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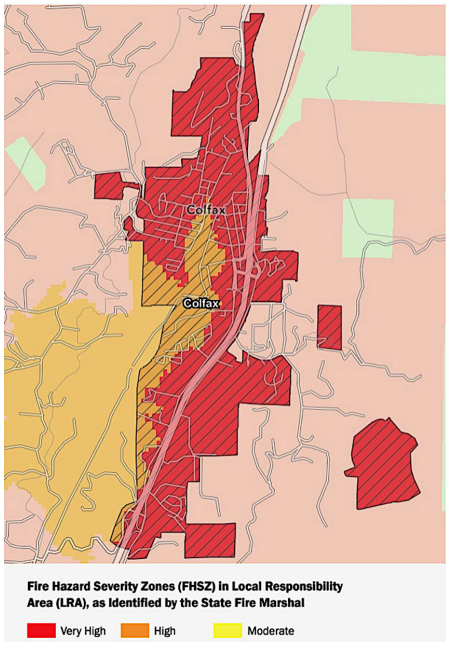
Temporary Outdoor Dining Corrals Proliferating On N. Main St.

By wstockwin2024@gmail.com

After opening on time at 6:00 p.m. the April 23 city council meeting was essentially finished by 6:30, but ran longer due to continued public questioning regarding the establishment of a second outdoor dining corral on N. Main Street in front of the Wrecking Crew Bakery.

As with the April 9th meeting, the main concern was the loss of eight parking places on N. Main St. and the potential impacts on other businesses on the street. And, as with the previous meeting, the only answer those questions received was "It's only temporary" until the city finishes plans for revitalizing N. Main with permanent changes.

After approving the four-item consent calendar on a 4-0 vote (council member Trinity Burruss was absent) and moving quickly through agency reports, the council opened a public hearing to approve an ordinance amendment to adopt the state fire marshal's Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) map for Colfax. That map shows the entire city is in a high-to-very high Fire Hazard Severity Zone.



The map was promulgated in February 2025 and will not make substantial changes to fire safety requirements for local property owners. The city already has an ordinance mandating hazardous vegetation abatement, and establishment of defensible space in its Municipal Health and Safety Code. After brief discussion and no public comment, the public hearing closed with a 4-0 vote in favor of adopting the amendment.

More information on Fire Hazard Severity Zones can be found at osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ.

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Memorial Day 2025 Activities

The citizens of Colfax are invited to join the American Legion and the VFW in their community activities to celebrate Memorial Day 2025.

In preparation for the Day, on Saturday, May 24th at 10 am, volunteers will start putting American flags on the grave sites of veterans in the Colfax cemetery.

All are welcome to join the American Legion volunteers.

On Tuesday, the 27th, the volunteers will remove the flags from the graves.



The VFW will be conducting a ceremony at the Colfax cemetery on North Canyon Way on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th at 11 a.m.

The whole community is invited to attend.

Immediately following the ceremony in the Colfax cemetery, the VFW and guests will conduct a similar ceremony at the Native American (previously known as the Indian) cemetery on Iowa Hill Rd.

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The night's final piece of business involved approving an agreement with TTJ Consulting to provide financial services preparing and maintaining the city's financial records. The item passed without discussion on a 4-0 vote.

The discussion about the second dining corral began after mayor Sean Lomen opened the floor for public comment on the final Good of the Order agenda item, and kept going until the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

April 9 City Council Meeting. "It's only temporary" became the city council's main response in answer to questions and concerns from N. Main St. business owners regarding the sudden appear-

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Colfax Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Was A Sunny Success



Story and Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

Spring always brings many traditions. Not the least of them is the Colfax Lions Club Egg Hunt. Over 450 plastic eggs filled with treats were "hidden" in the grassy areas of the Memorial Ball Park grounds.

Children were grouped by ages, to make the searching fair for the youngest, and specific areas were roped off for each age group. The Easter Bunny, also now a tradition, guided the children in their hunting and posed for dozens of family photos.

Four Golden Eggs were among the regularly colored eggs in each age area and if a youngster found one, they were able to trade it into a cash award.

Event co-chair, Sharon Conners, said she "was happy to keep the tradition of bringing smiles to the children." Event co-chair, Josh Alpine, (AKA The Bunny) said, "it was great to be a part of a beautiful day for the Colfax Kids."



Top - the starting line. Above - (left to right) Golden Egg finders – Andrew Lutz - age 9, Ensley Weaver - age 6, Availya Simonis - age 4, Regan Morey - age 10.

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ance of a second outdoor dining corral in front of the Wrecking Crew Bakery. It was the subject of the final piece of council business as a discuss-and-direct-staff item.

Council member Caroline McCully was recused from her council seat due to a conflict of interest, and council member Trinity Burruss was absent.

