

# Colfax Connections

## Auditor Says The City Is Doing "Very well"

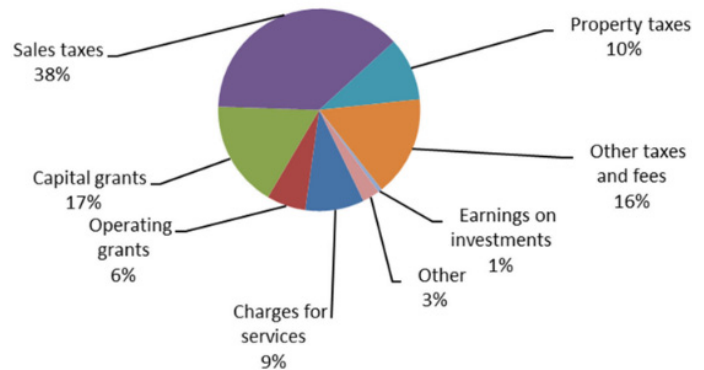
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The city received a clean annual audit report at its January 12 meeting.

Among the highlights presented to the council by Richardson and Company, LLP (Sacramento) managing partner and auditor, Ingrid Shepline, were:

- General Fund revenues exceeded budget by \$280,000 from higher sales taxes and building permits, while expenses were less than budget by \$42,000 due to lower payroll expenses and capital outlay costs.
- Sewer Enterprise Fund revenues exceeded budget due to unbudgeted connection fees,

### SOURCES OF REVENUE



insurance refund and grant revenue for WWTP improvement planning and Pond 3 repairs while personnel and Operation and Maintenance costs were lower than budget.

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## Canyon View Residents Say Thanks

Canyon View Apartments (CVA) in Colfax, a seniors complex, would like to thank the following people, civic, county and national organizations for their support during the snow storm over Christmas

weekend with it's endless days without power and warmth.

We'd like to sincerely thank Colfax Mayor, Trinity Burruss, who found a contact for a generator, so we could estab-

lish a warming center here at the apartment complex. She notified the Salvation Army to provide a food truck for meals to our homebound residents. She notified the Fire Department, the Search and Rescue, and the Probation departments, plus she supplied blankets and other emergency supplies.

Trinity always sounded calm and was so supportive which means a lot in dire situations that I am sure involved a lot more people than those living at CVA.

Mayor Pro-tem Marnie Mendoza also deserves many thanks for always being reachable, supportive and instrumental

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• Liabilities – Debt of \$7,198,000 to fund sewer system upgrades. Unfunded pension liability is \$146,000. No retiree health benefits, so no liability recorded.

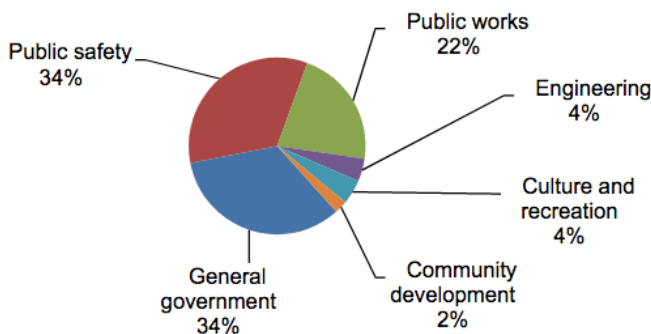
• Total revenue from all sources was \$6,389,097 of which \$841,592 was from capital grants and contributions. Total expenses from all sources were \$4,763,091.

Shepline said that she had found no internal control weaknesses, and that the city complied with all relevant laws and regulations.

She also reported no difficulties in performing the audit and no unusual accounting practices.

“Overall it was a very clean audit and the city is doing very well,” Shepline said.

### PROGRAM EXPENSES



The council approved the quarterly report on Sales and Use Tax revenues for first quarter of fiscal year 2021-2022. As of the end of September 2021, sales tax revenues from sales made within the city jurisdiction decreased 22% as compared to the same quarter last year. It is the lowest quarter reported since 2017.

