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Driest January–March In California's History

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Thanks to the 29.7 inches of rain and snow that fell on Colfax in October, November and December, we entered the New Year feeling hopeful that more of the same would be coming.

We were wrong. The first three months of 2022, that were recorded as the driest January–March period in state history, produced only an additional 2.5 inches total.

Nearly all of that came during one week in March, a month that normally receives an average of 9 inches of precipitation. What we got was barely enough to hold the dust down for even a day and left us with a season total of 33.3 inches.

Over the last five years April and May together have averaged 7.3 inches total, and although this April started slow a string of six wet days in the middle of the month produced 6.9 inches of rain, raising the season total to 40.2 inches.

In light of another historically dry winter, leading into what will be another hot, dry summer, the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) has published some water saving tips for county residents.

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Chicken Ordinance Gets Reintroduced

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After being sent back to the Ad Hoc food waste reduction committee for revisions and modifications at the city council's December 8 meeting, a proposed ordinance for reducing food waste being sent to the county landfill was re-introduced at the council's April 27 meeting. It was the council's only meeting in April.

The Ad Hoc committee was composed of council members Fatula and Lomen. Due to the passage of time and the scope of changes made by the ad hoc committee, re-introduction of the proposed ordinance and another public hearing were required. Changes made to the draft ordinance are as follows:

• This will be Ordinance No. 547 because Council adopted Ordinance No. 546, which implements changes required by SB 1383 (Organic Waste), in the interim.

• Section 6.20.020 C 1 a was amended by striking the sentence that read "This section is not intended to regulate the keeping and raising of chickens on agricultural zoned parcels but it is intended to regulate the keeping and raising of chickens on all parcels zoned residential R-1."

• Section 6.20.020 C 2 b now requires chicken coops to contain a slide-out manure tray to facilitate the removal of manure.

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• Section 6.20.020 C 2 e allows but does not require chicken runs to include a roof to provide protection from inclement weather.

• Section 6.20.020 C 3 c will limit the maximum number of chickens to eight regardless of regulated parcel size.

• Section 6.20.020 C 3 d prohibits roosters but the sentence requiring removal of roosters as soon as they are of adequate age to be identified as such has been deleted.

• Section 6.20.020 C 3 e (i) will allow coops to be constructed within five feet of a property line but retains a minimum five-foot setback from buildings or structures on adjacent property. City of Colfax Ordinance 547 amending CMC Chapter 6.20 "Limitations on Number of Animals (Chickens) Staff Report April 27, 2022.

• Section 6.20.020 C 3 e (iii) has been modified to allow coops to be constructed of pallets, scrap wood or scrap metal so long as an eyesore or public nuisance is not created, as determined by the City Inspector.

Colfax Garden Club

Plant Sale

Saturday May 7, 2022
8:00 am to Noon
Roy Toms Plaza, Downtown Colfax

Varieties of Plants & Garden-Related Items
Veggies, flowers, shrubs, trees,
garden art, and so much more!

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• Section 6.20.020 C 3 e (vii) requires all coops to contain a manure tray to facilitate easy cleaning.

• The one-time administrative permit fee in Section 6.20.020 C 4 has been reduced from $25 to $1.

• The discretion to prosecute violations as infractions in Section 6.20.040 C has been eliminated so the only possible criminal penalty is misdemeanor prosecution.

This ordinance was prompted by the passage of SB 1383, which requires persons generating organic waste to comply with local requirements for collection and recovery of organic waste onsite, and with the use of collection services or through self-hauling.

"Organic waste" includes food and green waste but is also broadly defined to include materials such as food scraps, coffee grounds, peelings, vegetable trimmings, bones, bread scraps, and used pizza boxes.

The net effect of the law and its implementing regulations is that organic waste, including food waste, can no longer be placed in the landfill and must be diverted through a high diversion recovery facility or single source separation waste process.

After a brief council discussion and one public comment opposed to the ordinance, councilmembers Lomen and Fatula respectively moved and seconded approval. The vote was 4-1, with Mayor Burruss in the minority.

Council Business – Green Machine Changes Its Mind On July 3RD

During agency reports at the March 23 city council meeting, the Green Machine announced it would not be overseeing the Third of July city event in 2022.

After a special meeting with organization members, however, the board changed its mind and agreed that if the city put up $10,000 for the fireworks, and its usual $1,000 event donation, that the Green Machine would produce the July event.

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During the ensuing discussion all council members voiced support for giving Green Machine the requested funding.

Mayor Burruss went so far as to suggest that funding two fireworks displays each year (July 3 and Winterfest) should be a regular city budget item.

"It's a city responsibility regardless of what civic group is producing the event," she said.

The motion to fund the $11,000 passed on a 5-0 vote.

May council meetings are scheduled for the 11th and 25th

Water saving tips from page 1

• Replacing older sprinklers with more efficient nozzles.

