

# Colfax Connections

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## New City Manager, Ronald Walker, Hired On 4-0 Vote

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After a six-month search following the departure of city manager Wes Heathcock in June, the Colfax city council voted unanimously on November 29 to hire Ronald Walker to fill the position. Walker will take over January 15 and Mike Luken, who was hired as interim city manager on July 1, will depart after a 2-week transition period on January 29, 2024.

Councilmember Hillberg was not present at the meeting.

Luken said that Colfax was fortunate to have a number of highly qualified candidates available to assume this position. An Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Burruss and Mayor Pro-Tem Douglass, and the full City Council held interviews with potential candidates in late October and early November.

"Interim city manager Mike Luken and former city manager Wes Heathcock have built a great foundation to work from here," Walker said. "There's a lot of good things happening so I won't be starting from zero."

Colfax and the surrounding area appealed to his passion for historic mining communities. "This area has a rich history and rugged beauty with no end to the recreational possibilities. It just seems like a wonderful



**Mayor Trinity Burruss and newly hired City Manager Ron Walker**

place," he said.

The 58-year-old Walker has 30 years experience in public works, infrastructure project

management, budgetary management and recently served as the Director of Public Works for Live Oak, California, a small city of approximately 4,165 people in Sutter County.

He said that he has 25 years of experience with wastewater treatment, and has run a class 4 treatment plant.

Walker also has a BA in Business Administration with an emphasis in Public Policy from South New Hampshire University and brings a wealth of management experience to the City of Colfax.

He said the first step to taking over his new position will be navigating the local political landscape. "Building positive relationships and trust with community members, staff and



**April Doherty (L) and Rachel Dulavey team up as farmer and scarecrow. See more photos by Alan Shuttleworth on page 5.**

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**34<sup>TH</sup>**

# Old Fashioned **SOUP KITCHEN**



# **SATURDAY**

## **December 9th**

## **4:00 - 6:30 P.M.**

### **Sierra Vista Community Center**

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council is always a challenge." He has been extremely involved in wastewater systems like Colfax's wastewater treatment plan. He holds a Grade 5 Operators License, the highest license available in California, and also has a Class B operators' certificate for driving heavy equipment and holds FEMA emergency management certifications.

Walker said that he considers himself a problem solver who will work with staff to find solutions for whatever problems arise. "Everything is a learning experience," he said. "And as long as you're learning from your failures you're doing okay."

Following the council's approval, Walker will assume his duties on January 15, 2024. Luken will provide a part-time transition period to help Walker get acclimated and then will leave at the end of January.

During the meeting the council also unanimously passed contracts for firms upgrading the algae reduction project and inflow & infiltration projects for the sewer system, submission of planning grant application to the State for the Shady Glen sewer consolidation project, eliminating the Public Works Director and Administrative Analyst positions, adding an Administrative Services Officer position, adopting the 2040 general plan update/FEIR and waiver of the first reading of Ordinance 556 to update the zoning code and zoning map to be in conformance with the new general plan.

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## Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

### Snapdragon and Gift-y Shops

#### What is Snapdragon Provisions?

Snapdragon is a health food store with a focus on VEGAN: cold-pressed juices, smoothies, smoothie bowls, organic espresso & teas, snack items, and in-store prepared Grab & Go meals and salads. Organic whole foods is the name of the game at Snapdragon.

Where is Snapdragon? It is in the back room of **The Wrecking Crew** at 38 N Main St. Remember the dining room of Madonna's in the past? Well, that is where it is.

Snapdragon's first Colfax location was on S. Auburn, where the fare was similar to what you will find in the new store. However, that store was a non-profit, whereas the new store is a commercial venture.

More on the Grab & Go case. There will be salads, gluten free pastry, potato salad and a Broccoli Crunch salad, the latter of which can be a meal. Sounds yummy.

The store will be using organic produce but will not have produce to sell, at least not in the beginning.

Owner/managers Kallie Moore and Leisa Moore sound so excited to open, I'm ready for my first fresh, cold-pressed juice now. By the time you read this Snapdragon will be open. Watch social media for announcements.

Days and hours will match The Wrecking Crew, Tues-Sat 7-3. Snapdragon phone is 530-920-0804.

