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Lessons Learned Following Post-Christmas Storm

February 23, 2022 City Council Meeting – Winter Storm Action Strategy.

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A number of problems and potential solutions were discussed during a public presentation at the beginning of the meeting, where it seemed generally agreed that we'd all underestimated what was coming in that post-Christmas "low snow" forecast.

Agency participants included the City of Colfax, Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), Placer County FD/Calfire, PG&E and several local propane dealers. Some of the problems and potential solutions brought up during the discussion included:

• The communications breakdown due to downed lines and silenced cell towers was a major problem early on. Colfax Public Works director Martin Jones said the city plans to purchase a Satellite phone to aid in communicating with agencies outside of Colfax during emergencies. He has requested purchase of a self-powered portable, digital message board that could be set up in front of city hall to keep citizens informed when phones are dead.

• Fallen trees and scattered, broken limbs were a big problem for crews trying to reopen city streets. That the city was short-handed during the holiday didn't help.

• I-80 road closure at Colfax caused all of the usual problems clogging local streets and parking lots, and hampering emergency response efforts. PCSO Sgt. Griffiths reminded local residents that if stranded I-80 travelers are trespassing on local property, the property owner has to call in a formal complaint to dispatch before deputies can lawfully act.

• Griffiths also suggested teaming PG&E repair teams with CalFire chainsaw crews to

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40 Licks Art Featured In 'Business Briefs'

This month's Business Briefs column by LindaLou Haines features local Colfax artist Cat Raymond and her paintings on Pages 4&5.

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speed the clearance of roads with fallen trees and downed power lines. He also said PCSO had seen the need for more four-wheel drive patrol units in this area.

• PG&E spokesperson Brandon Sanders said the holiday timing of the storm had left them "challenged for crew resources on the front end of the event."

• Another problem that he cited was the lack of available flat land locally where PG&E could stage supplies and equipment for emergency repairs. He said they wound up staging all of that in Wheatland. Mayor Trinity Burruss suggested the closed city landfill as a possible solution.

During agency reports at the top of the meeting, CHP officer Chris Nave told the council there had been a 30% rise in traffic deaths in 2021. He encouraged drivers to slow down, especially in bad weather saying, **"It's unsafe driving, not the weather, that causes collisions."**

CalFire's Captain Nolan Hale said that Union Pacific is expected to begin fuel reduction work during the second or third week of March.

He also said this is the time of year when his agency sees more chimney fires, and recommended that wood burners check their flues.

February 9, 2022 City Council meeting – The main agenda item at the month's first city council meeting was to discuss and advise city staff regarding a request from the Golden State Patient Care (GSPC) medical cannabis dispensary to be permitted to add recreational cannabis to its retail sales.

All five council members were present.

A lengthy public comment period, wherein 85 members of the public from Colfax and the surrounding area commented in person or via Zoom and FaceBook, stretched the meeting to two hours before Mayor Trinity Burruss closed the public podium.

There were 64 comments in favor of allowing recreational cannabis sales and 21 comments opposed.

The council could not agree on clear guidance to give staff, however, and GSPC's request was denied.

Earlier in the meeting during Agency Reports the council heard from CHP that DUIs, speeding and collisions are up, and a report from PCFD/CalFire that 10 recent vegetation fires were started by old, still smoldering, unattended burn piles.

A networking event for our business owners to connect and get reacquainted! Bring your business cards. Coffee & donuts will be provided.

Join us!

Date: 1st Wednesday of Every Month
Time: 8 AM - 9:30 AM
Location: 99 Railroad St, Colfax
Hosted by: Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

Council meetings in March are scheduled for March 9 and March 23.

1,713 Valentines Sent To Vets

Valentines Day 2022 has now passed, but not without our veterans at Reno VA Hospital, Mather VA Hospital, Yountville Veterans Home, veterans at Auburn VA Clinic, and veterans living at five Auburn senior facilities knowing for certain that Californians have not forgotten them, or that their military service went unrecognized.

In 2022, 1,713 Valentines for Vets were lovingly created by individuals, adult groups, Girl Scouts, school classes, Auburn Salvation Army, and the DAR John A Sutter Chapter of Citrus Heights.

Tiny hands and nimble older hands focused their hearts and minds, and collectively made beautiful cards to let all our veterans know they are loved and appreciated.

Three collection boxes were in Colfax and Auburn, two of which provided supplies to make Valentines.

