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Colfax Connections

City Council Returns To Holding In-Person Meetings

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With social-distanced seating, the Colfax City Council returned to live, in-person meetings in July. Zoom/call-in options are still available.

The July 14 meeting opened with a presentation from the Placer Mosquito Vector Control District explaining the district's mission of managing the risks from insect borne diseases to "protect public health and quality of life in Placer County." District manager Joel Buettner and district public information officer Meagan Luevano made the presentation.

A public hearing to amend Colfax Municipal Code Chapter 2.28 to allow the city to provide for its volunteer fire department and related services by contract agreement with the county followed that, and passed unanimously.

A resolution authorizing the city manager to sign a three-year contract for building inspection services, not to exceed $355,453 also received a unanimous approval vote by the council.

During Council and Staff reports city manager Wes Heathcock introduced Martin Jones, the city's new public works director. Jones, who has been on the job since June 7, lives in Grass Valley and was previously employed as superintendent of parks and general services for the city of Davis, California.

The July 28 meeting was called to order with council member Mendoza absent.

The meeting opened with a presentation by city planning director Emmanuel Ursu, recommending adoption by resolution of an addendum to the General Plan environmental Impact Report, as well as the 2021-2009 Housing Element Update of the General Plan. After a lengthy council question and answer session the resolution passed unanimously.

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Colfax Celebrates July Third

The July Third Celebration returned after a year's hiatus due to COVID 19, and was a great success.

At left are the youngsters from Ambitions Performing Arts.

See more photos by Alan Shuttleworth on pages 6 and 7.

Foxey's Latest Mural

Colfax's resident muralist, Foxey McCleary, recently finished her latest work on the back wall of Heilaman Hall (S. Main Alley at Church). She said that it took her two weeks to finish the piece, a barn scene commemorating the stable her family owned from 1854 to 1940 on the same site. Foxey credited her granddaughter, Arshay Fischer, for picking up a brush and helping. She also expressed gratitude to Ray Perreti, Kevin Jacklick, Barry Combs and Mark Viscia for helping her move ladders and scaffolding.

Photo By Alan Shuttleworth.

City Council from page 1

The one item of council business on the agenda concerned the appointment of two council representatives to the Placer County Homelessness Regional Working Group that will review existing resources for homeless people and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Council members Mendoza and Burruss were appointed as the Colfax representatives to the working group.

The city council's next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021.

Colfax Has New Director Of Public Works

Meet Martin Jones, the city's new director of public works. He was born in England and came to the U.S. when his family moved here when he was 12. A University of Washington graduate, Jones currently resides in Grass Valley. Before coming to work in Colfax he was superintendent of parks and general services for the city of Davis. Jones has been on the job here since early June.

Photo by Will Stockwin

Placer County COVID Updates

As of June 30:
• A total of 398,194 doses have been administered to Placer County residents, including 192,808 second or complete (i.e. single dose) doses. Public Health receives vaccine allocations on a weekly basis and uses some doses for its own operations while reallocating others to health care partners including hospitals, clinics and pharmacies.

• There were 23,793 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Placer County as of July 1. Cases have continued to decrease in the last month.

• Placer County has received reports of 300 COVID-related deaths.
* 158(53%) were residents of long-term care facilities.
* 43% were under the age of 80; 12% were under the age of 65.
* At least 91% of those who died had at least one confirmed underlying health condition.

As of July 1:
•Placer County Public Health has received 452,890 total test results to detect COVID-19. The 7-day average testing positivity rate is 2.6%.

Delta Variant: Placer County Public Health has been notified of 6 cases of the Delta variant identified through genomic surveillance. The Delta variant is associated with increased transmission.

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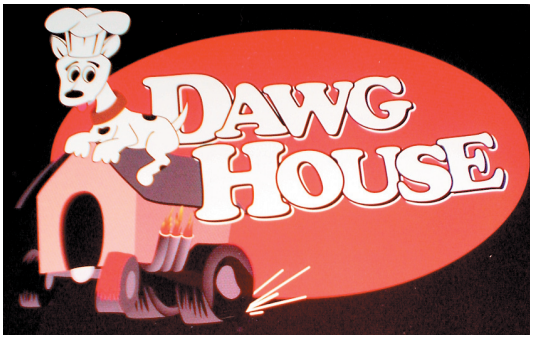
Business Briefs . . .

with LindaLou Haines

"Get your hot dogs here-- Your fat and juicy hot dogs!"



