

Colfax Connections

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Council Amends Parking, Election Sign Ordinances

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Whether or not to restrict parking on narrow city streets was the city council's sole piece of official business at its August 24 meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza was absent.

The sheriff and council members have received a number of complaints that vehicles parked on narrow streets impede the passage of emergency, utility and sanitation vehicles. Recology, the city's solid waste hauler, has apparently been unable to access some streets for refuse collection.

The parking issue was initially discussed at the August 10, 2022, regular City Council meeting. Staff was directed to propose language that could be added to Colfax Municipal Code ("CMC")



Chapter 10.16 to allow the City Engineer, with prior Council approval, to post signs restricting or prohibiting parking on narrow streets within City limits, and to consider whether an amendment to CMC Chapter 10.16 is needed to accomplish that result.

Staff complied, and after brief discussion and a minor edit the council passed the first reading of the following amendment to the city municipal code on a 4-0 vote:

The City Engineer, with prior approval of the City Council, is hereby authorized to place signs or markings indicating restricted or no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed 20 feet, or upon one side of a street as indicated by such signs or markings when the width of the roadway does not exceed 30 feet. When official signs or markings restricting or prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets as authorized in this section, no persons shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign or marking.

There will be a second reading of the ordinance amendment at the September 14 council meeting, and it will take effect 30 days later if passed. "It's going to be complaint driven," said city manager Wes Heathcock. He said before any signs go up residents will have the opportunity to give input to the council. "We will be going on a case by case basis, and not making arbitrary decisions," he said.

Earlier in the meeting the council also amended the Colfax Municipal Code pertaining to posting of election signs. The city's current ordinance forbids posting election campaign signs sooner than 60 days before an election, a prohibition

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New Administrators At Colfax Elementary School District

By Alan Shuttleworth

Colfax Elementary School District has had administrator changes over the years, but never a school year's start with both the Superintendent and School Principal being newcomers. A meet-and-greet event was recently held at the school library to give community members an introduction to the new staffers.

Superintendent, Andrew Giannini, is a veteran elementary principal in the Dry Creek School District with 24 years in education. He has an EdD degree from Brandman University, a MA degree from National University and a BA degree from Westmont College. He grew up in Humboldt County so a small school district is in his DNA.

Giannini stated, "People are my passion, and, as Superintendent, I will work with all people who will impact our students. Parents are the strong bonds that hold our community together and must have a voice in the educational development of our students. As the Superintendent

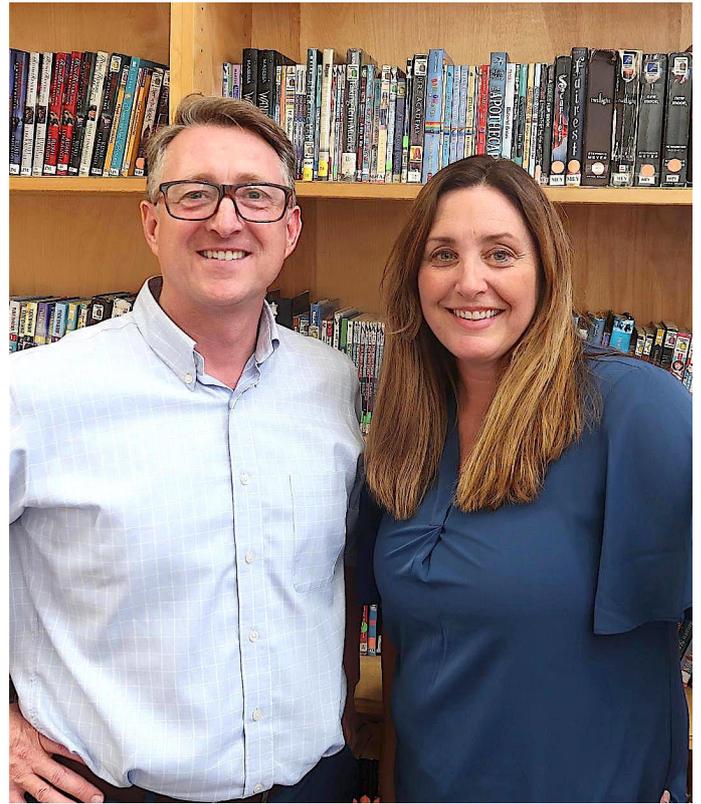


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Colfax High Gets Veteran Administrator As New Principal

By Alan Shuttleworth

With long-time CHS principal, Paul Lundberg, off on a new venture as an educational consultant, the Placer Union High School District had big shoes to fill. The district chose a seasoned administrator who brings a wide variety of skills and interests to Colfax High.

Enter Chasity Raybuck-Bonilla. She is a veteran administrator in the Placer Union High School District with strong ties to Colfax High. She has an EdD degree from Brandman University, a MA degree from The University of Phoenix and a BA degree from California State University at Chico.

