

Colfax Connections

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Council Passes Budget, Accepts Deal For County Skatepark Funds

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At its **June 12 meeting** the city council passed a city budget of slightly more than nine million dollars for fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 on a unanimous vote.

A 20-year agreement that would add \$205,000 (\$75,000 from the previous agreement, plus an additional \$130,000) in county funds to the current effort to build a skatepark in Colfax was passed with little discussion on a 4-0 vote. If for whatever reason the city closes the skatepark before the end of the 20-year agreement, it will have to repay the county funds on a prorated basis.

Council member Larry Hillberg was required to recuse himself from the vote as he owns property immediately adjacent to the proposed skatepark site. He was allowed to speak against the project during public comment, however, and took the

opportunity to remind his colleagues that they have yet to see a budget or a design from the skatepark’s proponents.

Following the announcement by city attorney Mick Cabral that he would be retiring soon, the council voted 5-0 to appoint council members Burruss and Lomen to an ad hoc committee to find a replacement for him.

There was no new official business before the city council at its **June 24 meeting**.

Two older pieces of official business – the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and the MU-1 Zoning Code Amendment – appeared on the Consent Agenda for a second reading prior to adoption. Both were pulled from the agenda for further discussion and public comment, however, and will be brought back at the July 24 meeting.

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**Big Boy 4014
Coming To Colfax, July 14**



Colfax Soroptimists Install New Officers

Story and Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



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Left - to - Right

Kim Johnson, Outgoing President
Sonja Keller, Treasurer
Tina Tran, Co-President
Chaun Amber, Recording Secretary
Pam Rex-Small, Co-President

A recent dinner showcased the installation of officers for the upcoming year.

A full-house at the Eden Valley Community Building meant meeting new friends and enjoying fellowship. The evening culminated with outgoing president, Kim Johnson reviewing the tasks for each office.

She was assured by each candidate that they would carry out their new assignments to the best of their ability.

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Several members of the public appeared to have concerns about city fees for operating a short-rental business, and council member Hillberg wanted to revisit the zoning code amendment that would permit non-retail businesses to move into vacant street level store fronts along Main St.

Also on the Consent Agenda were a six-month extension of the agreement the city has with Bureau Veritas North America for plan review, code enforcement, inspection and permitting services, and a two-year agreement with Management Advisory Services LLC to deal with the day-to-day planning needs of the city.

The remaining items on the Consent Agenda were passed on a on a 4-0 vote. Council member Trinity Burruss was absent from the meeting.

The council also received its annual update from the Placer Mosquito Vector Control District in a 15-minute presentation by Meagan Luevano, the district’s Public Information Officer. She said that West Nile virus had yet to be detected in Placer County in 2024, but there had been six human cases including one death in 2023. She also said that the invasive *Aedes aegypti* mosquito that can transmit the Zika virus had been found in two new locations so far this year in Placer County.

Following brief reports from council and the city manager, the meeting adjourned 55 minutes after the opening gavel.

July City Council Meetings
7/10 & 7/24

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Business Briefs

with LindaLou Haines

People have been asking me...

Before I fill you in on the inside scoop of reopened **The Wrecking Crew Bakery & Cafe** (30 N Main), let's answer a question: Why does downtown have two cafes practically next door to each other on North Main Street? "Aren't they similar?" No.

Snapdragon Cafe (38 N Main) is all Organic, gluten-free, Vegan and Vegetarian only. I get asked, "What's the difference?" Vegetarian items use animal products, like eggs and cow's milk, but not the whole animal. The animal is not killed.

Vegan uses nothing from an animal and certainly not the whole killed animal. Plus, all the items for sale are well-marked and fully-itemized.

The Wrecking Crew may have select items that are gluten-free, organic, vegetarian or vegan. So, you see that the two cafes are not the same. If you have more questions, stop in to the cafes and check things out yourself.

Now, on to The Wrecking Crew in its new location, 30 N Main. It is still owned and run by Caroline Glenn Presson with assistance from family members and assistant baker and barista



Wrecking Crew Bakery & Cafe.

Photo by Will Stockwin

Britney Dawson.

