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Lincoln Avenue closure on Sunday will make crossing town tough

By Kim Beltran

Tribune Editor

The closure Sunday of Lincoln Avenue for a giant street party means that the only way to drive from one side of Calistoga to the other will require a scenic detour to the north or south of town.

"On Sept. 10, the only way across town is at Dunaweal or Tubbs," mayor Chris Canning said during Tuesday night's City Council meeting. "Or, you are welcome to ride your bicycle or

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Families fear DACA fallout

■ Council denounces president's decision, refers locals who may be impacted to Family Centers

By Kim Beltran

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The Calistoga City Council took issue Tuesday night with President Donald Trump's announcement earlier in the day that he was ordering an end to an Obama-era program that protects young, undocumented immigrants from deportation.

After an impassioned speech by resident Viri Agapoff, council members one-by-one denounced Trump's action and pledged their support to

Calistogans who could be impacted by cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA.

"I sit here tonight with a heavy heart – extremely heavy," said councilman Jim Barnes, a Vietnam veteran and member of the local American Legion.

"Both of my grandfathers were immigrants, one from Germany; one from Ireland," he said. "I fought for this country and tonight I stood up and pledged allegiance once more to it. I believe in this country with all my heart; every fiber of my being but what happened in Washington today was not American. It is un-American. It is a disgrace."

The DACA program was created by the Obama administration in June of 2012 to allow certain immigrants who entered the country illegally as minors to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and to be eligible for a work permit. Some 800,000 young people, referred to as 'dreamers,' were enrolled in the program as of this year.

According to Calistoga City Councilwoman Irais Lopez-Ortega, whose own family immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico 29 years ago, some 429 DACA applications have been filed in Napa County since 2013.

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Calistogans still basking in after-glow of eclipse

From sea to shining sea, residents enjoyed the Aug. 21 solar event with family, friends

By Pat Hampton

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The power of a solar eclipse drew dozens of Calistogans away from town and into the path of totality for the Aug. 21 rare celestial occurrence, and several responded to the Tribune's request for photos and stories. Here they are:

Heidi and Bo Barrett flew up to the Madras, Oregon airport and camped out under their plane's wing, along with some 500 other planes and their owners.

"It was quite the grand adventure camping at the (Madras) airport," Heidi Barrett wrote. "People were having a great time. We met people from all over the

world. To see one of the planet's greatest spectacles is very awe inspiring and magnificent, not to mention beautiful. I like when it goes total that you can take off the solar glasses and look right at it with binoculars and see hot pink solar flares at the edges coming out from behind the moon. Unbelievable."

Sequoia Buck and Tom Atkins drove their fire truck/camper rig 500 miles to Madras.

The small town put on a once in a lifetime Solarfest.

"Fellow travelers had locked in our five-day camping pass and so we joined thousands of people in a grassy, green, open pasture

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PHOTO COURTESY OF HEIDI BARRETT

Heidi and Bo Barrett (right) flew themselves to Madras, Oregon, with friends **Donny and Kass Simon** and camped at the Madras airport under the wing of their plane for two nights to see the Aug. 21 eclipse. Heidi Barrett said there were 500 other airplanes with their owners doing the same – "flamping, or fly-in camping." Several other Calistogans also travelled to Madras to watch the eclipse. Others made their way to Idaho, Wyoming, Klamath and South Carolina, and they all have stories to share.

Driver Marcelo Rodriguez, 32 of Napa, said his truck lost its brakes as it came down the grade on Petrified Forest Road Tuesday morning, forcing him to steer his vehicle and cargo of 29 tons of grapes off the road and into the forest, where it finally came to a stop after a terrifying ride that seemed like "it lasted forever." Rodriguez was treated and released at the scene.



PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

Driver 'happy to be alive' after truck, loaded with grapes, careens off PF Rd.

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A truck hauling 12 gondolas of black grapes from Windsor to Rutherford careened off Petrified Forest Road near Franz Valley School Road as it came down the grade Tuesday morning and ended up crushed in the brush and trees.

The accident occurred when Marcelo Rodriguez, 32 of Napa, was transporting 29 tons of grapes for De Haro trucking company of

Windsor to an unnamed Rutherford winery when, according to Rodriguez, the truck "lost its brakes" and traveled about 200 feet off the pavement into a forested area on the south side of the road.

Rodriguez, who said he has been a truck driver for nine years and a grape hauler for six, said the out-of-control ride "felt like it

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