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Calistoga's Adventist Health Clinic expands staff, hours



By Claudia Aceves
Tribune Reporter

Calistoga's Adventist Health clinic is now open five days a week with the recent addition of a full-time receptionist who is available to answer patient questions and assist the clinic's new doctor, Corey Warner.

Warner has been serving the Calistoga community since April, brought in by Adventist Health after the clinic's previous physician, Jeanette Williams, left to open her own concierge practice further south on Washington Street.

Warner, who practices full-time in Hidden Valley, Lake County, has only been in Calistoga on Fridays. The rest of the week, the clinic had remained closed, raising concern among locals in need of health care.

Receptionist Cynthia Salomon, previously the office manager at Adventist Heart Institute in Vallejo, had been joining Warner in the Calistoga clinic on Fridays but said she received a lot of complaint calls from people calling or visiting the clinic only to find it closed.

Salomon began working in town full-time last week and is available to answer phones and speak

with walk-in patients when Warner is not at available.

Warner said Salomon, who graduated from Calistoga High School, is the "back bone" of the clinic and is "very mindful from a community standpoint." Salomon can answer patients' questions, schedule appointments, assist with refilling prescriptions and help set up "patient portals," a secure website where people can access their medical records, see lab re-

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Proposed scooter ban needs work

By Kim Beltran
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A preliminary discussion Tuesday about banning commercial scooter rentals in Calistoga revealed that while City Council members agree with the premise, finalizing a formal ordinance will require more research.

It just so happens that mayor Chris Canning and councilwoman Irais Lopez Ortega next week are attending the annual conference of the League of California Cities, where the topic of scooter rentals is also on the agenda.

"All the cities and towns from California will be there and I do believe this is one of the topics of conversation because it has come

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Yellow Rose housing builder meets the public

By Claudia Aceves
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Some community members attending a developer's forum Wednesday night agreed there is a need for more housing in Calistoga but they debated whether or not the Yellow Rose Ranch project is the way to get it.

The True Life Companies, which hopes to build a new housing subdivision on 46 acres of land at 2650 Foothill Boulevard, hosted the community meeting to gather input and address residents' concerns.

"There has to be some give and take on what's happening here and the only way we can figure that out is to come up with ideas and concepts and discuss them to see what

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Buster's BBQ building bandshell



PHOTO BY KIM BELTRAN

Music cover

Work is underway on what city Planning & Building director Lynn Goldberg called a "bandshell" at Buster's Barbecue on Foothill Boulevard. Buster's has been hosting live jazz and blues musicians on Sunday afternoons on a patio behind the restaurant. Owner Charles Davis secured a building permit for the new structure, designed to provide shelter from inclement weather as well as prevent the sound of the music from disturbing neighbors in the area.



Phase I of \$4M sewer pond project OK'd

■ Federal grant will cover 75 percent of the cost of riverside pond replacement

By Kim Beltran
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The City Council on Tuesday awarded a \$475,000 contract to a consulting firm to engineer the replacement of several sewer ponds that are leeching into the Napa River near the Dunaweal Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Bay Area firm Environmental Science Associates will handle Phase I – the design phase – of the \$4 million project, 75 percent of which will be paid with federal grant monies. The remaining costs will come from the city's sewer connection fees paid by home and resort developers.

"Because this is a terrific amount of money we're looking to spend in the next couple of years I felt that it was worthy to have an airing of this so that folks know that this is a required project and that the cost of this is being borne through connection fees and a grant, and not by the rate payers," said councilman Gary Kraus, who asked that the item be pulled from the consent agenda so he could point out those distinctions.

The ponds at issue were constructed in the early 1970s along the Napa River adjacent to what is now the Napa Valley Vine Trail bike path that runs from Washington Street to Dunaweal Lane. Originally designed as "percolation ponds for wastewater treatment and effluent disposal," according to Kirn, they were "repurposed" in early 2000 as part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades to tertiary treatment.

In 2014, however, the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board

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