

Colfax Connections

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Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Needle Exchanges Passes 5-0

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News that a needle exchange and distribution program had submitted an application in July 2023 to operate in Placer County was enough to prompt an urgency ordinance prohibiting syringe service programs on the city council's September 27 meeting agenda.

Placer County and the cities of Auburn and Rocklin have already adopted similar ordinances. Other cities are expected to follow suit.

Urgency ordinances take effect immediately with only one public reading before adoption, if at least four members of the council vote in favor. The ordinance can be invalidated, however, if the city's urgency finding is challenged in court. For that reason the city attorney advised adopting an identical, non-urgency ordinance at the same time as a backup replacement in case the urgency finding is denied in court.

The backup ordinance will get a second reading at the October 11 council meeting. Without further comment from the public or council, the item passed unanimously.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is authorized by state code to approve syringe service programs (aka syringe exchange programs) to provide and collect syringes for people who inject drugs.

SANE (Safer Alternatives through Networking & Education) submitted the application, and estimates distributing 200,000 syringes annually in Placer County. The council felt the proposed program would result in an excess of needles far beyond the needs of Colfax or Placer County, which would invariably result in needles being disposed of in public places.

If CDPH approves SANES's application, Colfax



Erin Nolan (L) and Crystal Henderson were lovely saloon ladies at the recent Railroad Days celebration. See more photos by Alan Shuttleworth on pages 6 & 7.

would be unable to prohibit a syringe exchange program because it had no regulatory process in place to do so. Adopting both ordinances provides immediate prohibition with the urgency ordinance, and long-term prohibition when the regular ordinance is adopted on November 11, 30 days after its second reading.

Late Update: on September 28, SANE withdrew its application to distribute syringes in Placer County.

In the absence of any official business, the **September 13 city council meeting** hosted a presentation by the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCPTA).

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Brass Groups Spark Colfax Musical Scene

Story and Photos
by Alan Shuttleworth

Remember The Music Man, the 1962 movie musical? It was the story of Harold Hill and is set in a 1910 Iowa small town.

Hill eventually turns the sleepy town into an energetic musical happening.

Enter Colfax's Doug Thorley, who has also taken big steps to cre-

ate a positive musical climate in Colfax. Thorley's favorite ways to share his instrumental skills, is the creation of a quartet of tuba players called Tubamonium. Keep your eyes and ears open as you never know when this group will appear.

They have performed at the Roy Toms Plaza, the Colfax Farmer's Market and the entrance to the Fruit



Tubamonium, left to right – Gary Shannon, Doug Thorley, Mark Meeker, Michelle Daniels

Exchange Building.

Another of Thorley's performing interests, is a group of local trombone players called The Paleobones. In Music Man, there is a song called "76 Trombones." While a little short of 76 trombones,

Thorley introduced 14 of the 20+ Paleobones at a recent rehearsal in his Colfax home. Many members of this group have grey hair (hence the moniker Paleobones) but are all first-rate talents who perform at many local venues including a variety of local churches. So keep your eyes and



Paleobones warm Doug Thorley's new house with music.

ears open and try to stay tuned to advertisements regarding any of Thorley's musical groups and when they will again be performing locally.

If you can score on that kind of calendar planning, I know that you will be treated to a fun filled and joyous event.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
12:00-6:00PM



FOOD, MUSIC & ACTIVITIES
S. MAIN STREET, COLFAX CA

\$10 ENTRY 21+ KIDS FREE

TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE

MORE INFO: COLFAXAREACHAMBER@GMAIL.COM

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Doing his best to minimize the acronymic blizzard, Mike Costa, senior transportation planner, briefed the council with updates on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Unmet Transit Needs Process (UTN), and the Comprehensive Operational Analysis/Short Range Transit Plan (COA/SRTP).

RTP – The plan is updated every five years, and the new update will extend the plan until 2050. PCTPA is required to involve the public in its planning process, with the objective of assessing public opinion on transportation priorities. A second round of public outreach focused on specific regional projects began in September. Three public workshops are planned for October.

