

Colfax Connections

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Hillberg And McCully Appointed To Colfax City Council

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The June 28 council meeting was the last of three council meetings in June, one of the busiest months the Colfax City Council has had for some time. It was also the most important meeting of the month because the council had to choose and appoint two new council members to fill the vacancies created after Marnie Mendoza and David Ackerman each resigned their seats recently for personal reasons.

The meeting also had a closed session scheduled to discuss hiring a new city manager following the departure of Wes Heathcock on June 9, but that was scrubbed from the agenda without explanation on a unanimous 3-0 vote immediately after the meeting started.

Five of seven applicants for the two vacant seats were on hand to be publicly interviewed, answering questions that asked why they wanted to join the council, their view of the city's top priorities, describing their vision for Colfax, anticipated conflicts of interest or time constraints they might have, and whether they expected to run for a full term in 2024 after serving out their 18-month appointment.

Public comment was allowed before and after the interview process. Mayor Trinity Burruss



City clerk Marguerite Bailey swears in Larry Hillberg and Caroline McCully.
Photo by Tom Parnham

called for a five minute recess when the interviews were completed, and when the meeting resumed, the applicant pool was quickly narrowed down to Suzanne Roberts, Larry Hillberg and Caroline McCully, who were present. After a brief discussion among council members, Hillberg and McCully were declared the winners after they both received 2-1 votes of

approval.

Earlier in the meeting the council addressed a request by Green Machine for \$13,500 to pay for the July 3rd celebration, which included \$12,500 for the fireworks and \$1,000 for general costs. Mayor Burruss reminded everyone that the city had set aside a \$20,000 fund for July

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**CAL FIRE Suspends Burn Permits in
Nevada, Yuba, Placer and Sierra Counties**



Auburn- After a wet winter and above average snowpack, warming temperatures and winds are quickly drying out the abundant annual grass crop. The increasing fire danger posed by the high volume of dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the region is prompting CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Nevada, Yuba, Placer and Sierra Counties. This suspension takes effect Monday, June 26, 2023, at 8am. and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

Since January 1, 2023, CAL FIRE and firefighters across the state have already responded to over 1,640 wildfires burning over 4,200 acres. While outdoor burning of landscape debris by homeowners is no longer allowed, CAL FIRE is asking residents to take that extra time to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires by maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of Defensible Space around every home and buildings on their property and being prepared to evacuate if the time comes.

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3rd and Winterfest fireworks. She also suggested that the city pay for the fireworks but not the general costs, and the council agreed with a 3-0 vote.

June 14 Meeting

The meeting began with Mayor Burruss confirming that David Ackerman had resigned his council seat, leaving the council with two vacancies to fill. By state law the council has to fill his seat by appointment no later

than August 13, and Mendoza's no later than July 4.

The council passed a self-storage project for Whitcomb Ave. with 334 units after some discussion regarding drain water encroachment on neighboring property and potential solutions. The mayor expressed concerns regarding the shade of red paint on the finished project.

Short term rentals (STRs) were back on the 6/14 meeting agenda, this time as proposed

city ordinance that would regulate STR activity. The proposed ordinance suggested offering a maximum of five licenses in the city to start with. Mayor Burruss said she thought the proposed ordinance was too restrictive and suggested holding a public workshop to discuss and make possible changes.

June 8 Special Meeting

This special meeting opened

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Kerri Quinn
Quinn Family Clowns
Photos by Alan Shuttleworth

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with a closed session regarding finding a new city manager. Using the Consent Calendar, the Council unanimously passed a three-year contract with the Placer County Sheriff’s Office for \$2,919,296, with the annual payments split roughly equally over the 2023/24 – 2026 time period.

Mayor Burruss and council members Douglass and Lomen were present.

There were two items of Council Business. The first asked for approval of rewarding two contracts for \$8.1 million to improve the city’s sewer collection system and treatment plant.

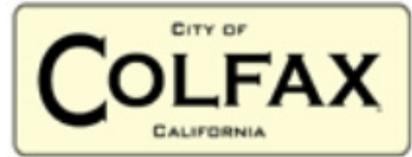
The second dealt with hiring Michael Luken as interim city manager, to work three days a week, starting June 28. Luken has 35 years in land use planning, economic development, city/county management and recently retired as the Executive Director of Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

Both items passed unanimously.

The council also formed an ad hoc committee of Burruss and Douglass to fill the city manager void until Luken starts. Mayor Burruss volunteered to temporarily take on city manager duties and responsibilities until Luken is sworn in.