• Checking the soil moisture before turning sprinklers on. PCWA customers can also pick up a moisture meter from the agency's main office at 144 Ferguson Road in Auburn or at a PCWA event.

• Limit watering landscape to three days per week.

• Be sure to water trees, even if you cut back on watering your landscape.

• Putting down a layer of mulch such as rice straw or wood chips 2-3 inches deep to help retain moisture and keep plant roots cool.

On a final note, those of us that still have piles to burn are reminded that as of April 18 burn permits are required for the remainder of the burn season.

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Colfax Connections is a monthly city publication edited by Will Stockwin, who can be contacted via e-mail at **wstockwin@hughes.net.** All submissions are welcome, the earlier the better.

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

Business Briefs
with LindaLou Haines

Bright colors and whimsy

Bright colors and whimsy describe **Created For U By Us** boutique in downtown Colfax at 5 West Depot St, #1 on the corner with North Main. Clothing, jewelry, macrame hangers, cards, pottery, soaps, gifts and paintings by **Cat Raymond** (see March Colfax Connections).

The owner of this exciting new shop is **Catherine "CAT" Tenorio.** Yes, another CAT! Before opening her shop last October, CAT had spent 20 years doing craft shows and teaching the German tole painting style in the Monterey Bay area.

She has also taught painting and floral arrangement, and at Ben Franklin in Grass Valley she taught jewelry making, painting and beadwork. She currently teaches a variety of these art projects, like painting. Call for details.

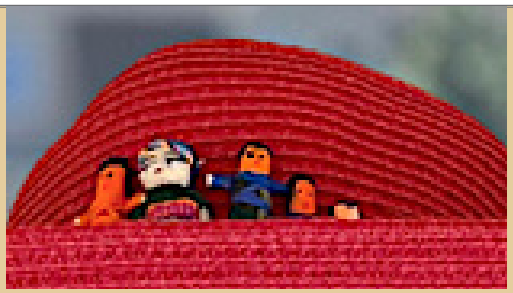
So many things. What kind of art project does she like best? "I love everything!" she exclaims.

CAT T's shop specializes in artisan handmade, one-of-a-kind items, not arts & crafts. In addition to herself, CAT has five other artisans represented in the shop. There may be more artists' work in the future.

One of the artisans in the shop is well-known Linda Robinson of **Sun River Clothing** in Old Town Auburn fame. By the way, her boutique was in Old Town for 26 years. Quite a good run for a creative boutique.

Linda has a corner in CAT T's shop and is in the shop herself on Wednesdays only, 1-4 pm. She described her items as "eclectic and fun": clothing, hats, jewelry, art, potted succulents and lots more. She can be contacted at 320-1585.

Catherine "CAT" says the key to her business is her website, www.CreatedForYouByUs.com. But, in the shop, she is open Thursday through Saturday, 1-7 pm. and Sundays, 1-4 pm. You can also find the business on Facebook and other social media platforms. She can be contacted at 798-6949 and CreatedForUByUs@gmail.com



The author is sporting a Linda Robinson hat with Linda's creation for the hat band – a display of Guatemalan Worry Dolls. Legend says that the Worry Dolls can take away our worries, thus bringing us happiness.
Photo by Trinity Burruss

New businesses. Old businesses. Businesses in between. Contact me. I'd love to hear from you because I love to do what I can to support Colfax city businesses. Contact me at **LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com**

Catherine "CAT" Tenorio in her new shop.
Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

County Accepting Microbusiness Grant Applications April 25 - June 10

Placer County is launching the second round of grant funding for microbusiness owners who may have missed their opportunity for a $2,500 grant in the first round.

New applications for the Placer Micro Biz Program will be accepted starting April 25 through 4:49 p.m. on June 10.

Microbusinesses in Placer may be eligible for up to $2,500 in grant funding. The grants are not loans and do not need to be paid back.
The state provided Placer County with a total sum of $412,500 in relief funds to award microbusinesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Placer launched the first round in February and in April awarded a total of $137,500 to 55 recipients. The remaining sum of $275,000 may be awarded during the second round.
To qualify, businesses must have five or fewer employees and a household income of less than $50,000 a year.

An eligible business must also have been in operation by the end of 2019. There are a few additional eligibility requirements so please review before submitting an application.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 25 approved the grant program and directed the Placer County Economic Development Office to set up and distribute the funding.

Grant program eligibility requirements, applications, application assistance and frequently asked questions are available on the Placer Micro Biz website at https://www.placer.ca.gov/BizGrants.

From left to right –Tim Ryan, Chamber President, Robert Fitzgerald, Bryan Yates, Angela Luchin, Katlyn Brown, Britni Fitzgerald, Proprietor of The Key Salon, Joshua Besueatte, Julie Maloy, Bob Morales, Chamber Secretary

Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

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 will share those essays with its readers. This is the First Place winner.*)

By Peighton Womack

Without trees our planet would be much different. Trees support life in many ecosystems and give us clean air and healthy soil. They can also reduce anxiety and can be playmates for kids.

