

Colfax Connections

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Private Development Service Fees Rescheduled To May 10th

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The April 12 City Council meeting's sole piece of official business proposed a discussion on whether the city should adopt an ordinance to allow charging and collecting fees for providing service to private developments. The council opted to table the discussion until its next meeting, when an ad hoc committee will be formed.

On a 4-0 vote the council also passed a Sewer Rate Study agreement with Hansford Economic Consulting, not to exceed \$32,978.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza was absent on temporary medical leave.

Placer County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Griffiths led off the Agency Reports. He is a member of the PCSO Swift Water Rescue Team and reminded everyone that local rivers will be swift and cold for a longer period this season due to the melting of a record accumulation of snow in the mountains. He said an average of three people are lost in local rivers every Spring.

California Highway Patrol public information Officer Lyman warned that excessive snow melt at higher elevations on Interstate 80 was creating unexpectedly large puddles, leading to crashes due to hydroplaning

when speeding drivers hit the water, and then hit the brakes. He suggested that drivers slow down.

Placer County Fire/CalFire Assistant Chief Bob Counts reported that CalFire began hiring seasonal staff in mid-April. He also said that the fire attack aircraft seen recently in local skies were pre-fire season training check rides, and nothing for people to be concerned over.

Foxy McCleary reported that this year's Art Walk season

would open Friday, June 16 and then continue on the third Friday of the month through September 15.

Three presentations took up the majority of the meeting. The first was an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Colfax Elementary School District (CESD), given by Superintendent Andy Giannini. He defined LCAP as a tool for school districts to set goals, plan related actions and services, and allocate resources.

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Memorial Day Activities

- **Flags Placed On Veterans Graves, Sat., May 29, 9a.m.**
- **Ceremony, May 29, 11a.m. at Colfax Cemetery, then on to Indian and Weimar Cemeteries.**
- **Flags Taken Down, May 30, 9a.m.**

Colfax Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Welcomes Spring

With our recent weeks of non-stop rain and wind, locals thought that Spring would never arrive. However, with the recent Colfax Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, came good weather, a wonderful crowd of youthful egg hunters and adult family members eager for a great adventure.

The Colfax Lions Park was physically divided into age level areas to ensure that all children had an even chance at basketing a bunch of candy filled plastic eggs.

Age groups 0-4, 5-7, 8-10 and 11+ lined up and were given a "go-ahead" by Colfax Lion Gary Howard. A lucky hunter in each age division found a "golden egg" which was later translated into a prize basket that included



age- appropriate gifts.

Event Chair, Earl Coppin, offered his thoughts on the day, "The weatherman looked kindly on us, the kids had lots of fun and everyone went home happy!"

Top – Golden Egg winners, left to right, Griffin Stotts age 7, Drake Rader age 11, Peyton Price age 9, Waylon Schummers age 4.

Below – Mixed ages Egg Hunters are raring to go.



Photos and Story by Alan Shuttleworth

Jane's Gang



You may have noticed over the last several years a group of five or six women walking around Colfax picking up litter.

This is almost a daily occurrence while sometimes these ladies can be seen near the local schools expressing their keeping-streets-clean mindset.

They prefer to not have their names printed, reflecting their humble demeanor. Any cash they find is used to celebrate their birthdays at the park near the library.

Pictured from left to right – Sherrie, Jane, Rosemary, Kathy and Corby. Photo and copy by Kim Douglass.



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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

The **Colfax Community Gift and Thrift** now has a 'sister store.' It is **Sunny Rose Boutique** at 34 W. Church St., next to the Post Office. Both stores are owned and managed by Sunny Rose Ricks. The Boutique is selling women's clothing and accessories.

Sunny explained that what makes the Boutique different from the women's clothes at the Thrift Store is that she is featuring gently used current trend fashions, higher end clothes than at the Thrift Store, business clothes and Plus sizes. Right now she has prom dresses and some new items. Vintage clothes will be coming soon. These are all items that shoppers at the Thrift shop have asked for.