Where do we get those fat, juicy beef hot dogs and more in Colfax? At Dawg House Colfax, 745 State Hwy. 174.

Recently we spent some time with new owner Doug Keenum, who just left the business banking world. How do you go from banking to being a chef and owning a restaurant? Doug said he was getting burned out in banking, and he always liked to cook. So, why not. As of now, he has owned the restaurant for four months.

Doug wanted me to make this point: The menu may look the same but "some of the components are different." That's because the menu reflects Doug's own spin on the items. For example, the Philly Cheese Steak features melted provolone, none of that gooey, "cheese" stuff that many places use.

Some of the dawg items have intriguing names: "57 Chevy Dog," "Mustang Dog," "Challenger Dog" and "Harley Dog." And, there are lots more. Of course, there are drinks, like sodas, beer and ciders.

Speciality items are Tri-Tip Sandwiches on Tuesdays and Fish 'N' Chips on Fridays. Also, there are two veggie options with more to come.

Dawg House hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 - 8. For more info, call 305-1663 or check out the website, DawgHouseColfax.com.

Now, for a different kind of libation: **The Railhead Saloon**, 30 N. Main, in the Old Pharmacy building, serves wine and cocktails, like Margaritas, plus a selection of beers. And, the folks who don't drink alcoholic beverages are welcomed with non-alcoholic options. The welcoming ambiance extends to single women as well.

Robin Perez, Assistant Manager (at left) and Sarah Murphy, Manager.
Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

Owners Bridget and Gabe Armstrong, Manager Sarah Murphy and Assistant Manager Robin Perez all work on the welcoming vibe by insisting on cleanliness and a dress code for the seven bartenders. No "Hooters" tops for the Railhead.

The Railhead just celebrated its second anniversary in its new location on Main Street. That's how long Sarah has been the manager, following her 13 years in various local spots as a bartender.

It should be noted that the Railhead is a big supporter of the local organizations and their events, such as the Soroptimists' Golf Tournament and the Green Machine's July 3rd Independence Day Celebration.

Sarah said that during COVID, the locals kept the Railhead's doors open by supporting them during that time. And, to keep it on the up-&-up, patrons of Railhead could order food from Main St. Pizza and Grandma C's Bakery and Kitchen. So, all three businesses did well during that period. Sarah extended the owners' "Thanks" to the locals for their loyalty.

The Railhead is open weekdays 1:00 till the crowd packs it in around midnight or so. No later than 2:00 am. Saturdays and Sundays it opens at noon till 12 midnight. You can call the Railhead at 346-9105 for more info.

Remember to email me with your Colfax City business news, lindalouhaines14@gmail.com
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Construction of the future AM/PM Mini Mart gas station, convenience store and car wash on the western side of the roundabout began in mid-June. City manager Wes Heathcock said there will be no traffic closures during construction, and that he expects to see the project finished sometime between January and March next spring. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

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JANUARY	8	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	11	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	22	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	25	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	29	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
FEBRUARY	8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	22	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	26	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
MARCH	8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	29	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
APRIL	9	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	12	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
MAY	10	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	14	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	21	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	24	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	28	Rocklin	8:00 – 10:00 am
JUNE	11	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	14	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	18	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	25	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	28	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
JULY	9	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	12	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
AUGUST	9	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	13	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	20	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	27	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	30	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
SEPTEMBER	10	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	13	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	17	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	24	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	27	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
OCTOBER	8	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	11	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	22	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	25	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	29	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
NOVEMBER	8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	24	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	29	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
DECEMBER	10	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	13	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	20	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

Sheridan	Celebration Family Worship	5721 10 Street
Lincoln	McBean Park	65 McBean Park Drive
Rocklin	Johnson-Springview Park	5480 5th Street
Colfax	Sierra Vista Comm Center	55 School Street
Foresthill	Harrison Street Yard	24625 Harrison Street

Placerfoodbank.org 916.783.0481

Colfax Celebrates The Return Of 3RD Of July Holiday

Page 6:
Left – Amanda Milliken with her dog, Aberdeen.
Lower Left – Black Angus Campbell of the Black Flag Gang.

