

# Colfax Connections

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## City Responds To Grand Jury Report On Homelessness In Placer

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The council responded to last June’s Placer County Grand Jury report on county and municipal spending on the homeless in the county at its **April 10 meeting**. California Penal Code 933.05 requires the city to respond to a Grand Jury’s findings, but

city attorney Mick Cabral said “there is no legal obligation beyond responding.”

The report contained five findings (F1-F5) and two recommendations (R1 and R2). The city disagreed with F1, 2&3, saying it couldn’t verify the accuracy of F1&2, and “wholly”

disagreed with F3’s premise.

R1 pertained more to the county’s spending and budget, and the city refused to implement R2 – *Each of the five incorporated cities and one incorporated town in Placer County establish a full accounting of homeless funding and expenditures to its citizens on an annual basis by January 1, 2024, and include in the annual budget going forward – as unreasonable, stating:*

“The City of Colfax does not have personnel dedicated specifically to homelessness. The reality is that Colfax does not have sufficient staff or any source of funding to meaningfully address homelessness, or the practical ability to segregate spending on issues related to homelessness from its other general fund expenditures.”

At that same (4/10) meeting the council heard a presentation from Placer County Transportation Planning Authority (PCTPA) regarding a proposed Expenditure Plan that would be funded by a 0.5% (one half of one percent) “Transportation Tax” to be levied on a special tax district composed of Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville.

If approved in the November 2024 election, that tax would be collected for 30 years.

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## ‘Big Boy’ 4014 Coming To Colfax



The Union Pacific Railroad Steam Tour with the UP 4014 ‘Big Boy’ will be making a stop in Colfax on Sunday, July 14. Twenty-five Big Boys were built exclusively for Union Pacific Railroad, the first of which was delivered in 1941. The locomotives were 132 feet long and weighed 1.2 million pounds. Because of their great length, the frames of the Big Boys were “hinged,” or articulated, to allow them to negotiate curves. The massive engines normally operated between Ogden, Utah, and Cheyenne, Wyo. No. 4014 was retired in December 1961, having traveled 1,031,205 miles in its 20 years in service. Union Pacific reacquired No. 4014 from the RailGiants Museum in Pomona, California in 2013, and relocated it back to Cheyenne to begin a multi-year restoration process. It returned to service in May 2019 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad’s Completion.

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Funds raised would be spent on six specific road improvement projects, all in the western end of the county. The agency estimates the special tax will raise \$394 million for those projects. After brief discussion the council approved the Expenditure Plan on a 5-0 vote.

The council also passed a resolution stating that the City of Colfax abides with all requirements of the Fair Housing Amendments Act on a 4-1 vote.

At its **April 24** meeting the council heard a presentation on 'strategic budgeting' by Pete Constant from Jessup University. Council members Burruss and McCully were not at the meeting.

Constant opened his short presentation by telling the council that it was never too early or too late for a strategic budget plan.

He advised planning at least 10 years into the future, and starting the planning process from a policy perspective and determining budget spending priorities and goals before the city manager starts working on a budget.

"Listing spending priorities leads to an outline that can then be fine tuned into a final budget," he said. "Then each year you can look at your annual financial audit to determine if the goals stated in the plan are being met."

The meeting's final piece of business was forming a Caboose Relocation AD Hoc

| ROUTE          | LIMITS   | PROJECT  |
|----------------|--|--|
| SR 65          | Galleria Blvd. to Twelve Bridges.                                | Widen to 3-5 lanes each direction                            |
| I-80/SR 65     | Interchange Improvements   | Improve interchange safety and capacity                      |
| I-80           | I-80/Rocklin Road Interchange and Auxiliary Lane                 | Improve interchange safety and capacity                      |
| Baseline Road  | Foothills Blvd to SR 70/99                                       | Widen to 4-6 lanes and grade separation at railroad crossing |
| SR 65          | SR 65/Nelson Lane Interchange<br>SR 65/Nicholas Road Interchange | Improve to grade separated interchange                       |
| Placer Parkway | SR 65 to SR 70/99  | Construct 4 lane expressway                                  |

Committee. The Placer Sierra Railroad Heritage Society (PSRHS) wants to move the caboose to the Depot area to help create an outdoor railroad museum. The AD Hoc Committee will help PSRHS determine the best location for its display.

