

# Colfax Connections

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## City Council Chooses Digital Billboard Photo, Introduces Sidewalk Ordinance

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Mayor Kim Douglass called 2024's last meeting of the Colfax City Council, and his last meeting as mayor, to order on December 11 at exactly 6:00 P.M. All members of the council were present.

He moved the agenda quickly to a 5-0 approval vote on the four-item consent calendar, through the agency reports and on to two public hearings, the first being a sidewalk repair, maintenance and liability ordinance.

The item was presented by city planning consultant Kathy Pease, who described the proposed Municipal Code amendment as clarifying that sidewalk maintenance was the responsibility of property owners whose property abutted city sidewalks.

"Since 1935 California state law (California Streets and High

ways Code Section 5610) has recognized the responsibility of adjacent property owners to maintain and repair sidewalks abutting or crossing their property," said Pease.

**The winning digital billboard photo by Greyson Sharpe**

She said maintaining sidewalks is important for reducing legal liability, as well as meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The ordinance will be complaint driven, and

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## NID Closing Scotts Flat, Rollins Lake Boat Ramps

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Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is shutting down all of its boat ramps to powered watercraft on Scott's Flat and Rollins Reservoirs until further notice.

The drastic move is being made to protect the lakes and their infrastructure from the invasive golden mussel.

NID is calling it a temporary closure following the recent discovery of the golden mussel at the Port of Stockton in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. The closure will include Long



### Golden Mussel colony

Ravine, Orchard Springs and Greenhorn at Rollins, as well as the boat launches on the Cascade Shores and Scotts Flat sides.

NID also operates an ongoing aquatic invasive species prevention program to prevent the introduction of quagga and zebra mussels.



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after receiving a complaint about a damaged sidewalk, the city will issue a notice to fix the problem within 60 days. If the property owner fails to make the repairs the city will do the work, then lien the owner's property for the cost.

If the property owner can demonstrate that the

The photos were featured in a Facebook 'likes' contest before the council chose the winner from a selection of two shots of N. Main St. storefronts. Greyson Sharpe took the winning photo. The council chose his photo on a 5-0 vote. The Sierra Vista Community Center's (SVC) recent installation of a new heating system in the build-

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repair costs pose a severe financial hardship, Pease said the city could agree to allow the property owner to cover those costs via a payment schedule.

There will also be a protest process that will trigger an investigation by the city, culminating in a fact-finding letter being issued to the property owner. If still not satisfied, the property owner could appeal to the council in a formal hearing.

During the council discussion, councilmember Trinity Burruss asked if the 60-day repair requirement could be extended, and councilmember Sean Lomen suggested making it 90 days. At the end of the council discussion the proposed amendment was sent back to the planning department for changes.

The second public hearing was a review of the annual report on mitigation impact fees charged by the city. With no comment from the public or the council, the report was accepted on a 5-0 vote.

The first piece of official council business dealt with a new promotional photo of downtown Colfax that will go up on the I-80 digital billboard. The Colfax Historic Business Association held a photography contest that received numerous pictures of Colfax from community members.

**Above – The second place winner in the Digital Billboard Photo Contest.**

**Photo by Greyson Sharpe**

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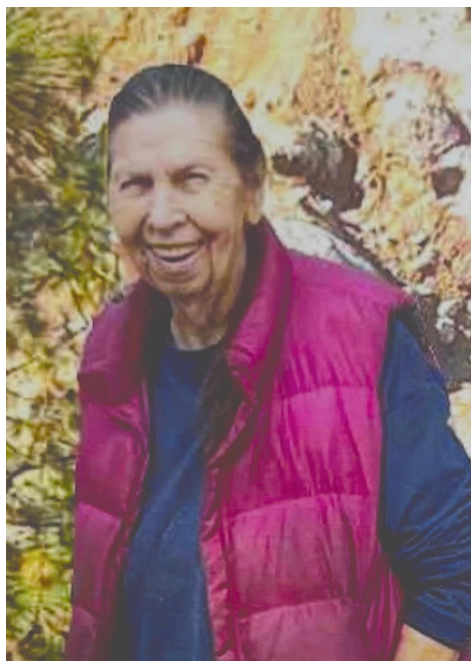
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## Remembering Cathy Morgan



**Story by Alan Shuttleworth**

The tiny foothill town of Iowa Hill lost its unofficial mayor when Cathy Morgan passed on October 18, 2024.

Cathy worked the bar at the Iowa Hill Store when she first moved to Iowa Hill. She used that job to get the community together and discuss ways to improve life at "The Hill." After leaving the bar, she continued to be a community organizer and sponsored "Taco Night" at her own home. It was a potluck dinner held on a weekly schedule that she organized for decades. Of course, there was music, campfires and lots of plans to improve the entire area.

One of her biggest contributions to The Hill was her 25-year tenure as an Instructional Assistant at the Iowa Hill School. A right arm to teacher, Richard Marks, Cathy was devoted to the students and a perfect com-

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## Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

You survived the December holidays, and you shopped in local stores (well, some of you did!). You are ready for a month less hectic, maybe. Time for a couple deep breaths and catching up with yourself. Let's get a haircut.

