

Colfax Connections

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

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SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 4	1pm	Bingo Fundraiser for SVC 55 School St.
Aug. 10	5:30 - 9pm	Colfax Railroad Days Fundraiser Dinner
Aug. 11	8am - 11am	VFW Pancake Breakfast
Aug. 15	5pm - 7pm	Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall American Legion Dinner
Aug. 17	8am - 3pm 5pm - 10pm	Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall Lions Car Show Downtown Colfax CHS 30th Class Reunion Colfax Ball Park

See Page 20 for a complete calendar of events.

CONTACT DIRECTORY

Emergency	911
Fire Department Non Emergency	530-346-6776
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24 Hour Non Emergency	530-886-5375
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Colfax Heritage Museum.....	530-346-8599
Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce	530-346-8888
Colfax Public Library.....	530-346-8211
Sierra Vista Center (SVC)	530-346-8726
PCWA.....	530-823-4850
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Colfax Connections is a monthly publication. The deadline to submit articles and events is by the 20th of the previous month.

The Mayor's Corner by Dr. Joe Fatula



This month I am focused on providing education information to our residents on fire safety products. We are hoping to do a mini home show with vendors of these products at Railroad Days. So far, we have several signed up to demo their products.

Reducing Wildfire Risks

Colfax is in a WUI area (Wildland Urban Interface) area. We are located between two river canyons, the American River canyon to the east and the Bear River canyon to the west, about 1.5 miles in either direction.

During the Camp Fire incident, embers from their canyon traveled over 7 miles setting homes on fire. Some of these homes caught fire within minutes of the start of the fire. Additionally, as the fire progressed closer to homes, overgrown vegetation contributed to more homes catching fire.

The question we have been asking is, "What could the residents have done to reduce the risk to their homes" in advance of a potential fire. The results from this have been startling. According to CalFire, implementing many of the items discussed in my previous Mayor's Corner could have resulted in 65% of the homes surviving.

So, what can you do to reduce your risk of fires from embers? Good question, right?

At Railroad Days on September 21 & 22, we are planning to have several vendors demonstrating products to help reduce the risk of wildfires to your home.

- Vulcan Vents (www.vulcanvents.com) is set to be here with their live fire demonstration to show how their product virtually eliminates the chance of an ember entering your house and setting the house on fire from the inside out. Additionally, their vents are coated with a material that foams up and seals off the vent when temperatures reach 300° C. Of the 19 homes in the Campfire / Paradise area which had Vulcan Vents, all survived.

- Gutter Guard for Pine Needles (www.gutter-logic.com/gutter-guard-installation/benefits/) – Many homes have leaf guards installed on their gutters. Did you know that most gutter guards are

designed for keeping leaves out? This is fine for the deciduous forests that you find in Auburn, but up in Colfax, a high percentage of our forest is evergreen. Pine needles easily penetrate most gutter guards resulting in an almost perfect deposit of kindling (needles) in the gutter to start a fire with just a few embers, right under the edge of your roof. This second vendor from Loomis manufactures gutter guards that are needle-proof.

- Metal Roof – We also are having a metal roofing company here to demonstrate their product providing additional protection for your home.

We are working to get a siding company here as well.

One of my neighbors described an incident that happened a few months ago which I found very interesting. During the last cold snap he decided to fire up their wood stove to take the chill off the house. Some creosote must have been near the top of the chimney which caught fire and started emitting embers. From the outside of the home one could see the embers blow across the roof top toward a gable end vent and then get sucked into the vent. Running into the home and climbing up into the attic, one could see the embers coming through the screen of the vent and landing on the insulation. Needless to say, the wood stove was immediately shut down. If the embers had landed on some exposed paper from the insulation, that could have started a house fire from the inside out. New technology vents like those from Vulcan Vents are virtually ember-proof. They make a retrofit version which generally does not require changes to your siding, stucco, etc. As Vulcan Vents describes it, you simply take their retrofit vent, place a bead of fire caulk along the inside of the old vent and insert the new vent from the inside into the caulk. That's it. You just solved this piece of the problem.

I am very interested in your thoughts. Email me at joe.fatula@colfax-ca.gov with your comments, questions, and thoughts.

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

DEFENSIBLE SPACE "Is Your Home Defendable?"

2018 was a sobering, destructive and deadly year for the residents and emergency responders in California. At the end of December 2018, the statistics showed a record-breaking devastating fire season;

- CAL FIRE State Responsibility Land (SRA): 6,284 fires for 876,147 acres. An average year is 5,756 fires for 233,483 acres.
- 7,571 total wildland fires in California "State, Federal and Local" for a total of 1,671,203 acres.
- 100 fatalities (94 civilian and 6 emergency responders), 85 in the Camp Fire alone.
- 22,703 structures destroyed, 1,496 structures damaged for a total of 24,199 structures affected.

