

# Colfax Connections

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## Invasive Mosquitos Discovered In Placer County

The Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) detected an invasive (non-native) species of mosquito on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

The *Aedes aegypti*, commonly known as the yellow fever mosquito, was found in a residential Granite Bay neighborhood just south of Granite Bay High School. The California Department of Public Health confirmed the invasive species detection.



“We are following our invasive mosquito response plan to determine the extent of the infestation,” said Joel Buettner, District General Manager. “We ask residents to help us by allowing our technicians to inspect front and back yards of nearby properties.”

The District uses a science-based, Integrated Vector Management approach to assess mosquito activity and risk and conduct appropriate mosquito

control. The District’s approach for the detected mosquito area is conducting door-to-door property inspections and setting mosquito traps to determine the infestation level.

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito has been steadily spreading through California since it was first detected in Southern California in 2013. In 2021, several northern California counties reported de-

tections including Shasta, Yuba, Butte, Yolo and Sacramento. The mosquito is small and dark with a white violin-shaped marking on its back.

*Aedes aegypti* can transmit several viruses, including Zika, dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever. These viruses, however, have not been found

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**COLFAX**  
**2022**  
**RAILROAD DAYS**

**This is a FREE Family Event in Downtown Colfax**

**SEPTEMBER 17 & 18**  
**10 AM til 5 PM**

**Street Dance Saturday 5:30 pm 'til 9 pm**

**Union Pacific Railroad Display • Model Train Displays  
Lego Train Display • Quilt Show • Craft Vendors  
• Food • Refreshments • Face Painters • Balloon Artist  
Black Flag Gang • 1840's Re-enactment Camp  
Saturday Evening Street Dance  
American Legion Pancake Breakfast 8 'til 10 am \$7  
Sunday Car Show Open to Any Age Vehicle (awards)  
Sierra Vista Community Center Paid Parking \$10**

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# Lions District Governor Makes Visit To Colfax

By Alan Shuttleworth

After a 40-year career as an Amerigas Supervisor, Tim Luckinbill has channeled all of his leadership skills and energy into his newly elected position of District Governor.

Tim has honed his skills over many years in Lionism. He has served as a Zone Chair, coaching 6 clubs in Placer and Nevada Counties. He has served as a Region Chair, coaching 12 clubs, also in Placer and Nevada Counties. In the larger 4C5 District, Tim has served as both first and second vice president. As District Governor, he will oversee District projects as well be a coach and advisor to 50 clubs in 6 counties in Northern California.



Tim Luckinbill Photo by Red Houck

## SIERRA VISTA CENTER CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET

**OPENS MAY 25, 2022**

- 55 SCHOOL ST., COLFAX
- WEDNESDAYS, 4-7 P.M.,  
MAY 25 – OCT. 12
- NEW VENDORS WELCOME



Contact Market Manager  
Will Stockwin at 530-210-4291,  
346-8726 or [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net)  
for vendor applications or  
more information.

Preference is given to Placer and  
Nevada County growers.

Taking over his role as District Governor on July 1st, Luckinbill had the task of deciding which club in the district would receive his ceremonial "first visitation." Not pausing for too long, Luckinbill recently made his first official club visit to his "home club" in Colfax.

Addressing the Colfax club members, Luckinbill presented his priorities for his tenure as District Governor. He stressed the importance of local clubs focusing on environmental issues. He also stated that he will strive to keep local club members engaged in those activities and always ask "what can we do as individuals as well as club members."

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETINGS IN  
AUGUST ARE  
SCHEDULED  
FOR THE 10TH  
AND 24TH.**

**Invasive mosquitos from page 1**

circulating in California. "While we are not aware of any local transmission of viral illnesses due to *Aedes aegypti*, the local appearance of these mosquitoes warrants extra precautions," said Placer County Interim Health Officer Rob Oldham.

For more information, contact the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District at (916) 380-5444 or [placermosquito.org](http://placermosquito.org).

## Placer County To Abandon Bear River Campground

Placer County has announced its intention to abandon the Bear River campground as of this November 12, 2022.

