

# Colfax Connections

## Drive-by Racism Sparks Local Protest In Colfax

By **Bryanna Eisenhut**

The protest organized and held in downtown Colfax on June 10th was simple in its intention: to support the Black Lives Matter protesters in our town who in the previous week were littered with racist, anti-black, white supremacist stickers from a car window.

The outpouring of support, presence, and community was remarkable. After just three days to spread the word, 180 people came and spent their afternoon showing that most of Colfax will not tolerate and will not be silenced by hate. Rural and small towns are not exempt from the events and dialogue unfolding in our country.

Lack of diversity is not a ticket out of the hard work we all have to do to elevate our understanding of humanity, of our own privileges, of the systems that suppress some and not others, and how we contribute to that. There is no just excuse: Get involved, learn everything you can, turn an open eye towards injustice, and mobilize your community to correct it.



(For more information about the author see page 6)



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by  
Alan  
Shuttleworth



**The ceremonial gavel is passed from outgoing Colfax Soroptimist President, Janis Quinn (L) to incoming President, Karen Miller (R). Photo by Alan Shuttleworth**

## Colfax Soroptimist Club Officer Installation For 2020

Soroptimist International of Colfax recently held a socially distanced installation of incoming officers for 2020.

### **The 2020 officers are:**

Karen Miller-President.  
 Pam Rex-Small and Patrice Goulet-Co 1st Vice Presidents,  
 Kim Johnson-2nd Vice President,  
 Corresponding Co Secretaries-Nikki Ahrens and Cyndi Ray,  
 Treasurer-Sonja Conklin,  
 Recording Secretary-Debra Fiut,  
 One-Year Director-Melinda Orona-Porter,  
 Two Year Director-Janis Quinn,  
 Parliamentarian-Dale Shuttleworth.

The club members are proud of their contributions to the community and are about to celebrate their 75th anniversary this fall.



***Drop Box Now Available at City Hall***

- ✦ Want to pay a bill, but it's after hours?
- ✦ Have some correspondence for us, but we aren't open?
- ✦ Want to practice social distance?

No problem! We now have a drop box that is accessible outside City Hall front door. No need to come inside – unless, of course, you want to!



# Safety First With COVID-19

By Cindy Gustafson  
Supervisor, District 5

As we continue to reopen businesses and activities, we expected to see COVID-19 cases increase in Placer County, and they continue to rise. The good news is we are still low in our per capita incidence compared to most areas of the State.

For example, in California the most recent numbers show 514 cases of COVID 19 per 100,000 people and in Placer County there are 154 cases per 100,000 people. (Numbers valid as of 6/26)

Nonetheless, I remain committed to the safe re-opening of Placer County, and I will continue to urge all of us to follow the guidance of health care professionals.

Reopening is important, but staying open is even more important. It's up to each of us to protect our families, our friends, our colleagues, and our communities. Now more than ever we must all depend upon each other.

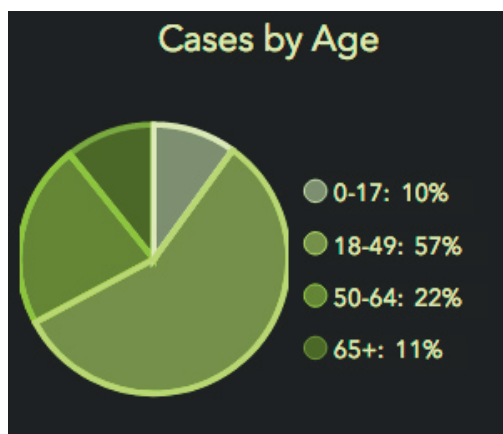


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Digital copies can also be found on the Chamber's Website at ([www.ColfaxChamber.com](http://www.ColfaxChamber.com)) and on the City's Website at ([www.colfax-ca.gov](http://www.colfax-ca.gov)).



## Business Briefs . . . ... with LindaLou Haines

Did you know that TJ's Roadhouse now has pizza, with all of the popular flavors and specialties? In addition to a very comprehensive menu, now you can order pizza in or take-out. No delivery yet.

Owner Boe Braumer said they started serving pizzas in March just before the Covid-19 lockdown, and it helped save them during that time of take-out only service. Boe also said that a new menu is coming soon. And, he reminded me that TJ's enjoys hosting parties, and they do catering.

And, in case you didn't know, eating at TJ's on your birthday, gets you a dessert on-the-house. (I found that out much to my delight when I had a birthday lunch there recently.)

You can contact TJ's at 346-

1040 and [www.tjscolfax.com](http://www.tjscolfax.com). They are open everyday 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on S. Auburn St. across from McDonald's. They may go back to their 6:30 a.m. opening soon, "when things get back to 'normal.'"

Things are jumping at newly opened Grandma C's Kitchen bakery and coffee house at 38 N. Main. Owner and baker extraordinaire Cyndee Schwartz is already adding new items to the menu and more are coming.