Out of these numbers comes some very telling data that has to be taken into consideration as we approach our next fire season:

- 90-95% (93.05%) of all structures that catch fire during a wildfire will be destroyed. (Source: CAL FIRE DINS Data)
- 85% of all structures that catch fire during a wildfire and are not destroyed, survive because of firefighter defensive actions. (Source: NIST)
- Structure ignition ratio is between 50-66%, ember ignition and 33-50% radiant heat exposure/direct flame impingement. (Source: NIST)
- It is the combination of defensible space and home-hardening that increases a home's chance of surviving a wildfire.

What is "Defensible Space?"

Defensible Space - An appropriately sized area surrounding a structure that when properly created and maintained, provides that structure enough distance from the burning vegetation and/or other material that under average weather conditions would be unlikely to ignite the structure without firefighter intervention.

How do we achieve "Defensible Space?"

We achieve "Defensible Space" by providing clearance. Removing and thinning the vegetation and removing and cleaning our yards of non-natural

material -"Junk." It's that clearance that provides your home the defensible space that, when threatened by fire, it can either stand alone or be successfully defended by firefighters.

How much Defensible Space "Clearance" does a home need?

Outlined below are the specific items required by California's Public Resource Code 4291 for homeowners to provide their home "Defensible Space" and are the recommendations of the Fire Department:

- 100' clearance of all hazardous vegetation from each side and the front and back of a structure/s, or to the property line.
- Maintain ornamental vegetation, including shrubs and trees in such way that a fire would not spread through the vegetation and ignite the structure/s.
- 30' of clearance of all-natural material from each side and the front and back of a structure, or to the property line that would prevent a receptive fuel bed to ember-casting causing ignition of the structure/s.
- Remove that portion of a tree that extends within 10' of the outlet of a chimney or stovepipe.
- Maintain trees, shrubs, or other plants adjacent to or overhanging a structure free of dead or dying wood to a distance of 10'.
- Maintain the roof and rain gutters of a structure to be free of leaves, needles, or other vegetative materials.
- Ensure that the accumulation of non-natural material -"Junk" on the property does not compromise the appropriate defensible space in such a way that in the event the material was to ignite, that it would spread to and ignite the structure/s.

In addition to these specific bullet items above, listed below is both contact information and links to help homeowners achieve "Defensible Space" and gain additional knowledge in wildland fire defense and prevention:

- CAL FIRE/PCFD Colfax Station 30 (530-346-6776). The staff would be more than happy to come and do a walk-through with you and give you a report for your home.
- <http://www.fire.ca.gov/> CAL FIRE's public

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website provides several articles for homeowners to use in preparing their home including current incident information.

- <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/> Ready for Wildfire is within the CAL FIRE public website and covers all aspects of being ready for wildfire.
- <http://placerrcd.org/> The Placer Resource Conservation District provides information to the County's residents on fuels management including the County's chipping program.
- <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA> The NFPA Fire Wise site provides information on home defense, building codes and recommendations for construction, wildfire prevention and how to become a "Fire Wise Community."

Providing defensible space is every homeowner's responsibility. It requires the initial work and it requires routine maintenance. The statistics don't lie. Homes that have been provided defensible space have a high probability of surviving a wildland fire!

Each year the vegetation returns, now is the best time to get out and provide that Defensible Space.

Is your home defendable?

MOSQUITOES CAN'T READ BUT YOU CAN!

Visit the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District's website at www.placerlearninglab.org/ and click on "Learning Lab" to play interactive games, learn about bugs, see the life cycle of a mosquito, and print off pages of mazes, word-find games and more.

You can also download and print "Buggin' About Bugs," an activity book where kids can learn about good bugs and bad bugs, how to identify mosquito breeding spots, and how to keep mosquitoes from growing in your yard. You will earn your "Mosquito Buster Badge!"

www.placerlearninglab.org/
www.placermosquito.org/

COLFAX AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE



Welcome from your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

New businesses, renewals of existing business, non profit organizations, and associates, mixers, grand openings/ribbon cuttings, directional sign installations,

and the 3rd of July celebration have kept your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce very busy and on the run.

On June 18th, we had a very enjoyable and entertaining mixer at Colfax Mini Storage. New managers Shannon and Jason Kirk and their staff greeted over 35 of our members.

Linda Habay with her staff from Homie Joe's catered the event. No food was left over after this mixer!

Paul Raj from Colfax Market provided the refreshments for the evening.