Sheri Peterson ended her public comment in favor of the second corral with, "Give it a chance." Council member McCully seconded that in her own public comment. There were complaints from other businesses about loss of parking, the lack of handicapped parking, and inadequate signage directing traffic to parking behind the freight building.

In the end, the three remaining council members agreed to send the outdoor dining corrals issue back to the Lomen/Burruss ad hoc committee.

In other official business, the council appointed two primary representatives to the Bianchini Fund Committee, and approved a proclamation declaring April 2025 to be Arts, Culture and Creativity Month in Colfax.



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Business Briefs with Lindalou Haines

Sierra Animal Wellness Center (SAWC) is a Colfax veterinary clinic that specializes in Integrative Medicine, which in this case incorporates Western and Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) practices. Dr. Peggy Roberts, DVM is the veterinarian, who uses all these tools for the treatment of your small animal, most notably cats and dogs.

Until recently the Center has been located on S. Canyon Way next to Dine N Dash. They recently moved into a bigger building at 333A Canyon Court in the DC Solar headquarters building. SAWC has the whole downstairs, while DC Solar uses the top floor. To further identify its location, turn at the Valero gas station on N. Canyon Way and look for Todd's Colfax Smog and Auto Repair on the left. SAWC is in the big white building next door.

Dr. Peggy has worked as a vet for 42 years, after graduating from UC-Davis. She has incorporated TCVM into her practice for 22 years.

TCVM works at the cellular level in the body and can involve use of aquapuncture, herbs and acupuncture. Essentially, TCVM seeks to balance out the disharmonies causing symptoms within the body. Veterinarians who practice TCVM examine your pet using both Eastern and Western methods. That gives the vet a fuller picture of how to treat your pet.



House 'greeter' cats – Rory (left) and Sylvester



It is because Dr. Peggy uses both Western and Eastern veterinary medicine that when I first moved to Colfax, I decided to take my dachshund to her for checkups and treatments as needed as she aged.

To contact the Sierra Animal Wellness Center, call (530)346-6611. You can also email SAWC285@gmail.com and check out their webpage, SierraAnimalWellnessCenter.com.

The Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 to 5. Please email me with your business news, LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com.

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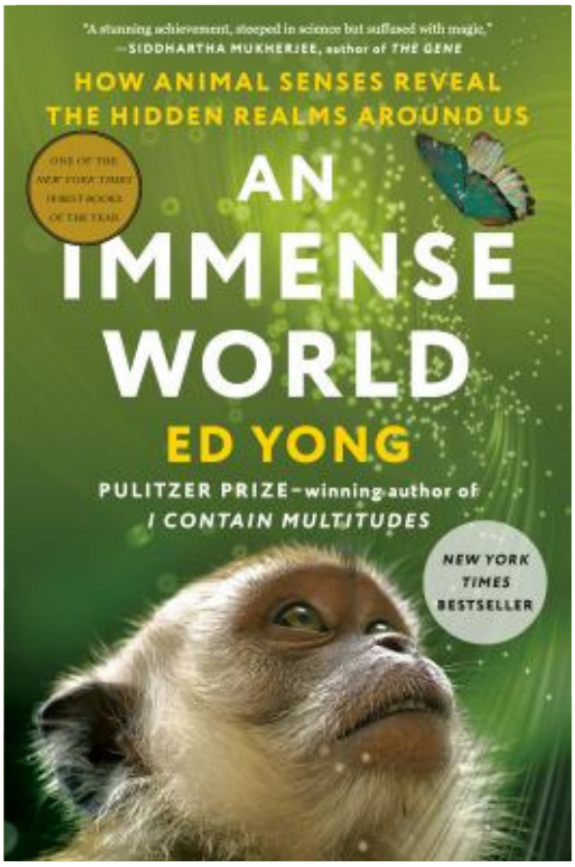
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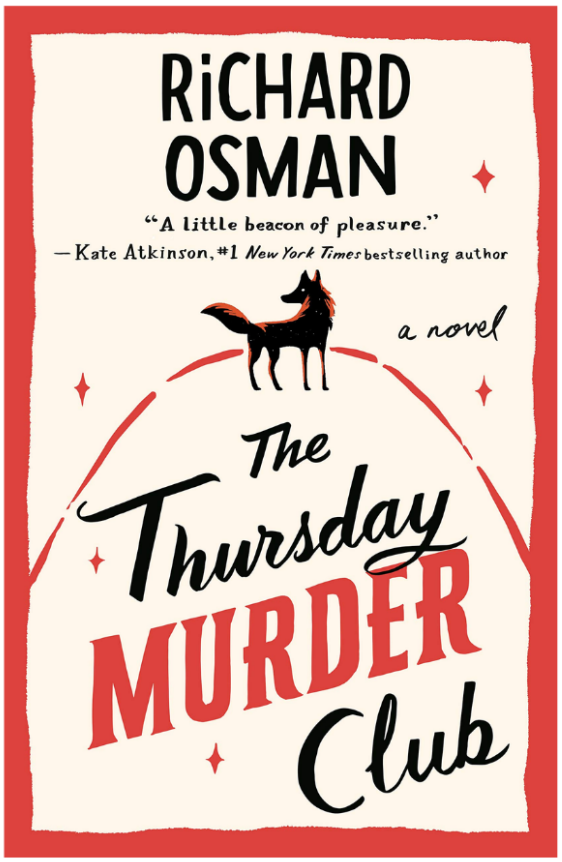
BOOK CLUB
PLACER COUNTY LIBRARY