How about having breakfast at Grandma C's? They are now opening at 7 and continuing to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, to accommodate the early breakfast crowd. So, what is she serving? Bacon parmesan scones and sausage cheddar scones. Bet that got your attention! Then, there is my favorite blueberry lemon scones, plus

cream cheese herb bagel bombs and the ever popular lemon drop bread and other breakfast pastries.

Cyndee now has iced tea, and she is trying out iced blended coffee drinks like a caramel mocha blend. And, there may be a luncheon croissant sandwich soon.

To meet customer demand, she is experimenting with sugar free and gluten free items. So, keep giving Cyndee your feedback and requests. She listens.

Check out Grandma C's website, <http://grandmackskitchen.com> or find her on Facebook or call 512-5047.

One of the local casualties of the Covid-19 lockdown was a Colfax bed & breakfast I didn't even know about. It's at the Stone's Throw Farm on Alpine Way, and it is listed with Airbnb. It is the Bed & Breakfast at Stones Throw Farm.

Guests would enjoy the Farm and would go home with freshly picked salad greens and flowers. Owners Bryanna and Steve Eisenhut and their two preschoolers are hoping they can reopen the B&B soon. The B&B had been in operation for two years prior to the Covid-19 lockdown. Check out their Website: [www.StonesThrowFarmCA.com](http://www.StonesThrowFarmCA.com).

Remember: Please contact me if you know of or if you have a new business or an existing business doing something new: [lindalouhaines14@gmail.com](mailto:lindalouhaines14@gmail.com).



**Roof trusses being lowered into place on Shadow Wood new houses in early June.**  
Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



## Council Passes First Reading Of Amended Cannabis Ordinance

By [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net)

At a special meeting on July 1, 2020, the Colfax City Council unanimously approved several changes to the city's existing commercial cannabis ordinance. The special meeting was continued from the regular meeting that was held on June 24. A second reading of the amended ordinance will occur during the council's July 8 meeting.

Changes made to Chapter 5.32 of the Colfax Municipal Code (CMC) included:

**1.** The maximum number of permissible retail licenses will be reduced to one medicinal retail cannabis license, including microbusinesses with a medicinal retail cannabis component.

**2.** A total of 10 licenses will be authorized with two allocated for each of the following activities: commercial cannabis cultivation, distribution, manufacturing, microbusiness and testing, reserving discretion to shift one of those licenses between the five categories. Regulations for each of these categories have been included in the draft ordinance.

**3.** Commercial cannabis cultivation will be allowed and regulated, but outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation is prohibited.

**4.** Manufacturing activities that are allowed will not be allowed to use volatile solvents.

**5.** Commercial cultivation and manufacturing facilities that discharge into the City's sewer system will be required to obtain an industrial wastewater

permit.

**6.** Provisions for suspension and revocation of cannabis permits and monitoring commercial cannabis activities will be fortified, and all cannabis-related activities will be regulated.

The council also approved two changes to be incorporated into CMC Title 17:

**1.** Commercial cannabis cultivation, distribution, manufacturing, microbusiness and testing licenses will be conditionally authorized within Retail Commercial (C-R), Highway Commercial (C-H), Light Industrial (I-L) and Heavy Industrial (I-H) zones with the exception of Historic Downtown District overlay within Colfax.

**2.** The location of allowed cannabis activities will be more closely aligned with state law. Council also committed to recovering the City's cost of establishing and implementing the commercial cannabis regulation program through equitable allocation between licensees. That issue will likely be addressed by separate resolution or ordinance at a future meeting.

At its June 24 meeting the council unanimously approved the amended contract with the Placer County Sheriff's Office for policing services in 2020-2021. The amended contract includes a 6.15% increase in overall cost to the city, raising the contract value to \$781,616.

## Colfax City Hall Gets New Paint And New Sign





## COVID Restrictions Prompt More Local Sales For Colfax Farm

By [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net)

After visiting Colfax a couple times while courting his wife, Bryanna, who was born and raised here, Steven Eisenhut was hooked. "This place was just magnificent and after going down to the river I knew this was where we'd be coming to start our farm."

That was fine with Bryanna. She just couldn't believe the property at the end of Alpine Way that they'd found on the Web even existed. "I went to high school here. When we saw it online, I didn't believe it would look like this because it's so flat," she said. "I was astounded when we first saw it. It's really incredible how the pieces fell into place."

Asked about the farm's name, she said 'Stone's Throw' was on the early list of possible names and that it "just kept sticking around. We eventually settled on it because it elicits how close we are to the city, the trains, and all of the things we like to do like river rafting, skiing, and hiking foothill trails, all while being close to family and community."

Over the last four years they settled into a routine of daily farm work and regular deliveries of fresh, organic produce to farmers' markets and local

restaurants. They also became parents and are raising their two children, Casper and Matilda.

The still-developing farm was making a steady income producing vegetables and cut flowers as the Eisenhuts continued looking for ways to expand when COVID-19 scourge closed them and all of their markets down.

They'd already cut back on farmers' markets to have more time as a family before the lockdown began. But they were making two large deliveries a week to Three Forks, their main restaurant customer in Nevada City.