The surprise announcement was made at the July 20 meeting of the Weimar-Applegate-Colfax Municipal Advisory Council by Steve Gayfield, Placer County's new director of parks and open space.

Gayfield didn't specify what if any steps would be taken to secure the campground following November.

The 'River Fire' that threatened Colfax on August 4, 2021 started in the Bear River campground.

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Digital copies can also be found on the Chamber's Website at ([www.ColfaxChamber.com](http://www.ColfaxChamber.com)) and on the City's Website at ([www.colfax-ca.gov](http://www.colfax-ca.gov)).





## Business Briefs

with LindaLou Haines

### A Colfax Hidden Gem

Where and what is Colfax's hidden gem?

Cross the tracks from Main St., and on S. Railroad St. you'll find it – the Passenger Depot! It even looks like a train station. It has been a fixture in downtown for more than a century and a half.

But, did you know that the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) office and Visitor Center, plus the Colfax Historical Society's Heritage Museum are both housed in the Passenger Depot? And, that the Depot is no longer an Amtrak station?

Yes, the Amtrak passenger train does stop in Colfax daily – one train in each direction each day. Plus, an Amtrak bus stops everyday at the Depot on Railroad St. And, we all know that the Union Pacific freight trains come through town 24/7/365.

Okay, since this is a business column, why am I writing about the Colfax Passenger Depot with a focus on the non-profit CACC Visitor Center?

Like most Chamber of Commerce visitor centers, our Visitor Center has free resources for local and tourist visitors, family

groups, school groups. Information such as hiking trails; information on Truckee, Cisco Grove; local history. It also showcases CACC members' businesses and local artists, currently Nick Vogt and Joan Chlarson.

However, the Visitors Center also includes a gift shop with COLFAX items; train items, of course; train-related toys for all ages; seasonal items, and locally crafted earrings. And, lots more.

Also, for sale are cold drinks, sodas, iced tea, bottled water; snacks, ex. chips, candy, and ice cream novelties. Plus, the Depot waiting room is available as a meeting room for local

non-profit organizations.

Finally, a new resource for all guests is the new CACC directory, "Discover Colfax: Above the fog, Below the snow, 2022 Business, Relocation and Visitor Guide for Colfax, CA." It is available free at the CACC Visitor Center during regular business hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 9-2.