Page 7:
Top Right – Adalynne Milliken, riding in the Kids Parade.
Bottom Right – Kennedy Hughes, taking a ride on the inflatable slide.
Bottom Right – Smokey Bassett dressed as Schuyler Colfax

All Photos By Alan Shuttleworth

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

By Sally Laughlin

Summers in Colfax are rich with all the things that living in the country can bring. I had some out of town guests last weekend, and they were enchanted with life on our little farm.

First they played with the goats, and then we walked back to the river and picked ripe blackberries and plums. Grapes lay heavy on the vines, and the apple trees are loaded with what will be a bountiful harvest of yellow and deep red fruit. My friends were amazed at our peaceful Colfax lifestyle. Enjoy these longest days of the year while they last!

We are planning all kinds of exciting events for the coming months. Third of July was a fantastic success, with the beer gardens and live music adding greatly to our famous parade and fireworks.

Next up is Railroad Days on September 18-19, and we expect many wonderful surprises, as our very own Fred Abbott is orchestrating this festival that brings train lovers from all parts of California and surrounding areas. There will be saloon girls, mock gun fights, model train exhibits, vendors and more.

Our Chamber is planning Winterfest for December 11, complete with tree lighting, parade, fireworks, music and vendors. We are hoping to make this the biggest Winterfest celebration ever! Our monthly mixers have started back up: August 16 hosted by Creative Corners, Scoops d Colfax Theatre; September 7 with Homie Joe's, and October 19 at Colfax Mini Storage.

Coffee & Conversations are up and going the first Wednesday of each month 8:00am at the Visitors Center. All are welcome to come and hear one of our guest speakers talk on a variety of topics, and network with local business owners.

The Chamber will hold a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate its reopening and reorganization of it Visitor's Center at the Depot, 99 railroad Ave. on Friday, August 6 at 4:00 pm. Chamber members and interested friends are invited to join us.

Our Visitors Center and Heritage Museum are open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9-2.

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COLFAX 2021 RAILROAD DAYS

This is a FREE Family Event in Downtown Colfax

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19
10 AM til 5 PM

Street Dance Saturday 5:30 pm 'til 9 pm

Union Pacific Railroad Display • Model Train Displays
Lego Train Display • Craft Vendors • Face Painters
Balloon Artist • Black Flag Gang • Interactive Entertainment
1840's Re-enactment Camp • Food • Refreshments
Sierra Vista Community Center Flea Market
American Legion - VFW Pancake Breakfast 8 'til 10 am $5
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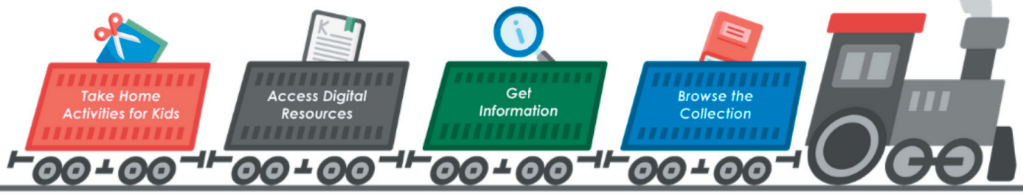

Auburn, Colfax, Granite Bay, Rocklin

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 - 6:00
Friday & Saturday
10:00 - 5:00

Foresthill, Kings Beach, Tahoe City

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10:30 - 4:00
Wednesday
12:30 - 6:00

Online 24/7 placer.ca.gov/library

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Churches

Colfax Assembly of God Community Fellowship
252 Culver St.,
Colfax, CA 95713
Email: colfaxaog@gmail.com
Website: http://www.colfaxagca.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.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
530-346-9433
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
530-346-7474
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

Gold Country Lionesses
PO Box 1852, Colfax, CA 95713

Illinoistown Clay-Mason Lodge #51 of Colfax
14 N. Main St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-6627
Website: http://lodge51.freemason.org

Sierra Vista Artists
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

Sierra Vista 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

Opening May 26, 2021

Sierra Vista Center

- **Certified Farmers' Market at 55 School St. in Colfax.**
- **Every Wednesday, 4-7 p.m. May 26 – October 13, 2021**
- **Prepared food vendors welcome**

- **Contact Market Manager Will Stockwin at 530-210-4291 or wstockwin@hughes.net for vendor applications and market rules.**

- **Preference will be given to Placer and Nevada County Growers.**