PSRHS said it would begin fundraising to cover the relocation costs. Council members Hillberg and McCully were appointed to the committee.

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# It's Spring!

Photos by Alan Shuttleworth



It's Spring. When Daffodils have survived winter's last blast, and love is in the air (at least if you're a turkey).



City Council Meetings  
on May 8 & 22

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## Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

### Life Tribute Celebrations & a life well-lived

Memorials; Funerals; Weddings: Ceremonies that can have a major impact on our lives. Yet, with our mix of emotions at such times, are we the best persons to plan these events? Maybe not. We can turn to a spiritual advisor, a trusted friend, the internet, books and pamphlets, and probably more. But, why not contact a specialist?

Enter **Tayce (Tay-See) Vogel, Life Tribute Celebrant**. Tayce is right here in Colfax at 233 S. Auburn St., Suite 275. Tayce is a certified funeral celebrant, certified grief specialist and ordained minister.



Tayce Vogel

She says she is “passionate about helping families create meaningful and memorable ceremonies, focusing on funerals and weddings.” Since 1999, she has worked “with a vast variety of religions, cultures and secular families by coordinating the life story of the loved one into any type of ceremony. By helping families who are grieving the loss of a loved one, I provide them with support and guidance that they need during this difficult time.”

She added, “Capturing the essence of the person

being honored in an authentic, honest, respectful and dignified manner is at the heart of what I do.” Tayce gets to know the deceased by interviewing the family and friends. She finds the essence of an entire life lived and summarizes all of it into about an hour.

Tayce concludes, “I dedicate my professional work to helping people honor major events in their lives, with ceremonies to capture the moment and make memories.”

Tayce Vogel can be reached at 916-622-6807. Also, you can find more information on her website, [www.LifeTributeCelebrant.com](http://www.LifeTributeCelebrant.com).

Switching gears: What’s new at **MarVal’s Sierra Market**? There are a number of new things at Mar-Val, but the highlight is the addition of natural and organic items throughout the store in various departments. So, take a few moments in the near future to peruse the aisles to see what treasures you can find. You know where the store is: 575 S. Auburn St.

If you have a business in the city of Colfax and you’d like a mention in this column, please contact me at [LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com](mailto:LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com).

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# **MAY 16, 2024**

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month veterans  
fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial  
hall. *Chicken enchiladas, rice and beans***

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**COLFAX LIONS CLUB**

**2024 EASTER EGG HUNT**

Kids and their families lined up for the start of the Lions Easter Egg hunt. The group was later divided into age groups before the “go” signal was given. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



**2022 PLACER COUNTY Food Distribution Schedule**



|         |         |            |           |            |           |            |            |           |    |            |           |
|---------|---------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----|------------|-----------|
| January | 7       | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am | February   | 4         | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am  | March     | 4  | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 11      | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |            | 8         | Colfax     | 10 - Noon  |           | 8  | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |
|         | 14      | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |            | 11        | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon  |           | 11 | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |
|         | 21      | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am |            | 18        | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am  |           | 18 | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 25      | Foresthill | 10 - Noon |            | 22        | Foresthill | 10 - Noon  |           | 25 | Rocklin    | 8 - 10 am |
| 28      | Rocklin | 8 - 10 am  | 25        | Rocklin    | 8 - 10 am | 29         | Foresthill | 10 - Noon |    |            |           |
| April   | 1       | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am | May        | 6         | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am  | June      | 3  | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 8       | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |            | 10        | Colfax     | 10 - Noon  |           | 10 | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |
|         | 12      | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |            | 13        | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon  |           | 14 | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |
|         | 22      | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am |            | 20        | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am  |           | 17 | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 26      | Foresthill | 10 - Noon |            | 27        | Rocklin    | 8 - 10 am  |           | 24 | Rocklin    | 8 - 10 am |
| 29      | Rocklin | 8 - 10 am  | 31        | Foresthill | 10 - Noon | 28         | Foresthill | 10 - Noon |    |            |           |
| July    | 1       | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am | August     | 5         | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am  | September | 2  | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 8       | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |            | 9         | Colfax     | 10 - Noon  |           | 9  | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |
|         | 12      | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |            | 12        | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon  |           | 13 | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |
|         | 22      | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am |            | 19        | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am  |           | 23 | Lincoln    | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 26      | Foresthill | 10 - Noon |            | 26        | Rocklin    | 8 - 10 am  |           | 27 | Foresthill | 10 - Noon |
| 29      | Rocklin | 8 - 10 am  | 30        | Foresthill | 10 - Noon | 30         | Rocklin    | 8 - 10 am |    |            |           |
| October | 7       | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am | November   | 4         | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am  | December  | 2  | Roseville  | 8 - 10 am |
|         | 11      | Colfax     | 10 - Noon |            | 8         | Colfax     | 10 - Noon  |           | 9  | Sheridan   | 10 - Noon |
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**Sheridan** Celebration Family Worship  
**Colfax** Sierra Vista Comm Center  
**Lincoln** McBean Park