**At its second meeting of the month on January 26,** the council approved the final paperwork to close out the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that provided Subsistence Payment grants to Colfax residents that were eligible for the COVID-19 Relief Grant Program (Program). Two grants totaling \$16,409.27 were awarded.

City Manager, Wes Heathcock, was authorized to receive a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation

Planning Grant for \$211,030 to prepare a Downtown Connectivity and Main Street Improvement Plan. There is a required match of 11.47% (\$27,341) from the city. The plan will include concepts and identify investments to improve the accessibility, visibility, safety and appeal of the historic downtown for residents, visitors, businesses and property owners.

Cannabis will be making a return to the council agenda after Jim Dion, owner of Golden State Patient Care here in Colfax, petitioned the council from the public comment podium for a hearing on whether to allow him to also sell recreational cannabis. The council directed staff to agendize it for a future meeting.

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getting the snow plowed twice, getting the Fire Department, the Search and Rescue, the Salvation Army food truck. Marnie gave much support for a warming center, supplies and contacts. You have no idea how wonderful it is to have someone ready to help us, Marnie.

We want to send appreciation to the snowplow driver who had to plow the entrance road twice, so we didn't have to have a 4 wheel drive to evacuate. More thanks and appreciation to Kevin, our generator contact, who came to reboot the generator late at night.

Many thanks to the Salvation Army mobile food truck volunteers who provided three delicious meals a day, plus entertaining conversation to everyone in the Rec Hall, making us feel a part of something wonderful and giving us hope.

Thank you to the Probation Department members that shoveled out our cars and dumpsters. Thank you to Mr. John Kim, who owns the Chevron and who had no hesitation in providing warm shirts and blankets for our residents.

Our hearts are so grateful for all your generous help and your generous spirit, which gave us all a sense that people cared, and that we could weather the storm because we were not alone.

**Nadia Calvo**  
**Manager, Canyon View Apartments in Colfax**

## What's happening now in Placer County?

### COVID-19 Update

Cases in Placer County are now surging significantly.

There were 42,022 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Placer County as of Dec. 31 (data pulled Jan. 4). Cases surged at the end of December after decreasing through November. December 2021 saw 401 cases on the 30th, the highest single-day new case count since the beginning of the pandemic up to that point (data pulled on Jan. 7).

As of January 7, 2022 the highest single-day case count has again been exceeded at 532 new cases on Jan. 3.

An individual who tests positive on multiple occasions is only counted as a single case, except if the reinfection surveillance definition is met.

As of Jan. 3, 2022 Placer County has received reports of 492 COVID-related deaths.

- 193(39%) were residents of long-term care facilities.
- 49% were under the age of 80; 18% were under the age of 65.
- At least 93% of those who died had at least one confirmed underlying health condition. (36 deaths are pending for this data).

*(Obtained from the Placer County Website)*

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

### What a difference a month can make!

In last month's issue of the Connections, we celebrated the much anticipated opening of the Best Western Colfax.

This month we STILL celebrate the opening of our very own Best Western... with an OOPS added.

The OOPS happened Christmas night. You remember Christmas night and the Storm/ Record snowfall/ Power outage of 2021, right? The power outage that for some went on for TWO WEEKS. I heard one area resident refer to those conditions as like a "third world country."

Yes, we are spoiled with instant water from our faucets, instant heat (or at least it is after you stoke up the wood stove) in most residences,



Above - Best Western receptionist Katie O'Rourke in the hotel dining area.

Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

instant electricity for our refrigerators and our electronic toys and all the rest.

However, can you imagine being a guest in a hotel that just lost its power because of a widespread area power outage and the hotel generator that was on order hadn't arrived yet? Our Best Western had been opened just under one week when the power outage hit the lovely new facility and the rest of us. Talk about bad timing. Their first holiday weekend. That's the OOPS that hit our latest new business in town! Not exactly the welcome that a new business would hope for.

Jennifer Rivera, front desk clerk/ trainer, told us that when the power went out, a few residents stayed one day, but then the hotel had to close down. She said the corporate reservation system of Best Western found accommodations for all the displaced Colfax guests. Therefore, all guests got a warm place to stay with minimal fuss or bother.