Where else in downtown Colfax can you find gifts for the December holidays (and beyond)? Let's take a walking tour starting up North Main and work our way down, hitting a selection of

businesses.

**Colfax Farm & Country Store**, 140 N., 346-2600, Mon-Sat 9-6 & Sun 10-2, Pet toys & treats and locally created, beautiful jewelry; **Colfax Gift & Thrift**, 130 N., 512-5052, Tues-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-4, a variety of gift ideas; **Lumenaris**, 50 N., 408-591-4034, Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-7, crafts, games, wooden puzzles & lots more; **Main Street Pizza**, 46 N., 346-8200, 11:30-varied closing times, pizza & more, beer, wines.

**The Wrecking Crew Bakery & Cafe**, 38 N Main, 537-5085, Tues-Sat 7-3, pastries, sandwiches, donuts, desserts, coffee, espresso & gift cards; **Colfax Market**, 2 N., 346-7029, 7 days 7:30-11, groceries, produce, beer, wine, liquor, copies, fax & more.

Now, crossing Grass Valley St, let's continue on to South Main: **Creative Corner**, 55 S. (where Main meets Church St.) 346-8250, Tues-Sat 11-5, locally-made, one-of-a-kind arts & crafts, art, and other gifts.

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### Shop Local



### Invest in your community this holiday season.

#### Shopping locally...



Preserves jobs in your community.



Helps keep businesses open.



Keeps your tax dollars invested where you live.

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**Business Briefs continued**

From that corner, making a jog up Church to 34 W. Church, we find the sister store to Colfax Gift & Thrift, that is **Sunny Rose Boutique**. Both of them are owned by Sunny Rose Ricks. Sunny Rose's phone is 512-5006. Hours Wed-Sat 11-4 and featuring women's higher end gently-used & new clothes & accessories. She also sells online through her own website and Poshmark. Call for details.

Continuing our downtown walking tour, we are leaving the west side of the tracks and crossing over to the Depot building: **Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce**, 99 Railroad St., 346-8888, Tues-Sat 9-2, train toys, Christmas books & decorations, a variety of gifts for Christmas & beyond, plus locally crafted jewelry.

**Calico Palace at Mane Tamer Salon**, 219 Railroad St., 346-2041, open Tues-Sat varied hours, a beautiful selection of international & local gifts, plus items to nurture yourself as well as loved ones.

Contact me with your business news,  
LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com.

**Trunk Or Treat  
On Main Street**

**Right - Dakota Sheets as a pink flamingo**

**Below - The Soroptimist crew, from left, Russ Kettler, Pam Rex-Small, and Kim Johnson**

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A poster for the Annual Colfax Lions Club Crab Feed. It features two red crabs on either side of the text. The background is green. The text is in various fonts and colors: 'Annual' in white script, 'COLFAX LIONS CLUB' in white block letters with black outlines, 'CRAB FEED' in large yellow block letters with black outlines, and 'AT THE SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER IN COLFAX' in white block letters with black outlines. At the bottom, 'SAT. JAN 13' is written in large red block letters.

**Annual**  
**COLFAX LIONS CLUB**  
**CRAB FEED**  
**AT THE SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER IN COLFAX**  
**SAT. JAN 13**





**Jennifer (L) and Mikey Mullin**



**T-Rex Andrew Lutz**



**Pirate Steve Walukones**



**Chris McNabb (L) and Kevin McNabb**

## Trunk Or Treat In Colfax

All photos and copy  
by Alan Shuttleworth

The Colfax Green Machine recently sponsored their 5th Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event in downtown Colfax. Spirited community organizations and individuals went "all out" and created a festive Halloween atmosphere that was both safe and spook-tacular.

Youthful goblins, clowns and witches carried their treasure bags and buckets the length of Main Street from the Library



**Mayor Trinity Burruss, with children Elliot and Skyler (eye)**

to the Drug Store. Most adults joined in the "spirit" of things and were often more outlandish in their costuming than the kids. A good time was had by all.