In the 23 years of collecting and distributing Valentines, 48,283 Valentines have reached Veterans hands.

Colfax VFW Auxiliary 2003 is grateful that people of all ages, talents, and energies took the time to make Valentines. Your gift to our veterans is priceless.

Thank you, ALL!

Beth Murphy

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Business Briefs . . .

. . . with LindaLou Haines

What is going on at Ed Marson's old store at 25 S. Main? Behind the paper covered windows, there is a swirl of activity. Here's a hint: **Against the grain**. All the details next month.

Another puzzle: What is **Advent Greens**? That's what I wondered after seeing the Fictitious Business Name Statement in the *Auburn Journal*. Turns out that it is a business that is associated with the Adventist Weimar Institute, and it promotes growing and eating nutritious greens. Owner Wiljon Guarin will be holding classes at his office at 233 S. Auburn St., Suite 215. He can be reached at 731-358-9632.

Now to our feature business for this month: **40 Licks Art**, also known as Cat Raymond, also known as Christiane Raymond. However, Barnabas the cat is actually in charge of all things at 54 W Grass Valley St., Cat's studio.

Over the years, Cat has been a "printer who does art," but now she considers herself as an "artist who prints." Her art is priority now. She describes it as "what keeps me sane."

Artist Cat Raymond in her studio. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth.

However, she has a day job, and that is printing at 49er Printing in Grass Valley. So, she is able to print her own cards, which are copies of her original art.

I asked Cat about her process for creating her art pieces, especially those of birds in natural settings. She said she spends as much time in nature as she can, and she takes shots with a camera. Then, she prints them out and creates her art from the photos.

Her process really works for her since the amount of detail in her art is incredible and quite amazing. Her birds are very life-like, even in the printed cards that she made from her original art.

Her favorite medium is graphite, but Cat also works in pen and ink, watercolor and acrylic. She also does graphic design.

I am so impressed with her talent, especially since she is primarily self-taught. And, I am so glad that I met Cat during last November's annual Placer Artists Studios Tour.

She can be reached at (530) 906-7682, which is the phone that she shares with her print shop.

I would love to hear from new businesses and existing businesses that you'd like to promote. Please send me an email at lindalouhaines14@gmail.com.

More of Cat Raymond's Art

3-17-2022
AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3rd Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall.

Chicken and andouille sausage Gumbo with rice, and salad.
Dessert: Bread pudding with bourbon sauce.

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.

$15.00 per person, $8.00 ages 7-13 and under 7 are free

Our Monthly Thursday night dinners

Adult Social hour at 5PM, dinner served at 6PM

***Reservations are required* so please call ahead for reservations. We also have take-out available (with reservations). Commander's cell 916 216-8254**