Some of the new items on The Wrecking Crew menu are Biscuits & Gravy, waffles, Italian sodas, cold brew, and salads. Other items include Buffalo Chicken, more types of sandwiches and wraps, bagel bombs, scones, and some gluten-free options.

Daily specials are posted on the A-frame sign out front.

If you have concerns about the young children working in the cafe, the ones who are old enough for a work permit have one and have taken the county-sponsored food handling course. So, they can prepare your lattes and espressos.

The younger children are permitted only to work the register and take your money.

The new days and hours

for The Wrecking Crew are Monday through Saturday, 7-4. The business cell phone remains 530-537-5085.

My email is lindalouhaines14@gmail.com to send your city business news to me. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the previous month. The earlier the better.

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- 4 Keep our community unique.
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- 9 Put your taxes to good use.
- 10 Buy what you need. Don't buy the hype.

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Colfax Lions Honor STEM Graduating Student

Ian Hack, a 2024 Colfax High School graduate is enroute to success at Sierra College with financial support from the Colfax Lions Club.

Colfax High and Sierra College have a long history of partnering in the STEM Program for students. The acronym represents Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and the programs focus on “hands-on” problem-based learning.

Students learn by experience starting from designs on paper and progress to actual building. The program encourages creativity and promotes future entrepreneurs.

Ian, as this year’s Colfax Lions STEM winner, is enroute to the Sierra College campus this fall but is no beginner at Sierra.

A mutual agreement between Sierra College and Colfax High allows students to take classes while still in high school that are fully accredited and count towards an AS degree at Sierra. Ian has taken full advantage of this partnership and is well on the way to his degree.

Asked about his interest in STEM, Ian said, “When I was little, I was the kid who took things apart to see how they worked. I really worked hard to find out how to put them back together! I really want to continue this kind of exploration at Sierra College.”

Colfax Lions Club Student Awards Chair, Ted Huss said,



Colfax High graduating senior, Ian Hack, receives a check for \$2000 from Ted Huss, Colfax Lions Club Awards Chairperson.

“Our Club’s new STEM scholarship recognizes the importance of education beyond the more conventional and typical collegiate academic programs. We are pleased to be able to support Ian’s interests and motivation with financial support.”

PLACER FOOD BANK
Nourishing Communities

2022 PLACER COUNTY Food Distribution Schedule

PLACER FOOD BANK pantry to go

Month	Day	Location	Time
January	7	Roseville	8-10 am
	11	Colfax	10- Noon
	14	Sheridan	10- Noon
	21	Lincoln	8-10 am
	25	Foresthill	10- Noon
February	4	Roseville	8-10 am
	8	Colfax	10- Noon
	11	Sheridan	10- Noon
	18	Lincoln	8-10 am
	22	Foresthill	10- Noon
March	4	Roseville	8-10 am
	8	Colfax	10- Noon
	11	Sheridan	10- Noon
	18	Lincoln	8-10 am
	25	Rocklin	8-10 am
April	1	Roseville	8-10 am
	8	Sheridan	10- Noon
	12	Colfax	10- Noon
	22	Lincoln	8-10 am
	26	Foresthill	10- Noon
May	6	Roseville	8-10 am
	10	Colfax	10- Noon
	13	Sheridan	10- Noon
	20	Lincoln	8-10 am
	27	Rocklin	8-10 am
June	3	Roseville	8-10 am
	10	Sheridan	10- Noon
	14	Colfax	10- Noon
	17	Lincoln	8-10 am
	24	Rocklin	8-10 am
July	1	Roseville	8-10 am
	8	Sheridan	10- Noon
	12	Colfax	10- Noon
	22	Lincoln	8-10 am
	26	Foresthill	10- Noon
August	5	Roseville	8-10 am
	9	Colfax	10- Noon
	12	Sheridan	10- Noon
	19	Lincoln	8-10 am
	26	Rocklin	8-10 am
September	2	Roseville	8-10 am
	9	Sheridan	10- Noon
	13	Colfax	10- Noon
	23	Lincoln	8-10 am
	27	Foresthill	10- Noon
October	7	Roseville	8-10 am
	11	Colfax	10- Noon
	14	Sheridan	10- Noon
	21	Lincoln	8-10 am
	25	Foresthill	10- Noon
November	4	Roseville	8-10 am
	8	Colfax	10- Noon
	11	Sheridan	10- Noon
	18	Lincoln	8-10 am
	23	Rocklin	8-10 am
December	2	Roseville	8-10 am
	9	Sheridan	10- Noon
	13	Colfax	10- Noon
	22	Lincoln	8-10 am
	27	Foresthill	10- Noon

Sheridan Celebration Family Worship 5721 10 Street
Colfax Sierra Vista Comm Center 55 School Street
Lincoln McBean Park 65 McBean Park Drive

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

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. – President Theodore Roosevelt



Small businesses help shape and add an immense amount of value to our community.