Mayor Joe Fatula gave a City update including all the new and exciting construction in our area.

The Best Western Hotel is under way along with the round-about, and the 20-home development on Depot street.

Many of our guests had a chance to speak about their businesses and organizations.

Lori Osmond with Damsel in Defense gave a very sincere, heartfelt and informative talk about #E21 National Enslave to Independence.

Lawanna Taylor with Legal Shield provided us with excellent information from her own personal and professional experiences to help us with legal matters.

The evening ended with the raffle prize drawings and a chance for our winners to stand up and give a talk about their business or organization.

Our next mixer is being scheduled for later on this summer and will be announced on our web site, Facebook, and flyers.

Our new directional signs are going up on the I-80 overpass area and Grass Valley St. and are leading locals and tourists to Historic Downtown Colfax. Randy, Bob, Ted, and Tim from the Chamber along with help from our City staff have installed 3 of the 5 signs with the other 2 going up soon!

The "Dawg House" at 745 Highway 174, Colfax, will be having its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, July 20th at 12:00 noon. Scot and Linda welcome all to come and enjoy their new restaurant along with live music and a car show.

The "Railhead Saloon" is re-opening at 30 North Main St. Bridget, Sarah, and their staff welcome everyone to participate in their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, Saturday, August 3rd at 2:00 PM. A BBQ and live music are also planned with the event!

The 3rd of July turned out to be another wonderful event. Thousands attended and were treated to so many different vendors and their goods along with a fantastic parade and exciting fireworks display. Great job Andrea and Melissa and your super staff with "Green Machine" for putting together another excellent 3rd of July.

Also, thanks to the Lions Club for organizing another fun and enjoyable parade.

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce provided fun for all with a "climbing wall" and a "dunk tank." A well deserved "Thank You" goes out to our dunkees!!! Paul Raj from Colfax Market, Eddie Brock our super volunteer, Kallie Moore from Dine & Dash, Kim Douglass our City Council member, Steve Barker our Nevada County Deputy, Trinity Burrus our City Council member, Marnie Mendoza our City Mayor Pro Tem, and Joe from "Homie Joe's." Your time and participation is greatly appreciated!!

Also thank you to our fantastic volunteers manning the dunk tank, climbing wall, and the Visitor Center and Museum.

Our Sheriff department, Fire department, Emergency Services and our City staff did an excellent job keeping everyone safe, orderly, and well informed. Thanks for all you do!!

Please visit our web site, www.Colfaxchamber.com or stop by our office/visitor center, 99 S. Railroad St. for more upcoming events, meetings, and presentations. New volunteers are always welcome and encouraged to join our team.

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.

COFFEE and CONVERSATION with YOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Please join your Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, August 7 from 8am-9am at the Chamber's office at 99 Railroad St. for some morning business networking. We will be discussing your business concerns, how Colfax area businesses can help each other, and small town/big business successes.



V.F.W. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$7.00

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

AUGUST 11th
8 to 11 am

VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL, 22 SUNSET CIR., COLFAX

CHURCHES

COLFAX ASSEMBLY OF GOD COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
252 Culver St. Colfax, CA
530-346-2822
Email: colfaxaog@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
Website: <http://norwellpost192.org>

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
530-477-2533
Website: <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca/>

GOLD COUNTRY LIONESSES
PO Box 1852 Colfax, CA 95713

ILLINOISTOWN CLAY-MASON LODGE #51 OF COLFAX
14 N. Main St. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-6627
Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT
320 S. Canyon Way Ste A Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-2722

SIERRA VISTA ARTISTS
55 School St. C-4 Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

SIERRA VISTA CENTER
55 School St. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8726
Website: <https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com>

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF COLFAX
PO Box 1036 Colfax, CA 95713
530-637-4878
VFW POST 2003
22 Sunset Dr. Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7768
<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>



COLFAX LIBRARY EVENTS

10 Church St. - 530-346-8211

Open Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 10am - 5pm
Tue. 10am - 6pm, Closed Sun. & Mon.

Book Club

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 AUGUST EVENTS



Storytime

Baby Lapsit Wednesdays 10:30
Toddler Time Thursdays 10:30
Preschool Storytime Fridays 10:30



Breakout Tuesday

Tuesday
August 27th, 3:30-5:30
Painted Rocks



Adult Book Club

Thursday
August 29th, 5:00-6:00
The Boston Girl
by Anita Diamant



Family Movie Night

Friday
August 30th 3:00-4:30
Watch the movie
Moana!



Come See Us at the Library!

10 W. Church St. Colfax

(530)346-8211



NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY

National Book Lovers Day harnesses all the excitement bibliophiles feel about books into one celebration on August 9th.