As for accessories, she has jewelry, hats and lots more. Being a hat lover, on my first visit to her new store I bought a fine quality red, felt cloche style hat for a very reasonable price.

Sunny takes selective donations for the store. Stop in the store for details on donations. Plus, she buys items from out of the area for the store.

As for wider sales opportunities, Sunny also sells online at Poshmark, Poshmark@SunnyRicksApps. Her website is SunnyRoseVintage.com. Shoppers of both stores can order online and pick up the purchase in the store, or have it shipped.

Sunny Rose Boutique is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 to 4. Her phone is 530-955-5625.

A business is for sale: **Sierra Business Services**, 520 S. Auburn St., downstairs from **TJ's Roadhouse**. The services that owner Barbara Kelly still provides includes taxes, notary, bookkeeping, payroll, faxing and making copies. She expects that a new owner would continue these same services. Call her for service and for details on the sale, 530-346-2455.



Sunny Rose Ricks in front of her new store.
Photo by Will Stockwin

Finally, **Plaza Tire** was bought out by **Big Brand Tire & Service** at 1774 S. Canyon Way. New manager Matt Belnap says that former manager Steve Tipton is now managing the Nevada City former Plaza store. Matt promises that the same arrangement for buyers of tires at Big Brand will be honored over the life of the tires purchased under Plaza. For details call 530-346-8782.



As always, email me at lindalouhaines14@gmail.com with your business news in Colfax.

City council from page 1

LCAP is a three-year cycle and that CESD is in the second year.

Otis Wollan, treasurer of the Sierra Vista Center (SVC) board of directors, was next up with a brief update on the status of the Bianchini Fund.

The Bianchini Fund is named after Carl Bianchini, a childhood resident of the Colfax area, who left part of his estate to Colfax to be used to benefit seniors and youth in 1991. Management of the fund was transferred to SVC in 2001.

Wollan said the fund currently stands at \$442,000, up from \$436,000 in 2022.

The last presentation was an overview of the city's obligations under SB 1383, which took effect in 2022 with the goal of eliminating 75% of the organic waste currently going into landfills by 2025.

SB1383 requires cities and counties to annually purchase some of the diverted organic waste in predetermined target amounts. City manager Wes Heathcock said "The presenta-

tion recommended procuring SB 1383 compliant biomass energy credits, so we will not need to purchase mulch or compost."

The meeting adjourned at 7:25. The April 26 council meeting was cancelled.



**FREE Residential Trash Pick-up
Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

Limited to three (3) yards of trash per Residence (Equal to 18- 32 gallon bags). All trash must be set out the night before or before 5 am.

Truck will only make one round for collection.

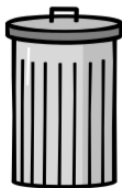
ABSOLUTELY no hazardous waste

Refuse exceeding the limit will not be picked up.



Large Appliances must be taken to the City Corp Yard for disposal at 250 Rising Sun
The yard will be open from 7:00am to 3:00pm for drop off (May 3th)
\$44.00 charge for appliances (with freon)

Items must not weigh more than sixty pounds. Residents should contain trash in such a way to be easily removed and to prevent breakage and spillage. Wood and trimmings must be cut in three-foot lengths and bundled.



City Staff will provide assistance to people with disabilities. Please call (530) 346-2313 for assistance.



For Questions about pick-up, Call Recology at (530) 885-3735

Compliments of the City of Colfax and Recology Auburn Placer



40th Anniversary Celebration of the Arbor Day Essays Contest

By Caroline Hickson

Each year, the Colfax Garden Club celebrates the upcoming arrival of spring by sponsoring an Arbor Day Essay Contest. Fifth-grade Colfax Elementary School students are asked to write an essay about How Do Trees Help the Environment. There were 28 entries this year.

This year's winners are: Aria Haines, first place, Frankie Sanchez, second place. Third place was shared by Sophia Taylor and Olivia DePaul, and fourth place winners were Bella Lutz and Makayla Ferrara.

