

A monthly community publication to help keep residents informed of projects, issues and events in the greater Colfax area.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 3 2pm - 11pm 3rd of July Celebration, Downtown Colfax
- July 7 1pm Bingo Fundraiser for SVC 55 School St.
- July 14 8am - 11am VFW Pancake Breakfast Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall
- July 18 5pm - 7pm American Legion Dinner Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall
- July 27 9:30am -11:30am Summer Festivle Colfax Baptist Church

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DOGS & FIREWORKS



Try to insulate dogs from the booms outside. This means no backyards and maybe not even free run of the house. Instead, keep the dog in a safe, enclosed area where they cannot hurt themselves if panicked. In your home, background noise like TV, fans, or white noise can help mask what's going on outside.

A number of studies highlight that dogs value social support from owners. Like a child afraid of a loud noise turning and running toward a parent, dogs facing stressful situations have been found to turn to their owners as safe havens.

In a 2013 study, researchers found that when encountering a threatening stranger, the increase in a dog's heart rate was less pronounced when the dog's owner was present than when the dog encountered the threatening stranger alone. The researchers' conclusion: "Similar to parents of infants, owners can provide a buffer against stress in dogs..." Being there for your dog can help.

What you do while there can also help. Other studies found that the emotions we display can affect how dogs respond to potentially scary things. In one of these studies, dogs encountered an unfamiliar, strange object that could elicit a mild fear response, an electric fan with plastic green ribbons streaming from it. When encountering this "Crazy Green Monster," the researchers wanted to know whether dog behavior, their approach to or avoidance of the "Monster," was affected by owner behavior, whether the owner behaved in a happy or fearful manner. What the owners did made a difference. Dogs were more likely to approach the weird object if owners spoke in a happy voice and

smiled, seeming to convey, "It's all good."

While fireworks, intensely loud noises accompanied by flashes of light, are not necessarily equivalent to a threatening stranger or a weird blowing object, these studies highlight that people can serve as a support for their dogs.

WHY ARE SOME DOGS AFRAID OF FIREWORKS?

1. Fireworks Are Loud

Most fireworks make some kind of loud sound. These sounds naturally startle dogs, especially since they have a more acute sense of hearing than humans.

What can you do about it? For those with dogs-and-fireworks issues, keep your dog indoors away from the noise, ideally in a room where you can turn on music or white noise to drown out those startling sounds.

2. Fireworks Come Without Warning

Other things that scare dogs come with warnings (think thunderstorms or trips to the vet). But from a dog's perspective, fireworks disrupt an otherwise enjoyable evening with loud and random pops, bangs and screeches, all without warning. So rather than ask, "Why are dogs scared of fireworks?" maybe the real question is, why wouldn't dogs be startled by them?

What can you do about it? You can help prepare your dog by exposing him to recorded firework sounds. The only downside is that you'll need to start months in advance and, over time, gradually increase the volume while rewarding your dog for keeping calm.

3. Fireworks Present a Threat

Because fireworks are loud and unexpected, many dogs perceive them as a real threat, which triggers their "flight" response. They may even show signs of anxiety and restlessness, like panting, whining and pacing.

What can you do about it? A calming, comforting presence can make all the difference for our dogs. Stay close and make sure you're putting off positive, relaxed energy. After all, getting upset or

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COLFAX'S MUCH-TRAVELED FREIGHT DEPOT

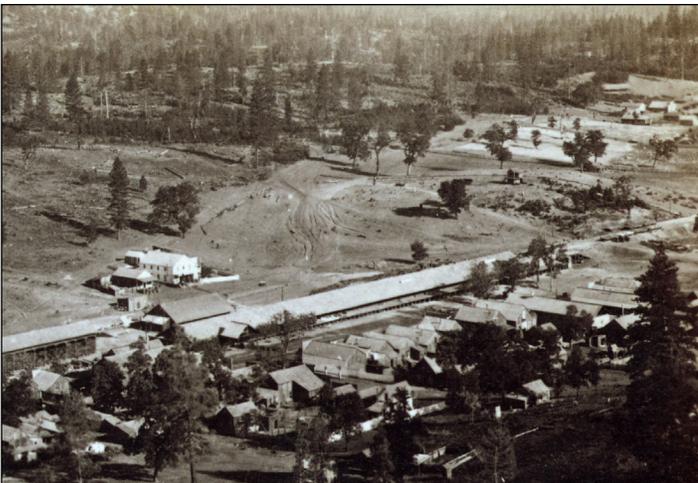
This year marks the 150th anniversary of the 1869 completion of the nation's first transcontinental railroad. Colfax has played a major role in the construction and operation of the railroad since the town was established in 1865. This article is about the much-traveled Colfax Freight Depot, currently located across N. Main St. from downtown businesses. Did you know this is the third location for this building?

Our story starts in September 1865, when Central Pacific (CP) tracks reached Colfax on their way to meeting Union Pacific (UP) tracks at Promontory Summit in Utah Territory. Colfax quickly became a major freight distribution point for surrounding mining camps and for railroad construction over Donner Summit. To accommodate the freight deliveries and construction supplies, Central Pacific built a 700-foot-long freight shed parallel to Main St., extending from Depot St. past Grass Valley St. The original passenger depot was located across the tracks from the freight shed at Depot St.