The good news is that the hotel now has a generator. So, hopefully, they are ready for the next power outage. Let's hope we all are!

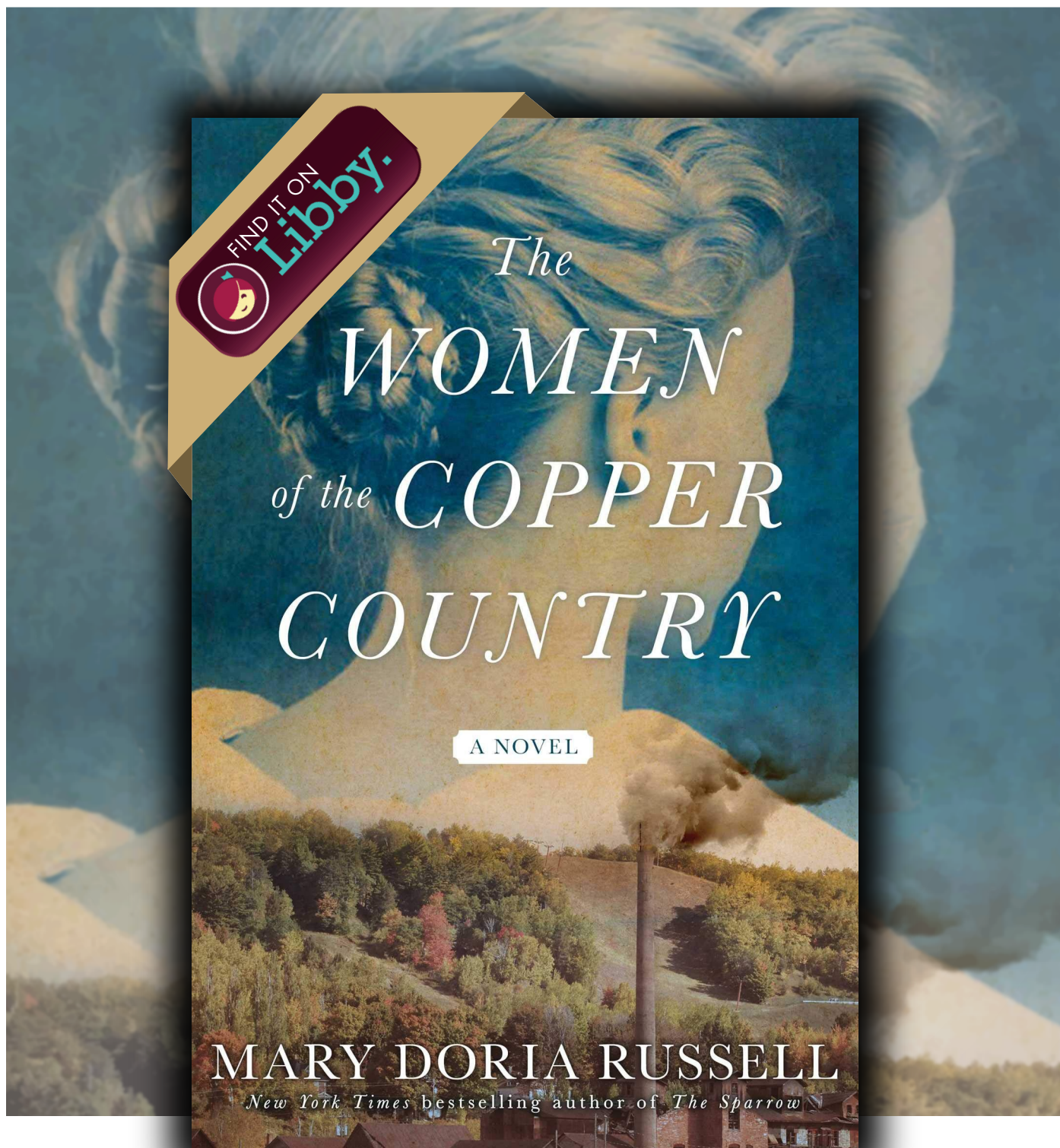
**As a resident of Canyon View Apartments (CVA, see story on page 1),** I want to add a huge thanks to the corporation that oversees the operation of CVA: Preservation Partners Management Group (PPMG) for stepping up to help us during the storm.

