

Colfax Connections

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Short-Term Rental, MU-1 Zoning Code Ordinances Still Pending

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Councilmember Trinity Burruss joined **the July 24 meeting** from home via Zoom. All the other members were present in the council chambers and took up an agenda that listed four public hearings, including two new building design permits, the short-term rental ordinance, and the MU-1 zoning code amendment/ground floor retail ordinance.

City planner Kathy Pease presented all four public hearings. The O'Reilly Auto Parts Store design review was first up, and after a brief discussion on how to make the store more visually appealing the council voted unanimously to approve the design. The council also gave its unanimous approval to a prefabricated industrial building sited just off Highway 174 that will support an online wholesale car sales business. Approval was given after Pease confirmed that no vehicles

would be stored on the site, and that the business would not generate any extra vehicle traffic.

The short-term rental ordinance, first introduced at the May 22, 2024 meeting, was back for another try at passing its first reading. The ordinance would allow any single-family dwelling or accessory dwelling in a residential or commercial zone to be rented on a short-term basis. The public comment raised concerns about rumored permit fees, and started a discussion on whether to put limits on the number of short-term rentals allowed. The number 20 was suggested as a limit before the council sent the ordinance back for "substantive" revisions to be brought back to a future meeting.

The MU-1 zoning code amendment that would allow additional uses for vacant ground floor

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Big Boy 4014 Hits Fallen Tree, Cancels Stop In Colfax

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Downtown Colfax started filling up early in the morning for the planned whistle stop by the Big Boy 4014 steam engine on Sunday, July 14. It was a pleasantly cloudy day that promised a break from the heat with temperatures a bit cooler than the recent run of triple digit days.

The whistle stop was supposed to happen between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., but rumors began spreading among the still-growing crowd that the train had hit a tree near Auburn after 10:30



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Big Boy 4014 rolls through Colfax. Photo by Simon Westerbrook

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retail spaces in downtown Colfax was also sent back for “substantive” revisions that would possibly allow some other kinds of businesses under an exception process suggested by council member Hillberg, or a possibly a conditional use permit. This item will also be brought back at a future meeting.

There being no official council business following the four public hearings, Mayor Douglass

adjourned the meeting.

The July 10 city council meeting moved quickly from the opening gavel to a presentation to the four local heroes who rescued two women from drowning in Rollins Lake on June 24. All council members were present.

Samantha Waer and Lisa Whelihan were paddle boarding when they saw a mother and daughter struggling in the water following a jet-ski acci-

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came and went with no Big Boy in sight. The crowd was already starting to thin out at noon when a general announcement declared that the train wouldn't be arriving in Colfax until approximately 3:00 p.m.

Mike Jaixen, UP's senior manager of corporate communications, explained what happened two days later in an e-mail to *Colfax Connections*. “Around 10 a.m. Pacific time Sunday morning, a large tree fell on the tracks near Auburn, California, and Big Boy No. 4014 struck the tree. There were no injuries, but upon inspection, the crew recognized that the locomotive had suffered some damage which necessitated repairs to be

made before the train could continue.

“Clearing the tree and repairing the damage to the Big Boy took around three and a half hours, and we determined that we no longer could stop in Colfax. Sunday was also the fundraising excursion for the Union Pacific Museum, and there were passengers on-board for a one-way ride between Roseville and Sparks, Nevada, with motor coaches waiting in Sparks to return the passengers for their return trip to Roseville.

When Big Boy 4014 finally appeared at 2:00 p.m., it blew through town so fast that only the briefest glimpse was possible before it vanished under the Hwy. 174 bridge, and was gone.



Big Boy 4014 rounding Cape Horn heading east.

Photo by Tom Parnham

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dent. Neither was wearing a personal flotation device and neither could swim when they fell off a jet-ski. A third party on the jet-ski was later recovered from 177 feet of water by a PCSO robot. Lia Kolluwe and Jason Douglas assisted in the rescue and were also honored as local heroes.

City manager Ron Walker reported that the ad hoc committee searching for a new city attorney has turned up two candidates. Current city attorney Mick Cabral announced his retirement in June.

In its first piece of official business, the council unanimously approved an agreement with Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) to produce and submit a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to the SS4A (Safe Streets for All) federal traffic safety grant program. The plan would make the city eligible for traffic safety grants from Caltrans and U.S. Department of Transportation. The city's share of the \$140,000 application fees will be \$20,000, the submission deadline is August 29th, and decisions are expected in November.

The second piece of official involved a contractor, Simpson & Simpson, that incurred excessive costs on a Metal Building Project at the city corporation yard due to bidding mistakes by the previous city administration.

Simpson claimed the mistakes led to \$25,851.18 in increased costs and asked the city for an additional \$15,273.18 to help offset those increases, which the council granted.

**August City Council Meetings
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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

Addiction problems? Maybe not you, but someone you know or care about. It's messing with your life.