**Landon and Tessa Rodriguez, with 3-year-old DJ.**



**Patrice and Vince Goulet as Ken and Barbie**





# 12-21-2023 AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

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

Prime rib au jus with scalloped Potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert:

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



**Special Christmas  
dinner (Prime Rib)  
\$30.00 per  
person.**

**Bring a gift of  
\$10.00 or less to  
swap with other  
guests. Ticket  
draw throughout  
the evening. It  
will be a fun night.**

**Adult Social hour  
at 5PM, dinner  
served at 6PM**

**Please call ahead  
for reservations.  
Commander's cell  
916 216-8254  
Lorrie's cell # 916  
202-2851**

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22 Sunset Circle,  
Colfax 95713**

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**New menu every  
month**

## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

*"It seems like everything sleeps in winter, but it's really a time of renewal and reflection."* – Elizabeth Camden



I am a firm believer that we should dwell on the things we are thankful for all year long, and acknowledge those around us that make our lives a little bit better by letting them know how much we appreciate them.

As the weather changes from fall to winter, it forces us to reflect, slow down, cut back on life's distractions and the extra workload that longer hours of light seem to promote. To spend intentional time with those we love, warming by the fire, with a cup of cheer and a kind word.

While December is a time for reflection it is also a joy filled month in Colfax, and one of the events we most look forward to is our annual Winterfest on December 9! Winterfest boasts several fun activities including, but not limited to, pictures with Santa, live music, food and craft vendors and the light parade (parade put on by the Colfax Lyons Club)!

Other events to look forward to in December include Coffee and Conversations where you can enjoy a pastry, a cup of coffee and conversation with like-minded members of the community and business owners (first Thursday of the month from 8-9 a.m. at The Chamber), Food Distribution by Auburn Interfaith Food Closet at Sierra Vista Community Center on 12/5 (12-2 p.m.); Gingerbread House Engineering at the Colfax Library 12/16 (6-7:30 p.m.) and the Prime Rib Dinner on 12/21 (5-7 p.m.) hosted by American Legion.

As we move forward from the month of Thanksgiving toward the month of giving, we at the Chamber want to give thanks to each and every one of our members and partners for all that you give to our community. Thank you from the bot-

tom of our hearts!

To find out how you can volunteer with The Chamber or at a specific event, please reach out to us via email at [colfaxareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:colfaxareachamber@gmail.com) or by telephone (530) 346-8888.

As always, thank you from all of us at The Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Amanda Palmquist,  
CACC President**

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Chamber of Commerce**  
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**(530) 346-8888**



### Paloma Yoga Classes

Monday 10am: Tai Chi  
Tuesday 10am: Vinyasa Yoga  
Wednesday 10am: Yin Yoga  
Wednesday 6:30pm: Vinyasa Yoga  
Thursday 10am: Vinyasa Yoga  
Friday 6:30pm: Restorative Yoga  
Saturday 9am: Vinyasa Yoga