PPMG helped those of us who needed pet-friendly accommodations by paying for us to stay at the Extended Stay America hotel in Roseville for 4 or 5 nights. It was a good choice of hotels, and those of us who availed ourselves of this warm opportunity with our pets were immensely grateful.

Thank you from my dog, Miss Bella, who doesn't like any dogs and most cats but loved the hotel, and me to the owners of PPMG.

LindaLouise Haines

**Please send me your business news at  
lindalouhaines14@gmail.com**



# COLFAX LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY FEB 9 | 4PM





## PG&E Free Firewood Giveaway

PG&E sponsored a free heating wood giveaway in the Sierra Vista Community Center parking lot in early January. The cold snap that followed the Christmas blizzard, when powerlines were down everywhere, had temperatures hovering near freezing for several days. PG&E also provided "Go Bags" and hot showers to all in need.

Above, inset - Volunteer Services Coordinator, Justin Farwell, was appointed by Mayor Burruss to secure the wood pile and supervise its distribution. He was also handing out free "Grab and Go Bags" that included a blanket, snacks and a phone charger.

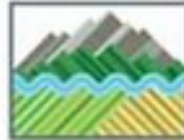
Left- Ric Tetrault, First Vice Commander of our local American Legion Post, cooking eggs that were part of the free breakfast for anyone who needed a hot meal.

Photos by Alan Shuttleworth



# Placer County Chipper Program

Operated by:



**PLACER  
RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

The Chipper Program provides a low-cost, residential chipping service to help landowners manage their vegetation and meet defensible space goals.

## Please Read:

- Chipping will occur alongside the road/driveway or other areas that allow the crew to work around the vegetation piles safely. No business or commercial use.
- Please stack vegetation with the cut ends facing one direction that is easily accessible by the Chipper vehicles. Stem diameters must be less than 12 inches.
- Please no poison oak, scotch broom, or vines, such as blackberry and grapes.
- All chipped vegetation will be blown back on the property.
- Chipping is completed on a rotational basis throughout the county to save on fuel costs. No appointments are made.
- After chipping, the crew will leave an invoice at your door. The minimum invoice will be for one hour of service, at the cost-share rate of \$80/hour.
- Cost-share fees may be waived for homeowners who either:
  - ...possess a disabled/handicapped vehicle placard, or
  - ...have a household income not exceeding the "Very Low Limit" as defined by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development: [www.placerrcd.org/fees-waived](http://www.placerrcd.org/fees-waived)



## Notice:

**We check messages daily and will not return your call. Please leave only one message.**

**This service is in very high demand. Wait times may be 2 to 6 weeks depending on request volume.**

## Program Partners



## To Schedule Service:

Call the Chipper Program Message Center

(530) 889-0111, Extension 3

Please listen to the instructions – leave your name, site address, phone number, and location of the chip pile.

Email questions to [chipper@placerrcd.org](mailto:chipper@placerrcd.org)

**Join the VFW Auxiliary & Post 2003 for a  
"Catch the Green" of St. Patrick's Day  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

**Saturday, March 12, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.  
Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall  
22 Sunset Circle, Colfax**