5721 10 Street  
 55 School Street  
 65 McBean Park Drive

**Foresthill**  
**Rocklin**  
**Roseville**

Harrison Street Yard  
 Johnson-Springview Park  
 Denio's Farmers Market  
 24625 Harrison Street  
 5480 5th Street  
 1401 Church Street



## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

*“When it comes to the last hour of your life, it will be a great consolation to feel that you always protected the poor, the helpless, and the unfortunate; and that you exercised a particular care towards animals.” – Caroline Earle White*



If April showers bring May flowers, I think that we are in for another beautiful continuation of spring and all her glories! It has been a slow warming of the weather, with a couple of unexpected reminders of winter, but all-in-all I would say a wonderful change from last year.

As we enter summer and are outside with our animals more, remember to stop on by at the Colfax Farm & Country Store or Hillsflat Lumber for a wide variety of items to choose from for your furry family members. Whether it is constructing a new lean-to for your goats, a soft bed or nutritious food and treats, these stores have what you need for your summer honey-do-list.

This month we will be highlighting Cat’s Animal Rescue, our member that you might have seen hosting an art table for the children throughout the years.

Catherine Cortez started rescuing animals in and around Colfax more than nine years ago. She has always had a deep love for our four-legged friends. When she moved to the Cape Horn area, to her great delight, the house came with a pasture and barn, as well three Alpacas and a Great Pyrenees.

After her move, Cat worked at a local shelter, and her heart broke to see all the animals that were without homes and without love. Cat wanted to give the animals a voice and advocate for them. She started opening her home to a variety of farm animals. She has since been involved in matching dogs and cats with their forever families, utilizing her space for temporary housing and

scheduling meet-and-greets with potential families.

Another issue that Cat cares about is the growing problem with bullying in school and online. She has merged her love of animals with her desire to see children healed. She hosts private tea parties, as well as anti-bullying events throughout the year, where children can meet her “unicorn” Ice-Cream, talk about their self-worth and start the healing process. To Cat, success is realizing her dream of caring for animals and helping children become a reality when she started her non-profit in December 2020.

Cat’s Animal Rescue is open for private appointments, like a tea party, and is always welcoming of your donations, whether it is a bag of dog or cat food, carrots for the horses and alpacas, or your time spent helping to care for the animals.

For more information about volunteering and donating, please contact Cat by email at [catsrescue634@gmail.com](mailto:catsrescue634@gmail.com) or by telephone at 209-556-2168.

**Coffee and Conversations** is on the first Thursday of every month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at 99 Railroad Street. We would love to see all of you there! We have a variety of speakers lined up, including the Placer County DA, an attorney specializing in real property and business law, PCWA, Placer County Sheriff Department, an investment broker, and much more. Kat Albright, our Board Secretary, will be donating an hour of her time notarizing documents after Coffee and Conversations.