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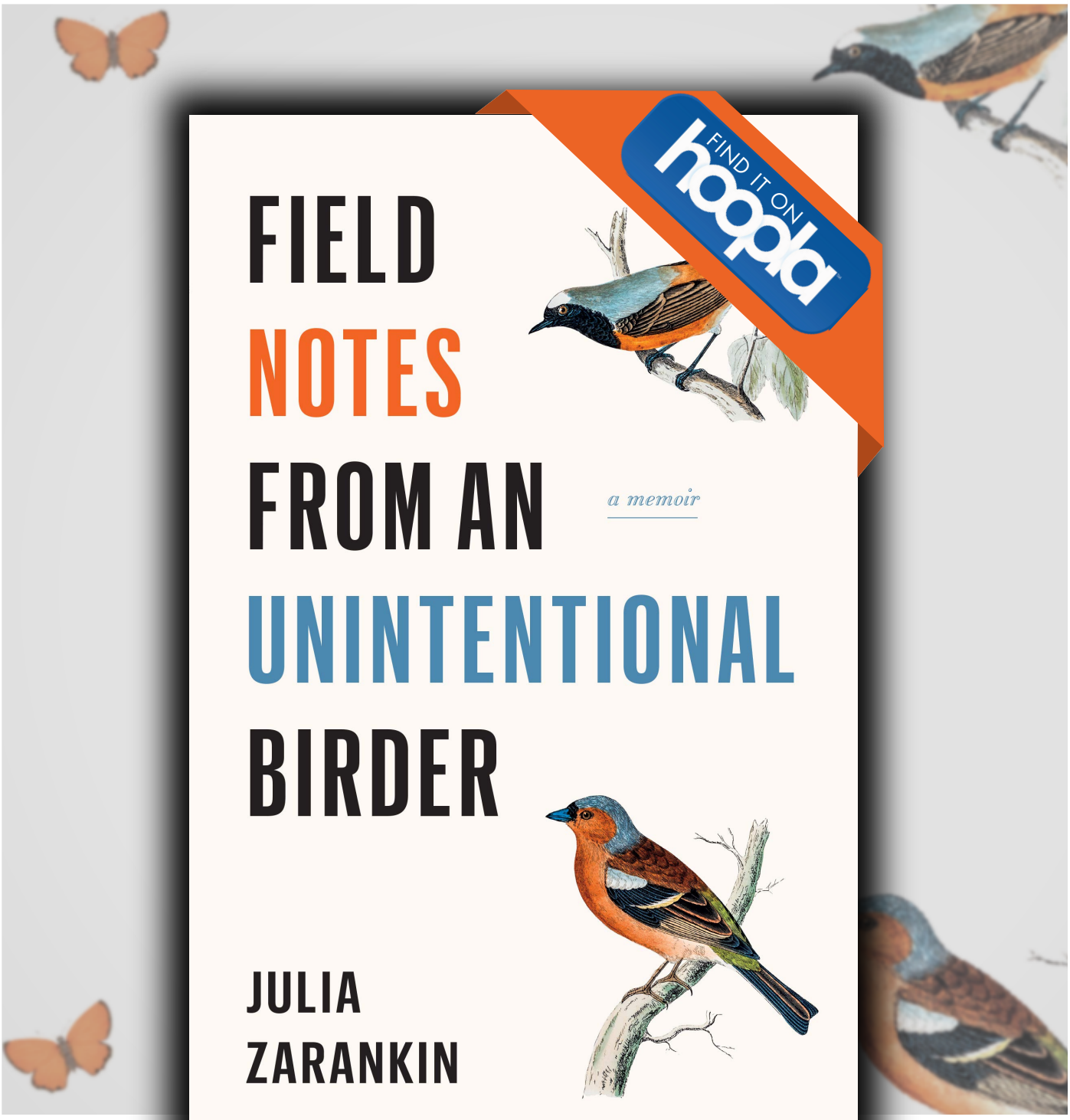
New menu every month



COLFAX LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY MAR 9 | 4PM

County of Placer Library Services

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

2022 is flying by and we are enjoying the ride.

We start March with our monthly Coffee & Conversations event on the first Wednesday of the Month, 3/2 from 8-9AM. We will have Nicole Hinkle, from Placer County Office of Economic Development, discussing the new Micro Business Grant available.

These monthly events are a place to learn about what is going on in our area, network and collaborate with other businesses and a great space to learn something new. All community members are welcome. And did I mention we have donuts? During March we hold our annual membership drive. This is when our board reaches out to our current and potential members to survey how the Chamber can support them in 2022.

The culmination of this process is a celebration at our Annual Member Luncheon.
This year it takes place on March 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at TJ's Roadhouse in Colfax.

We will be presenting the Scoop Thurman award as well as acknowledging our loyal business members. We are looking forward to celebrating with you this year.

For more information you can: email us at Colfaxareachamber@gmail.com, or call us at (530) 346-8888.

Lauriana Cecchi
Executive Director
Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

COLFAX AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Member Luncheon

Presentation of the **Scoop Thurman Award**

WHEN: WED, MARCH 30TH 11:30AM-1:30PM
WHERE: ***TJ'S ROADHOUSE*** 520 S. AUBURN ST.
COLFAX, CA 95713

RSVP by 3/15 ColfaxAreaChamber@gmail.com

Colfax Green Machine's

15th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

Saturday, March 12, 2022
5:30 to 10 pm

Colfax Community Center
55 School Street, Colfax

Dine-in or Crab n' Go
Tickets: $60 per person

Meal includes: Shrimp cocktail, salad, garlic bread, pasta and crab

Silent & Dessert auctions
No host bar
Door Prizes
Music

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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/

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

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

This photo is from our Colfax burn site where our house once stood. Out of hundreds of daffodils in the ground, only a very few made it through the River Fire. This individual is symbolic of rebuilding, rebirth and hope for the future.

Photo and caption
by Alan Shuttleworth