

Colfax Connections

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Council Agrees To Allow GSPC To Sell Adult-Use Cannabis

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The Dion family, owners of Golden State Patient Care, the city's medical cannabis retail operation, has been appearing at the public podium pursuing the right to also sell adult-use cannabis for years. Their persistence finally paid off at the council's July 26 meeting.

Whether or not to grant GSPC an adult-use license was the last item on the council's July 26 agenda. The item was posed as a discussion to consider making potential changes to the existing cannabis ordinance, with council to give staff guidance and direction when all was said

and done.

When the discussion was over, after nearly 90 minutes of public and council comments, three council members agreed with the Dions and directed city staff to amend the ordinance to give GSPC the right to sell to medical and adult-use customers. Councilmembers Douglass and Lomen were opposed. During the public comment 28 members of the public spoke at the podium and via e-mail in favor of allowing adult-use cannabis in Colfax.

The only voices opposed were from law enforcement. Placer County Sheriff's Office Sgt.

Griffiths' main complaint was that there is no way for his deputies to quickly test drivers for suspected cannabis impairment. He suggested the council delay making a decision until science could provide a device for accurate roadside testing.

Colfax voters approved permitting medical cannabis by ballot in 2016, when Measure H passed with 64% of the vote.

The agenda briefly outlined three different options for the council to consider: 1) make no changes at all and leave Colfax Municipal Code Chapter 5.32 as is. That chapter is based on

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July 3, 2023 – S. Main Street – Downtown Colfax

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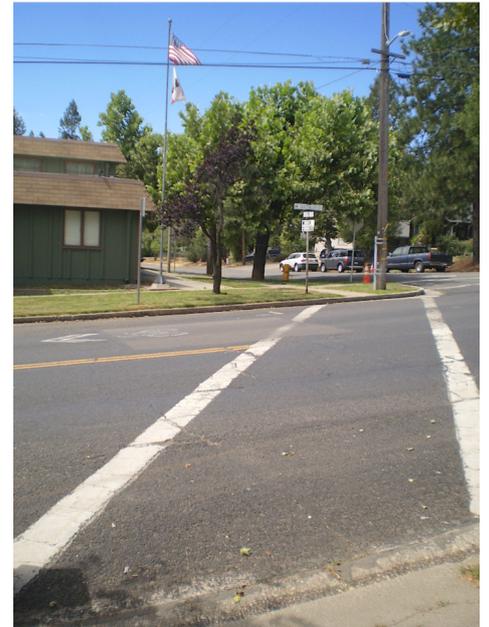
Ordinance 542, which was adopted July 8, 2020. 2) Direct staff to bring back any proposed changes at a future meeting. Changes could include reducing or increasing the number of permitted licenses, or expanding the permissible license cat-

egories to include adult use and deliveries. 3) Possible changes to fees and charges to cover the city's costs for regulating cannabis businesses.

Earlier in the meeting the council gave a brief update on the request by Shady Glen to join

the Colfax wastewater treatment system. In June the council approved a resolution to begin preparing two state grant applications to fund the consolidation of Shady Glen's waste water system with the city's

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One option to improve the crosswalk safety would be eliminating two parking stalls adjacent to the crosswalk (shown at left) on the opposite side of the street. Photos by Will Stockwin

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waste water system.

Mayor Burruss said that even with the “significant state funding” that was on the table for such a project, it would likely take three-to-five years to complete and would have to include annexing Shady Glen as part of the project.

July 12 City Council Meeting

Pedestrian safety in the crosswalk on West Grass Valley St. at Culver prompted a lengthy discussion at the July 12 city council meeting. At question was how to improve crosswalk safety without removing any of the street’s scarce parking places.

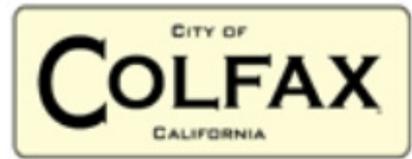
Mayor Burruss said she was “adamantly opposed” to removing any parking spaces.

Dr. Kurtis Fox summarized the problem this way: “It’s a safety issue especially for kids on their own, and older people who don’t walk so well,” he said. He suggested installing stop signs to make cars stop.

Other suggestions included pedestrian activated beacons and a flashing red light. The council handed the issue back to staff with a request for more information before bringing the item back at a future meeting.



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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

It is a vicious cycle: I hear some locals say there is nothing to see, do or buy in downtown Colfax, as they roar through town towards the freeway to who knows where.

“There is nothing for me downtown, so why bother. Businesses open, then businesses close. Businesses are always closing. If I do come downtown, the store or business that I went to last week might not be open any more. A wasted trip.

“And, the prices. Everything is higher here than down the hill. It is worth it to me to fill up my gas tank, and then drive down the freeway to Auburn or Roseville for better deals.”

Do you even hear what you are saying? You are going to spend money (on gas and wear and tear on your tires and your car in general and all that traffic) to save money at a business where nobody even knows your name or at least recognizes your face and remembers what you bought last time. (“How did you like that new Amy’s entrée you bought last time?” for example.)