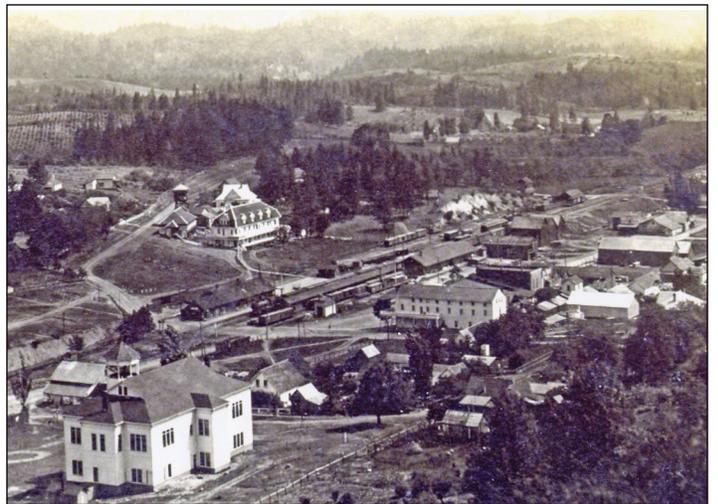
The 1881 CP freight depot replaced a portion of the old freight shed at Main and Grass Valley streets.

In 1882 a long transfer shed was added at the eastbound end of the freight depot to transfer cargo from standard gauge cars to NCNG cars. The layout worked well for several years, but there was a problem. The NCNG tracks came into town on the far side of the CP tracks and passenger depot. In order to reach the freight depot and transfer shed, NCNG freight cars had to cross the CP mainline tracks. As rail traffic increased, this cross-traffic became a bottleneck.



Central Pacific passenger depot and long freight shed parallel to Main St. businesses, circa 1866

The Nevada County Narrow Gauge (NCNG) railroad opened for business between Colfax and Grass Valley/Nevada City in 1876. In 1881 Central Pacific replaced a portion of the freight shed with a new freight depot, the same building that exists in Colfax today, but when built it was located parallel to Main Street where the caboose and U.S. Bank are today and still blocking Grass Valley Street.



NCNG freight cars can be seen (center) on the Main St. side of the narrow transfer shed at the near end of the freight depot, circa 1904

By around 1900 the railroad was operating under the Southern Pacific (SP) name. In May 1905, the original passenger depot was destroyed by fire. SP already had plans for a new Colfax passenger depot and hastened its construction. The SP passenger depot opened in November 1905 in

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its present location on Railroad Avenue. To eliminate the bottleneck mentioned above, SP moved the freight depot and transfer shed to the far side of the tracks, northeast of Grass Valley St. Now NCNG cars did not have to cross the SP mainline tracks to transfer cargo, and Grass Valley St. became a railroad crossing.



The freight depot and new passenger depot were on the far side of SP tracks in this 1907 view, and Grass Valley St. crossed the tracks.

This arrangement worked well until SP decided to add a second track to and through Colfax. A larger railyard was also to be built, requiring longer straight sections of track. Hillsides were removed at S. Main St. and across the tracks from N. Main St., creating long straight tracks and sidings through town. With the new alignment, the tracks no longer paralleled Main St. as they passed through town. But this created a new problem. The freight depot was in the path of the new tracks and had to be moved once again. The resulting track alignment is what can be seen in Colfax today.

In May 1915 the freight depot was moved to its third and present location for this durable and well-traveled building. The NCNG transfer shed was separated from the freight depot and relocated to the yard area beyond today's fruit sheds, where it continued to serve the NCNG until the line was dismantled in 1942.

Next time you look at the freight depot in its location beside Main St., give it a salute for enduring two major moves in its many years of service to Colfax and the transcontinental railroad.



The freight depot was in the path of the 1915 track realignment and had to be moved again.

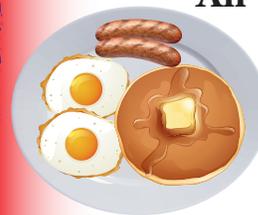
Article and photos provided by Roger Staab,
author and railroad historian



V.F.W. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$7⁰⁰

All You Can Eat Pancakes,
2 Eggs, Sausage, Ham,
Juice & Coffee



JULY 14th
8 to 11 am

VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL, 22 SUNSET CIR., COLFAX

COLFAX AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE



How can you get the most by being a member of your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce?

According to *Shapir Group's National Study*, the general public is 63% more likely to use the products and services of a Chamber of Commerce member.

Research from *Roseville Area Public Perception Survey* shows 89% of area residents are more likely to choose a Chamber of Commerce member over a non-Chamber member.

Your Chamber provides new members with announcements and ribbon cuttings for Grand Openings.

We supply Board and Committee participation opportunities.

Small business classes are provided through your Chamber.

Your Chamber Directors' monthly meetings with the City Council, City Manager, and Mayor provide access, information, and relationships for our members.

We advocate for Chamber members which gives you representation with decisions being made in your area.

Our Chamber mixers give you an opportunity to mix and mingle, exchange ideas, meet new people and develop new business relationships and friendships. This is a great way to present and promote your business to others in our area.

