, saying the expense will be offset by money the department currently spends trying to maintain an available reserve of part-timers.

It costs about \$80,000 to recruit, hire and outfit one firefighter – even a part-timer, according to Fire

Chief Steve Campbell, because the process is extensive and the gear and training expensive.

Turnover among the part-time staff is high – last November, the department hired four new part-timers; by July, three had taken full-time positions in other cities.

Instead of repeating that scenario, the city will hire three new full-timers at a starting salary of \$54,806 each, not including the cost of benefits.

“The times we’re in demands it; the growth of the town demands it, and the availability of fire-

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## Corrections on JPA hearings, fair board contract expiration

**By Kim Beltran**  
Tribune Editor

Due to reporting and editing errors (my own) incorrect dates were published in last week’s Tribune for both a public hearing on the formation of a Napa County Fairgrounds Joint Powers Authority and the expiration

date of the county’s current contract with the Fair Board Association.

The correct date of the JPA public hearing before the Calistoga City Council is Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. The hearing before the county Board of Supervisors remains Tuesday, Oct. 24.

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## Firing up the Wildcat spirit

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**M**id-week Homecoming activities included a bonfire Wednesday night at Calistoga High School during which students participated in fun activities and pumped up the pep prior to today’s Homecoming football game against Tomales at 6 p.m.

In the top photo, members of the senior class battle members of the fresh-

man class in a game of tug-o-war as the bonfire burns. Above, left, senior Jasmine Logez gives sophomore Dyana Cardona a piggy-back ride. Above, right, CHS students (left to right) Anthony Cortez, Pablo Escalante, Ethan Castillo and Alexis Cortez hang out prior to the lighting of the fire.

CHS students will participate in the

traditional Homecoming parade today between 2 and 3 p.m., starting at the high school on Lake Street, taking Grant to Stevenson to Lincoln Avenue. They will parade down Lincoln, turning right on Washington and back to Lake Street.

A Homecoming dance will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the small gym.

## Calistoga road repairs underway

**By Kim Beltran**  
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To the delight of residents and Calistoga City Council members, preliminary work began this week on smoothing out the rough spots on several city streets.

City Public Works director Mike Kirn, speaking at Tuesday night’s City Council meeting, said a major road micro-surfacing project got underway on Monday on Cedar, Gold and Oak streets.

“That’s music to my ears,” said City Councilman Gary Kraus, who, along

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## Boys & Girls Club opens tomorrow

**By Kim Beltran**  
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The much-anticipated opening of a new Boys & Girls Club in Calistoga has arrived.

Tomorrow, members of the community are invited to a ceremony unveiling the \$10.5 million facility, dubbed the Napa Valley Vintners Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 1 p.m., followed by tours of the clubhouse and refreshments until 4 p.m.

Planning and fundraising for the 14,000-square-foot facility, located at 1401 N. Oak St., began more than three years ago under the leadership of now-retired executive director Jay Templeton.

The “Great Futures Campaign: Building a Positive Place for Kids” raised more than \$10.5 million to build

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