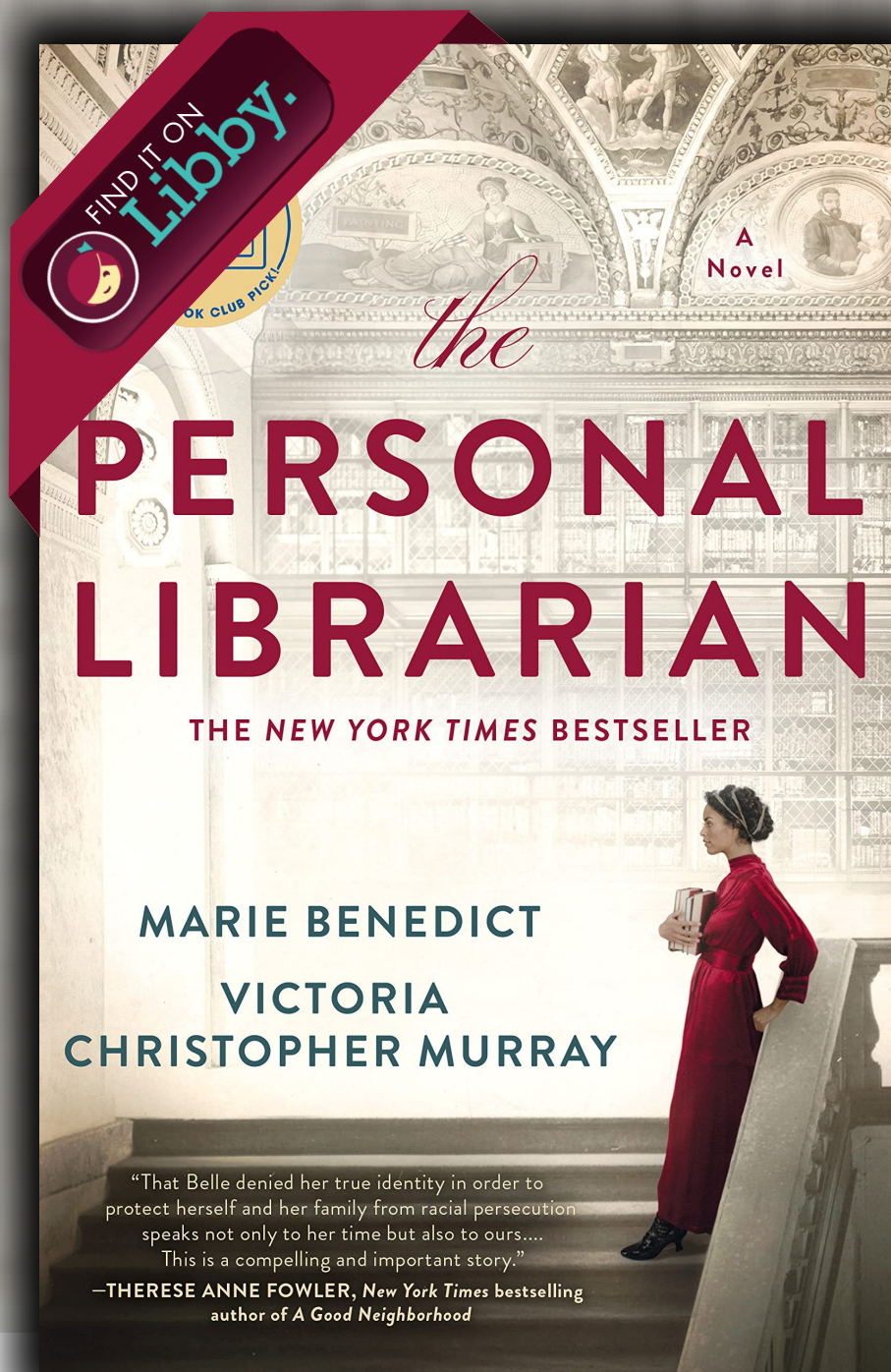
Contact info for the CACC and the Visitor Center: 530-346-8888; ColfaxChamber.com, and email, ColfaxAreaChamber@gmail.com

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LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com  
if you have business news  
about a city of Colfax business.**



Photos by Amy Andrews





# COLFAX LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY AUG 10 | 2PM







At right – Foxy McCleary finishes main intersection street painting.

Below – July 3rd visitors crowd N. Main Street.







Above – The American Legion float.  
Below – Kevin Quinn and daughter Kalliope of the Quinn Family Clowns



City manager Wes Heathcock cools off with a refreshing dip in the July 3rd dunk tank.



All Photos  
By  
Alan Shuttleworth



Above – Larry Selling's '33 Ford



## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Not only are our summer temperatures heating up, but our community area events, functions, and celebrations are climbing right along.



Colfax 3rd of July celebration was a great start to our summer events. Colfax Green Machine presented a fantastic event this year for our community, family and friends. Our streets were packed. Businesses were booming. Smiles and laughter went on from daylight to evening.

Our streets were lined with vendors selling a large array of merchandise and food. Music was playing as the crowds ventured from one end of our city to the other, and then across the railroad tracks to view and participate in all the activities.

The streets were lined with the young and old, to enjoy the kids' parade and then the Lions parade. The visitors found their favorite spot and sat back to enjoy the spectacular fireworks display. All in all, it was a great way to celebrate Independence Day!

And it continues throughout the summer months.

- Scheduled year 'round every 2nd Sunday of the month, Veterans of Foreign Wars, host their, "All you can eat pancake breakfast" 8-11:00 AM
- Scheduled every 3rd Friday of the month until September, "Colfax Art Walk and Cruise Night" 4-8PM
- Scheduled year 'round every 3rd Thursday of the month, American Legion Dinner beginning at 5:00PM

Please visit our website, [www.colfaxchamber.com](http://www.colfaxchamber.com) for more information on these and future events in our area. Our monthly calendar is constantly being updated.