New members receive a Chamber plaque to be displayed in your business.

Also, free lobby space is provided in our Chamber office/Visitor Center for your business cards, flyers, and brochures.

Visit our web site, www.ColfaxChamber.com, and see how we list our businesses, upcoming events on our calendar, and more information on our area. Members will be promoted in our monthly newspaper, quarterly newsletter, and soon-to-be-released directory.

We will be visiting your business or service group in the near future and discuss your needs, concerns, and any questions you may have for our

area.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, we had a well-attended and enjoyable mixer in May at your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce office/Visitor Center/Museum. Food was provided by Beach Hut Deli. Excellent raffle prizes were provided by our members who were then able to promote their business. New business members received their Chamber plaques and informed us about their new business adventure. Colfax Mayor, Joe Fatula, gave a City update, which was well received by our members. A fun and informative mixer was enjoyed by all.

Colfax Mini Storage hosted our last mixer on Tuesday, June 18. New managers Shannon and Jason Kirk welcomed all. Homie Joe's provided food for the event.

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce has been very busy planning for Colfax's July 3rd event with a climbing wall and dunk tank. We are signing up volunteers to get their feet wet! Stop on by, try your climbing skills and then dunk your favorite "friend!"

New directional signs will be going up soon. New membership applications and information forms are being handed out now. Committee meetings are moving forward planning for our next event, mixer, small business classes, and more.

Our Visitor Center will be filling up with new items, so please stop by.

We are always open for new volunteers and members. Stop on by and sign up. If you are not a member and would like to become one, please contact us and we will supply all the information needed to get you signed up. Phone: 530-346-8888. Address: 99 South Railroad St, Colfax Ca. E-mail: colfaxareachamber@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to a very busy and fun summer!

CACC President

Tim Ryan

Your Chamber supports, promotes, and represents all of our businesses, service groups, and associates from Applegate to Cisco Grove and Chicago Park to Iowa Hill.

CHURCHES

COLFAX ASSEMBLY OF GOD COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

252 Culver St. Colfax, CA
530-346-2822

Email: colfaxesog@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.colfaxagca.org/>

COLFAX BAPTIST CHURCH

24850 Ben Taylor Rd. Colfax, CA
530-346-8110

Email: pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com

Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

COLFAX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

59 W. Church St. Colfax, CA
530-346-2267

Website: <http://www.colfaxumc.org/>

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES

944 Canyon Way Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-2525

Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

589 E. Oak St. Colfax, CA
530-346-2286

Website: <https://www.scd.org/parish/st-dominic-parish-colfax>

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

454 Scholtz Ave. Colfax, CA
530-346-8844

Website: <https://www.scd.org/parish/st-dominic-parish-colfax>

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1875 S. Auburn St. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7702

<https://www.lds.org/>



The old Catholic Church on upper Oak Street, St. Thomas, then later St. Dominic's. Colfax Record photo

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 192

22 Sunset Dr. Colfax, CA 95713
(530) 346-9433

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COLFAX AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

99 S. Railroad St. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8888

Website: <http://colfaxchamber.com>

COLFAX AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Archives: PO Box 185 Colfax, CA 95713
Museum

99 Railroad St. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8599

Website: <https://colfaxhistory.org>

COLFAX GARDEN CLUB

PO Box 1801 Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7474

Website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/colfax-garden-club>

COLFAX LIONS CLUB

PO Box 664 Colfax, CA 95713
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Website: <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca/>

GOLD COUNTRY LIONESSES

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ILLINOISTOWN CLAY-MASON LODGE #51 OF COLFAX

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Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

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SIERRA VISTA CENTER

55 School St. Colfax, CA 95713
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Website: <https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com>

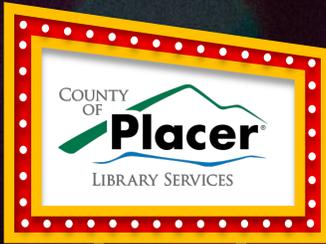
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF COLFAX

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530-637-4878

VFW POST 2003

22 Sunset Dr. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7768

<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>



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**NOW SHOWING
AT A LIBRARY NEAR YOU**

Registration required for all events.
Register to attend online at Eventbrite or at your library.

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**AMAZING
ANIMAL WORLD
WITH TRACY**

SHOW TIMES:
7/31/19 10:30am Tahoe City Library

**BRIAN SCOTT
MAGIC!**

SHOW TIMES:
7/16/19 12:00pm Granite Bay Library

BUBBLE BLAST!

