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City Council Approves New Skate Park Design On 3-0 Vote

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A rumor of a skate park coming to Colfax has been drifting around the city for years. More than one group has tried to make it happen and all have failed. But after the city council's 3-0 vote to approve the latest skate park re-design plans at its **July 9 meeting**, the rumor's odds of maybe becoming a reality have definitely improved.

Council member Larry Hillberg had to recuse himself from the vote because the project site is within 500 feet of his property line. He was allowed to speak as a member of the public however, and once again voiced his opposition to the project. Council member Trinity Burruss was not present for the meeting, nor were any skaters.

The vote also authorized the city manager to solicit construction bids for the project, now estimated to cost nearly half a million dollars.

In the meeting's only public hearing, the city's

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance was repealed and replaced to amend the city ordinance to be consistent with state law. The revisions clarify that detached ADUs and Junior ADUs (units no more than 500 square feet and contained within a single family residence) are allowed with just a building permit as long as they comply with provisions of the ordinance. City planning consultant Kathy Pease said that the revisions were intended to help people build an ADU by approving permits in 60 days. She added that only two ADU permits were issued in 2024. The item passed on a 3-1 vote with Hillberg casting the dissenting vote.

In other council business, the city accepted a donation from Green Machine of "approximately \$40,000" for the skate park project, and the council authorized a city donation of \$3,500 to this year's upcoming Railroad Days event. The final piece of council business was announc-

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The latest design for a proposed Colfax skatepark on the former community pool site.



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ing the winners of the July 4th decorating contest as follows: 48 West Grass Valley took first place (see photo above), while 30 N. Main St. and 5 South Main St. took second and third respectively. Hills Flat Lumber awarded gift certificates of \$50, \$30, and \$20 to the winners.

Harry Anderson made a short presentation on "making Colfax memorable again" earlier in the meeting.

The **July 23 city council meeting** had a single item of official business: a funding request from the nonprofit Historic Colfax Downtown Association (HCDA) for a council donation of \$5,000. Council member Trinity Burruss was absent from the meeting.

Erin Newington, HCDA director, made a strong pitch for the donation, listing seven actions that the organiztion has taken over the first seven months since its founding, including:

- Hosting three well-attended community meetings to lay out the organization's vision for revitalizing the downtown area.
- Launching 'Art Month' with two events promoting local creativity.
- Developing its VisitHistoricColfax.com site.
- Seeking grants and private partnerships.
- Developing a marketing plan that includes a map of available properties in Colfax.

- Producing a revitalization strategy for the Fruit Exchange building that includes a new 'Colfax Bazaar' event.
- Plans for expanding the annual Octoberfest event.

Newington stressed that "these efforts have been made possible entirely through volunteer time, personal investment and a strong comitment to the future of Colfax."

Public comment was unanimously in favor of making the \$5,000 donation, prompting Hillberg to immediately move to do just that but, it died for lack of a second. Councilmember Caroline McCully then moved to halve the donation to \$2,500. Newington argued from the public podium that she had done the work, created some momentum and needed the full \$5,000 to keep going. McCully's motion tied 2–2 and failed. Mayor Sean Lomen then revived Hillberg's motion to donate the full \$5,000, councilmember Douglass seconded and it passed unanimously.

The revised Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance also passed its second reading via the consent calendar earlier in the meeting, and will take effect on August 22.

August City Council Meetings
On the 13th and 27th

Free Back-To-School Vaccine Clinics For Families In Need

Placer County Public Health is offering free back-to-school immunization clinics for children who are without health insurance or have. Medi-Cal and may have difficulty getting vaccinated. Clinics will be offered in Auburn in July, August and September, by appointment only.

To verify eligibility and schedule an appointment, parents or guardians should contact 530-886-1883 or email placeriz@placer.ca.gov.

Last school year, Public Health provided 1,465 routine child-hood vaccinations to 524 children across the county, partnering with several local nonprofit organizations on outreach.

Under state law, all children must be immunized in order to attend school, preschool, or a child care center unless they have a medical exemption provided by their doctor. Find more details on required vaccines on the state's Shots for School website.

Placer County's Public Health division is offering the free immunizations through the Vaccines for Children Program. Vaccinations avoid or greatly reduce the chance of children becoming seriously ill from several diseases, including meningitis, polio, measles, chicken pox and whooping cough.

Visit www.placer.ca.gov/immunizationprogram for information on school immunization requirements.

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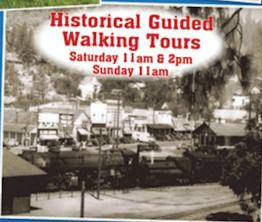
Digital copies can also be found on the Chamber's Website at (www.ColfaxChamber.com) and on the City's Website at (www.colfax-ca.gov).



SATURDAY & SUNDAY Sept. 13 & 14 – 10am-5pm Downtown Colfax



- Black Flag Gang
- Union Pacific
- Model Train Exhibits
- Beer Garden
- Craft Vendors
- Quilt Show
- FREE! KIDS ZONE
- Guided Walking Tours
 Saturday Ham & 2pm Sunday Ham
- Morman Battalion 1840's Camp
- · Car Show Sunday



LindaLou Haines' Business Briefs column returns in the September 2025 issue

Reimers Receives Robinson Award

Story and Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



Ted Huss, Colfax Lions scholarship chair, presented Anna Reimers with her award

Anna Reimers recently received a \$2000 check from the Colfax Lions to recognize her high school and college scholarship. The Robbie Robinson Award is given in honor of a past Colfax Lions President who was a career engineer. The award recognizes Colfax students who excel in Math, Science or Engineering and is designed to support students as they pursue a scientific career.