7 N. Main St., Suite 1  
Colfax, CA 95713

**\$15 per class**





# COAT DRIVE

**\*SWEATERS**

**\*BLANKETS**

**\*GLOVES**

**\*SOCKS**

**\*COATS**

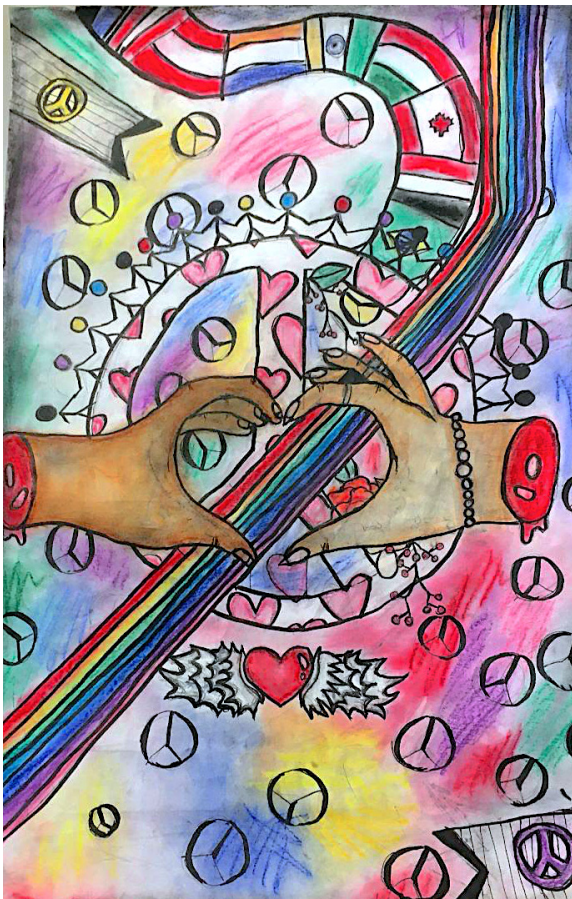
**\*HATS**

ADULTS  
CHILDREN'S  
NEW OR  
GENTLY USED



## Colfax Lions Annual Coat Drive For Families In Need In Our Community

Please Contact Lion Sharon Conners  
at 530-305-6936 to arrange for pickup



## Peace, Inside & Out

The Peace Poster contest is part of the Lions International 'Dare To Dream' program. This year the contest asked young artists aged 11-13 years old to produce a poster showing how they will turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

The winner, 12-year-old Abigail Cave, was one of 14 Colfax Elementary School students that submitted posters.

She calls her poster *Peace Inside & Out*, and describes it this way: "This artwork is meant to portray two hands with different pasts and cultures, holding each other.

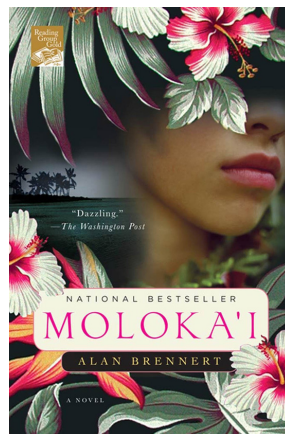
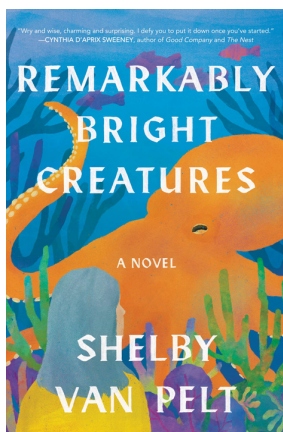
"The two hands are severed to show that the outside of the two hands is different, but the inside of the hands is the same, which is what unites them. No matter what culture or gender, the inside is the same."



## Colfax Library

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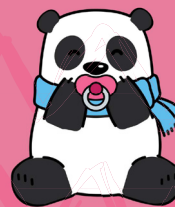
**WEDNESDAY**  
**January 10**  
**2:00-3:00pm**



**REMARKABLY  
BRIGHT  
CREATURES**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**February 14**  
**2:00-3:00pm**

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## JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!



### BABY LAPSIT

Books, songs, rhymes, bounces, and playtime for babies 0-24 months.

Auburn  
Wednesdays 9:30am

Colfax  
Wednesdays 10:30am

Granite Bay  
Wednesdays 10:30am

Rocklin  
Thursdays 10:30am

Kings Beach  
Wednesdays 10:30am

Tahoe City  
Fridays 10:30am



### TODDLER TIME

Movement, songs, and books to develop First 5 skills for children ages 18-36 months.

Auburn  
Thursdays 9:30am

Colfax  
Thursdays 10:30am

Granite Bay  
Thursdays 10:30am

Rocklin  
Wednesdays 10:30am  
&  
Fridays 9:30am



### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, songs, and activities for children ages 3-5 years old.

Auburn  
Fridays 9:30am

Colfax  
Fridays 9:30am

Foresthill  
Thursdays 10:30am

Granite Bay  
Fridays 9:30am

Rocklin  
Wednesdays 9:30am

Kings Beach  
Tuesdays 10:30am

Tahoe City  
Thursdays 10:30am



Scan the QR code to visit  
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## Churches

Colfax Assembly of  
God Community  
Fellowship  
252 Culver St., Col-  
fax, CA 95713  
Email: colfaxesag@  
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  
530-305-7526  
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  
530-637-4878

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



# HISTORIC DOWNTOWN COLFAX



December 9th

12-8PM



- Photos with Santa -Light Parade-
- Blitzen's Tavern - Live Music -
- Food Vendors - Craft Vendors -
- Fireworks & More!

Presented by: Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