"Three Forks was taking everything we grew, but after the virus lockdown, the deliveries dropped to five pounds of this and a couple of bunches of that because they were impacted too," She said. "I was in full panic, because it was scary."

Suddenly stuck with loads of organic produce and no place to sell it, they started their own on-line shop selling vegetable boxes. After attending a number of Webinars on everything from food handling safety to field crew sanitation measures, they opened a pay-as-you-go weekly vegetable box for on-farm pickup each Wednesday.

"The response was awesome. We sold 15 boxes

Rows of  
organically grown  
salad mix on  
Stone's Throw Farm  
in Colfax.

Photo by Alan  
Shuttleworth.







**The Eisenhuts: Matilda on mother Bryanna's hip, Casper on the swing next to father Steven.**  
**Photo by Alan Shuttleworth**

the first week, and it's grown from there largely by word of mouth. We've never really marketed it yet," she said. "It felt really cool having people come here because they were increasing their own safety and ours too."

They're now selling 20-40 boxes a week and have just acquired some CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) software to increase marketing options for themselves and their customers. CSA customers subscribe for a full season of locally grown produce by paying the farmer up front for weekly vegetable boxes.

They've also increased their deliveries of bagged salad mix to Briarpatch Co-op in Grass Valley. She said that selling bagged salad mix has become a special niche for Stone's Throw because not many farms grow for that market.

"And our being organic makes it even more marketable," she said. "We've also begun selling it to the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op. At both places the demand for locally grown produce has

greatly increased. It makes sense because it's way safer and more reliable during a time when the virus might interrupt supply from more distant farms."

She noted that other farmers have also had to adjust their business models to generate more local sales. "In the farming community we're wondering if the virus has started a local food revolution, because it's starting to look like it has."

More information on Stone's Throw Farm in Colfax can be found at:

<https://www.stonethrowfarmca.com/>



## Colfax Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Colfax are working together with Placer County to help distribute FREE face coverings and hand sanitizers to businesses within the Colfax Area (Clipper Gap to Cisco Grove and from Chicago Park to Iowa Hill) that have not been able to acquire the necessary PPE for their business and employees to meet the guidelines.

The free PPE (personal protective equipment) is currently available for businesses that have opened in Stage 1, 2 and 3 of the California Resiliency Roadmap.



This free PPE is intended to be a stop-gap measure for businesses that are having difficulty acquiring necessary PPE for their operation. Certain restrictions do apply.

If you are in need of masks and/or hand sanitizer and have not been able to obtain any, please complete this form: <https://files.constantcontact.com/b3c52faa701/3fcad8c0-237f-471a-b20b-401432989399.pdf>, and then email it to [admin@colfax-ca.gov](mailto:admin@colfax-ca.gov), and [accounting@colfax-ca.gov](mailto:accounting@colfax-ca.gov). They will get the request to the Chamber.

After completing and submitting the form, you will be contacted with a date and time to pick up your order in Colfax, California. Orders not collected on the assigned day, will be placed back into stock.

Have you printed out your Reopen Placer posters? If not and you need assistance doing so, please contact us at [colfaxareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:colfaxareachamber@gmail.com), so we can assist you.

We also have printed signs available for you to place in your business or you can place them around your community. Let us know if you need these signs and we will make arrangements to get them to you. Visit [www.placer.ca.gov/Reopen-Placer](http://www.placer.ca.gov/Reopen-Placer) for more information.

### Visitor Center & Museum

The Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce Office/Visitor Center and the Colfax Area Heritage Museum will continue to be closed until further notice.

Even though our physical office is closed, your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce is still working for you. We are all working remotely and can be reached at [colfaxareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:colfaxareachamber@gmail.com) or 530-346-8888. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

We are always looking to increase our membership and to better serve our members. If you have questions about joining the Chamber or suggestions on how we can serve the businesses better, please give Dave Johnson a call (916-207-5466) or email me at [dave@uccaproperties.com](mailto:dave@uccaproperties.com).

**Dave Johnson**  
CACC President





June 20th-August 8th



# Beanstack

Register at [placer.beanstack.org](http://placer.beanstack.org)





# **Opening May 27, 2020**

## **Sierra Vista Center**

- **Certified Farmers' Market at 55 School St. in Colfax.**
- **Every Wednesday, 4-7 P.M.  
May 27 – Oct. 14, 2020**
- **Prepared food vendors welcome**



- **Contact Market Manager Will Stockwin at 530-210-4291 or [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net) for vendor applications and market rules.**
- **Preference will be given to Placer and Nevada County Growers.**



## 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  
530-346-9433  
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>

Colfax Lions Club  
PO Box 664, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-477-2533  
Website: <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca>

Gold Country Lionesses  
PO Box 1852, Colfax, CA 95713

Illinoistown Clay-Mason Lodge #51 of Colfax  
14 N. Main St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-6627  
Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

Salvation Army Service Unit  
320 S. Canyon Way, Ste.A, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2722

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

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>



# Culver Street Re-Paving Nearly Done

Despite severe June heat, Phase 2 construction to rebuild Culver St. is expected to wrap up on July 3.

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Alan Shuttleworth