UTN – This annual public input identifies transit needs not currently being met. PCTPA began the public outreach process in September. That process will include an online survey, e-mails, and social media posts.

COA/SRTP – Placer County, Auburn, and Roseville Transit will be taking a comprehensive look at their entire transit systems after the pandemic to determine how to best get riders to where they need to go within the county. For more information on these projects contact Mike Costa at (530) 823-4029.

The second reading of revised Ordinance 552 passed on a 3-2 vote. The ordinance will take effect on October 13.

October city council meetings will be on the 11th and 25th.

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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

Rosie's BBQ & Deli has come to town. Located at 745 State Hwy. 174, it specializes in barbecued meats and sandwiches.

Also on the menu are these items: Deli sandwiches, BBQ plates, Mac Bowls, sides, desserts and frozen treats. Plus soft drinks and beer.

Rosie's website proclaims: "Rosie's BBQ & Deli is the go-to spot in Colfax ... the best BBQ or Deli sandwiches in Placer and Nevada County."

The webpage describes a Rosie's restaurant as "a fast-casual concept committed to serving the best tasting BBQ and Deli experience in the world in a fun, comfortable environment."

That sounds like a challenge to go in and check out the ambiance and the menu.

Now, mark your calendars: Thursday Night Football takes center stage Thursday evenings preceded by a Happy Hour 2-4 p.m. with half priced drinks and desserts. Rosie's is open Thursday through Sunday, 12-7.

You can order by calling 530-537-3773 or ordering online at www.RosiesDeli.com

Orders can be delivered or folks can dine in or take out. Also, Rosie's does catering.

An update on **The Wrecking Crew Bakery and Café** at 38 N. Main: New owner Caroline Glenn Presson had a bang-up grand opening a month ago. Her specialities are pastries, sandwiches, coffee, salads, donuts, smoothies, espresso, soups, and organic juices. My current favorite is the peach scones. They are so good.

The hours for the Wrecking Crew are 7-3, and the phone is 537-5085. She is also on Facebook.

Please send me your business news, lindalouhaines14@gmail.com



BBQ
Sandwiches
Deli Meat
Frozen Custard
Root Beer Floats



How Do Trees Help The Environment?

*(Editor’s note – Once again we are featuring the six winners of the Colfax Garden Club’s annual 5th Grade Arbor Day Essay Contest. This is the last of this year’s essays, written by **Makayla Ferrara**, who was one of two Fourth Place winners.)*

Imagine all the trees disappearing? Do you know what would happen without trees? Trees are so important to the environment that without trees our Earth will become dangerous. Trees can help the environment by providing shelters and homes for animals, and also provide oxygen.

Trees provide shelters and homes for many different animals. For example, when there is extreme heat, animals such as

bats, raccoons, squirrels, mice, opossums and bears go under trees for shade and shelter. Those animals will also be close to their food sources. Animals are important to our environment. Without trees animals will die because they don’t have shelter, food, or sites for reproduction.

Animals also help plants reproduce by carrying pollen from one plant to another plant. Animals also spread plant seeds. Animals are a big part of the environment and without animals many plants will die.

Trees provide oxygen for many living things. For example, trees give us oxygen and store carbon dioxide. Without trees we wouldn’t have any extra oxy-

gen, and without extra oxygen the soil would become full of super dangerous chemicals and pollutants that are usually filtered by trees. Trees also play an important role in creating healthier and safer communities.

Trees keep our air clean, filter our water, slow storm surge and flooding in our cities. This is why trees are so important in providing us oxygen and helping us to have a healthier and safer city.

There would be less shelter for animals and less oxygen in the air. The next time you are on a walk take a minute to appreciate all of the trees.

Trees are our superheroes!



Railroad Days, 2023

Railroad Days began over 25 years ago as Founders Day. The name of the event changed to Railroad Days in 2000, when it was taken over by the Placer Sierra Railroad Heritage Society. In 2018 Fred and Renee Abbott rebooted the event and have been the chairs ever since. In 2019 the Abbotts created a non-profit financial status for the event that it still holds today.

