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Giddy up! Here comes Redding Rodeo Week



Alexandria Gribner, left, and Brycen McDaniel break out a dance move with other line dancers during the annual Asphalt Cowboys Street Dance, which took place on May 8, on the Market Street Promenade in downtown Redding. More photos on Page 2A. MIKE CHAPMAN/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD SEARCHLIGHT

Outside county staff assigned to clerk offices

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The fallout continues from two separate investigative reports into the conduct of Shasta County elections chief Clint Curtis.

Personnel and county administration staff members have been assigned to the county clerk and registrar of voters offices on Market Street and Court Street.

“There will be one Personnel manager assigned at Market St, and one CAO staff member assigned to Court Street, each day. Those specific individuals who are assigned will vary but on any given day it will be no more than two,” Shasta County Support Services Director Monica Fugitt said in an email to the Record Searchlight on Monday, May 11.

Fugitt said there is no timeframe for how long they will be deployed to the two offices.

This comes two weeks after Fugitt told supervisors at a special meeting to consider a censure of Curtis over his conduct, that based on the findings of the investigations, Curtis should not work in the same location as his staff.

“Given the pervasive, abusive conduct that Curtis has exhibited toward staff it is recommended that the board request Curtis separate himself from staff, working in a different physical location or remotely,” Fugitt said at the April 28 special meeting.

Fugitt also recommended a county employee who works outside the department should monitor communication between Curtis and elections staff when he’s present.

Asked if Curtis is working remotely, Fugitt told the Record Searchlight that he is not.

“At the special Board meeting the recommendation for Mr. Curtis to separate himself from staff was discussed, and Mr. Curtis declined to do so,” she said.

Robert DeLong, business manager of the Redding-based UPEC Local 792, said it’s great the county is willing to provide outside help to act as an in-between.

“These are election workers and they are professionals and what has taken place, you have brought in somebody with an agenda and the agenda is not to support current employees,” he said. “It’s just been tough on our employees. They are just trying to do their jobs in what has become an increasingly hostile work

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Asphalt Cowboys post new clues to use in \$400 in Redding Rodeo game

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People can solve clues to win \$400 on Wednesday, May 13 — day two of the Asphalt Cowboys’ citywide Redding Rodeo Week game.

The first person who calls in and correctly identifies the local celebrities playing the Lone Stranger and Sidekick will win \$400, Asphalt Cowboys spokesperson Dave Tappan said.

The philanthropic organization creates issues new clues — published at Redding.com daily through Friday, or until the Asphalt Cowboys announce winners in both games. The contest ends at 5 p.m. Friday.

The game is part of a packed schedule of rodeo-related activities this week.

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Randy Wilson and Tori Rose do a dip at the end of a song during the Redding Rodeo Launch Party at the rodeo arena on May 9.

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