Have you tried the newest hair salon in Colfax, **Morning Glo Hair Studio**? It is located at 9 Depot St., #1, which is in the end suite adjacent to North Main at the flagpole.



**Marissa McSorley. Photo by Jessica Smith@simplycandidbyJessicaSmith.**

Morning Glo has won the Colfax Best of the Best in these categories: Hair Stylist, Cosmetologist, Hair Salon, Beauty Salon, New Business and Storefront. Congratulations. Quite an accomplishment. It is owner-operator Marissa McSorley that has won all these Bests.

Marissa lives in Colfax, and she graduated from Colfax High. She has been a stylist since 1997.

When you come into her studio, you immediately feel welcomed by the light, airiness of the space.

Marissa takes appointments Tuesday through Saturday. You can call her at 916-265-8270 or check out her Instagram page, @MarissaMcSorleyHairstylist.

Earlier I mentioned the Auburn Journal's Best of the Best annual survey that creates the list on which Morning Glo is named in six categories.

Now I am going to share with you some of the other Colfax businesses on the Best of the Best list with which I do business: **Colfax Smog & Auto Repair, Todd; Dine 'N Dash Restaurant & Bar; Colfax Thrift; Paloma Yoga; Blooming Mountain Flowers; Mar-Val's Sierra Market; Snapdragon Provisions; Colfax Farm & Country; Colfax Drug Company; Main Street Pizza; Let Life Fly.**

Based on my experience with these businesses, I recommend them. So, give them a try, if you haven't already.

Reminder: **Mane Tamer Salon & Calico Palace Boutique** closed at the end of last month. Owner Beth Miller has been in that location on Railroad St at Oak St for over 40 years. It is the end of an era.

As of this date at the end of December, no one has expressed interest in buying the business. Call Beth for more information, 530-346-2041 or 530-401-1662.

If you have Colfax City business news, please email me at [LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com](mailto:LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com).  
**Thank you.**



**Beth Miller. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth**

## Lions Surprise Shuttleworth With Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

Colfax Connections' ace photographer Alan Shuttleworth was surprised at the recent Lions Holiday Dinner when he was called up to receive the club's Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Services. Jones was the founder of Lions International.

Alan said that he was humbled because the award usually goes to past presidents, a position he's never held.

Lions Clubs International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism.

The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his club and the community for which it serves. Previous Melvin Jones Fellowship Award recipients meet each year to discuss potential award recipients.

Often an award is not granted each year. It is in-



stead granted only if there is a Lion who earned it. This decision is made by previous award recipients only. The Officers, Board, and other Lions do not weigh in on this decision.

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munity/teacher match for her role. Cathy also served as the school's custodian. Normal house-keeping plus maintenance of the school's complex photovoltaic and generator systems soon became her forte.

When the school shuttered in 2010 due to low enrollment, Cathy continued similar school maintenance duties in exchange for the School District permitting the building to be used for a wide variety of community-wide meetings.

When the local historic cemetery needed repairs or housekeeping, Cathy organized the town's residents to get the job done.

A recent dedication at the cemetery, and a celebration at the local store were attended by over 60 friends and family members. The huge turnout was a testimonial to Cathy's devotion to her family, her friends and her entire community. She will be sorely missed by all.

# Top 10 Reasons to Shop Local.



- 1 Strengthen your local economy.
- 2 Reduce climate change impacts.
- 3 Support community groups.
- 4 Keep our community unique.
- 5 Create more quality jobs.
- 6 Get better service.
- 7 Invest in your community.
- 8 Encourage local prosperity.
- 9 Put your taxes to good use.
- 10 Buy what you need. Don't buy the hype.



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ing's gym, and the cost of the project, triggered a sewer lateral inspection because it exceeded the \$20,000 limit mandated by City Municipal Code 13.08.520. That brought SVC before the council to ask that the inspection be waived to avoid the additional costs of the permit fee (\$407.00) and the cost of a Closed Circuit Television inspection.

After a brief discussion where possible changes to the ordinance were mentioned, the council voted unanimously to grant SVC's request and waive the sewer lateral inspection. The meeting's last bit of official business included the swearing in of council members Caroline

McCully and Larry Hillberg, and new city attorney Conor Hawkins.

That was followed with annual rotation of council officers, making Sean Lomen the city mayor for 2025, and Caroline McCully the new year's mayor pro tem on unanimous votes.

## January 2025 City Council meetings on the 8th and 22nd

**Below – The third place winner in the Digital Billboard Photo contest.**

**Photo by Jessica Smith@simplycandidbyJessica-Smith.**



**Annual**  
**COLFAX LIONS CLUB**  
**CRAB FEED**  
 AT THE SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER IN COLFAX  
**JANUARY 11, 2025**



Sierra Vista Community Center Presents:

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**8AM to 2PM**

**55 School Street**



## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

*"With the new day  
comes new strengths and  
new thoughts" - Eleanor  
Roosevelt*

The New Year is a time of new beginnings and contemplation as we look back on the struggles and triumphs of the previous year.