SHOW TIMES:
6/19/19 11:30am Applegate Library
7/5/19 2:00pm Kings Beach Library

**CIRCUS
OF SMILES**

SHOW TIMES:
6/28/19 1:00pm Rocklin Library
*Clarke Dominguez Gym

CRAFT DAY

SHOW TIMES:
6/27/19 2:00pm Penryn Library
7/10/19 11:30am Applegate Library
7/23/19 11:00am Colfax Library

**CUPCAKE WARS
FOR TEENS AND TWEENS (10-18)**

SHOW TIMES:
6/26/19 3:00pm Granite Bay Library
7/13/19 3:00pm Rocklin Library
7/16/19 3:00pm Auburn Library
7/25/19 3:00pm Colfax Library
7/27/19 12:00pm Tahoe City Library

**ENGINEERING
CHALLENGE**

SHOW TIMES:
6/13/19 1:00pm Auburn Library
7/30/19 12:00pm Granite Bay Library
8/9/19 2:00pm Kings Beach Library

**FALLING FOR
RAPUNZEL
A PUPPET SHOW**

SHOW TIMES:
6/5/19 2:00pm Foresthill Library
6/11/19 11:00am Colfax Library
7/17/19 10:30am Tahoe City Library
7/18/19 2:00pm Penryn Library

**FAMILY
SING-ALONG**

SHOW TIMES:
6/11/19 12:00pm Granite Bay Library
7/25/19 1:00pm Auburn Library
7/26/19 1:00pm Rocklin Library

**PUPPET ART
THEATER**

SHOW TIMES:
6/26/19 11:00am Colfax Library
*Sierra Vista Center
7/11/19 9:30am Auburn Library
*Garden Theater

SCRIBBLEBOTS

SHOW TIMES:
6/14/19 1:00pm Rocklin Library
*Clarke Dominguez Gym
7/24/19 2:00pm Foresthill Library
8/7/19 10:30am Tahoe City Library

**UKULELE CLASS
FOR ADULTS (18+)**

SHOW TIMES:
6/4/19 4:30pm Colfax Library
6/13/19 6:00pm Rocklin Library
6/19/19 6:00pm Auburn Library
7/6/19 1:00pm Foresthill Library
7/10/19 5:00pm Kings Beach Library
7/17/19 6:00pm Granite Bay Library

WILD THINGS!

SHOW TIMES:
6/25/19 12:00pm Granite Bay Library
6/29/19 10:00am Auburn Library
*Garden Theater
7/9/19 11:00am Colfax Library
*Sierra Vista Center
7/12/19 1:00pm Rocklin Library
*Clarke Dominguez Gym
7/19/19 2:00pm Kings Beach Library

**SACRAMENTO
TAIKO DAN
JAPANESE DRUMMING**

SHOW TIMES:
6/20/19 9:30am Auburn Library
*Garden Theater

TICKETS

Go to
pclsummer.eventbrite.com
to register for all events.



COLFAX LIBRARY EVENTS

10 Church St. - 530-346-8211
Open Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 10am - 5pm
Tue. 10am - 6pm, Closed Sun. & Mon.

Book Club

July 25th: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
August 29th: *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

See accompanying flyers for other events at the Colfax Library.

COMPUTER BASICS HELP

30 minute or 1 hour slots available by appointment. Call (530) 346-8211 to reserve a spot. Topics: Learning the computer, accessing eBooks, starting social media, Internet searching, Microsoft Office, email basics, tablet help, smartphone assistance, Google Docs, & using a flash drive.

Colfax Library July Events

SUMMER @YOUR LIBRARY
 Wild Things
 July 9th, 11:00 @ Sierra Vista Community Center
 Cupcake Wars
 3:00-4:00 July 25th @ The Library

ADULT BOOK CLUB
 Thursday
 July 25th, 5:00-6:00
 Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
 Friday
 July 26th, 3:00-4:30
 Watch the movie Good Dinosaur

BREAKOUT TUESDAY
 Tuesday
 July 30th, 3:30-5:30
 STEAM comes to the library!

Placer LIBRARY SERVICES

Storytime
 AT THE COLFAX LIBRARY

BABY LAPSIT
 Wednesdays at 10:30
 Birth to 24 months

TODDLER TIME
 Thursdays at 10:30
 24 months to 3 years

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
 Fridays at 10:30
 3 to 5 years

10 W. Church St, Colfax | (530)346-8211

Colfax American Legion Post 192

FUNDRAISER DINNER
 Thursday **JULY 18th**
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
\$12⁰⁰
SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM
DINNER SERVED FROM 6 UNTIL 7
 Colfax Memorial Hall
 22 Sunset Circle, Colfax

National "Enslave to Independence" Week June 27 through July 4, Independence Day.

I am creating this event as an attempt to contribute to our Damsel in Defense Company to rescue 5 girls this one week. There are 27 million sex slaves in our world. We want to help save these innocent people from this horrific life. What we do here in the USA helps girls and boys in other countries that have no voice. I just went to Cambodia and Thailand and saw the devastation that is there. Being able to work with the rescued girls in the homes there that we support was life-changing. We not only change our world for today, but FOREVER!

Out of all the girls that Destiny Rescue saves, 80% don't return to the sex slave industry, 12% do, and 8% they lose track of. We are doing amazing things keeping our people safe and those that don't have a voice. The average age to start in the sex slave industry is 11. We need to stop this!

How can you help? You can book your own Empower Hour, Lunch and Learn, Children's Safety Class, or a Warrior Workshop. It's FREE and when you host an event you get FREE and 1/2 off protection perks! You could also start your own business and become a Damsel Pro yourself if you are passionate about what we do.

There are enough sex offenders to cover every square mile in the United States. My goal is to have 10 Damsel Pros in every square mile so we can educate, equip, and empower all women, children, and nice men. Hosting an Empower Hour anytime helps, not just this coming week. Or you can order below or donate. You could also order a set of the books and board game for your church, day care, and school!