According to green-businessbureau.com by purchasing food and other goods that are produced locally you stimulate the economy in which you live, jobs are created or retained, the community gains revenue, families and cultures are supported, and things thrive and grow.

I am going to share some practical tips to support our local businesses as well as how to be a part of the solution by making your voice heard and your dollars count.

If you are looking for a way to support the local restaurants, hair and nail salons, craft shops and more but you don't have time to sit down today, please consider purchasing a gift card for yourself or as a present. When you enter a business and have the means and opportunity, try to pay-it-forward by taking care of the next person's cup of coffee, lunch or groceries. If you're short on funds but want to show support, you can create a shop-local campaign on your social media account, nominate a business for a small business award or highlight a local small business online. Try to order and shop local when possible.

While doing any of the above is great it is also important to continue to make your voices heard and be a part of the solution. The City Council holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Councilwoman Caroline McCully holds an open forum "All Things Colfax" once a month (times and dates vary) to give you a voice and share your thoughts, concerns, wishes and visions for Colfax.

The Chamber has continued to host a Coffee &

Conversations on the first Thursday of the month at the train depot from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and there is an hour of free notarizations for those attending that need it. We have had guests ranging from the city manager, Placer County DA, a Sacramento attorney, and NID to name a few.

We look forward to the time spent with fellow Colfax residents and the chance to not only listen to informational content but also carve out time to discuss businesses and how we can support them.

The second Thursday of the month is reserved for our Board Meetings. We have been opening up the train depot from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. for those wanting to come by and discuss getting involved with the Chamber or any questions Chamber related.

Thursdays are Farmer's Market downtown on Main Street and Sierra Vista Community Center is still accepting vendor applications. Colfax Lions Club is hosting their cruise night on the third Friday evenings from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and is open to all car enthusiasts, paired with the Art Walk put on by local artists.

Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall is offering their all-you-can-eat breakfast the second Sunday of the month and Sierra Vista is hosting their monthly Flea Market the third Saturday. All are local family friendly events and meant to add to the richness that is Colfax living at its best. If you're looking for something a little faster paced, the Veterans Memorial Hall hosts a monthly Bingo game for those 18+ on the third Saturday of the month.

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

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President

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Chicago Park School Read-a-thon A Big Success

By Alan Shuttleworth

Chicago Park School, established in 1898, has a history of pursuing high student achievement. This year, some 126 years later, the quest for student success may have hit its zenith.

Charged with the goal of supporting Reading success, the school's PTA unit has developed a Reading Incentive Program which is comprehensive and far-reaching.

Students who participate in the Read-a-thon earned a coupon which was placed in a drawing for PTA sponsored awards.

The "grand prizes" were Kindle Electronic Readers provided by the Colfax Lions Club's Literacy Project.

PTA Read-a-thon Chair, Stephanie Brazil said, "We are incredibly proud to announce that this year's Read-a-thon at Chicago Park School has been a phenomenal success. Thanks to the unwavering support from the Colfax Lions Club, who generously donated five Kindles, our students were inspired to read for over 600 hours combined.

"Together, we raised an impressive \$7,000 plus. Considering our intimate school size of just 160 students from kindergarten through eighth grade, these accomplishments are not just significant; they are extraordinary. This event not only fosters a love of reading among our students but also strengthens our community's commitment to educational excellence."

Colfax Lions Club Literacy Chair, Alan Shuttleworth said, "Chicago Park School goes far

beyond the extra mile in supporting student Reading skills."