Trees are very important to our planet. They produce clean air and help to keep the earth's soil healthy.

Trees produce clean air through the process of photosynthesis. Trees absorbing carbon dioxide, sunlight, and water cause this cycle. The trees then release the clean oxygen we need to breathe.

Trees help to keep the soil healthy and alive by storing carbon dioxide. The trees send down carbon sugars through their roots and that is how they feed the soil. These are just a few ways that trees help our environment.

I love trees because they are relaxing, and you can do many different things with them. Studies have shown that trees are known to help reduce stress, anxiety, and help you relax.

When I'm anxious, it helps to go for a walk out in nature. You can do a lot of fun and exciting projects with trees as well.

I have a tree swing at home and I love to swing on it every day. You can have a swing, hammock, build a tree house, and create a lean-to fort. These are just a few ideas of what you can do with trees.

There are so many different things that trees can do for you and you can do with trees.

In all, trees are very important. They give air, soil, can reduce stress, and give us fun things to do. If you have any extra money, go to the store and buy a sapling.

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Preference is given to Placer and Nevada County growers.

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Tim Ryan, CACC President
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Mixers, Grand Openings, Ribbon Cuttings, Plaque Presentations, Coffee and Conversations, Pop Up Events, Luncheon and Award Presentations, New Businesses, Directory, and much more have all lead to a fantastic start of the year for your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce!

On Wednesday, March 30th, we had our Annual Luncheon and Scoop Thurman Award presentation. A great turnout filled TJ's Roadhouse with many businesses, non profit organizations, associate members, City officials and Mayors, past and present. Your Chamber of Commerce presented a review of the past year and discussed upcoming events and programs for the new year.

Scoop Thurman awards were presented to Myrtle Findley for 2021, and to Alan and Dale Shuttleworth for 2022. This award recognizes community citizens that have contributed their time, care, and passion to our area over many years. The award is named for the Colfax Record editor who held the position for 35 years and was presented by the Auburn Journal editor Bill Poindexter.

The shop **Created For U By Us**, celebrated their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting and Plaque presentation on April 9 with many family and friends. Beverages and homemade treats were provided to all those in attendance. Located on the corner of Depot St. and Main St., Catherine's new store offers so much for our community and is very welcoming to everyone.

Congratulations to **The Key Salon**, 33 S. Auburn St., with owner Britni Fitzgerald and staff, Julie, Angelina, Katelyn, celebrating their Grand Opening and Mixer. An amazing time was enjoyed by family and friends throughout the event.

Music was provided by the group, "Malarkey" with a terrific performance by Britni midway through the mixer. A great variety of delicious food was offered and supplied by **Mi Ranchito**, **Basement Wines and Main Street Pizza**, **Sierra Grill**, and **Scoops**. Beautiful flower bouquets were provided by Chris McNabb for all guests. Raffle gifts were donated by many of those attending, providing many fun surprises for those holding winning tickets.

Your Chamber has many events and functions coming in our future. **Ambrose Auto Body** held their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting and Plaque presentation on Wednesday, April 20. They are located at 22 West Grass Valley St. Colfax.

On Saturday, April 23, we presented a "Mother's Day POP UP" event at the Chamber Visitors Center, 99 Railroad St. Colfax. Clothing, Accessories, Soaps, Candles, Decor, Beauty products, Sweets, and so much more were on display for your Mother's Day purchases.

Coffee and Conversations will be held Wednesday morning, May 4, 8:00-9:30 AM, at the Chamber of Commerce, 99 Railroad St. Colfax. We are planning a presentation from CalFire to discuss business inspections, home preventions, and preparing for the upcoming fire season. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

The Applegate Civic Center is preparing for their mixer for Thursday, May 26, 5:30-7:30 PM. They are located at 18014 Applegate Road in Applegate. Barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs are on the menu. Beverages including sodas, beer, wine, and water will be on hand. Raffle prizes will also be available when purchasing tickets. Mixers are open to all Chamber members and other interested businesses.

Please visit our Website, www.Colfaxchamber.com for more information and event listings. And stop by our Chamber office/Visitor Center and Colfax Heritage Museum, 99 South Railroad St. in Colfax. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00AM--2:00PM.

Expect To See Increased CHP Presence On County Roads

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will be increasing traffic enforcement on county roads following the recent approval of new contracts for the expanded service by the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

The approvals were in response to recent requests from residents for increased speed limit enforcement in communities spanning the county.

Contracts with the CHP's Auburn and Truckee divisions will fund up to $190,000 in increased services for one year, starting June 1. A separate agreement up to $10,000 with the Gold Run Division is still being negotiated.