The #E2I National Enslave to Independence week event is posted on my website: www.safetymomma.com. If you order items you can do it under the "Enslaved to Independence" event. You can get college students ready for college by helping equip them for safety too.

Please go to this page to order your safety tools that in turn helps the girls we help in Cambodia and India.

<http://www.mydamselpro.net/PRO4294/shop/catalog.aspx?eventId=E184575&from=DIRECT-LINK>

If you want to donate you can do so and I will buy protection products and donate them to "Stand Up Placer" and "Women of Worth." If you want to host an Empower Hour, let me know. Together we can do much more.

#safetymomma

September is Realtor Safety Awareness Month. I am a certified Safety Expert for Realtors who are at a 40% higher risk of danger on the job. Book your Safety Class now.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Let me know what I can do for you.

Sincerely,
Lori Osmond
916-747-4559

Illinoistown Clay Lodge #51 Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California



On June 1st a handful of brothers and eight interested locals met for a lively dinner with a short presentation in our lodge room to learn what Masonry is and isn't. This included the process involved to become one. A lively discussion followed with thoughtful questions and answers from our guest speakers from the Eureka Lodge in Auburn and The Nevada Lodge in Nevada City. Brethren from the Illinoistown Clay Lodge in Colfax also joined in to share personal stories. As per tradition, to become a Mason you must ask so the presentation was informative but not a meeting to recruit. There will be similar events to follow which we will announce in this newsletter.

Respectfully,
Gregg Novotny, Master,
Illinoistown Clay Lodge 51

Message from Placer Co. Sheriff's Office

K-9 UNIT

The Placer County Sheriff's Office K-9 units serve their community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The K-9 unit has allocations for six Deputy Sheriff K-9 teams assigned out of the Auburn and South Placer area, and two allocated to the North Lake Tahoe station. The unit is led by a patrol Sergeant who also serves as a K-9 handler. The canines assigned to field operations are trained in locating and apprehending violent criminal suspects, crowd control and narcotics and firearms detection. The corrections division currently has four single purpose narcotics K-9s in both the Auburn and South Placer jail facilities.

Due to their extraordinary sense of smell, our canines can search extremely large areas in a fraction of the time it would take multiple Deputy Sheriffs to complete. This makes the job safer for Deputies and can save hundreds of man hours per year, allowing Deputies to be available for more proactive policing and quicker response times.

The K-9 unit participates in hundreds of hours per year out in the community we serve. We provide education to elementary schools, local businesses and participate in numerous community events such as the Placer County Fair, National Night Out and Day with a Deputy. If you would like the K-9 unit to speak to your organization or would like to meet a K-9 team, please contact the unit Sergeant, Jon Scofield, for additional information at 530-889-7800.



Colfax Elementary 8th Grade Graduation

The City of Colfax presented awards to Colfax Elementary School student body officers for the 2018/2019 school year for serving as role models for their classmates and younger students. These graduates demonstrated leadership and service to the entire school community. They assumed the responsibility of working with students and staff to help make Colfax Elementary a great school.



Colfax Elementary School graduates and ceremony attendees



Colfax Elementary Student Body President Miracle Wooten



Colfax Elementary Student Body Secretary Jadah Basquez with Mayor Pro Tem Marnie Mendoza



3rd of JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

2pm to 11pm

- Tom Drinnon live music Arbor Park 5 to 11
- DJ JCrew at Depot St. 4 to 11
- Crafts all day by Friends of Library
- Ambitions Performing Arts
- Bounce House \$10 (wristbands for all day till 8pm)
- Dunk Tank & Rock Wall by the Chamber 2 to 6
- Little Patriots Parade at 6
- Lions Club Parade at 7
- Fireworks 9:30 (weather permitting)
- Lots of vendors, food & desserts!

Quinn
Klowns
50th
Anniversary



Message from the Colfax Fire Dept. & CAL FIRE/Placer County Fire

EVACUATION & READY SET GO

"Are You Ready When The Call Comes?"

Last month I asked you, "Is Your Home Defendable"? Now I'm asking you, "Are You Ready If You're Told to Evacuate"?

Since the 2018 Camp Fire and the 2017 October fire siege in Napa and Sonoma Counties a significant amount of attention has been focused on evacuations. A lot of this focus has been towards the emergency services. Improving coordination between fire and law agencies, improving the reverse 911 system, identification of temporary refuge areas and better preplanning for large scale events have all been part of this focus.

At our local level, here in Placer County and in the Colfax area, work has been going on since December 2018 between Placer County OES, CAL FIRE, Placer County Sheriff and the CHP to improve our partnership. It is not only a partnership between the emergency responders, law and fire agencies in connection with the County's OES.

It is also a partnership between the emergency responders and you, the public!

It's sad to say this but some of the lives that have been lost over the last two fire seasons were because the individuals simply never prepared to evacuate! They never thought it would happen to them!

There are three things your emergency responders need you to do in preparing for an evacuation. If you do these three things, then we can do our part in helping to evacuate you.