Thank you to our business members, non-profit organizations, and associate members for all you do for our area. Without your help and support, we would not be able to have so many valuable, meaningful, and helpful community events and gatherings.

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce continues to promote, support, and recommend your businesses and activities in your area.

Please call or email us with your concerns, questions, or comments so we may help our businesses and community even more. Thank you again for being a part of your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.



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# CAR SHOW

## SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

**OPEN TO VEHICLES OF ANY VINTAGE**

**\$10 ENTRANCE FEE**



Colfax is celebrating its railroad history September 17th & 18th.  
We would like you to participate in a car show on  
**Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM til 5 PM**  
Pancake Breakfast by the American Legion 8 AM til 10 AM  
Trophy Presentation 3 PM  
Big Trains • Model Trains • 1840's Re-enactors  
Craft Vendors • Food & Drink  
Colfax Railroad Days is a **FREE** family event.

For more info call Dan at 530-263-4331 or Fred at 530-401-7760  
Limited Space Available • Pre-registration recommended  
First 50 cars registered receive plaques & goodie bags  
Thanks for your support and have a fine time in Colfax.



## Student Essay: How Do Trees Help The Environment?

*(Editor's note: In our April 2022 issue we featured the seven winners of the Colfax Garden Club's annual 5th Grade Arbor Day Essay Contest planting a tree. Starting with its May issue, Colfax Connections is sharing those essays with its readers. Andrew Nevarez was one of three fourth place winners*

Thank! I get up to climb the tree again.

Thank! I almost gave up but something came to mind. As I climbed, a song popped in my head: "Never gonna give you up, never going to let you down." I didn't give up, and I finally climbed the tree without falling.

That tree gave me one of my best memories and it taught me to never give up. That is just one of the many things trees do for people.

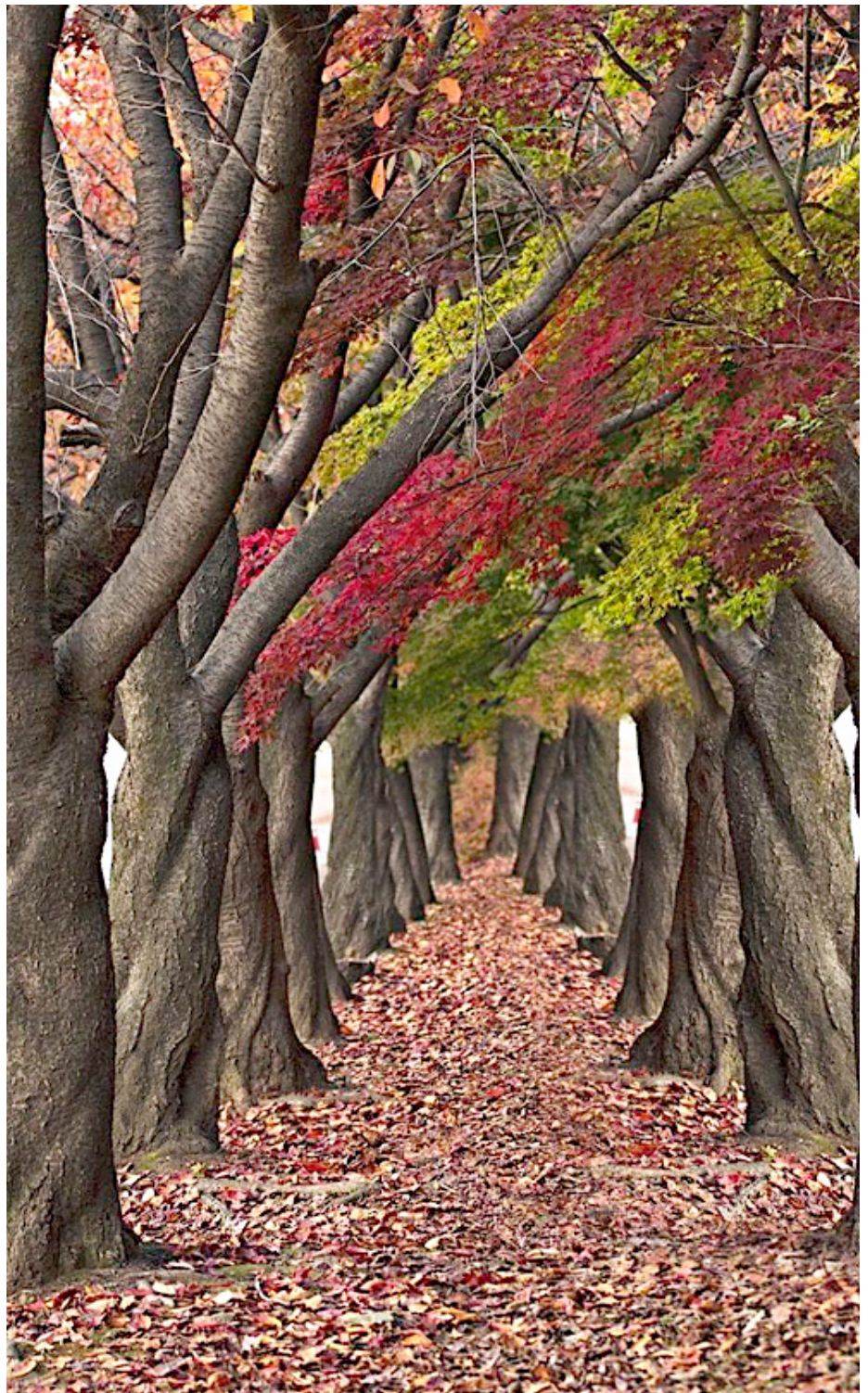
Trees help our environment by giving us many necessities and keeping us healthy. They give fruit, fresh air, and water to all. They provide us with fruits like apples, oranges and pears. One apple tree can produce 500 pounds of fruit in one year.