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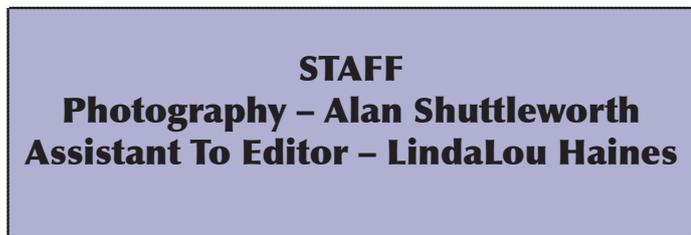
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Hard Copies of Colfax Connections can be found at City Hall, the Colfax Library, Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce, Colfax Heritage Museum.

Digital copies can also be found on the Chamber’s Website at (www.ColfaxChamber.com) and on the City’s Website at (www.colfax-ca.gov).



Business Briefs with Linda Lou Haines

Are you interested in an improved quality of life?

Colfax is fortunate to have a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT) and a Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor (CADC) working in partnership right here in downtown Colfax to help you. They are **Stephanie Layton, LMFT** and **Deana Long, CADC-II** with a Colfax office at 99 Railroad St., Suite 1 in the Depot building.

Part of their mission statement explains: "We are two individuals who are passionate about growth, helping others, leading with our hearts, making connections and serving our community. We know the (therapeutic) path is easier traveled when not alone."



Stephanie Layton



Deana Long

"We pull from our life experience in addition to our therapeutic knowledge and clinical training to meet you where you are and help you draw out your own strengths to live a more fulfilling and balanced life. It's our passion, purpose and honor to help you in any way we can."

Their list of specialties is extensive. However, many of Stephanie's areas of expertise can be groups together under Trauma Specialist and Irlen Screener.

Deana's areas of specialties are Behavior and Addiction, plus Brain Health Coach.

If you are interested in checking out one or both Stephanie and Deana, you can call or text for a free 15-minute consultation. For Stephanie, call 530-263-8949, and for Deana, call 530-863-8522.

They each have their own websites: Stephanie's is www.stephanielaytonlmft.com, and Deana's is www.deanalong.com.

Also, at 99 Railroad St. is the **Colfax Area Heritage Museum**, which will be celebrated during the annual **Heritage Trail Tour of Museums** in Placer County, July 15th, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. The museum encourages: "Experience exhibits on the history of the railroad, gold mining, pioneer life, as well as collections of Maidu Indian and Chinese artifacts. There will be live music and tours of the Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society caboose with railroad equipment and history displays."

For more information, call the Museum, 530-346-8599 or check their website, www.colfaxhistory.org. You can also go to the event website, www.theheritagetrail.blogspot.com.

Now, leaving Railroad St. and hopping over to South Main, we find **Cat Tenorio**, formerly of Created For You By Us, in **Creative Corner**, 55 S. Main St. on Saturdays, 11-5. Creative Corner is a gift shop and arts & crafts co-op open Tuesday through Saturday, 11-5.

Cat is selling her handmade creations in her new location. Plus, she is starting up her classes again for adults and summer classes for children starting July 5 at the Sierra Vista Community Center. Call her for details, 530-798-6949 or check her out on Facebook.

Back across the tracks to South Auburn St. and down aways at 520 S. Auburn St. is **Sierra Business Services**. Owner Barbara Kelly wants to retire. So, help her spread the word: the business is **For Sale**. The services her business provides include taxes, notary, bookkeeping, payroll, faxing and making copies. Call Barbara to inquire about the sale, 530-346-2455.

**Contact me with your business news at
LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com.**

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





COLFAX ART WALKS *and* COLFAX LIONS CRUISE NIGHTS Historic Downtown Colfax

June 16 • July 21 • Aug. 18 • Sept. 15

From 4:00 TO 7:00 pm

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2023



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or email: tineywhite13@gmail.com

Sam Newton (530) 346-2944 or Tim Luckinbill (530) 272-7131

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. **Sophia Taylor** was one of two Third Place winners.)

Did you know that one tree produces about 260 pounds of oxygen per year? Trees are one of the most important things in the world. Trees are one of the reasons we humans and animals can breathe. Trees help the environment by keeping the air clean and giving us food and shelter.

Trees help the environment by keeping the air clean. The article "The Power of One Tree – The Very Air We Breathe" states that trees store carbon dioxide in their fibers, which helps to clean the air. It also states that trees reduce the negative effects that CO2 could have on our environment. Trees can absorb up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. I like breathing fresh and clean air. I would hope that other people do to.