Well, you say, I'm not addicted to alcohol or drugs.

But what about your cell phone, your tablet, or your other devices? "Oh, I can turn them off any time I want ... um, but not right now, I am involved with a game right now," you say.

You may have heard of the studies that show conclusively that too much screen time is detrimental to your brain, especially to children's developing brains. However, maybe you don't believe the studies.

There are more recent studies of brain scans that show the damage your brain can suffer is comparable to that you would see in Alzheimer's brains. Do you really want an Alzheimer's brain at your young age or any age?

What does all this have to do with a column about Colfax businesses?

You and other folks can get help for addiction right here in Colfax by a talented and enthusiastic addictions counselor, **Deana Long, CADC-II**. She is a Behavioral & Addiction Specialist and Brain Health Coach.

What kinds of addictions can she help you with? You name it. Deana is a traditionally trained Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor, plus she has had special training in brain health.

Therefore, she can help you with your addiction to lying, drugs, other addicting substances like alcohol, relationships, sex, games, gambling, computers ... any behavior, you name it. This is only a small sampling of what we as human beings can be addicted to.



Deana Long, CADC-II

What is Brain Health? Brain health relates to the importance of the brain and what it takes to keep it operating smoothly, efficiently and in balanced good health. Just as we have concerns about keeping our heart healthy by paying attention to what we eat that will nourish our heart.

Deana works with individuals, families and groups. In her family work, she emphasizes these keys: Respect, Accountability and Hard Work. She also specializes in the age group of 14 to 28 years.

Deana's education and training include a degree in developmental psychology from William Jessup University and personal training in Brain Health by Daniel Amen, Ph.D., who will be familiar to PBS audiences for his shows and workshops on that network.

Deana shares her offices in Colfax and Folsom with her partner, trauma specialist, Stephanie Layton, LMFT, www.StephanieLaytonLMFT.com.

You can reach Deana at 530-863-8522 and learn more about her work at www.DeanaLong.com.

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SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY
CENTER





American Legion Post 192, July 3rd Parade float rolls down Church St.



Dilly Dally the clown.

All Photos
By Alan Shuttleworth



South Main St., Colfax on July 3, 2024



Hot Fun In The Summertime, Colfax July 3rd Parade



Despite sizzling triple digits, a large crowd of locals and visitors turned out for the annual July 3rd Celebration.

The wind cooperated by staying down in the evening, allowing a stunning fireworks show to go off as planned.



And the month of July will go into the record books as the hottest ever, which probably also qualifies it as the driest ever.

That means the nervous season, with its sirens, fire fighting aircraft and smoke in the air is here.

So stay hydrated, stay cool and stay safe with fire.

Top left – the children's parade.

Top right – Congressman Kevin Kiley riding in style.

Left – It wouldn't be a July 3rd parade without the Quinn Family Clowns.

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

The Church is the Church only when it exists for others. —
Dietrich Bonhoeffer



At the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce, we have the distinct pleasure and opportunity to work with many for-profit and non-profit businesses. It is our goal to do the best that we can to support and encourage them by providing access to resources, marketing and education. This month I spoke with a local Pastor, Gary Howard, from the **Colfax Baptist Church** who is a long time member of the Chamber and prior board member.

Pastor Howard says that at Colfax Baptist Church they keep their doors open to all who are seeking to know more about God. Their threefold mission is biblical teaching, engaging inwardly and outwardly with Christ's tangible love and building up the next generation. They focus on encouraging the children and youth to become leaders in the church, and supporting parents as they raise their children in a Christ-centered way.

Pastor Howard said that it is not only their congregation that they desire to reach out to but also the local community. They show love to those outside the church by helping with local events such as Trunk or Treat, supporting Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, providing meals and support to local senior citizens, hosting an Operation Christmas Child and putting together their annual Summerfest event. Summerfest is put on by the church every July and they distribute backpacks and school supplies to students in need as well as hand out gift cards and donations to the families.

Pastor Howard shared that the reason they are a member of the Chamber is to better support and be a part of the community in Colfax. He especially loves that Colfax is a tight-knit community where you can get to know your neighbors, and

that we have space to enjoy the outdoors while also having local shops that provide the amenities we need.

To find out more about Colfax Baptist Church please visit them online at: <https://www.colfax-baptist.com>, in person at 24850 Ben Taylor Road, Colfax, CA 95713, or by phone: (530) 346-8110.

The City Council holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m., and Councilwoman Caroline McCully holds an open forum "All Things Colfax" once a month (times and dates vary).

The Chamber has continued to host 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.

The second Thursday of the month is reserved for our board meetings and we have been opening up the train depot from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays are Farmer's Market downtown on Main Street. Colfax Lions are hosting their cruise night on the third Friday of the month from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., along with the Art Walk that is put on by local artists.