When it rains, water seeps into the ground, then into the tree, then the tree acts like a filter system. When near a lake or stream, the trees keep fresh water from getting polluted. This helps both the animals and

humans that drink it.

Trees can also help with health. According to experts, spending time looking at trees relieves stress and blood pressure. It is also said that if you live near trees, it improves mental health.

Now we know how trees help us with natural resources, health, water and air. When you get home ask your parents for permission to plant a tree because it makes you one step closer to helping the environment.





## Churches

Colfax Assembly of  
God Community  
Fellowship  
252 Culver St., Col-  
fax, CA 95713  
Email: colfaxesaog@  
gmail.com  
Website: <http://www.colfaxagca.org/>



Colfax Baptist Church  
24850 Ben Taylor Rd., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8110  
Email: pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com  
Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

Colfax United Methodist Church  
59 W. Church St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2267  
Website: <https://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 95713  
530-346-2286  
Website: [https://www.scd.org/parish/  
st-dominic-parish-colfax](https://www.scd.org/parish/st-dominic-parish-colfax)

Seventh Day Adventist  
454 Scholtz Ave., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8844  
Website: <https://www.colfaxsdachurch.com>

The Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-Day Saints  
1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-7702  
Website: <https://www.lds.org/>

## 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](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/col-  
faxca](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca)

Illinoistown Clay-Mason Lodge #51 of Colfax  
14 N. Main St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-6627  
Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

Sierra Vista Artists  
55 School St., Rm. 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 475, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-637-4878

VFW Post 2003  
22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-7768  
<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>





# 8-18-2022

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall.

*BBQ dinner: Ribs and smoked chicken with Potato salad, Tomato/watermelon salad and for dessert Vanilla Cheesecake with fresh strawberries.*

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



**Monthly dinners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month**

**\$15.00 per person, \$8.00 ages 7-13 and under 7 are free**  
**Social hour at 5PM, dinner served at 6PM**

**Please call ahead for reservations. Take-out available (with reservations).**  
**Commander's cell 916 216-8254 or Lorrie 916 202-2851**

**POST 192**  
**22 Sunset Circle,**  
**Colfax 95713**

**post192colfaxca.com**

**New menu every month**