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

Amanda Palmquist,  
CACC President



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COLFAX GARDEN CLUB

# SPRING PLANT SALE

**Saturday, May 11th, 2024**  
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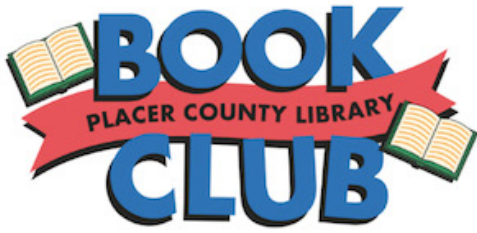
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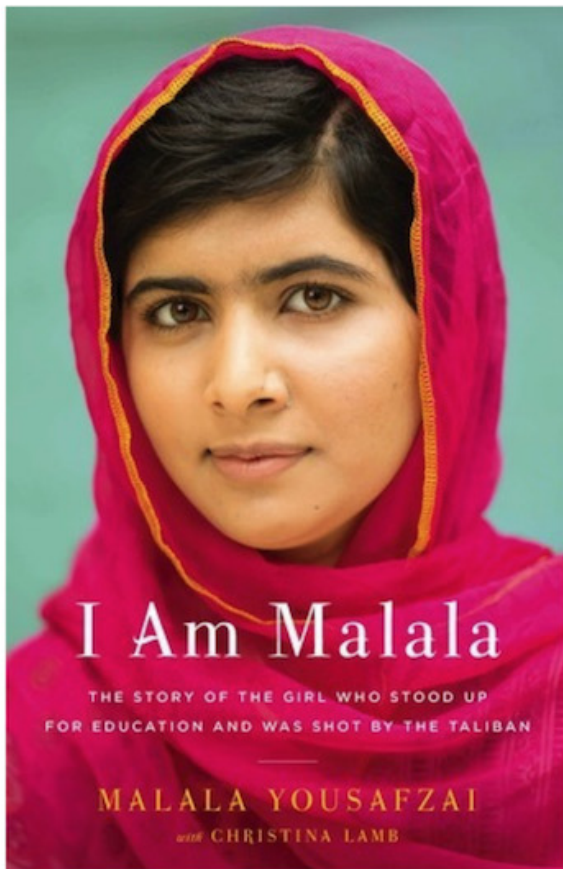
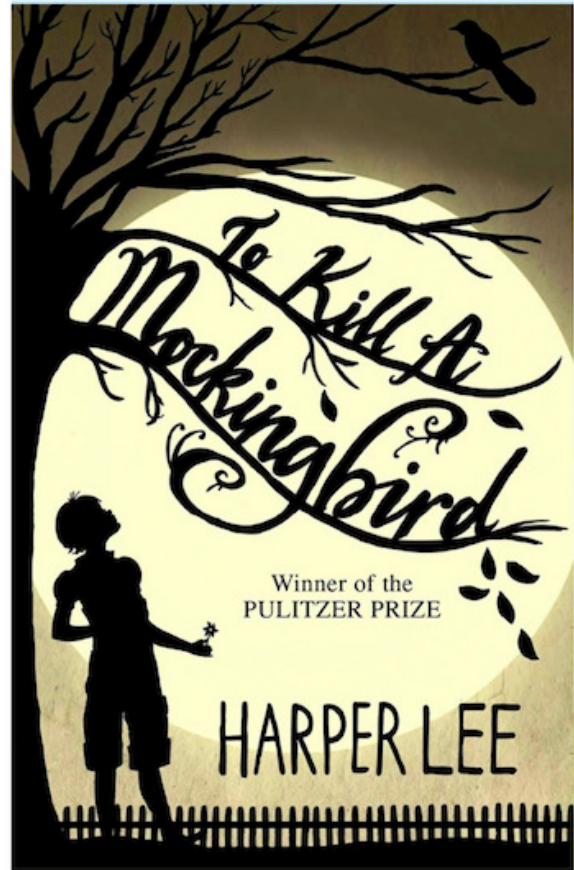




# Colfax Library

## TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

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24850 Ben Taylor Rd., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8110  
Email: [pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com](mailto: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/>

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944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2525  
Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

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589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2286  
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st-dominic-parish-colfax](https://www.scd.org/parish/st-dominic-parish-colfax)

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

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530-346-7702  
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## Social Organizations

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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  
530-269-9467  
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  
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