She is a seasoned educator having taught at Dixon, Wheatland and Antelope High Schools. Most recently she earned her administrative experience as a vice principal at Placer, Del Oro and Colfax High Schools.

Her short-term goal is to acclimate to the Colfax



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community and be a good listener to staff and parents. Her academic goals include expanding Computer/Technology/Education to expand focus on more careers for women. She is aware of the 1950's vintage of many of the facilities and is anxious to address updates and improvements.

When asked, why the district chose her to lead Colfax High, Raybuck-Bonilla said, "I believe in shared leadership. Creating a joint educational plan means integrating staff, students and parents. I am also open to new ideas that bring creative solutions to problems."

When asked how she felt to be back at Colfax High School after working at other high schools within the district, she replied, "I feel blessed and I am very excited to be back here in the Colfax community."

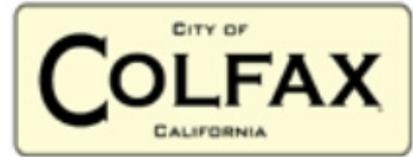
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now considered to be unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment deletes that restriction. The amended ordinance will allow election campaign signs to be posted more than 60 days before an election, but still requires that signs to be removed no later than 21 days after an election. The council unanimously passed the first reading of the proposed amendment. The second reading will occur at the council's September 14 meeting.

**September Council Meetings
On The 14th and 28th**

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Business Briefs

with LindaLou Haines

Things are popping in Colfax!

Sometimes one person's dreams of owning their own taco place, for example, doesn't quite pan out as they expected. Then, someone else comes along with their dreams and decides to give it a try. Well, why not? So, maybe we have a new eatery. That's fun for the residents and visitors in town.

And, there are other types of businesses that can be a challenge to maintain. But, entrepreneurs keep dreaming about owning their own place. And, a small town like Colfax can benefit from all that.

Madi's Mexicali Stop at 212 N.Canyon Way, where Homie Joe's was most recently, is opening soon (date TBD). More about it as info is available—maybe even by the time you read this, we will know.

It's been quite a few years since Colfax has had a natural foods store. The new version of that kind of store is **Snapdragon Provisions Natural Market** at 228 S. Auburn St., next door to **Pizzaiola**. No word yet on an opening date.

Who doesn't like a good barbeque? **Rosie's BBQ & Deli** is coming soon just outside of downtown. It is on Route 174, a

quarter mile north of the intersection with north Main.

Shifting gears to a business that is well-established and has gotten the Best of Colfax award in the *Auburn Journal* for four years is **The Wandering Wardrobe**. It is in the Freight Depot building on north Main St. Owner Richelle Clark explains that she sells "Reloved Clothing" that is "pocket friendly."

Her shop is a consignment shop, and ladies who donate items to the shop get 50% off on their next purchases in the shop. What a deal.

She specializes in women's clothes: tops, bottoms, dresses, accessories and shoes. I got a brand new, with tags still attached, cotton summer dress for \$14. Who can beat that? The Wandering Wardrobe is

open Tuesday and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 11:30 to 5:00. Her phone number is 916-716-3604. And, look for announcements of her sales on Facebook.

Finally, corrections on two things I said in my August column concerning the Passenger Depot.

The current depot was built in 1905. That was following a fire that destroyed the original depot, which was constructed in the 1860's, when the railroad was built. Second, Colfax is a 'stop' not a 'station' on this Amtrak line.

Please contact me with news of your business, if it is in the City of Colfax.

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of the District, I will be a trusting and reliable leader to connect all the resources of the community together for the benefit of our students and families."

Elementary Principal, Annette Udall, is an EdD candidate at Concordia University, holds a MA degree from Prescott University and a BA degree from Brigham Young University. She is a veteran classroom teacher and has served two years as an assistant principal at Colfax High School. In addition, she is adjunct faculty at Folsom Lake College and is currently a School Board Trustee for the Newcastle Elementary School District. As a Newcastle resident, small schools are also in her DNA.

Udall sees herself as a life-long learner and is

particularly interested in shared leadership and a team approach to decision making. Stated Udall, "As I move from Colfax High School, I am excited to continue to serve the Colfax Community and its families and students."

Melissa Kinsey, School Board Trustee at Colfax Elementary School District, expressed her enthusiasm for both administrative additions to the district. She stated, "I am excited to see the transition of our school administrators. The energy these new people bring to the District is contagious."

The District is encouraging community members to explore vacancies as substitute custodians, paraprofessionals and campus supervisors.

Colfax Soroptimist Club Inducts Eight New Members



The Colfax Soroptimist Club recently added eight new members to their roster. Inducted at a celebratory dinner at the Eden Valley Community Center, were (L-R) Dr. Dawn Anderson, Jessica Garofab, Vicki Chapman, Jana Johnston, Bonnie Klatt, Marnice Emerson, Randi Gibson and Holland Lorang. (Editor: Do I smell soup in the kitchen?)