A day for all those who love to read, National Book Lovers Day encourages you to find your favorite reading place, a good book (whether it be fiction or non-fiction) and read the day away.

Bibliophile (noun) – a person who has a great appreciation for or collects books.

Factoids:

- The very first books used parchment or vellum (calf skin) for the book pages.
- Book covers were made of wood and often covered with leather.
- The books were fitted with clasps or straps.
- Public libraries appeared in the Middle Ages.
- Public libraries often chained the books to a shelf or a desk to prevent theft.

Along with several recent developments, book manufacturers use digital printing. Book pages are printed using toner rather than ink. As a result of digital printing, print-on-demand opens up a whole new realm of publishing. In this case, distributors don't print the books until the customer places the order.

More and more, people read E-books. E-book (electronic book) refers to a book-length publication in digital form. They are usually available through the internet. However, they can also be found on CD-ROM and other systems. Read an E-book on a computer or via a portable book display device known as an e-book reader, such as a Reader, Nook or Kindle.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY

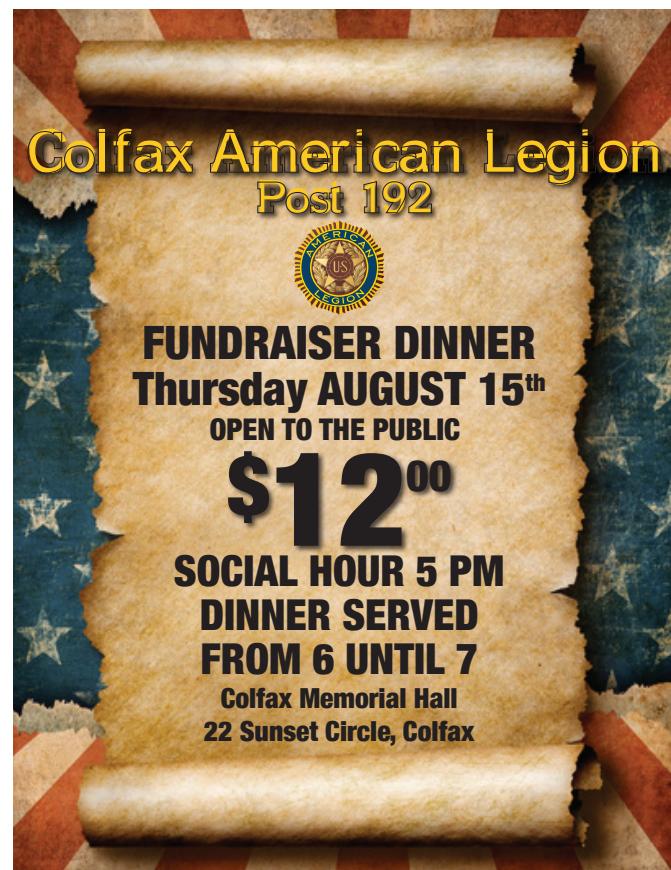
Sit back, relax and READ! Join a local book club. Contact your local library for events and advice on new releases and popular classics. Don't forget to share the joy of reading with the young people in your life. Inspire them with your favorite novel or find out about the last book they took off the shelf. Read to the littlest of the up-and-coming readers. And share what you're reading! Use #NationalBookLoversDay to post on social media and

spread the word.

Your Colfax library is located at 10 Church St. and is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-5pm and on Tuesdays from 10am-6pm.



A great picture of the Colfax Hotel by Allen Shuttleworth



FUNDRAISER
at
Sierra Vista Community Center • 55 School St., Colfax
on
SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH
5:30 till 9:00
for

2019

Adults ... \$10

Kids under 10 ... \$5



Colfax Railroad Days
Bigger & Better Than Ever

Homie Joe's
Taco Bar • No host bar • Raffle Prizes • Music

Fred & Reene Abbott
530-346-8728
fredreene@colfax.com

Colfax Lions Club Honors Members and Installs Officers

The Colfax Lions recently held a special dinner meeting at Tin Lantern Restaurant in Meadow Vista to recognize outstanding members, install the upcoming year's new officers and enjoy fellowship.



The recently installed Colfax Lions officers for the 2019-2020 year are: L-R: Fred Abbott-Director, Dan Zendner-Director, Brynte Johnson-Lion Tamer, Rose Craighead-President, Earl Coppin-Tail Twister, Christine Houck-Treasurer, Paul Petrul-Director, Tim Luckinbill-Secretary & Paul Houck-Lions International Coordinator.



Lion Earl Coppin (L) receives recognition from outgoing President, Paul Houck (R) for his consummate volunteer efforts including his club role as Tail Twister (he moves the meetings along!) and many years as Chair of the Spring Easter Egg Hunt.