The winners read their essays to parents and family, and to members of the Colfax Garden Club, and enjoyed a pizza lunch afterwards.

This year a ginkgo tree was chosen and it will be planted in



the Lot of Art Park in downtown Colfax when the weather permits it.

This is the 40th year that the Colfax Garden Club has sponsored the contest, initiated by former President Gertrude Paul.

Many of the trees in downtown Colfax and at the elementary school were planted by fifth graders.

Arbor Day essay winners, left to right – Sofia Taylor, Aria Haines, Frankie Sanchez, Bela Lutz, Makala Ferrara, Olivia DePaul.

**Photo by
Caroline Hickson**

(editor's note – The first place essay in this series is on page 7.)



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How Do Trees Help The Environment?

(Editor's note – Once again we are featuring the six winners of the Colfax Garden Club's annual 5th Grade Arbor Day Essay Contest. Starting with its May issue, Colfax Connections is sharing those essays with its readers. Aria Haines was First Place winner.)

By Aria Haines

I may be an old tree now, but once I was a young seedling. From sprout to mature tree, every day I helped people breathe oxygen and purified air of poisonous gasses. Today some people came to me and told me a secret about gifts I have given and how I help their environment.

Some people took my bark off today and that did not make me happy. It actually kind of hurts. I do so much for people but they just ruin me in return. I give them oxygen, I give them food and water, I even clean the air and filter their water so they don't die. I wish I could tell people to stop hurting trees like me. I mean, I produce 260 pounds of oxygen a year. They should be thanking me like my friends with the secret.

It's summer now and it's so hot but I lowered the air temperature by evaporating the water in my leaves. Now it's much cooler around me. I love all of the visitors I get in the summer who relax and cool down under my branches.

It's fall and all my leaves are turning red and falling off. During fall I have been gradually

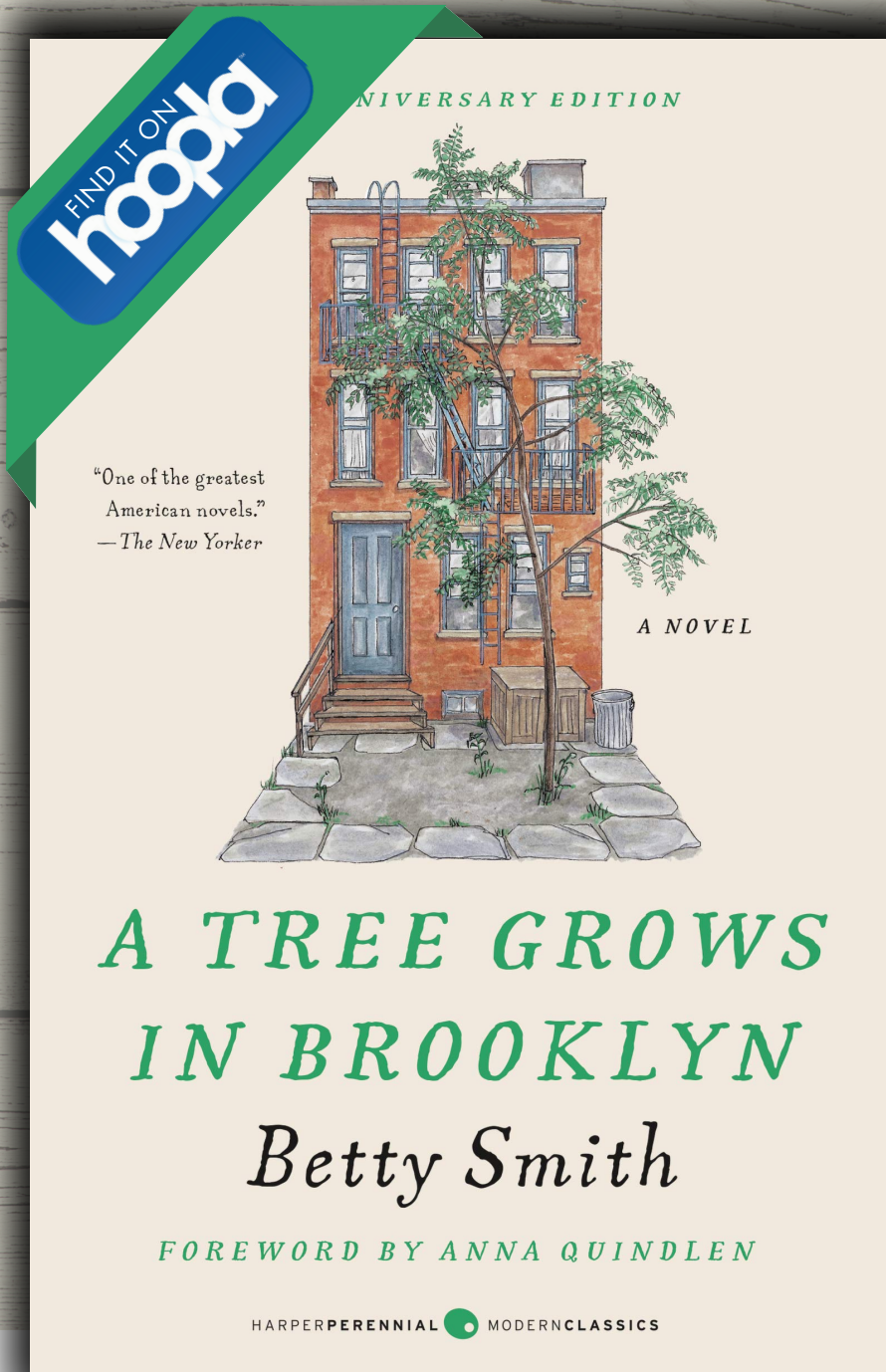
dehydrating myself to increase the concentration of sugar in my cells. It has been hard work. We are slowly going into winter and all of my leaves are completely off. My falling leaves provide the earth with amazing natural mulch, ground cover and fertilizer (the non stinky variety).