1. **Sign up for Placer Alert** – This is Placer County's reverse 911 system, it is the system that we will use to tell you what to do and where to go in the event of an evacuation or provide other emergency information. www.placer-alert.org
2. **Visit the Ready for Wildfire Website** – Learn about Ready/Set/Go and being prepared in the event of an evacuation. www.readyforwildfire.org
3. **Provide your home its Defensible Space** – It's the defensible space that not only provides protection to your home, but it is also that space that can be used to protect you in the event you can't evacuate. www.readyforwildfire.org

So I'm asking "Are You Ready If You're Told to Evacuate"?



COLFAX LIONS

3rd Annual Car Show
Pre 1975

Saturday • August 17, 2019
on Main Street in Colfax
Show Time 8 am to 3 pm • Awards beginning at 2:15 pm

Registration Fee - \$25
includes goodie bag, dash plaque, and door prize drawing opportunity

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE IN THE MORNING (small donation)

A GOOD LUNCH PREPARED BY LIONS IN THE AFTERNOON (moderately priced)

Raffle Prizes

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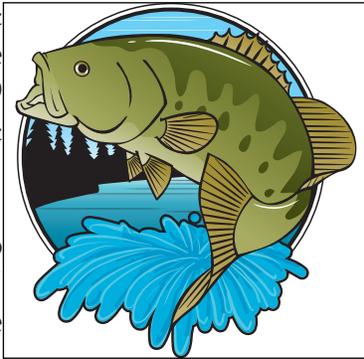
Placer County Fire Safe Alliance Meeting
Thursday, July 18
10am-12pm
Cypress Room
Community Development Resource Center
(CDRC)
3091 County Center Dr., Auburn

Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council
Friday, July 19
9am-11am
Room 10
Auburn City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn

Placer-Sierra Fire Safe Council
Thursday, July 25
6pm-8pm
Colfax City Hall
33 S. Main St., Colfax

FREE FISHING DAYS

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) Free Fishing Days for 2019 are Saturday, July 6th & Saturday, August 31st



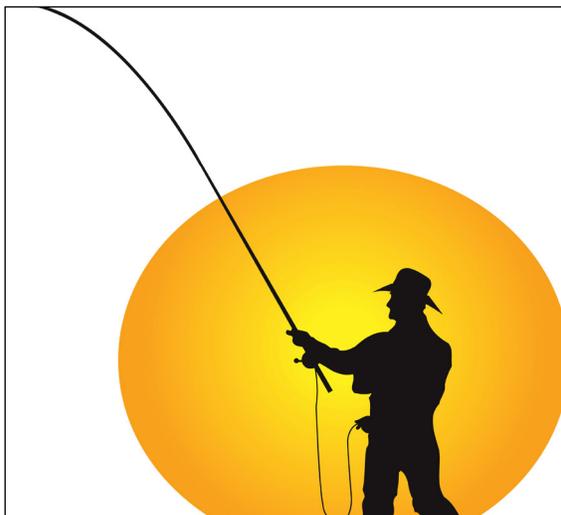
CDFW offers two "Free Fishing Days" each year. On these days, you can fish with-

out a sport fishing license. Free Fishing Days provide a great, low-cost way to give fishing a try.

While all fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect, there are two days each year when anyone can fish without purchasing a fishing license. On Free Fishing Days, every angler must have the appropriate report card if they are fishing for steelhead, sturgeon or salmon in the Smith and Klamath-Trinity River Systems.

Report cards are required for any person fishing for steelhead, sturgeon, abalone, spiny lobster, or salmon (salmon in the Klamath, Trinity and Smith Rivers only). Every person fishing for these species must have an appropriate report card, including any person who is not required to have a sport fishing license, such as a child who is under 16 years of age, a person who is fishing from a public pier, and any person who is fishing on a free fishing day.

More information is available at www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/free-fishing-days.



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anxious won't help our dogs, and fireworks aren't a real threat to them anyway.

4. The Dog Feels Trapped

Related to the previous reason, if fireworks have triggered a dog's flight response but he can't escape the threat, his fear and anxiety will continue, at least as long as the fireworks continue.

What can you do about it? The best solution is to remove your dog from the situation ahead of time. If you have friends or family who live in areas that are familiar to your dog, and where fireworks are rare, let him spend his 4th of July there.

5. The Dog Feels Vulnerable

Again, if your dog senses that fireworks are a threat to his safety and doesn't have an escape route, he will naturally feel vulnerable. At the end of the day, this is probably the simplest answer to the question, "Why dogs are afraid of fireworks?"

What can you do about it? If you can't remove your dog from the firework festivities in advance (see #4), there are a few other tactics to help him stay calm:

- Keep him in his crate. If your dog is crate-trained, he may feel most secure in his crate with a nice chew toy to occupy his time.
- No crate? Prepare a special area. Put your dog's bed in a calm place, like a closet or corner, and turn on some music or a sound machine at a volume that will mask the fireworks outside.
- Try an anti-anxiety calming wrap. These are like swaddles for dogs, designed to help them feel secure during stressful situations. Talk to your vet about the best way to introduce it to your dog in advance so it will be effective when he needs it.

Dogs and fireworks may not mix well, but that doesn't mean your dog's 4th of July can't be enjoyable. And now that you have a handful of answers to the question, "Why are dogs scared of fireworks?" and what you can do about it, you'll be prepared to help your canine buddy stay calm and safe this Independence Day.