Top left – Jeremy Dawson, CalFire, at the wheel of a 1936 Dodge fire truck.

Middle left – Downtown vendors.

Lower left – Smoky Bassett (L) and Bob Blair (R) guarding their antique cannon.

Bottom right – Wes Murrish on banjo.



Photos by Alan Shuttleworth





Top left – Josh Alpine, Colfax Lions.

Middle left – Fred Abbott, Railroad Days co-chair.

Middle center – Sue Bryson spins raw cotton into thread.

Right – Historic mail stage.



Union Pacific Firefighting Train

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

"As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see." – Vincent Van Gogh



October is here and Fall is in full swing! Classrooms have calmed down as students and teachers get acclimated to the schedule, the hot, care-free days of summer are behind us until next year and we are looking forward to big happenings in Colfax.

October boasts of the monthly activities we have come to expect and enjoy, as well as some new treats for you this year. We will be holding our first annual Oktoberfest on October 14 in historic downtown Colfax. We have lined up local breweries, food, vendors, music and crafts for the kids. For more information please go to www.eventbrite.com and enter Colfax for the city of reference.

On October 21 we will be holding a Chili cook-off with amazing submissions from your local community and judged by a few of our members at the Chamber. Spoiler alert ... there will be some fun prizes!

October 31 we will have our annual Trunk-or-Tregbfat in downtown Colfax, and there is fun to be had by all. Businesses participate in a design-your-own scarecrow contest, community members and business members dress up their vehicles and dole out candy for the yearly trick-or-treat event. There is always good food to be found downtown.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to introduce our Member of the Month: Jimi of Jimi Fortune Jewelry Services. You have probably seen this jewelry shop near the post office in downtown Colfax and wondered who owns it and what they sell. I would like to introduce our friend, Jimi, and tell you a little bit about Jimi Fortune Jewelry Services.

Jimi has been handling all things jewelry, from creating custom pieces, to repairing priceless treasures, to fixing watch batteries and bands for the last 34 years. Like his art, he has custom designed his shop into a place where local artists can showcase their offerings such as custom hats and shirts, woodwork, glass art and enameling.

Tapping into his past as the lead singer of a punk band, Jimi is passionate about supporting local artists and pouring back into the community he loves. He keeps his prices competitive and doesn't let this affect his workmanship negatively. Jimi loves the sense of community that is Colfax and the small-town feel of knowing your neighbors.

To find out more about Jimi Fortune Jewelry Services please visit his website at www.jimifortune.com. His telephone number is (530) 303-7674, and his current hours of operation are Tuesday–Friday 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. (Please call ahead to make sure there is someone at the shop before dropping jewelry off.)

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President

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Paloma Yoga Classes

Monday 10am: Tai Chi
Tuesday 10am: Vinyasa Yoga
Wednesday 10am: Yin Yoga
Wednesday 6:30pm: Vinyasa Yoga
Thursday 10am: Vinyasa Yoga
Friday 6:30pm: Restorative Yoga
Saturday 9am: Vinyasa Yoga

7 N. Main St., Suite 1
Colfax, CA 95713

\$10 per class





Third Annual 1st Responders Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner

American Legion Post 192 third annual appreciation dinner to honor our great 1st responders.

Spaghetti dinner Thursday October 19, 2023, social hour starts at 5pm and dinner starts at 6pm. Meatless plates available.

Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall 22 Sunset circle.

Free admittance for everyone with reservations in advance (donations are always welcome). A bar will be open for those that wish to have an adult beverage.

For reservations please call Lorrie at 916 202-2851 or Ric at 530-305-7526, email rictetrault@yahoo.com



Spaghetti Dinner

Representatives from Congressman Kevin Kiley's office, Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, and Mayor Trinity Burruss from the city of Colfax will be guest speakers. Come out have a good time and bring your family.

