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HARVEST TABLE

What you need to know to increase your chances of securing those tickets

By Claudia Aceves
Tribune Reporter

Forty minutes.

That's how much time it took last year for some 800 tickets to the September Calistoga Harvest Table event to sell out online, which is the only place to buy them.

Employees at the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the alfresco dining experience down the middle of the city's main street, have stepped up this year to offer a few tips to help residents who want to attend this year score tickets, which go on sale Monday promptly at noon.

The first step, said Tenae Stewart, membership and events coordinator at the Chamber, is to examine the restaurant menus, which were posted on the organization's website, visit-calistoga.com this week, and choose your top three favorites in case your first choice sells out.

The tickets, ranging from \$125 to \$150 per person, are sold online through eventbrite.com, so it is best to create an account, if you don't already have one, and be logged in prior to noon on Monday.

Ensure that your billing address is entered and, if possible, have credit card details already saved within your Eventbrite account.

Each person is allowed to purchase up to eight tickets for one restaurant in one transaction. Tickets for different restaurants must be purchased in separate transactions.

If you are purchasing multiple tickets at one restaurant, fill out the

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Circus Campers

Kids attending this week's Flynn Creek Circus camp at the Napa County Fairgrounds try out the trampoline, above, as performers with the Mendocino circus troupe instruct them on various performance techniques.

Right, 11-year-old Indiana Pratt receives instructions on the aerial hoop from a Flynn Creek Circus performer.

The Flynn Creek Circus Camp, which was held Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., culminates with a free performance today from 2 to 3 p.m. under the Big Top tent at the Napa County Fairgrounds. In addition, the Flynn Creek Circus, is presenting three performances of its new show, Adrift, this weekend in Calistoga. For showtimes and ticket information, see today's listing in the Calendar on page 9.

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Demolition only option for old stone building

By Kim Beltran
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A draft Environmental Impact Report analyzing the proposed demolition of a 128-year-old stone building in downtown Calistoga says there are no feasible alternatives to saving it.

Two separate engineers inspected the building – located at 1339 Lincoln Ave. and built as a bank in 1890 by C.A. Stevens – and reported that the stone is severely deteriorated to the point that it can't be saved.

In 2014, the structure was included on a city list of unreinforced masonry buildings that, by law, were

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Property values hit record high despite fire loss

By Kim Beltran
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Napa County's 2018-19 property assessment roll value increased nearly 5 percent over last year, totaling \$39.277 billion – a record high, Assessor John Tuteur reported this week.

That topped the previous 2017-18 record of \$37.426 billion.

Tuteur said the roll would've been higher but the October wildfires that destroyed more than 600 homes accounted for a \$500 million loss in property valuations.

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Over neighbor objections, planners approve four-unit apartment complex

By Claudia Aceves
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The Calistoga Planning Commission on Wednesday approved an application to construct a four-unit apartment complex on the corner of Washington and Fourth Streets.

The project, approved on a 4-1 vote, will include four large units in a single two-story building located at 1514 Washington St. It will include a private backyard, eight parking spaces at the rear of the site, accessible through a driveway on Fourth Street. Other parking for the housing project would be located on the street.

The architecture, design and color scheme of the building will resemble that of the Holy Assumption Monastery, across the way on Washington Street, said Dave Kesler, the San Francisco-based architect designing the project.

Two of the four units will be either two or three bedrooms, while one will for sure be three bedrooms and one will have four bedrooms. All four units will feature two-and-a-half baths.

Neighbors of the site protested that there is insufficient

parking for the number of bedrooms in the project; that it would create an unpleasant aesthetic in the area and that it would likely house younger residents sharing a home rather than a family. Neighbors also said the complex should have an on-site manager to handle complaints or problems that may arise.

Norene Moses, who lives on Fourth Street with her husband, said, "This is the craziest, ugliest idea to come to our neighborhood in the 38 years I've lived there." She added that in the real world, unlike on paper, there would likely be two cars per bedroom – not two cars per living unit as the city and proponent allege.

"To me, this goes against the design guidelines of protecting and promoting Calistoga's rural, small town characteristics," said Jeffrey Stambor, who has lived next to the proposed project site for 26 years.

Calistoga Planning and Building director Lynn Goldberg said the applicants, Dimitri Latkionav and Alla Reykhel,

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Driver, bear uninjured after collision on Mt. St. Helena

■ **Calistoga Police arrest two following Sunday hit-and-run**

By Kim Beltran
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The driver of a car that collided with a bear Tuesday afternoon on Highway 29 near the Lake County line walked away uninjured, as did the bear, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Public Information Officer Marc Renspurger said Wednesday that the vehicle, a Mercedes sedan, sustained

moderate front end damage in the collision, which occurred near Rattlesnake Spring at about 1:30 p.m. The car was towed from the scene.

The bear walked away from the scene but could be seen sitting nearby in the forest by first responders, who called in Department of Fish and Wildlife officers to assess its condition.

According to Renspurger, Fish and Wildlife wardens observed the bear for about an hour. It sat for a short

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