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HERITAGE TRAIL MUSEUMS TOUR

Museums throughout Placer County will offer free admission every Saturday this summer as the Heritage Trail Museums Tour returns for its 12th year.

A total of 26 museums will be participating from Roseville to North Lake Tahoe. Free museum days are grouped geographically to allow easy trekking between museums in a day.

The tour added four museums to this year's lineup, including: the Loomis Basin Historical Society at the Loomis Library and Community Center, the Placer County Museums Archives and Collections Facility in Auburn, and the Truckee Old Jail Museum and Truckee Railroad Museum in Nevada County.

"A summer of fun and adventure awaits for people to explore and learn about Placer County," said Ralph Gibson, Placer County Museums administrator. "The Heritage Trail offers an opportunity to learn about our history, while exploring our valley, foothills and mountain areas."

A list of participating museums, dates, hours and activities is available on the Heritage Trail Museums Tour blog (<http://theheritagetrail.blogspot.com/>).

The Heritage Trail started June 15 at the Bernhard and Gold Rush museums and the historic Benton Welty School Room in Auburn, and ends September 7 with a free weekend at the Sierra College Natural History Museum in Rocklin.

Family-friendly activities are spread throughout the free weekends, including music and reenactments. Visitors can pick up a 'Get Up and Go' card at participating museums. Fill the card with stamps from at least eight of the participating museums and be eligible for a drawing.

The popular scavenger hunt returns this year. Students entering 1st through 12th grades in a Placer County school (or who are home schooled) in the fall can enter to win prizes, including a Samsung Galaxy tablet or a Kindle Fire.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for reading the "Colfax Connections." Currently we are constructing a website so you will be able to click on links and bring up more details about things you see in the publication. For right now they are static displays.

Want to see your articles in "Colfax Connections?"

Organizations, submit your events and meetings for the calendar.

Residents, submit articles and pictures of Colfax things near and dear to your heart. Let this be a wealth of information, fun facts and history of our city and surrounding areas.

The deadline for submitting articles is by the 20th of the month.

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Colfax High School Graduation

On June 1st, 125 seniors gathered with family and friends at Robert O. Marson Stadium to participate in the 59th Colfax High School Commencement Program. The prospective graduates listened attentively to welcomes and congratulatory speeches, received their well-deserved diplomas and celebrated with the traditional cap toss.

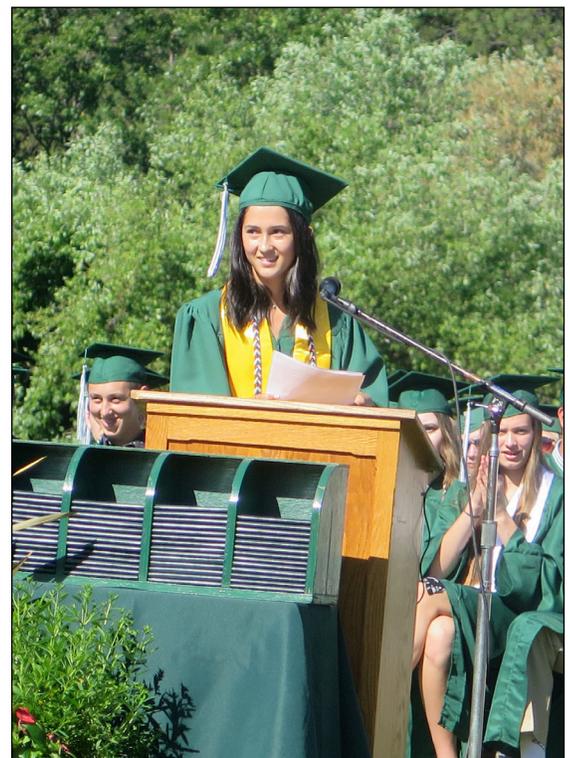


Above: Lots of flowers were available from the CHS Cheerleader's Squad in order to help celebrate with a happy graduate.



Below: With the traditional Pomp and Circumstance guiding the processional, graduates fill their assigned seats.

In professional football, there is a "2-minute" warning given to signify the end of the game is upon the players. At Colfax High School, the 2-minute warning tells the grads that show-time is almost upon them. Lined up and ready for the beginning of the processional are (l-r) Jack Watts, Kendall Williams, Avery Jensen, Callen Workman and Sam Wren



Associated Student Body President Alex Melendez greets the graduates: "I have great faith that each of you will channel your inner Peregrine Falcon and continue to be strong and compassionate people in the next chapter of your lives."



Senior Class President, Isabel Starr Mulay greets the audience: "There is no doubt in my mind that the soon-to-be graduates behind me are going to make our world a better and brighter place. My classmates and I are going to do our best to make Colfax High School and its community proud."



The Senior Class Members of the Carnegie Hall Award Winning Chamber Choir perform the Star-Spangled Banner under the direction of Todd Wilkinson



Principal Paul Lundberg greets the graduates, guests and dignitaries: "It is said that Colfax High School is like an expensive private school in that this staff and community is able to connect with every student in order to ensure their success and make a difference in their lives. All of you here today are a part of that legacy of excellence."