Increased enforcement efforts will initially be focused on the unincorporated roadways with high traffic volumes and where the county's Department of Public Works has received concerns

from residents about speeding.

Traffic safety in Placer County is the shared responsibility of the CHP and the Department of Public Works. Public Works continually evaluates and implements safety measures like speed limits, intersection controls and speed bumps, and works to educate the community about safety concerns.

Information from the Placer County Website

A networking event for our business owners to connect and get reacquainted! Bring your business cards. Coffee & donuts will be provided.

Join us!

Date: 1st Wednesday of Every Month
Time: 8 AM - 9:30 AM
Location: 99 Railroad St, Colfax
Hosted by: Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

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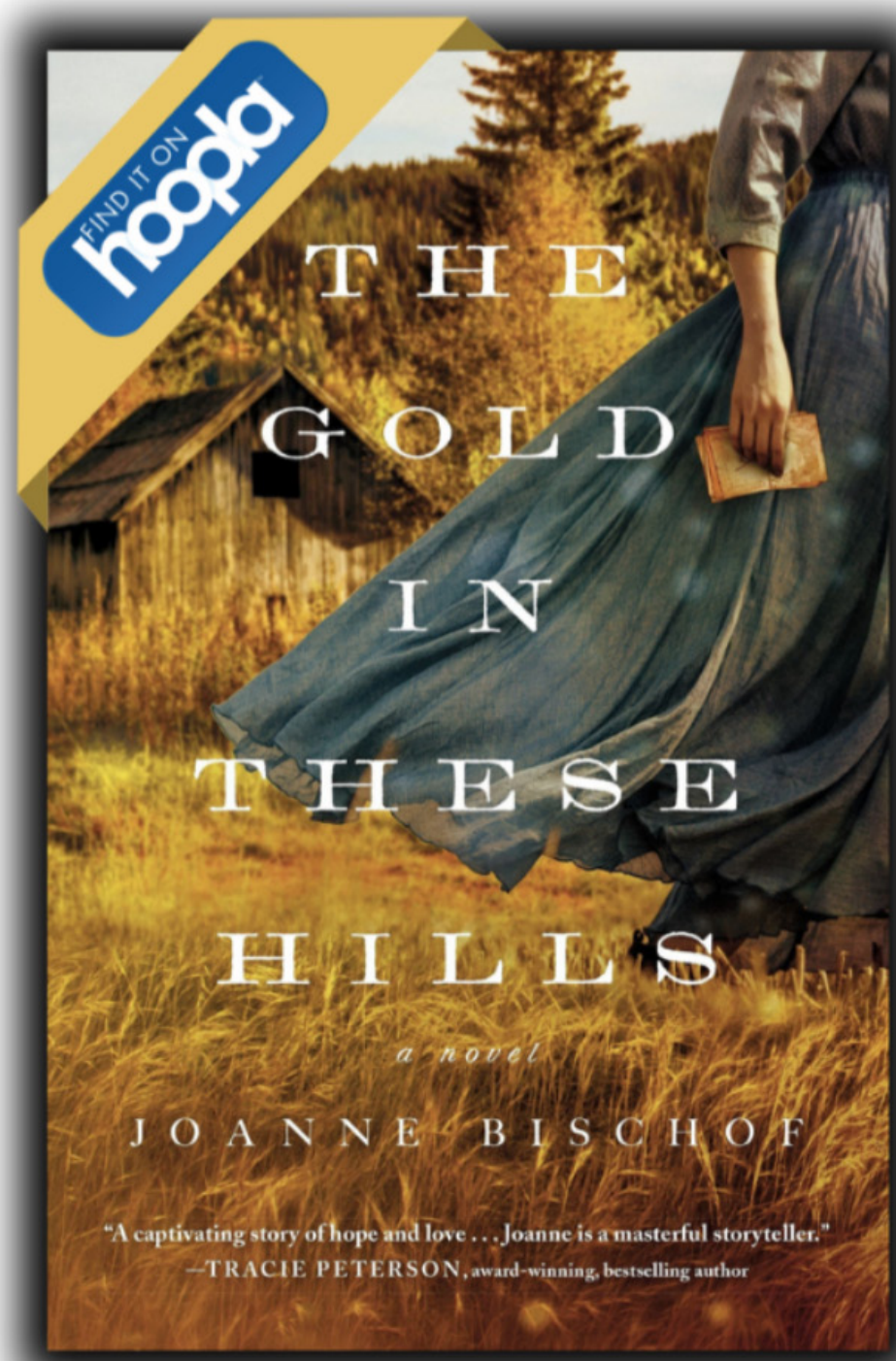

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WEDNESDAY MAY 11 | 4PM

County of Placer Library Services

Churches

Colfax Assembly of God Community Fellowship
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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

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

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

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

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