

Colfax Connections

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McCully Becomes Mayor, Hillberg Is Mayor Pro Tem

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Caroline McCully was elected to be Colfax's mayor at the **January 14 council meeting**, and Larry Hillberg was elected mayor pro tem.

The 4-1 vote on McCully came after an hour of public comment where 32 people spoke from the public podium. Twenty four favored McCully, four were against her and four others expressed no preference one way or the other. Eight of those speaking were not Colfax residents.

Hillberg was the lone dissenter in the council vote.

Before deciding who would be mayor, the council dealt with three other items, starting with a discouraging update on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Home Hardening/Defensible Space Project the council approved five years ago.

According to presenter Mike Luken, Phase 1, the planning phase, is nearly complete. He said funding approval for the actual field work to be done in Phase 2 has been put on hold for maybe two years, and that budget cuts are effecting all FEMA jurisdictions.

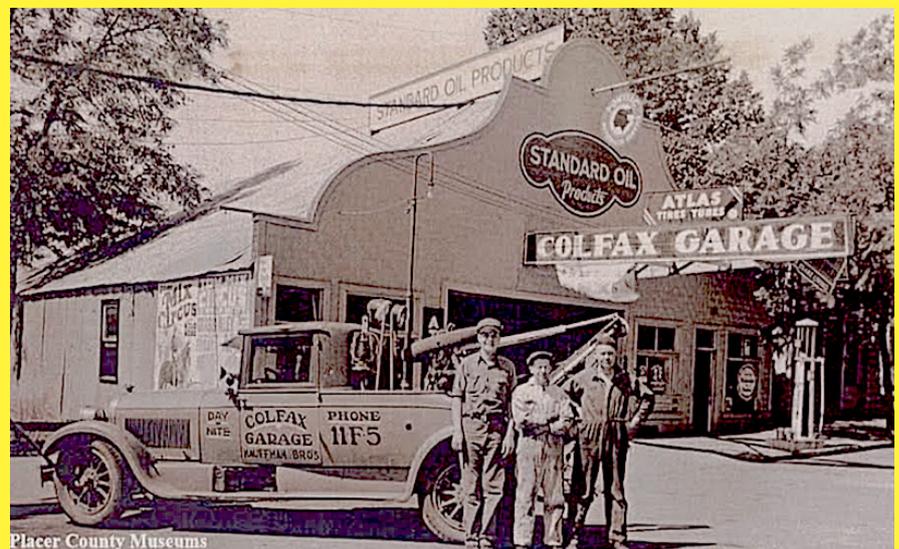
Next up, the council heard from city planner Kathy Peace about

a resolution that would amend city code to allow special events in the city. The proposed resolution was prompted by a potential applicant inquiring about opening a special event venue in Colfax on Highway 174. The first reading passed on

a 5-0 vote.

A resolution that would establish policies and procedures for the provision of sewer services to proposed affordable housing

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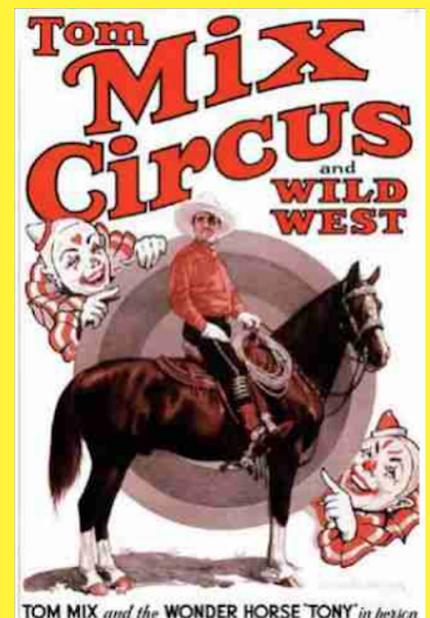
Just Dial 11F5 For the Colfax Garage

Alan Shuttleworth sent this photo to me and neither of us know anything about it other than it was taken in 1938.

I did Google the "Mix Circus" and found a copy of the poster on the wall behind the truck.

According to the Website, falling ticket sales in the depths of the Great Depression took many traveling circuses off the road, and the Mix Circus gave up the same year this picture was taken.

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units for lower income households passed unanimously after a short discussion.

The vote on funding for the Capitol to Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) lobbying trip was tabled until the January 28 council meeting.

Winners of the Christmas decorating contest were: 1st Lynn Fontana, 2nd Wrecking Crew Bakery, and 3rd Jeff Hoge 48 Grass Valley Street.

The skate park issue returned on the **January 28** city council agenda. It came with a fifth option for dealing with the excessively high construction bids previously received for the project by using an organization

called Sourcewell that offers a somewhat more competitive bidding process.

There was no mention of how long the new approach might take to get the project started. After a brief discussion the council approved the change in direction on a 4-0 vote.

Council member Hillberg recused himself from voting as required due to the close proximity of the skate park to his home.

The council then moved on to upgrading the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the four city sewer lift stations. The waste water treatment plant chief operator, Matt Anderson, said

the upgrade was essential for integrating the lift station system with the operating plant system, thus improving overall operations and ensuring regulatory compliance. The upgrade will cost \$154,140, and the item passed on a 5-0 vote.

