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Patients are treated at the Coachella Valley Free Clinic in March of 2015 at the Indio/Riverside Fairgrounds. A similar Grass Valley event is scheduled for November, organized by the Roseville-based nonprofit California CareForce and coordinated with a local host group.

Community getting behind massive two-day free medical clinic

By Cory Fisher
Staff Writer

Community support is growing for the massive two-day free medical clinic, scheduled for Nov. 14-15 at the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building.

Organized by the Roseville-based nonprofit California CareForce, medical, dental and vision services will be available to anyone in need of care, thanks to roughly 350 volunteers and 50 to 60 medical practitioners.

As many as 1,200 local residents who are struggling with health-care costs are expected to show

up for the first-come, first-served event.

Grass Valley organizer Mindy Oberne says as much as \$400,000 in healthcare services will be donated by medical staff. Would-be patients are expected to travel from as far as Yuba City and Sacramento to receive care.

In addition to individuals signing up to volunteer, a growing number of organizations have joined the ambitious effort in various capacities, including Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, Sierra Family Medical Clinic, Western Sierra Medical Clinic and the Chapa-De Indian Health Program.

DONATIONS

To volunteer or make a donation, contact Congdon at 916-749-4170, 800-500-1332 or pam@california.careforce.org. Donations may be mailed to: California CareForce, 950 Reserve Drive, Suite 120, Roseville, CA 95678. To get more information, see www.CaliforniaCareForce.org.

An estimated \$15,000 to \$25,000 is needed for equipment and to house, feed and provide for the visiting professional volunteers, including physicians, registered nurses, EMTs, licensed vocational nurses/

licensed practical nurses, oral surgeons, dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, dental X-ray technicians, ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, ophthalmic technicians, acupuncturists, chiropractors and more. Dental care will include restorative work and complex extractions.

California CareForce provides everything the volunteer medical professionals need to perform their jobs, including vision exam equipment, dental equipment, tools, medicines, exam tables, dental chairs and even meals. Free eyeglasses are made

CLINIC, A10

State to fund NC Courthouse feasibility study

By Ivan Natividad
Staff Writer

Officials with the state Judicial Council, a policy-making board for the California court system, confirmed Monday that a contract has been signed with Ross Drulis Cusenberry Architecture to fund and conduct a feasibility study on Nevada County's Superior Courthouse building.

"This is great news," said Nevada City Courthouse Committee Chair Paul Matson. "It is the result of a lot of work and effort over several years. The future use of this property, the activity and vitality that it brings to our town, and the reuse of the Art Moderne building together represent the biggest issue facing Nevada City today. I have moved from being hopeful to cautiously optimistic."

Michael Ross, a principal architect with Sonoma-based Ross Drulis Cusenberry Architecture, said they received a signed contract from the Judicial Council on Friday, which promises \$62,000 in state funding for phase two of the feasibility study.

In March 2014, Nevada City paid \$32,000 for the first phase of the feasibility study, which concluded

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that the current courthouse site could be modified, and is adequate to accommodate further renovations, expansion and preservation programs.

"Based on that, it appeared that we could achieve the goals of the project and save the state of California significant money," said Ross. "So phase two is to drill deeper into that and make sure our initial findings hold water, and that we come up with a much more detailed cost analysis of it."

With the state's contract

STUDY, A10

NC school district looks to fill 2 key positions

By Emily Lavin
Staff Writer

The Nevada City School District is looking to fill two major leadership positions — the district superintendent and the principal of Seven Hills School — before the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

The district's board of trustees will take the first steps toward filling both positions at tonight's board meeting, where the board will review and vote on approving a time line for recruiting, interviewing and appointing candidates for the superintendent position and current district superintendent Roxanne Gilpatric will present the board with a time line for hiring

candidates for the principal position.

The board will need to appoint a new superintendent to replace Gilpatric, who in March announced she

would retire in mid-June after six years in the position.

According to the time line up for review at tonight's

meeting, the board's goal is to have a new superintendent under contract no later than July 14. Major milestones on the time line, which was drafted by Education Leadership Services — a

SCHOOL, A10

GV council to vote on Buttron as fire chief

By Ivan Natividad
Staff Writer

The Grass Valley City Council will meet tonight to conduct a mid-year budget review and to vote on the city's recommendation to officially appoint Grass Valley Fire Battalion Chief Mark Buttron as the city's new Fire Chief.

According to city documents, Buttron has served as the city's interim fire chief since August 2013, handling regular fire chief duties such as regional service negotiations, implementation of

Measure N funds, recruitment and deployment strategies, and developing future service techniques.

Buttron's contract with the city, if approved, will include health and retirement benefits and an annual base salary of \$118,500, though that compensation would be reviewed with City Manager Bob Richardson every year, in connection with Buttron's annual review.

"He's done an excellent job during my year here as interim fire chief," said Richardson. "Both at handling day-to-day operations, and

seeing the needs and complexities of the future and coming up with many, many viable alternatives for the city to pursue."

In other business, council members will hold a pinning ceremony for three new Grass Valley police officers, and will proclaim May "Motorcycle Awareness Month."

The council will also vote on whether to approve a sewer repair project, and the replacement of an axial mixing pump.

Prior to the public meeting, the council will hold a closed session with

KNOW AND GO

What: Grass Valley City Council Meeting
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Grass Valley City Hall Chambers, 125 East Main St.

Richardson and the Associated Police Officers employee organization.

For more information go to www.cityofgrassvalley.com.

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Effort to restore San Joaquin River endures during drought

FRESNO — A multi-billion dollar project to bring salmon back to a dried-up section of California's second-longest river is moving forward despite the state's historic drought.

Federal biologists tell The Fresno Bee that the San Joaquin River Restoration Program is yielding valuable information about spawning conditions in a part of the river where salmon hadn't

been seen for almost 60 years and that suspending the effort now would mean sacrificing hundreds of young fish.

The six-year-old project resulted from a legal settlement between an environmental group and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The Bee reports the drought has kept the bureau from releasing water specifically for the river restoration for more than a year.

— Associated Press

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