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## Council set to name Kirn city manager

#### By Kim Beltran

Tribune Editor

Acting city manager Mike Kirn, who stepped in following the unexpected departure of Dylan Feik in March, appears to be headed for permanent appointment to the job.

The City Council on Tuesday will consider a formal resolution naming Kirn as city manager. The item is listed on the June 18 regular City Council meeting agenda. However, neither a staff report nor an employment contract listing details of the hiring was attached to the agenda, posted Wednesday.

Instead, the agenda states "supplemental info to fol-

Kirn was hired six years ago as director of the city's

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### Trustees set to approve budget, CAT contract

#### **By Claudia Aceves**

Tribune Reporter

Calistoga Joint Unified budget planners are girding for a downturn in the economy, projecting slight annual increases to the district's rainy day reserve fund through 2021-22.

School trustees on Monday will consider adopting a preliminary \$17 million 2019-20 budget that maintains a reserve fund of 20.1 percent of operating expenditures

Board members will also consider approving the district's 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) as well as a tentative three-year contract with Calistoga Associated Teachers.

This week director of Business Services Maureen Hester reported that the current Gross Domestic Product, which she uses when making budget projections, is just above three percent. Economists are say-

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## **Brian Arden events** violate use permit; Susie's logo must go

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Calistoga Planning Commissioners on Wednesday told owners of Susie's Bar to remove a logo that was painted on the newly-installed awning above the establishment's Lincoln Avenue entry.

Commissioners also directed owners of Brian Arden Winery on Silverado Trail to meet with city staff about amending their use permit to allow for additional events.

The bar's new logo of a pinup girl, meant to represent the time period from which Susie's originated (1944), was also painted on the front and rear doors of the building, which planning commissioners said could

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Trustee Jeff Maxfield, right, looks on as Jessica Vasquez crosses the stage clutching her diploma during the Calistoga High School graduation ceremony Friday, June 7, at the Calistoga Speedway at the Napa County Fairgrounds.

## A calm, cool send-off for CHS Class of 2019

#### By Kim Beltran

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If the student speakers are representative of the other members of Calistoga High School's Class of 2019, then the 49 seniors who graduated last Friday night should have no problem making the most of the opportunities that await them.

Hard work, gratitude and the fortitude to overcome obstacles was the underlying theme of the four student commencement speeches - short but meaningful addresses meant to inspire classmates to follow their dreams.

"I know many say that hard work doesn't pay off but being second in the class isn't too bad," salutatorian and senior class president Moises Ceballos told the crowd gathered at the Calistoga Speedway bleachers. "Since the beginning I began working hard. And I don't mean since the beginning of high school. I'm talking about since the beginning of Junior High.



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Graduate Daniel Lopez poses with family members immediately following the CHS Class of 2019 graduation ceremony Friday, June 7.



Margarita Alvarado, front, and classmates cheer as other members of the class are called to receive their promotion certificates.

#### Eighth-graders promoted to Calistoga High School

#### **By Claudia Aceves**

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Eighth-graders being promoted last week recalled the many memories they created during their two years in junior high, including the good and the bad.

School trustees Mark Galindo and Julie Elkeshen were on hand to pass out certificates of completion to the 54 eighth-grade students who will be moving on to Calistoga High School next school year.

The students had all of their teachers to thank

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