The annual Capitol-to-Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) lobbying trip organized by the Sacramento Metro Chamber that was tabled at the January 14 meeting, also returned as the next item on the agenda. At issue was spending \$10,430 to send the city manager and council member Trinity Burruss on the trip. Burruss gave an overview of the federal funding for improving fire safety here in the foothills previous Cap-to-Cap trips had provided,

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BINGO
 Every **1st** Sunday 1:30
 Sierra Vista Community Center
 55 School St. Colfax

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and the rest of the council agreed the trip was essential with a 5-0 vote.

Council committee assignments were up next and mayor McCully worked through the list of 21 committees one at a time. She was moving quickly through the list until she got to the Bianchini Advisory Board, when opposition to her remaining on the Board triggered some discussion.

Burruss nominated council member Sean Lomen for one of the Board's two council seats and it passed on a 5-0 vote. When Lomen nominated McCully for the other seat it failed 3-2. Shortly after that the nomination of Hillberg for the other council seat passed 4-1, with McCully being the lone dissent.

The agenda's last item was a request by the mayor to begin holding regular Town Hall meetings to allow the council a setting where it could communicate directly with audience members without the restrictions imposed by official meetings.

After some discussion it was decided to try holding the meetings on the second Thursday of even-numbered months starting at 6 p.m, beginning on February 12.



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Colfax Lions Club Crab Feed Was A Big Success

The historic Colfax Lions Crab Feed is back and better than ever.

A capacity crowd of nearly 200 diners gathered at the Sierra Vista Community Center and were treated to salad, shrimp cocktail, clam chowder, garlic bread and a super supply of crab legs.

A large array of raffle baskets contributed to a fun-filled evening of good food and great company. Members of the Colfax High School Alpine Ski team provided kitchen staffing and table services.

Proceeds from the event will support a variety of Lions projects in the community of Colfax.

Event chairperson Christine Houck said, "This year's event was a big success due to a great team effort."



Above –Alpine Ski Team who did kitchen and service duties: (BACK ROW) L-R are Coach Matt Lorang, Zach Weinberg, Jake Machado, Kristian Lyssand, Coach Stephanie Lorang, Miles Lorang, Ben Schiavone.

(FRONT ROW) Emma Gibson, Sam Mentas.

Below left – Chris and Kristen Nave

Below right – The hungry crowd filled the SVC gym.

*Photos and Story by
Alan Shuttleworth*



Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

"If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for the dreamers . . . February is for doers." – Marc Parent



Even though February is the shortest month of the year, it is packed with many opportunities to celebrate.

Some of the events that we look forward to are Valentines Day, Mardi Gras and Chinese New Year to name a few. Keep your eyes open for multiple events that will be happening in and around our community.

This month I am pleased to introduce one of our newest members: **Sierra Foothills Equipment**. Sierra Foothills Equipment services cars, diesel trucks and heavy equipment including excavators, tractors, skidsteers, bulldozers, and various types of commercial trucks.

From engine issues to brake repairs, their team is equipped to help handle all aspects of car and truck repair. While they are quick to help with emergency repair services for heavy equipment and trucks, they are also able to assist with your routine maintenance.

Sierra Foothills Equipment provides fleet maintenance service throughout Placer County and the surrounding regions. They help with oil changes, AC & eating servicing, electrical diagnosis and your regular maintenance.

Sierra Foothills Equipment can be reached by telephone at (530) 906-7974, by email at office@sierrafoothillequipment.com, or at business location at 45 Central Street, Colfax CA 95713.

As always, look for ways to get involved in the community! The City Council holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Chamber hosts a

Coffee & Conversations on the first Friday of the month at the Train Depot from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Thank you from all of us at the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President



www.ColfaxChamber.com
99 Railroad St. (Physical),
PO Box 86 (Mailing),
Colfax, Ca 95713
(530) 346-8888

Candidate Filing For June 2026 Primary Opens February 9

The Placer County Elections Office would like to remind those intending to run for elected office during the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election that they can access candidate filing services at the Placer County Elections Office (3715 Atherton Road in Rocklin) starting Monday, Feb. 9 at 8 a.m.

To schedule a time to file your candidacy paperwork, visit the Elections website at placercountyelections.gov/candidate-filing or contact our

Candidate Services team at 1-800-824-8683 or Candidates@placer.ca.gov.

Want to learn more about the requirements of running for office and the basics of managing a political campaign? Then don't miss the candidate workshop on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Elections Office. Remote attendance is also available. Just visit placercountyelections.gov/candidate-workshop for log-in information.



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!



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

- Auburn: Tuesdays 9:30
- Colfax: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Thursdays 10:30am
- Kings Beach: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Fridays 10:30am

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

- Auburn: Wednesdays 9:30
- Colfax: Thursdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Thursdays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Wednesdays 10:30am
& Fridays 9:30am



Stories, songs, and activities for children ages 3-5 years old.

- Auburn: Mondays 9:30
- Colfax: Fridays 10:30am
- Foresthill: Thursdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Fridays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Kings Beach: Tuesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Thursdays 10:30am



SCAN ME! for more details about storytime, scan the QR code.

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Churches

Colfax Assembly of God
Community
Fellowship

252 Culver St., Colfax,
CA 95713

Email: colfaxesog@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
530-305-7526

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
530-269-9467

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>

Colfax Visitors Center
99 S. Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8888

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>

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