Maybe whether or not a clerk or business owner remembers your name isn’t important to you. But, let’s look at this beyond dollars and cents. Studies show that people are more likely to return to shop where they feel comfortable and that

includes how friendly the staff is.

What else are advantages to shopping in Colfax?

Each dollar spent in Colfax increases its value several times when that local business sponsors local sports teams and gives to local nonprofit organizations to support a fundraising event for that nonprofit and the community. You may have heard that before, but it is still true.

The owners of many local businesses, including those that are franchises, are local residents. They are our neighbors. Their kids know your kids because they go to the same local schools.

Another advantage to shopping locally is that your tax dollars stay in Colfax and help the city provide services for you and your family.

I’m not suggesting that you should never shop down the hill.

What I am suggesting is that before you jump in your car for a shopping trip, check if the item you want to buy can be found in Colfax. And, consider all the advantages to shopping locally in Colfax. That will help local businesses stay open. Thank you.

As you know, Cyndee Schwartz is selling her retail business **Grandma C’s Kitchen** at 38 N. Main Street, so she can retire. However, by the time you read this, the prospective buyer I hear about may have already finalized plans and taken over. Keep your fingers crossed.

Contact me at LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com.



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. Starting with its May issue, Colfax Connections is sharing those essays with its readers. **Olivia DePaul** was one of two Third Place winners.)

Did you know that tree rings on a tree predict climate change? Trees are also able to defend themselves against attacking bugs.

I love how every season the leaves change color. In spring they are blooming and green. Then in fall they turn orange and red. It is peaceful. Trees help the environment by producing clean oxygen into the air. Trees also provide shelter

and food. Trees are amazing. Trees help the environment by providing oxygen for all living things. But first, trees must go through a process called photosynthesis. The leaves take in water and carbon dioxide, then use energy from the sun to make a chemical compound like sugars that the trees use as food.

Photosynthesis keeps trees strong and healthy. Also, during photosynthesis trees release oxygen into the air. This is important because all living things need oxygen to survive. Trees help the environment by releasing oxygen for all living beings.

Trees provide food and shelter for animals. First, insects hide inside loose tree bark to survive harsh weather conditions and

other predators like birds. Trees also help rabbits and other similar animals burrow under the roots. Second, some trees, like apple or plum trees, produce fruit and animals like fruit bats eat fruit so without trees these animals won't have a tasty snack.

Trees help the environment by providing food like fruit for different animals. Trees can help the environment by providing food and shelter for animals.

Oxygen and food are so important to our survival. Without trees we would have less food and oxygen. The next time you go outside, I would like you to look at trees and think about how important they are to us.



Shelly Lloyd

SEND IN THE CLOWNS

Photos by Alan Shuttleworth



Above – Dilly Dally the Clown

Top – Kendall Quinn (left) and Kelly Quinn



Right – Steve Brown



Loren Cohodes



JULY 3, 2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Top – Colfax Lions Parade
Below – North Main Street crowd
Photos by Alan Shuttleworth**



Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

June and July have flown by a bit too soon for those of us that are still reeling from the long, hard winter of 2022/23.



If June is the time to gear up and plan those long-awaited camping trips and vacations, then July is the time to pack as many days at the lake as possible; with weekends strolling Main Street for its many offerings, including Mexican fare, as well as local goods and handmade puzzles; making August the time to slow down and enjoy the warm weather and long days.

While you're slowing down to fully appreciate August, we have no shortage of fun happenings in Colfax.

Wednesdays have the Farmers' Market at Sierra Vista, and Fridays have the Summer Market kicking off and gaining traction outside the Visitor's Center at 99 Railroad St., Colfax.

The Colfax Lions are hosting their cruise night on August 18. It is open to all car enthusiasts, and it's paired with the Art Walk put on by local artists.

The Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall is offering their all-you-can-eat breakfast on the second Sunday of the month, and Sierra Vista is hosting their monthly Flea Market every third Saturday.

All are local family friendly events and meant to add to the richness that is Colfax living at its best.

If you're looking for something a little faster paced, the Veterans Memorial Hall hosts a monthly Bingo to those aged 18 and over on the third Saturday of the month.

The Railhead has periodic live music.

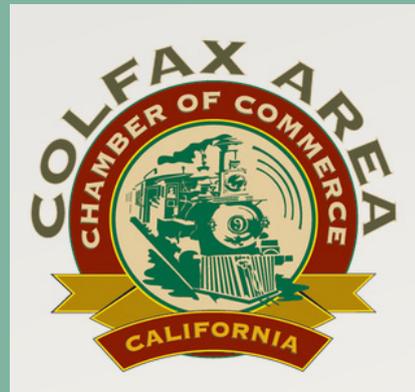
As always, we appreciate each of you and remind you to look out for announcements regard-

ing our upcoming monthly mixers and ribbon cuttings. Check out our full calendar at www.colfaxchamber.com.