Lions Foothill Zone Chair, Tim Luckinbill (L) honors Dan Zendner (R) with the Melvin Jones Humanitarian Award. Zendner, a past club president, has chaired the Thanksgiving Dinner Project for over 30 years. The service project, served on the day prior to Thanksgiving, has provided, at no cost to diners, over 300 dinners to Colfax area residents. Shut-ins get individual deliveries right to their homes. Melvin Jones' name, as the first Lions International President, is given to this award in order to recognize individual Lions who embody humanitarian ideas that are consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Zendner's long running and highly valued Thanksgiving project certainly fits the lofty criteria set for the Lions highest individual award recognition.



**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

For more information call Fred (530) 346-8728 or Chris and Red 530-477-2533

Limited Space Available • Pre-registration recommended

Thanks for your support and have a fine time in Colfax.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Advises residents living in "bear country" take these steps to protect your home against bear break-ins and bears in your yard:

- Do not toss food scraps out into the yard.
- Purchase and properly use a bear-proof garbage container.
- Wait to put trash out until the morning of collection day.
- Do not leave trash, groceries or pet food in your car.
- Keep garbage cans clean and deodorize them with bleach or ammonia.
- Keep barbecue grills clean and stored in a garage or shed when not in use.
- It is advised to not hang bird feeders in bear country. If you must, only do so during November through March and make them inaccessible to bears. Keep in mind bears are excellent climbers.
- Do not leave any scented products outside, even non-food items such as suntan lotion, insect repellent, soap or candles.
- Keep doors and windows closed and locked when unoccupied.
- Consider installing motion-detector alarms and/or electric fencing.
- Bring pets in at night. Provide safe and secure quarters for livestock at night.
- Consider composting bins rather than open composting.
- Securely block access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces under decks and buildings.
- Do not spray bear spray around property - when it dries, it can serve as an attractant.
- Do not feed deer or other wildlife - this will attract bears to your home.
- Harvest fruit from trees as soon as it is ripe, and promptly collect fruit that falls.
- If a bear breaks into your home, do not attempt to confront the bear. Give the bear an escape route. If the bear cannot make its way out, go to a safe place and call 911.

Black Bear Safety Reminders

Injurious black bear encounters and attacks are extremely rare in California, but they have occurred. There is no single safety strategy applicable to

every encounter, and bear behavior is not always predictable. However, basic understanding of bear behavior will help keep people safe and bears out of trouble.

Given the great numbers of people visiting and living in bear country, bears exhibit a high degree of tolerance to humans - other environmental hazards are more prevalent.

- Individual bears can display varying levels of tolerance and different temperament.
- Prevention is better than confrontation.
- Share this information with your children. Make sure they know to tell you if they see a bear in the area. "Be Bear Aware."

Black Bear Encounters

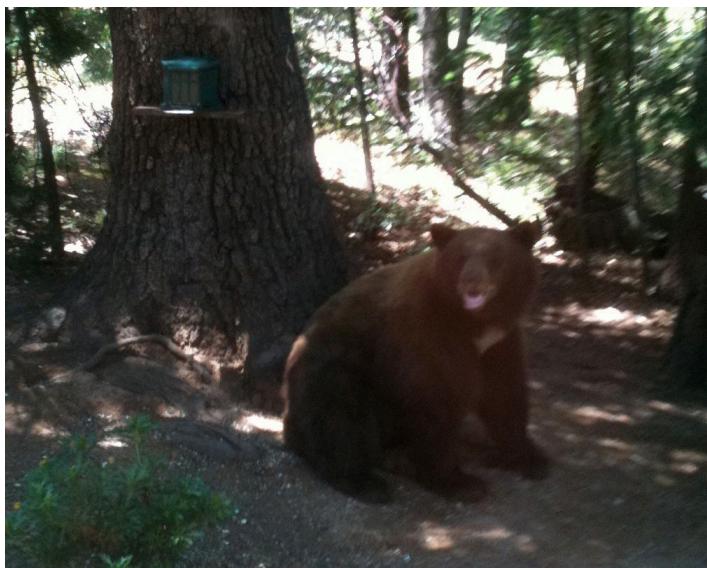
These are general guidelines based on research by wildlife managers and scientists, intended to help keep you safe in the event of a black bear encounter. Keep in mind that safety tips for the American black bear are not exactly the same as for grizzly bears. California does not have grizzly bears.

