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Jenni Smith and her horse, Supes, ride up to Cougar Rock during the 24-hour, 100-mile Tevis Cup.

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Moraga woman completes 100-mile endurance horse ride

By Diane Claytor

Earlier this month, Moraga's Jenni Smith rode her horse, Supes, for 20 hours straight ... well, 18 hours if you count the two mandatory rest periods required in the Tevis Cup, a 100-mile equestrian event. And, of the 200 riders, Smith was the 14th to cross the finish line.

The Tevis Cup, an international event Time Magazine once named one of the world's "Top Ten Toughest Endurance Events," is a 24-hour, 100-mile trail ride. It's an annual event, held

as near as possible to a mid-summer Saturday with a full moon because, as Smith explained, "we ride at night and need the moon for light."

Smith is no novice to The Tevis, as it's called. This was her 14th ride and the 11th time she's finished. In the past, she's ridden horses belonging to someone else, "more seasoned, experienced horses," and has finished in the top 10 five times. But this is the first time she rode her own horse – and the first time Supes, an Arabian racehorse, had gone 100 miles. ... continued on page A10

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Opiate antidote now in the hands of Lafayette police

By Nick Marnell

The Lafayette City Council unanimously authorized its police officers Aug. 14 to administer naloxone, a prescription medicine used for the treatment of an opioid emergency, to patients they encounter who show signs of an opioid overdose. The Lafayette police department becomes the first in Contra Costa County to employ trained officers to administer the drug in the field or at the police station.

"Lafayette is at the leading edge with this program," said Cam Burks, the council member with an extensive public safety background. "I support this program because opioids are a serious public safety issue and this program needs to be available to our citizens."

According to Contra Costa Health Services, there were 53 accidental drug overdose deaths in 2003 in Contra Costa County; in 2008 the number jumped to 84 and five years later, 113. Opioid-related

deaths rose from 42 in 2013 to 48 in 2015.

"This is not just a Contra Costa County problem," said Tom Gilmore of Lafayette, who lost his son to an opioid overdose in 2013. "It's also a Lafayette problem, the same way it's been a problem in the United States."

Contra Costa County MEDS Coalition Director Patty Hoyt agreed. "No community is immune," she said.

Lafayette Chief of Police Eric Christensen said that a serious threat exists not only to the public but also to law enforcement officers who come in contact with opioids such as fentanyl, a strong narcotic recently added to street heroin. Just touching or inhaling a small amount of fentanyl can cause an overdose or death. By administering naloxone in the form of Narcan Nasal Spray, the police – often the first people on the scene – can reverse an opioid overdose.

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Lafayette man killed in Barcelona attack

By Nick Marnell



The Tuckers at a cafe in Barcelona shortly before the terrorist attack Photo courtesy Heidi Nunes-Tucker
The widow of the Lafayette father killed during the Barcelona terrorist attack Aug. 17 has not only positive memories of her late husband but of her home city as well.

Jared Tucker and his wife, Heidi Nunes-Tucker, were enjoying a delayed honeymoon in Europe, celebrating their one-year wedding anniversary. The couple were having drinks along La Rambla, a popular tourist thoroughfare in Barcelona, and as Jared went into a restaurant,

a van barreled past Heidi, zigzagging into a crowd of people, killing 13. The U. S. State Department confirmed that Jared was killed in the attack.

Heidi teaches at the El Sobrante Christian School. "While we are thankful for Heidi's safety, we are hurting for her," said school principal Jeannine Manguiat. "We love her. She is a fabulous teacher. We want to do anything we can for their families during this time and we will continue to pray for all those affected."

"We love them so much," said a shaken Roxanne Smolko of the Roundup Saloon. "They were longtime customers, and such wonderful people. Our deepest condolences to the family."

Heidi has lived in Lafayette for 14 years, near the Lafayette Reservoir. She spoke by telephone from Barcelona. "We loved the Roundup, and we love Lafayette," she said. "Lafayette is incredibly dear to both of our hearts." Heidi said she met Jared at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival, they moved on to Petar's that evening and ended the night at the Roundup, dancing till closing. ... continued on page A3

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