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
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\$10 per class





**This is a FREE
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Downtown Colfax**

**SEPTEMBER
16 & 17
10 AM til 5 PM**

**Union Pacific Railroad Display • Model Train Displays
Lego Train Display • Quilt Show • Craft Vendors
Food • Refreshments • Face Painters • Balloon Artist
Black Flag Gang • 1840's Re-enactment Camp
People Mover Train Ride**

**American Legion Pancake Breakfast 8 'til 10 am \$10
Sunday Car Show Open to Any Age Vehicle (awards)
Sierra Vista Community Center Paid Parking \$10**



AUGUST-17-2023

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 192 COLFAX

3rd Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall. *Roast chicken with potatoes and vegetables, hot rolls and dessert. Social hour starts at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm*

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



Our next dinner

There will not be a dinner in September due to Railroad Days. Come out on Sept 16th and 17 to enjoy our cheesesteak sandwiches. They are delicious.

**\$20.00 per person,
\$10.00 ages 7-13 and
under 7 are free**

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Social Organizations

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Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce
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Website: <http://colfaxchamber.com>

Colfax Area Historical Society
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Museum 99 Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8599
Website: <https://colfaxhistory.org>

Colfax Garden Club
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Website: [http://californiagardenclubs.com/
content/colfax-garden-club](http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/colfax-garden-club)

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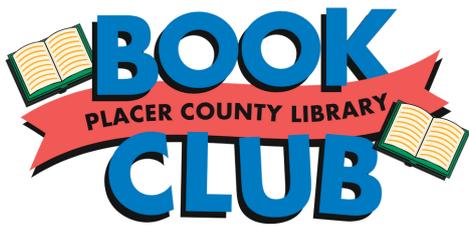
Sierra Vista Artists
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

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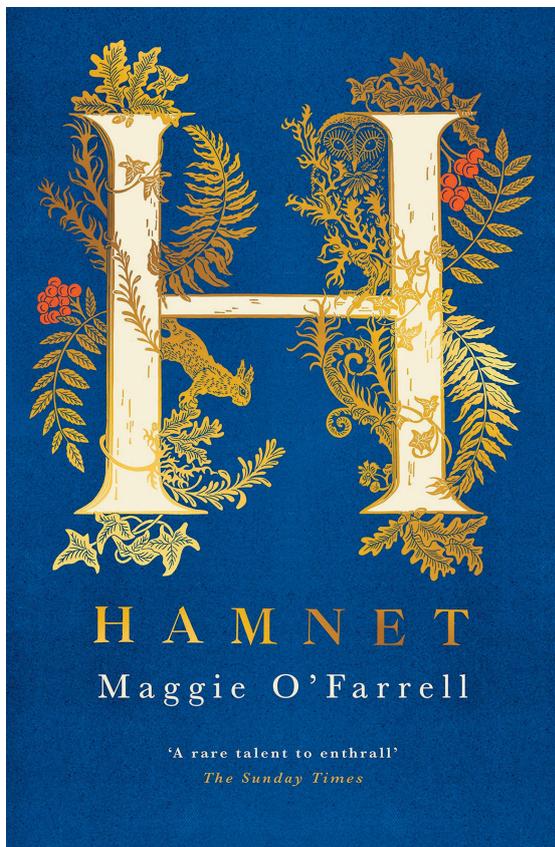
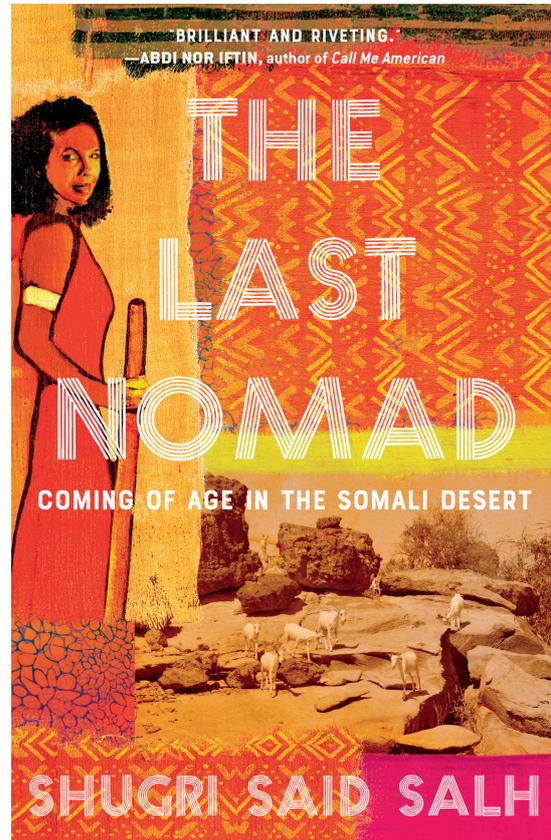
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Colfax Library

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WEDNESDAY
September 13
2:00-3:00pm