We at the Chamber are thankful for our community and all of the support we have seen at the events this last year.

We hosted our second annual Oktoberfest, had a wet, but successful, Winterfest and joined the celebrations of Railroad Days and Third of July.

As a community, we are stronger together.



We paused Coffee and Conversations in December and January but we will be meeting again starting February 6, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at The Wrecking Crew.

We welcome everyone to join us as our speaker, Mark Hall from Senior's First, discusses the purpose of the organization in hiring drivers to assist seniors get to the places they need to go, meals and nutrition support, living placement and information and assistance.

We wish each of you a Happy New Year and look forward to what 2025 will bring in for our community!

**Amanda Palmquist**  
**CACC President**



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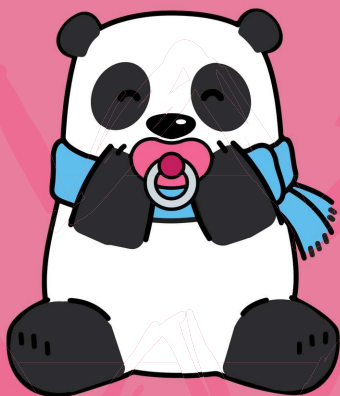
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## BABY LAPSIT

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  
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Kings Beach  
Tuesdays 10:30am

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Website: <http://www.colfaxesagca.org/>

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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.colfaxesumc.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.colfaxesdachurch.com>

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## Social Organizations



American Legion Post 192  
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Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce  
99 S. Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713  
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Website: <http://colfaxchamber.com>

Colfax Area Historical Society  
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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>

Colfax Lions Club  
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530-477-2533  
Website: <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  
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<https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com>

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PO Box 475, Colfax, CA 95713  
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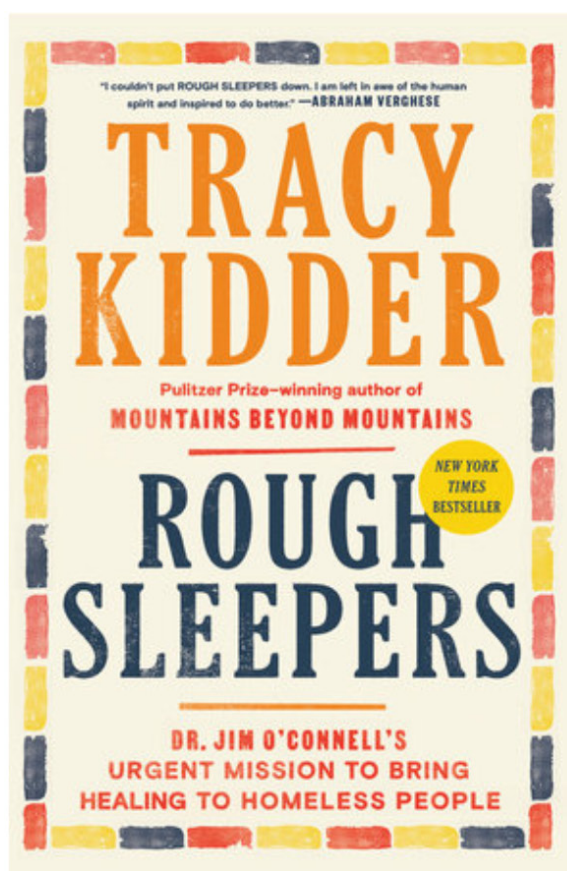
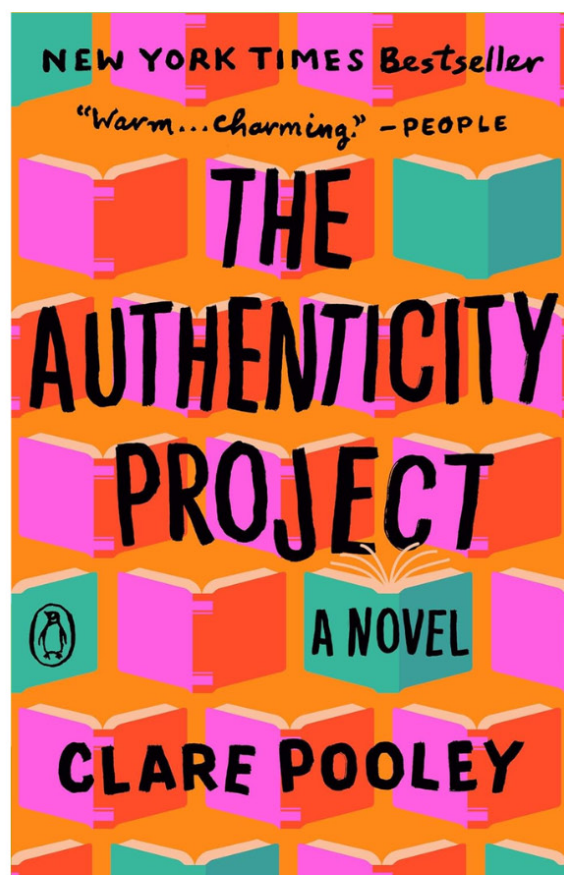
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# Colfax Library

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