- If a bear breaks into your home, do not confront the bear. Most bears will quickly look for an escape route. Move away to a safe place. Do not block exit points. If the bear does not leave, get to a safe place and call 911.
- If you encounter a bear in your yard, chances are it will move on if there is nothing for the bear to forage. If there is enough distance between you and the bear, you can encourage the bear to leave by using noisemakers or blowing a whistle.
- If you encounter a bear while hiking and it does not see you: Back away slowly, increase your distance. Clap hands or make noise so the bear knows you are there and will move on.
- If you encounter a bear on the trail and it sees you: Do not make eye contact. Slowly back away. Do NOT run. Let the bear know you are not a threat. Give it a way out.
- If a bear approaches you, make yourself look bigger by lifting and waving arms. Use noisemakers, or yell at the bear. If small children are present, keep them close to you.
- Carry and know how to use bear spray as a deterrent. In the event of a black bear attack, it is usually recommended to fight back. However, each situation is different. Prevention is the key.
- Black bear attacks are rare in California and typically are defensive in nature because the bear is

surprised or defending cubs; however, bears accustomed to people may become too bold and act aggressively.

- Female black bears will often send cubs up a tree and leave the area in response to a perceived threat. Do not remain in the area - when you leave, she will come back for her cubs.

www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Bear



COLFAX

2019

RAILROAD DAYS

SEPTEMBER
21ST & 22ND
10 AM til 5 PM

**Union Pacific Railroad Display • Model Train Displays
1840's Re-enactment Camp • Black Flag Gang (from Old Sac)
Craft Vendors • Face Painters • Balloon Artist
Sierra Vista Community Flea Market
Music • Food • Refreshments**

This is a FREE family event in Downtown Colfax

Colfax Railroad Days Inc. • Fred & Reene Abbott
PO Box 323 Colfax CA 95713 • 530-346-8728

LYRICAL LOCOS

As reported on NBC's national news, a study done in Chicago has found that musical participation activates more parts in the human brain than previously known. Music has been seen slowing cognitive decline and has been shown to be important in fighting Alzheimer's disease.

The study also indicated that musical participation included those who played instruments, those who sang, and those who spent time listening to music. What a marvel that music is so healthy for the body and the mind!

Isn't this a super reason to check out Colfax's Lyrical Locos, a weekly gathering-together of folks who love music, and love to share music?

The Lyrical Locos are not off their rockers. "Locos" is short for "Locomotives" and refers to Colfax's history as a railroad town.

The Lyrical Locos meet every second and fourth Monday at the Colfax Methodist Church, 59 Church St. from 10am to 11:30am.

On the first and third Mondays the Locos are on the road to visit senior facilities bringing music and joy to residents between Auburn and Grass Valley.

If you would like to join them to make music (and stay healthy!) or have a suggestion for a performance, call Tom Passinisi at 650.799.5728.



Top L to R: Ken Fletcher, Joanie O'Merrill, Joe Hoffman, Tom Hyatt, Tom Passanisi, Elaine Nerriall, Front: Ruth Linden, Kate Buttler, Marilyn Wardlow, Doris Jackson, Jini Jackson, Not in photo Carol Pancly.

SIERRA VISTA CENTER CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET

• OPENS MAY 29

• 55 SCHOOL ST., COLFAX

• WEDNESDAYS, 4-7 P.M.,
MAY 29- OCT. 16

• NEW VENDORS WELCOME



Contact Market Manager
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PIRATES

Dale and I went to the last showing of "Pirates of Penzance" this Saturday. What a treat! The production was sponsored by Colla Voce, a youth choral program and Red Moon, a newly formed theater company seeking to support young actors. The cast ranged in age from 6 to 20 and had a bare two weeks of theater camp to assemble the show. While I'm not exactly an accomplished theater critic, I thoroughly enjoyed the musical. Good voices, good costuming, good staging and a good time was had by all. I hope that we can see more of this kind of thing on the Colfax Theater stage.