**Adults - \$22 Children under 12 - \$5  
Children under 5 - Free**

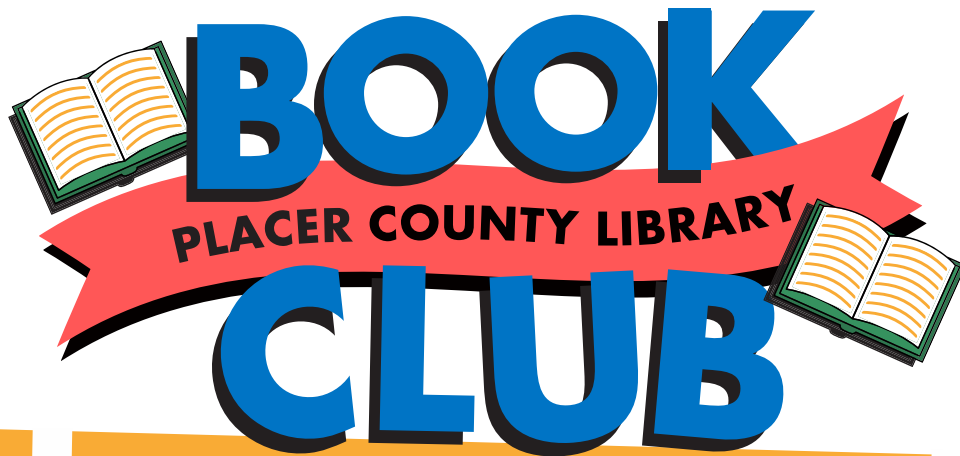
**Seating limited to first 110 people (Take-outs on request)  
Tickets purchased at the door will be \$1 more.**

**6 - 6:30 p.m. - No Host Happy Hour  
Proceeds benefit local Youth, Educational & Scholarship Programs.  
Fantastic Raffle Baskets and Adult Casino Opportunity Drawings!**



**Tickets/reservations by March 9  
or \$2 more  
call Carol (530-346-9573)  
Beth (530-637-4893)**





# BOOK PLACER COUNTY LIBRARY CLUB

## **Auburn Library**

4th Wednesday of the Month | 4:00pm

## **Colfax Library**

2nd Wednesday of the Month | 4:00pm

## **Foresthill Library**

4th Thursday of the Month | 2:00pm

## **Granite Bay Library**

3rd Wednesday of the Month | 2:00pm

## **Rocklin Library**

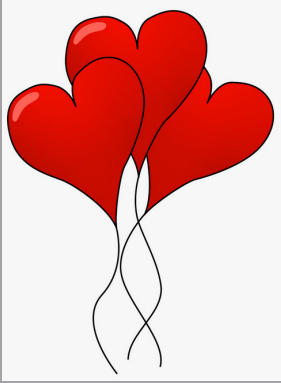
2nd Thursday of the Month | 3:00pm

## **Tahoe Area**

1st Wednesday of the Month | 2:00pm

\*Alternating between Tahoe City and Kings Beach Libraries

Find monthly book selections and place holds  
at [placer.ca.gov/library](http://placer.ca.gov/library)



## Valentines For Vets



The Colfax VFW Auxiliary #2003 is again inviting the public to help make homemade “Valentines for Vets” to go to our veterans at the Reno VA Hospital, Mather VA Hospital in Rancho Cordova, Auburn VA Clinic, Yountville Veterans Home, and local senior facilities.

Last year, in spite of COVID, more than 1614 valentines were delivered and mailed out. Scout troops, church groups, senior groups, youth groups, or individuals are encouraged to make the Valentines.

Please limit the size to 8 x 11; individual envelopes are not necessary. Boxes for Valentines are at the Colfax Chamber of Commerce at the train Depot or the Colfax Library and Auburn Journal.

For more information, contact Beth Murphy at 530-637-4893. Our veterans who have served their country in the past as well as those continuing to serve appreciate your loving efforts and support.

**Deadline is: February 8**

## Churches

Colfax Assembly of  
God Community  
Fellowship  
252 Culver St., Col-  
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>

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](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/col-  
faxca](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>

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>





**02-12-2022**  
**AMERICAN**  
**LEGION POST**  
**192 COLFAX**

Annual fundraiser:

Cioppino dinner.



**2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tom  
 Passanisi  
 Cioppino dinner  
 \$60.00 per  
 person.**

**Social hour at  
 5PM, dinner  
 served at 6PM**

**Cioppino dinner  
with Antipasto  
salad, bread and  
for dessert  
Tiramisu. Please  
 call ahead for  
 reservations**

**Because only 48  
 reservations will  
 be taken  
 Commander's cell  
 916 216-8254 or  
 Lorrie (916-202-  
 2851)**

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