Trees give us shelter and food. Without trees we wouldn't have our homes to sleep in, our stores to shop in, our work to make money in, or our schools

to learn in. Trees provide us with fruits such as apples, mangoes, oranges, lemons, limes and much more. Without these fruits humans would not be able to eat healthy. Animals would also not be able to eat healthy. I would be really sad if they didn't have my favorite fruit in the store.

Trees are very important because they help the environment by keeping the air clean and giving us food and shelter. Everyday I'm very thankful for trees and for what they do for our environment.



Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows." – Helen Keller.



Summer 2023 is here and it promises not to disappoint.

July started off with a bang in Colfax as we let freedom ring during our annual July 3rd celebration brought to you by the Green Machine.

This celebration that will not soon be forgotten kicked off at 2:00 p.m. with a beer garden sponsored by the Green Machine, musical performances throughout the day, a little dog race, kids parade, and Disney character meet and greet before ending the night with fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

While the July 3rd is a major event it is not the only event by far. We are still offering all of the weekly and monthly events that we have come to look forward to and love.

The Sierra Vista Center hosts Bingo at 1:00 p.m. on first Sunday of the month, as well as the weekly Farmers Market on Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

At the Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall the VFW is hosting their monthly All You Can Eat pancake breakfast the second Sunday of the month from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Last, but certainly not least, the Chamber has started hosting a Summer/Fall Market featuring music, local vendors, produce, a variety of food and most importantly FUN! The market is being held on Fridays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the green at 99 South Railroad Street.

Bring the whole family to check it out. The market promises a little something for everyone and a great space to hang out with your neighbors on the lawn, space to play games, listen to music and enjoy some tasty treats.

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

Amanda Palmquist
CACC President

2023

COLFAX

RAILROAD DAYS

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17
10 AM til 5 PM

This is a FREE Family Event in Downtown Colfax

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

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Kim and Dan

Lions Club Fashion Show

models sporting clothing that was donated from club members and their neighbors. Clothing items including dresses, hats and accessories were for sale as part of the fund-raising focus of the show.

The theme this year was Kentucky Derby and attendees were encouraged to go all out and make Colfax the envy of the ladies in Kentucky. The hat theme began at the first Kentucky Derby in 1875 and is thought to be modeled after very formal European racing events. Of course, Southern Belles always dress for formal events, so a horse race is the place to show off your finery.



Foxy McCleary

The Sierra Vista Community Center was the site for the 19th Lions Fashion show and there was not an empty seat in the house.

A tasty lunch, a silent auction and lots of Lions Club

Begun by the Colfax Lioness Club and chaired by Mary Kaye Mintline, the Fashion Show has since become a part of the Colfax Lions Club when the two units

merged several years back. The event was a success and Event Chair, Fran Waldo said, "Everyone has told me that this event was the most fun of all the other year's events!"

Photos and Story By Alan Shuttleworth



2023 PLACER COUNTY Food Distribution Schedule



January	6	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	13	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	17	Colfax	10 - Noon
	20	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	26	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	27	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
April	7	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	14	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	18	Colfax	10 - Noon
	21	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	27	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	28	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
July	7	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	14	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	18	Colfax	10 - Noon
	21	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	27	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	28	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
October	6	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	13	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	17	Colfax	10 - Noon
	20	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	26	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	27	Rocklin	8 - 10 am

February	3	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	10	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	14	Colfax	10 - Noon
	17	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	23	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	24	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
May	5	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	12	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	16	Colfax	10 - Noon
	19	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	25	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	26	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
August	4	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	11	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	15	Colfax	10 - Noon
	18	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	25	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
	31	Foresthill	10 - Noon
November	3	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	10	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	14	Colfax	10 - Noon
	17	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	22	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
	30	Foresthill	10 - Noon

March	3	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	10	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	17	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	21	Colfax	10 - Noon
	30	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	31	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
June	2	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	9	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	16	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	20	Colfax	10 - Noon
	29	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	30	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
September	1	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	8	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	15	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	19	Colfax	10 - Noon
	28	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	29	Rocklin	8 - 10 am
December	1	Roseville	8 - 10 am
	8	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	19	Colfax	10 - Noon
	21	Lincoln	8 - 10 am
	28	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	29	Rocklin	8 - 10 am

Sheridan Celebration Family Worship
Colfax Sierra Vista Comm Center
Lincoln McBean Park

5721 10th Street
 55 School Street
 65 McBean Park Drive

Foresthill
Rocklin
Roseville

Fire Dept. Office
 Johnson-Springview Park
 Denio's Farmers Market
 24320 Main St.
 5480 5th Street
 1401 Church Street

SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER, 55 SCHOOL STREET, COLFAX



JULY-20-2023

AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3rd Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall. *Pork and chicken sliders, fresh fruit and heart healthy salad with S'mores for dessert. Social hour starts at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm*

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



Our proposed dinner for August.