Colfax Library

AN IMMENSE WORLD

WEDNESDAY
MAY 14
2:00-3:00pm





THURSDAY MURDER CLUB

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 11
2:00-3:00pm

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3RD THURSDAY EVERY MONTH
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THE DATES FOR 2025

JANUARY 16	•	APRIL 17
FEBRUARY 20	•	MAY 15
MARCH 20	•	JUNE 19

JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!



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

- Auburn: Tuesdays 9:30
- Colfax: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Thursdays 10:30am
- Kings Beach: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Fridays 10:30am

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

- Auburn: Wednesdays 9:30
- Colfax: Thursdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Thursdays10:30am
- Rocklin: Wednesdays 10:30am & Fridays 9:30am





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

- Auburn: Mondays 9:30
- Colfax: Fridays 10:30am
- Foresthill: Thursdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Fridays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Wednesdays10:30am
- Kings Beach: Tuesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Thursdays 10:30am

SCAN ME! for more details about storytime, scan the QR code.

County of Placer Library Services

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events



Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance. - Yoko Ono

Change is in the air as we look to summer and the filling out of our calendars whether it be social, familial or business. Throughout Colfax and the surrounding towns' businesses have been extending their hours, revamping their displays and coming together to work for the common good of all.

With any season of change while there is hope for what is to come, there is also growing pains and uncertainty, as we move through uncharted territories and unknown waters.

As we at the Chamber entered the new year, we found ourselves with some big changes as two long time board members stepped down and four new Board members were added to our numbers.

We have been able to take time to grow as a board and discuss what our mission is, and how we can best serve our members throughout Colfax and the surrounding communities. Knowing that sometimes we need to reevaluate what we have done in the past, to lean into our mission as a Chamber, our Board recently made some hard decisions.

The Board voted to not continue backing Winterfest as we have in recent years. We are here to promote and support our members and the interests of businesses in Colfax and the surrounding communities.

Since we will not be in charge of Winterfest this year and moving forward, this is an excellent opportunity for another organization to step in and dream big for what it could be. This is also a chance to reimagine moving it from one weekend that competes with Auburn, to an entire month of activities and things to look forward to!

Coffee and Conversations has started back up this year and is held on the first **Friday** of every month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at 99 Railroad Street, and we would love to see all of you there.

We are lining up our speakers for the year, so if you or someone you know would like to be considered, please reach out by email to: amanda@colfaxareachamber.com.

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

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President

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Mother's Day Tea
MAY 10th
1pm - 3pm
$25.00
Limited seating
For tickets contact:
Sharon Conners 530-305-6936
Val Sussek 530-346-8443
Prize for Best Hat
Raffle , Photo Booth
Complimentary
Champagne
Colfax VFW
Auxiliary
Veterans Memorial Hall ~ 22 Sunset Circle ~ Colfax

Annual Reading Awards At Colfax Elementary School

The 2025 Colfax Elementary Kindles Reading competition was recently held in the school auditorium. Students who reached a growth goal in standardized Reading assessment scores had their names entered into a drawing for recognition awards.

As part of Lions International's goal of improving literacy, the Colfax Lions Club partnered with the Colfax Elementary School event. The Colfax Club donated electronic Kindle Readers

Back Row L-R Alan Shuttleworth, Lions Literacy Chair, Leila R. Sagan grade 4, Danielle Fee, School Principal

Front Row L-R Tucker Hargraves grade 1, Harrison Hayes, grade 3, Mia Price grade 2, Andrew Lutz grade 3, Mariia Mikova grade 4, Alexavier Cabrera grade K



Photo by Dale Shuttleworth



Churches



Colfax Assembly of God Community Fellowship
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Email: colfaxaog@gmail.com
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Colfax Baptist Church
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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

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

Colfax Lions Club
PO Box 664, Colfax, CA 95713
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
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

Colfax VFW Auxillary 2003
22 Sunset Dr, Colfax, CA 95713
530-305-6936
VFW Auxiliary 2003@gmail.com
Website: https://www.auxiliary.org



SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 10th, 2025
8am to 2pm
Roy Toms Plaza

Join us in downtown Colfax for our annual spring plant sale to shop a variety of plants and garden-related items!

Veggies, flowers, shrubs, trees, garden art, floral arrangements and so much more!

Just in time for Mother's Day & Spring Planting

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