Well it's winter so it's time to thicken the fluids within my cells so I don't freeze. I continue to stand tall and proud, blocking wind gusts from organisms small and large. My roots

stay firm deep in the ground, stretching wide holdings all the soil around me in place to keep the rich soil from eroding away.

Yay, it's spring! That means it's time for me to get ready for the pollinators to come around. My tree friends and I are getting ready for seeds to be produced. So even long after my amazing years of helping people are over my saplings will continue to help you too. The next time you pass a tree like me, feel free to share your secret.





COLFAX LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY MAY 10 | 2PM



Colfax Garden Club



Garden and Art Tour

BONUS: Flower Show (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Saturday, June 17, 2023

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tickets available for \$20 each at:

1. **A-Z Supply**
13306 Ridge Road, Grass Valley
2. **Colfax Chamber of Commerce**
99 Railroad Street, Colfax
3. **Colfax Farm & Country Store**
140 N. Main Street, Colfax
4. **Green Acres @ Easley**
380 Nevada Street, Auburn
5. **Hills Flat Lumber**
1000 Canyon Way, Colfax
6. **Key Salon**
333 S. Auburn St. Colfax
7. **Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply**
125 Clydesdale Court, Grass Valley
8. **Weiss Brothers Nursery**
615 Maltman Drive, Grass Valley

9. Day of Tour only, while enjoying the FREE flower show:
Colfax United Methodist Church, 59 Church Street, Colfax (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Proceeds benefit various community projects, including the Colfax Elementary School Youth Garden.

**For additional information, contact Pam Kern
Phone: 973-610-1012.**





5-18-2023

AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3rd Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall. *Swedish dinner: Swedish meatballs with buttered noodles, roasted vegetables and dessert.*

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



Monthly dinners on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **June will feature: Beef Fajitas with cilantro rice, beans and dessert**

\$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
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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/
colfaxca](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca)

Sierra Vista Artists
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

Sierra Vista Community 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
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