Anna was a standout student at Colfax and earned a 4.0 average. She was a volunteer at Acres of Hope, a local women's and children's shelter. She was an athlete having lettered on the Colfax Alpine Ski Team and served as co-president of the school's Environmental Club.

In order to qualify for the award, a stu-

dent must complete their freshman college year in engineering, life or physical sciences with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Anna is a physiology and neurobiology major at UC Davis and far exceeded the grade threshold in her freshman year.

Colfax Lions Scholarship Chair, Ted Huss said, "Colfax Lions are thrilled to help Anna on her way to a successful college experience and to achieving her life goals."

Reimers stated, "I am incredibly grateful to the Colfax Lions for awarding me this scholarship. Their support helped to motivate me to excel in my first year at UC Davis."









Top right — Mary Walker
Top left — The childrens' parade
Bottom right — Patriotic in pink
Bottom left — Bill and Pam Bean





Street vendors were kept busy all day by the large crowd.





Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Food brings people together on many different levels. It's the nourishment of the soul and body; it's truly love. - Giada De Laurentiis

This summer has been a mixed bag of fun including Bingo, farmers markets, pancake breakfasts, karaoke, Art Walks/ Cruise Nights, 3rd of July



and more! It's such a joy to live in this little slice of heaven that offers community events, good music and good food for all to enjoy.

We've recently had the pleasure of bringing a new business, Bourbon & Barrel, into our membership here at the Chamber. In keeping with the theme of good food and good people, I am pleased to introduce the owner of Bourbon & Barrel, Brandy Morris, to you.

As a longtime resident of Colfax, Brandy saw an opportunity to bring something special, that isn't currently being offered, with her mobile charcuterie business. **Bourbon & Barrel** uses local and seasonal ingredients, offering customizable options while utilizing a mobile experience.

Brandy knew it would take time to make her vision of mobile charcuterie come to life, so she started working on creating a business model and testing recipes in the evening with her children after a long day at work and school.

The idea to name it Bourbon & Barrel came from researching the way that bourbon is aged in the barrel over time, allowing the infusion to create a masterpiece for all to enjoy. To Brandy, success means seeing the smiles on her customers faces as they taste her creations as well as the smiles from her children as they watch their mom's dreams become reality.

At Bourbon & Barrel they believe that great food brings people together. They strive to create a one-of-a-kind experience that entertains your palate while creating unforgettable moments with your family and friends.

You can reach Bourbon & Barrel through the website at: www.bbcharcute.com, by telephone at: (530) 648-3701, or by email at bbchacute@gmail.com.

As always, look for ways to get involved in the community! The city council holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. The Chamber hosts a Coffee & Conversations on the first Friday of the month at the train depot from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

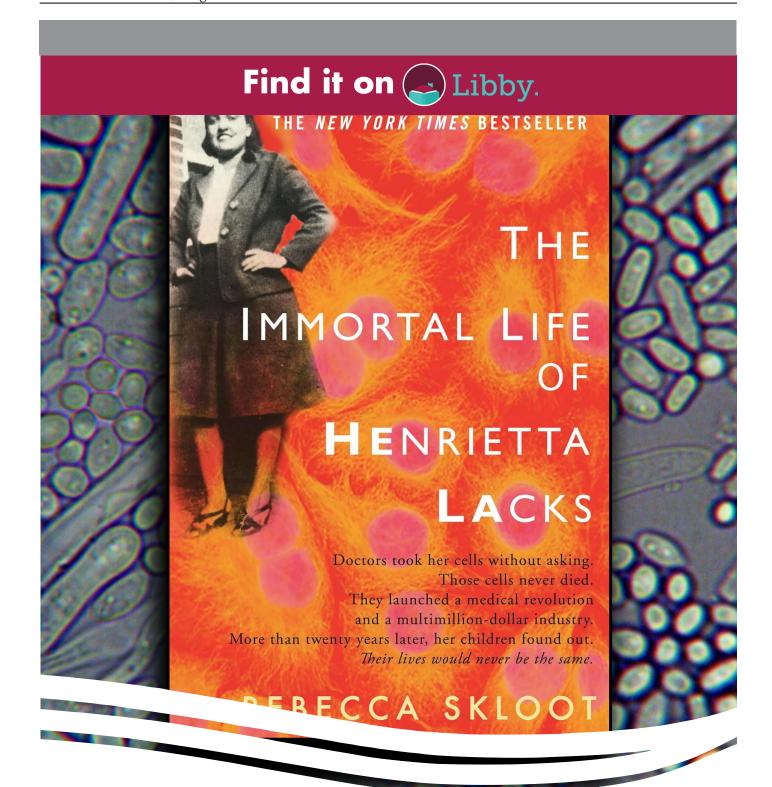
Colfax VFW offers their all-you-can-eat breakfast the second Sunday of the month, and Sierra Vista Center hosts their monthly flea market on the third Saturday. All are local family friendly events and meant to add to the richness that is Colfax living at its best.

Thank you from all of us at the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce!

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President



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COLFAX LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY SEPT 10 | 2PM



CHICKEN LASAGNA, CAESAR SALAD, FOCCACIA BREAD AND FOR DESSERT TIRAMISU.



American Legion post 192 fundraiser. Come out and have dinner with us and enjoy a delicious meal. We support our local veterans. Saturday August 2nd at 6:00 pm, social hour starts at 5:00 pm. A wonderful dinner for a donation of only \$20.00 for adults and \$10:00 for children under 13. Call for reservations early. We accept credit cards.

COLFAX MEMORIAL HALL



For reservations: Phone numbers Call **530 277-7598** or Hank's cell **916 216- 8254** Text OK.

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Website: https://www.jw.org/en/

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Website: https://www.scd.org/parish/

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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

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VFW Post 2003 22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713 530-346-7768 https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html

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