Principal Paul Lundberg gave up his Principal Address part of the program to senior Calli Genest who addressed her four years as a Falcon: "I am honored to be able to go out into the world knowing I am part of the greatest, most extraordinary, stupendous, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious school and family in all the universe."



Principal Paul Lundberg presented the class to Lynn McDonald. Lynn is a Dyed-in-the-Wool Falcon since her three children are all Colfax grads. In addition to serving for over 40 years as a Placer Union High School District Trustee, Lynn has accepted dozens of the Colfax High School graduating classes and certified them as eligible to receive their diplomas



The dual lines of graduates begin the walk to receive their diplomas. First in the queue are Alex Melendez (l) and Isabel Mulay (r). The two grads are examples of the wide range of academic travels that this class will be taking this fall. Alex is off to the University of Hawaii near Honolulu and Isabelle will be attending Tufts University in Massachusetts



Colfax had 13 students with at least a 4.0 grade point average and were entitled to wear the white Valedictorian sash over their graduation gowns. Honored in the arc are (l-r) Kristen Pischel, Halle Neumann, Connor Larimer, Brooke Gianopulos, Samuel Bailey, Isabel Mulay, Abigail Gonzales, Cayli Hansen, Keegan O'Sullivan and Ashton Tenorio.

Speaking on behalf of this celebrated group are (l-r) Sierra Hagen and Lydia Michael, who tied for top honors with a 4.44 GPA.

Sierra's thoughts on the day: "This school will always hold a special place in my heart. It has also done a great job preparing us for the future and I know we're to go out into the world and change it for the better."

Lydia's thoughts on the day: "As I drive away from Colfax High School for the final time today, I cannot say that I am going to miss the daily war over parking spots. I am, for sure, going to miss all the people at this school that have made the past four years so special. This is truly a remarkable class."



To celebrate their Falcon heritage and cheer one more time for the Green and White, Falcon Nest Leaders Alex Melendez, Rachel Brody, Lizzy Atrim and Daviana Ackerman lead the seniors in the Colfax High School Fight Song: "Stand up and fight, stand up for the right!"



Graduates have already turned their tassels from right side to left and now are more than happy to do the traditional cap toss. Once you "Toss your hat into the ring," you signify that you are ready to accomplish great things and that there is no turning back!
 Submitted by Alan Shuttleworth



Dear Colfaxians,

Thank you so much for your support of our annual Gold Country Lioness Jewelry Sale in May. At about \$2.00 a piece for jewelry we raised \$1000.

With these \$\$ we teamed up with the Colfax Garden Club to purchase and have installed a new bench on Main St. Also, this year we have donated to the 3rd of July festivities at Colfax Elementary and are making a donation to the Baptist Summer Festival for kids. We also purchased a picnic table at the baseball field that the City installed for us.

We will continue our efforts to help our Colfax City, kids, and other organizations that need just a little help to make things happen.

Our next fundraiser is our Annual Wine Tasting event on July 7th at the Applegate Community Center at 5pm. Tickets are \$25.00. For tickets please contact Kris at 530-368-1244.

Thank you,
 Amada Klein, President, Gold Country Lioness
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July Calendar of Events

- 1-4 Enslave to Independence Week (see article pg. 9)
 1 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 2 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 3 Roundabout Groundbreaking Ceremony - 10am
 3rd of July Celebration 2-11pm
 Open Art Studio 1- 4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 5 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Nevada County Food Bank 10am-11:30am SVC
 7 Bingo Fundraiser for SVC 1pm SVC
 8 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 9 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 10 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council 7pm City Hall
 12 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 14 VFW Pancake Breakfast 8-11am Veterans Hall
 Lions Club 6:00 pm Pizza Factory
 15 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 16 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 17 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 18 American Legion Dinner 5:30-7pm Veterans Hall
 19 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Game Night Lumenaris 3-5pm
 Art Walk & Lions Cruise In 4-8pm Main St.
 20 Flea Market 8am - 2pm SVC
 Monthly Bingo 6:15-9pm Veterans Hall
 22 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 23 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 Native Plant Society 6pm- 8pm
 24 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council 7pm City Hall
 26 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 27 Summer Festival 9:30-11:30am Colfax Baptist Church
 29 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 30 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 31 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market -4pm SVC

August Calendar of Events

- 2 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Nevada County Food Bank 10-11:30am SVC
 4 Bingo Fundraiser for SVC 1pm SVC
 5 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 6 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 7 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 9 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 10 Railroad Days Fundraising Dinner 5:30-9pm SVC
 11 VFW Pancake Breakfast 8-11am Veterans Hall
 12 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 13 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 Chamber of Commerce Mixer 5:30-7:30pm
 Sierra Self Storage
 14 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council 7pm City Hall
 15 American Legion Dinner 5:30-7pm Veterans Hall
 16 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Game Night Lumenaris 3-5pm
 Art Walk & Lions Cruise In 4-8pm Main St.
 17 Flea Market 8am-2pm SVC
 Bingo 6:15-9pm Veterans Hall
 CHS 30th Reunion 5-10pm Colfax Ball Park
 19 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 20 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 21 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 23 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 26 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
 27 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
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 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council 7pm City Hall
 30 Badminton 9-11am SVC

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