Join Us For
STORYTIMES
 at the Colfax Library

BABY LAPSIT

Wednesdays
10:30am

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



TODDLER TIME

Thursdays
10:30am

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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays
9:30am

Stories, songs, and activities for children ages 3-5



Churches

Colfax Assembly of
God Community
Fellowship
252 Culver St., Col-
fax, CA 95713
Email: colfaxesag@
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](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
530-346-7474
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)

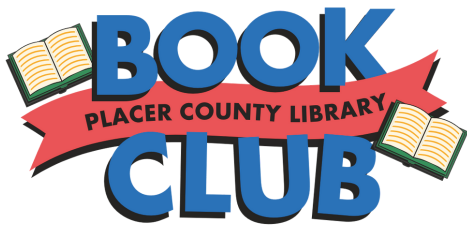
Sierra Vista Artists
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

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>

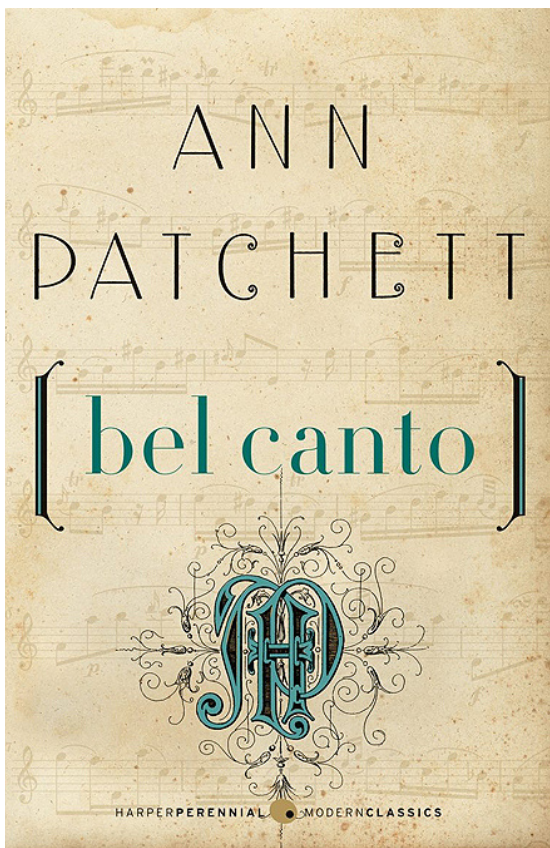
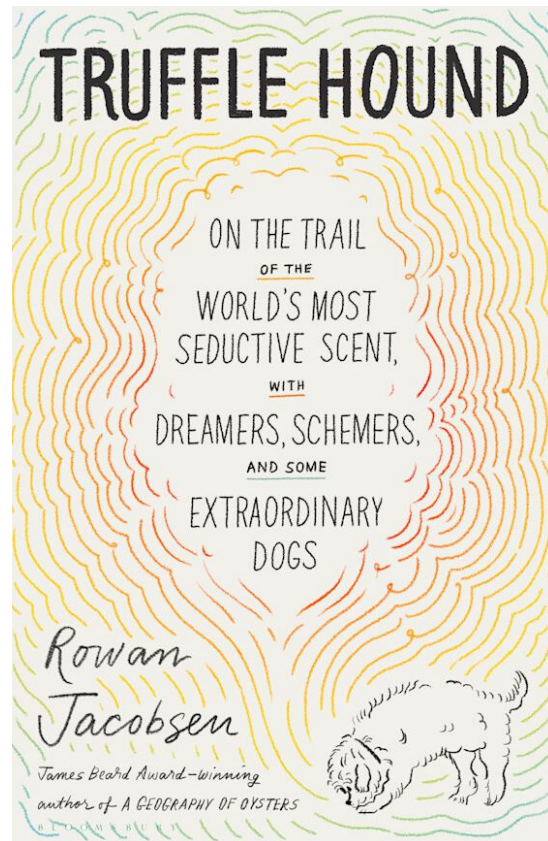




Colfax Library

TRUFFLE HOUND

WEDNESDAY
October 11
2:00-3:00pm



BEL CANTO

WEDNESDAY
November 8
2:00-3:00pm