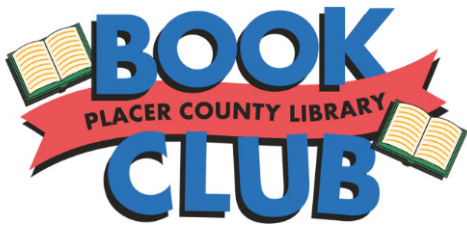
Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall is offering their all-you-can-eat breakfast the second Sunday of the month, and Sierra Vista Community Center is hosting their monthly Flea Market on the third Saturday. If you're looking for something a little faster paced, the Veterans Memorial Hall hosts monthly Bingo to 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



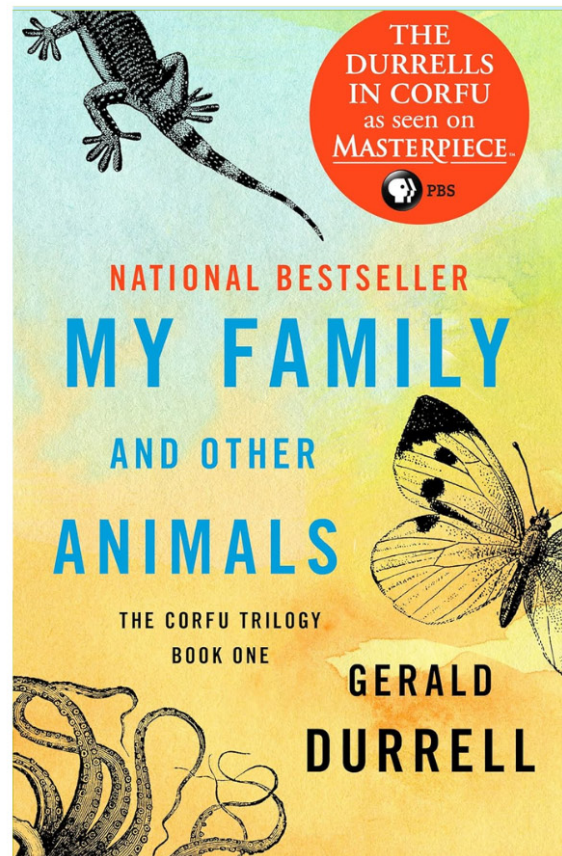
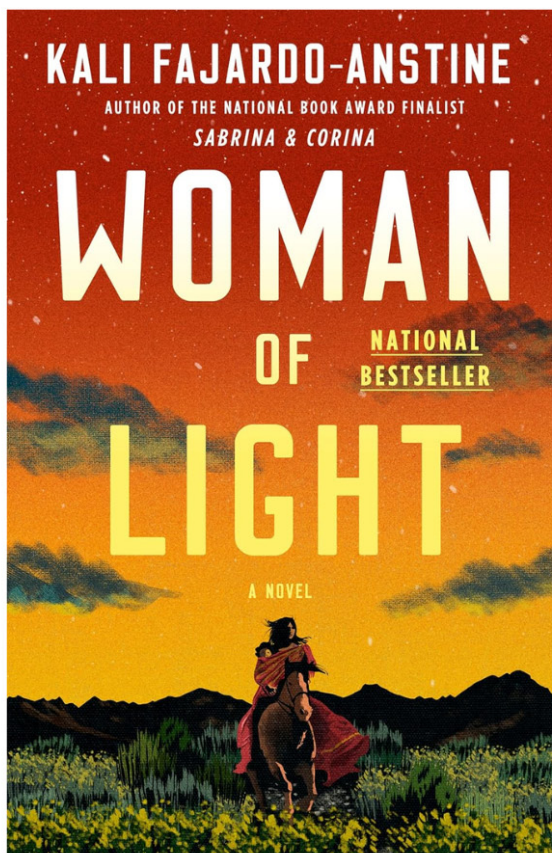
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Colfax Library

MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 14
2:00-3:00pm**

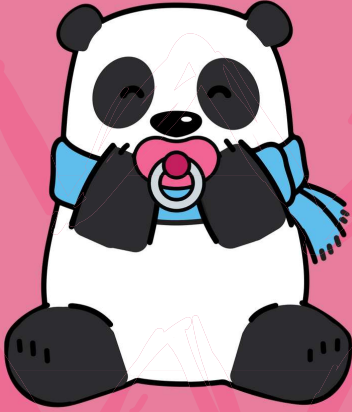


WOMAN OF LIGHT

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 11
2:00-3:00pm**



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
our Storytimes page!

Churches



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

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Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

Colfax United Methodist Church
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530-346-2267
Website: <https://www.colfaxumc.org/>

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses
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530-346-2525
Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

St. Dominic's Catholic Church
589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713
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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
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Website: <https://www.colfaxsdachurch.com>

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713
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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
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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
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Sierra Vista Community Center
55 School St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8726 Website:
<https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com>

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<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>





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