Photo by Pam Rex-Small



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Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Sitting outside in front of our Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center and Heritage Museum, I have to remind myself just how fortunate we are in our Colfax location.



I'm sure we are one of only a few Chambers of Commerce located along North America's first transcontinental railroad. Nearly 2,000 miles of continuous railway constructed between 1863 and 1869, connecting the existing eastern railroad systems at Council Bluffs, Iowa with the 'Golden Spike' ceremony driven at Promontory Summit, Utah.

Not only do we have many freight trains traveling through town daily, but we are also fortunate to have our Colfax Chamber/Visitor Center and Heritage Museum as a stopping point for passengers from Amtrak train service and bus service at the depot. Our location is a central hub for not only railroad passengers but also for travelers on Interstate 80 and Highway 174 and our local residents.

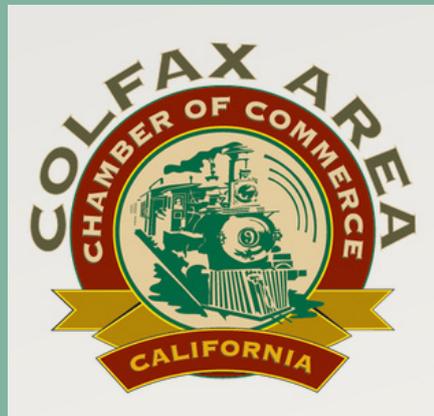
Daily we are asked many questions about our area. Where can I go for hiking, boating, biking, gold panning, fishing, etc.? Where is a good place to eat? Do you have lodging close by? My car has broken down, can you recommend a good automotive shop? Where can we get groceries for our camping trip? Do you have a taxi service or Uber or Lyft? Can I purchase a ticket for the train or bus and do you have their schedules? These are just some of the questions we answer for people traveling through our area.

Then we have questions such as: we are looking to relocate to your area, would you recommend a realtor? Our AC unit has stopped working, would you be able to recommend an AC company for repairs? We need better Internet service, do you recommend someone in our area? My boat needs repairs, do you have someone you would recommend? Can you tell me what events you have going on this month? Who do I contact for 3rd of July, Railroad Days, Winterfest?

With our large variety of business members and non-profit organizations, we are able to answer your questions or know who to contact to get you the information and help you need. Our ambassadors and volunteers are here to help and make your experience the best possible. They go the extra mile to make sure your needs are met!

The Visitors' Center doors are open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00AM to 2:00PM. We are located just east of the transcontinental railroad tracks in the restored train depot at 99 South Railroad Street in Colfax. If you cannot visit us in person, please contact us at 530-346-8888. Our email address is colfaxareachamber@gmail.com. For more information and events in our area, please visit our website at www.Colfax-Chamber.com.

We would like to expand our days and hours. If you have some time and interest in our Colfax area and helping others, we would like to have you as one of our ambassadors. Stop on by and check us out. It's helpful, fulfilling and we meet many interesting and grateful people from all walks of life. And, best of all it's fun.



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Student Essay: How Do Trees Help The Environment?

(Editor's note: In our April 2022 issue we featured the seven winners of the Colfax Garden Club's annual 5th Grade Arbor Day Essay Contest planting a tree. Starting with its May issue, Colfax Connections is sharing those essays with its readers. Jack Saul was one of two third place winners.

Do you like sweet, delicious pears? Then you love trees! Trees help the environment by protecting it, as well as giving people and animals the necessities they need.

First, trees protect the environment. Trees can help prevent floods. When heavy rainfall starts, the rain can hit the tree and then slowly drip back down, causing the flood to form slower.

Trees can remove carbon dioxide from the air. In one year, a single tree can remove up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide and give back oxygen into the atmosphere.

Most of the biodiversity is from trees. A single tree can be home to hundreds of different living things from other plants to insects, birds and mammals.

Then when a tree is cut down or dies the trunk will still be a home to many organisms while the lumber is used to make homes for humans.

Trees provide homes to more than 80 percent of Earth's terrestrial biodiversity. Without trees,

the world would be an unpleasant place to live.

Second, trees provide people with many necessities. Trees give people and animals fruit, and I love pears. A mature pear tree can produce about 100-300 pounds of fruit in a single year. About 20 percent of mammal herbivores eat mainly fruit.

Trees also give us paper. An av-

erage tree can make more than 10,000 sheets of paper and I am a bookworm. Without trees, I wouldn't be able to enjoy pears or read my favorite books. Trees not only protect the earth, but they also provide people with many foods, including fruits.

I hope this Arbor day we can all do as Julius Morton would have wanted and properly plant millions of new trees.



Churches



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God Community
Fellowship
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fax, CA 95713

Email: colfaxesaog@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>

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1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7702

Website: <https://www.lds.org/>

Social Organizations

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22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713

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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
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Sierra Vista Center
55 School St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8726
Website: [https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.
com](https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com)

Soroptimist International of Colfax
PO Box 475, Colfax, CA 95713
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