August 17th dinner will be: Roast chicken with potatoes and vegetables, hot rolls and dessert.

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

**Please call ahead
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Email: pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com
Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

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530-346-2267
Website: <https://www.colfaxumc.org/>

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944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713
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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
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1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713
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Social Organizations

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Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce
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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)

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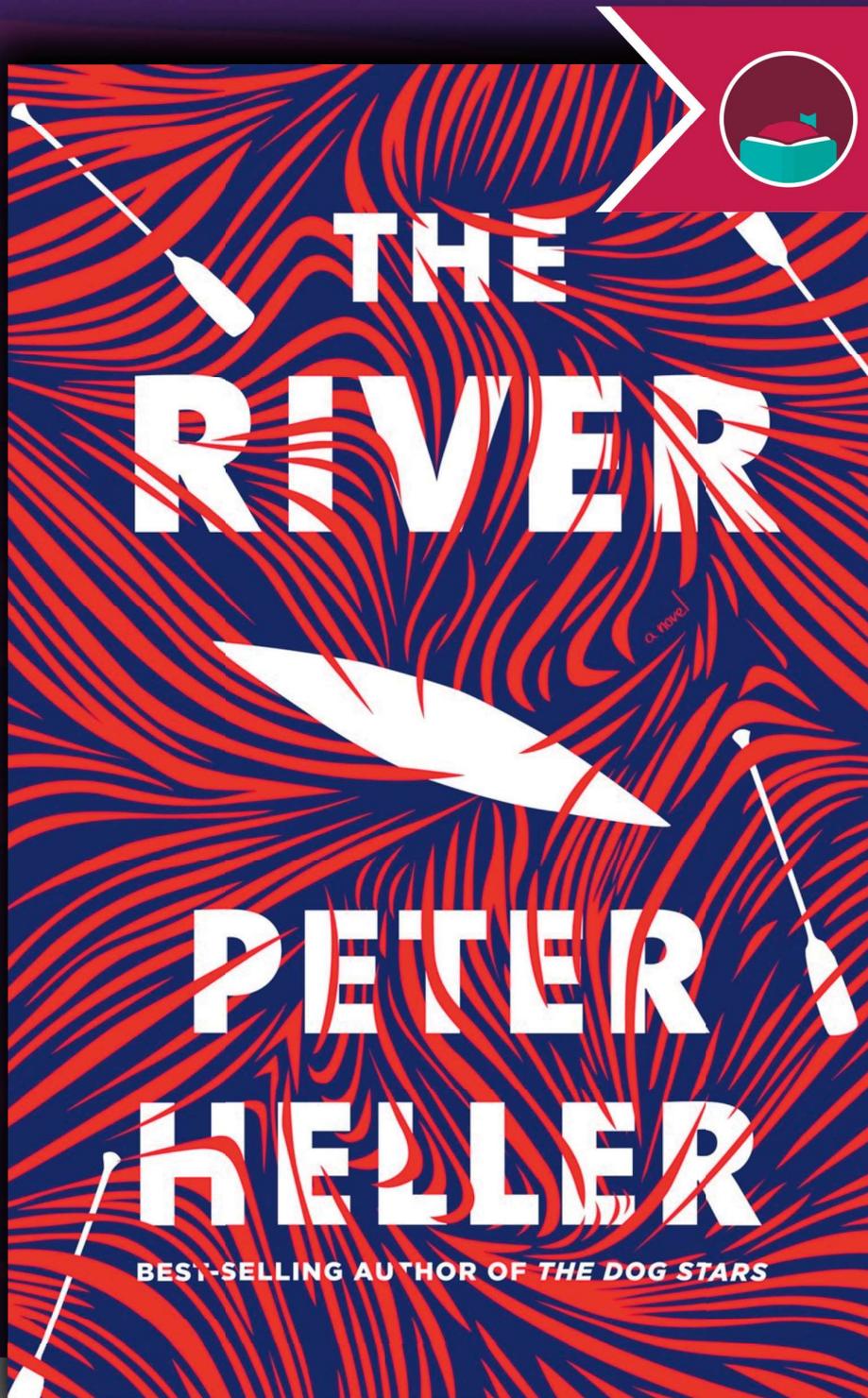
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