Alan Shuttleworth

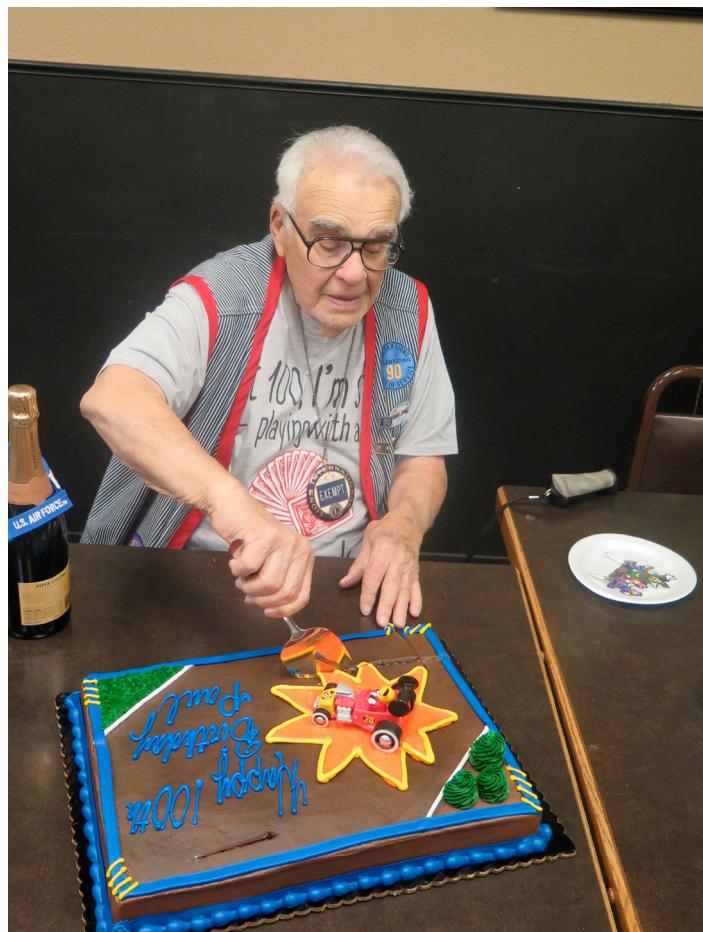


Sloan Morgan (top of the rock wall) is the Pirate King and exhorts his motley crew to drink up and adhere to the code of the pirates.



Issac Biggs (center) is an indentured pirate hoping to escape to normal living, save the lovelies from a terrible fate at the hands of pirates and court his lady love played by Alice Stotts. The ladies are L-R Americus Halland, Alice Stotts, Gina Bullio and Arden Morgan.

*Photos by
Ala*



Pictured is Paul Petrul cutting a birthday cake at a party held at a Colfax Lions Club meeting. A larger birthday party was held July 6 at The Ridge in Auburn.

100 YEARS of SERVICE to COUNTRY and COMMUNITY

Meadow Vista resident Paul Petrul recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a hall full of family and friends.

Living a full life, marrying the girl of his dreams, raising a family, serving for 30 years in the military, and continuing to serve his church and his community after retiring, Paul serves as an example of a life well lived, a life of service, commitment and devotion.

Paul spent his military career as a military policeman, a navigator during the Korean War and then as a flight instructor.

Being stationed all over the world meant being posted to different air bases and becoming an

expert on different planes, his favorite being the B-17. "The B-17," Petrul claims, "was the primary aircraft to win the bombing war in Europe."

Upon being stationed at Beale Air Force Base, Paul settled his family in Meadow Vista, a place he calls "one of the better area I've ever lived." It has been his home for 40 years.

Paul retired in 1971 with the rank of colonel and set about becoming a "country gentleman."

Paul joined the Colfax Lions Club in 1967 and has served the Club in every official capacity.

Several years ago he was awarded the Melvin Jones award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Lion, commemorating exemplary service to his Club and the community it serves.

Still active in the Club, he currently chairs the turkey raffle sales and the crab feed ticket sales.

As Paul puts it, "If you're not involved, you're wasting your life."

In addition to his commitment to the Lions Club, Paul is also active in his church, Faith Lutheran Church in Meadow Vista. "I'm all for improving whatever we can for the kids and the community."

Married for 67 years before the passing of his beloved wife, Erna, Paul now enjoys his three sons, Jim, Bill and Tom, and his three grandchildren, Alexandra, Andrew, and Adam.

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TIME CHANGE:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
PER RESOLUTION 32-2019,
THE COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETINGS
WILL NOW BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.
ON THE 2nd AND 4th WEDNESDAYS
OF EACH MONTH**

Colfax Area History by Grace Hubley

The first occupants in this region were California Indian tribes, the Miwok and the Nisenan Maidu. They were peaceful tribes that hunted, fished and ground acorns for food.

Next came the gold miners. Small trading posts were established to service the miners who swarmed the Bear and American Rivers. The ore-rich Rising Sun gold mine was located on Ben Taylor Road and Hubley House stands on part of its acreage. At one time there was a small settlement here and we are still finding artifacts when we dig in the grounds.

The railroad also played a prominent part in this area. Colfax was the western terminus of the first Transcontinental Railroad for many years. It was the point from which they launched their laborious construction assault to cross the Sierras. There was a large Chinese population living here during these years along with other railroad workers.