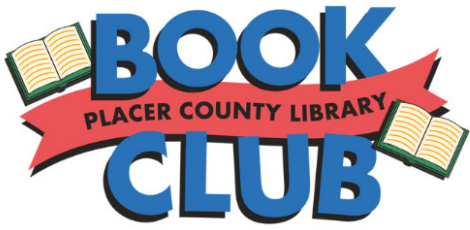
Front Row L- R – Allie Kholer, grade K, Cora Kholer, grade K, Judah Pagan, grade 4. Back Row L-R – Stephanie Brazil, PTA Read-a-thon Chair, Juno Martins, grade 2, Claire Depew, grade 7, Alan Shuttleworth, Colfax Lions Club, Katie Kohler, Superintendent/Principal. Not pictured – Carter Madeiros, grade 8

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

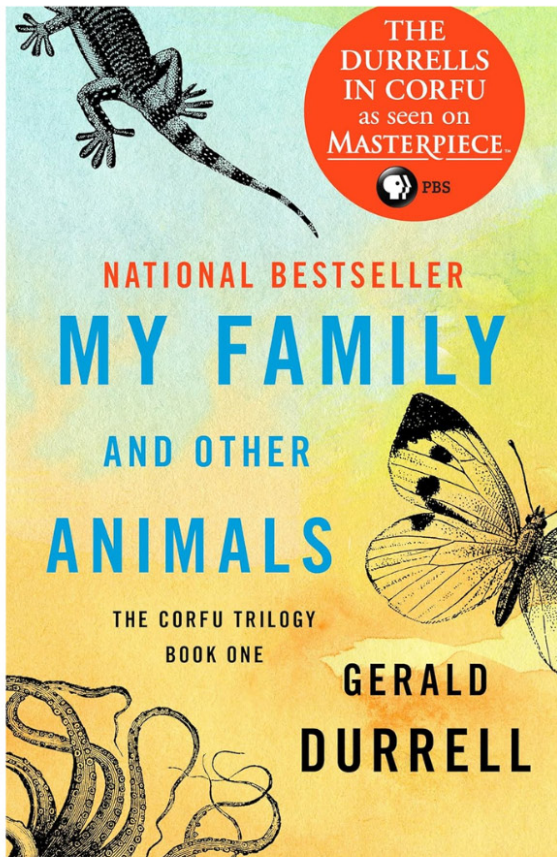
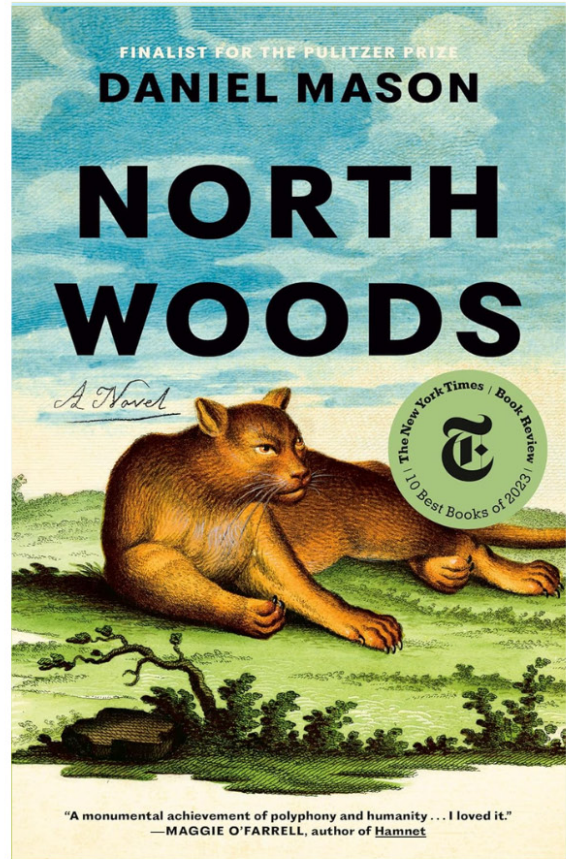
7 N. Main St., Suite 1
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\$15 per class



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NORTH WOODS
WEDNESDAY
JULY 10
2:00-3:00pm



MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS
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252 Culver St., Colfax,
CA 95713
Email: colfaxesagca@
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
530-269-9467
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
22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713
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<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>





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