Fruit was the main crop in the region and the fruit and wine industry thrived here for over a century. Historic fruit packing sheds near the train depot are a testament to the time Colfax was known as the "fruit shipping capital of America." The wellness industry played an important part in Colfax history too. During the years when tuberculosis was deadlier than heart disease or cancer, recovery centers sprang up around Colfax to treat people. At the time, a combination of fresh air, rest and good food was the only known treatment of the disease and ailing patients moved out West to recover. Long-time Colfax mayor Dr. Robert Peers started a tuberculosis hospital in Colfax in 1901, and many Colfax residents entered into the business of health care as well. They put beds on their screened porches and rented them to patients, who then could sleep surrounded by fresh air. Their friends and relatives traveled by train to visit them.

The area's three main industries were devastated during the 1950's. The pear trees were attacked by a disease. A cure for TB was found. And the

railroad replaced its nostalgic steam engines – which had been maintained in a roundhouse here – with diesel engines.

Colfax became a little "lost in time" which – like historic towns such as Savannah, Georgia which suffered similar economic fates – ended up in the long run being a good thing. With little money to tear down and modernize the town's buildings and homes, it retained its charm of an earlier era. Today, a sympathetic approach to historic preservation by its residents and community leaders allows Colfax to continue to preserve its small town (pop. 1,800) charm and historic heritage.

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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 articles 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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3rd of JULY CELEBRATION

With cooperative weather and streets full of visitors, the Green Machine's 3rd of July Celebration for 2019 was a rousing success.

A highlight of the day was the Chamber of Commerce's dunk tank, set up near the train station, where Trinity Burruss and Deputy Stephen Barker were two of several people who volunteered to be "dunkees." Other volunteers were Colfax Market owner Paul Raj, Colfax resident Eddie Brock, Councilmember Kim Douglass and Mayor Pro Tem Marnie Mendoza, Kallie Moore from Dine 'n Dash, and the original "Homie Joe."

The Chamber also sponsored a rock-climbing wall, which was a hit with dozens of children.

The event also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Quinn Family Klowns. Beginning with one clown in the 1970s, the troupe has grown to dozens of performers dressing up in costumes designed by and often made by the Quinn family matriarch, Beth.

Her husband Ken Quinn, that first single clown, was an ambulance driver and funeral director who began dressing as a clown to participate in Colfax's 3rd of July Celebrations as an antidote to the solemnity of his day job.

This year's Celebration acknowledged the family's 50 years of providing 3rd of July visitors with laughter and joy. Ken Quinn's son, Kendall, was this year's Grand Marshall.

Several generations of Quinn Family Klowns led the 7pm parade through Colfax, followed by dozens of cars and floats. The parade, hosted and organized by the Colfax Lions, had 39 entries. It started near St. Dominic's Catholic Church, wound its way through downtown Colfax and returned to S. Auburn and E. Oak streets.

The evening ended, as always, with its always-popular fireworks display, described by 100s of spectators as "the best ever."



The crowd on Main Street



The Sheriff, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts leading the parade



Keira Davis - Wonder Woman



Quinn Family Klowns



Kim Douglass gets wet



Tucker Lomen, age 6



*Sierra Crowen
face painting*

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
- 28 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council 7pm City Hall
- 30 Badminton 9-11am SVC

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September Calendar of Events

- 1 Bingo Fundraiser for SVC 1pm SVC
 Yoga SVC 4-5pm
- 2 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
- 3 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
- 4 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
- 6 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Nevada County Food Bank SVC 10-11:30am
- 8 VFW Pancake Breakfast 8-11am Veterans Hall
 Yoga SVC 4-5pm
- 9 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
- 10 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
- 11 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council Meeting 6pm City Hall
- 13 Badminton 9-11am SVC
- 13 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 Chamber of Commerce Mixer 5:30-7:30pm
 Sierra Self Storage
- 15 Colfax Food Train SVC 1pm
 Yoga SVC 4-5pm
- 16 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
- 17 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
- 18 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
- 19 American Legion Dinner 5:30-7pm Veterans Hall
- 20 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Game Night Lumenaris 3-5pm
 Art Walk & Lions Cruise In 4-8pm Main St.
- 21 Flea Market 8am-5pm SVC
 Railroad Days Down Town Colfax 10am-5pm
 Bingo 6:15-9pm Veterans Hall
- 22 Flea Market 8am-5pm SVC
 Railroad Days Down Town Colfax 10am-5pm
 Yoga SVC 4-5pm
- 23 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary
- 24 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
- 25 Open Art Studio 1-4pm SVC
 SVC Farmers Market 1-4pm SVC
 City Council 6pm City Hall
- 27 Badminton 9-11am SVC
- 29 Yoga SVC 4-5pm
- 30 Badminton 9-11am SVC
 Good News Club 1:30-3pm Colfax Elementary