

# Colfax Connections

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## CHS Girls Win Nor Cal Title With 34-2 Record



Photo and Story by Alan Shuttleworth

As the #1 seed, the Colfax Lady Falcons were able to play on their home court for the Nor Cal final game. The opponent was Caruthers High School from Fresno County, a school with a similar enrollment to Colfax. The home team fought its way to a win close game, 53-52. Juliette James led the Falcons with 16 points.

This 34th win is a program “best” for the Lady Falcons. After this game, the ladies were the only Sacramento area team still playing and advanced to the State Final to play Rancho-Cucamonga’s Los Osos High School at the Golden I Center.

Colfax lost the State Final in a game that was closer than the 65-48 final score suggested, especially considering the difference in size between the two schools.

The Lady Falcons finished the season with a 34-2 record. **More Photos on pages 6&7**

### Mendoza Takes Medical Leave From City Council Duties

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

The Colfax City Council met once in March on the 8th for a short meeting that lasted barely 30 minutes. Councilmember David Ackerman was not at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Marnie Mendoza was also absent, but she constituted the one piece of official business on the night’s agenda when she was granted a six-week leave of absence for medical reasons. She is expected to return on April 12.

Councilmember Kim Douglass was appointed interim Mayor Pro Tem during Mendoza’s absence on a 3-0 vote. April 2023 council meetings are scheduled for the 12th and 26th.



# What is LIHWAP?

**LIHWAP** stands for the **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program**.

**LIHWAP** offers a **one-time payment** to help you pay your **water or wastewater bills**.

**LIHWAP** can help you if you're **past due** on your water bill or even if you're **current** on payments.

**LIHWAP** helps pay bills accrued **anytime**. There are no date restrictions.

## How Do I Apply?

Households can apply for LIHWAP assistance through a local LIHWAP service provider. Eligibility for LIHWAP services can vary depending on income, water system participation, place of residence, and other factors. Households whose utility payments are included in their rent may also be eligible for LIHWAP. Recipients of CalFresh, CalWORKs, and LIHEAP are automatically income-qualified for LIHWAP assistance. Contact your local LIHWAP service provider to learn more about how to apply by visiting [csd.ca.gov/waterbill](https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill).

## What Can I Qualify For?

LIHWAP provides one-time payments to low-income households that are eligible for assistance. The size of a benefit will vary depending on the household's residential water and wastewater bills. In addition, program participation is limited to households receiving services from water and wastewater providers enrolled in LIHWAP to receive the payment of assistance benefits. **Households that qualify for LIHWAP could reduce their water or wastewater charges by hundreds, or even thousands of dollars depending on their bill.**

If you are struggling to afford your water or wastewater bills, please visit [csd.ca.gov/waterbill](https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill) to see if you qualify for payment assistance through LIHWAP and to find the local service provider near you to apply.

## Overcrowding At Placer Animal Services Center



Recent stormy weather has led to an increase in dog intakes at the Placer County Animal Services (PCAS) Center in Auburn, putting additional strain on an already-full shelter.

In the first two weeks of March alone, the shelter took in 73 new dogs, more than 60% higher than normal for this time of year.

The pace of adoptions and redemptions has not kept up, and as a result, the shelter is experiencing overcrowding, with many overflow dogs placed in crates in spare rooms, doubled up in kennels and even housed in barn stalls.

“We’re asking the public to take some precautions to ensure your pup stays safe at home during weather events,” said Katie Ingram, PCAS program manager. “We’re also pleading with owners to redeem their lost pets, and for other community members to open their homes and hearts for adoption if they can.”

If a member of the public finds a dog, alert Placer County Animal Services at 530-886-5500.

*Information courtesy of the Placer County Website, [www.placer.ca.gov](http://www.placer.ca.gov)*

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## Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

'Above the fog; below the snow.' You've all heard this saying. You may even have a T-shirt with that on it. I know some folks believing the slogan is the reason they moved to this elevation.

However, somewhere along the way in late February and early March the weather gods forgot the 'below the snow' part of the saying. As you know, Colfax has gotten walloped recently. And, sadly PG&E's equipment caused us to lose power again.

For a lot of us, several days of no heat especially, or anything else that runs on electricity, is a hardship. So, some of us checked into the **Best Western Colfax (BWC)**, 801 S. Auburn St.



I found the BWC to be a very accommodating experience in all respects. Best Westerns are pet friendly, so my Chiweenie, Miss Bella, checked in with me. We saw many other dogs in the halls and outside on their potty walks.

My room was a double queen with micro fridge. It was roomie, and the beds were firm and very comfy. (My neighbor found her king bed to be too firm, so as always with mattresses it comes down to personal preferences.)

The room also included a microwave, a coffee maker, free WIFI, charging stations for my devices and an easy to operate climate control panel. The bathroom was a good size, and plenty of towels were on hand.

The hotel amenities also included a business center, a fitness center and an outdoor pool.

The self-serve breakfast was extraordinary in its variety and yumminess. I enjoyed a Belgian waffle, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs and delicious coffee. It all seemed to be a hit with the other guests at breakfast, as well.

Following the wonderful breakfast, probably the most noteworthy aspect of my stay was the well-trained, friendly staff. The front desk staff especially were quite competent and accommodating to guests' needs.

Bottom line: You can feel comfortable having your out-of-town friends and family stay at Best Western Colfax. They will enjoy their stay.

A new shop in town, **Sunny Rose Boutique**, had a grand opening at their location, 34 W. Church St., next to the Post Office, on March 29th. Sunny Rose features clothes and accessories that are a notch above the clothes at Sunny Rick's other Colfax shop, **Colfax Community Gift and Thrift**.

**Scoops Ice Cream & Yogurt** and its building at 27 South Main St., are up for sale because the Wright family has retired from the business as of March 31st.

They are hoping to sell the business, not just close it, so Colfax can continue to have an ice cream shop. (Yes!) For inquiries regarding the sale, call Jessica Wright, 530-885-8855.

Contact me at [LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com](mailto:LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com)

## Colfax Lions Speakers Contest Winner Continues to Advance



Ryder Vernon, winner at the Colfax Club level of the Lions Speakers Contest, continued in his winning ways by taking first place in the Foothill Zone contest. The Foothill Zone includes five clubs from Auburn, Foresthill, Meadow Vista and Colfax. The topic, “Social Media: Connects Us or Divides Us?” was the key to spirited debate by the contest participants. Ryder advances to the Donner Region competition on April 11th at the Higgins Diggins Lions Facility in Lake of the Pines. Since there are 12 clubs in the Region, there will be strong competition for a speaker to advance. In photo, left to right, Alan Shuttleworth – Speakers Contest chair, Rose Craighead – Colfax Lions president, Dana Johnson – Zone Level chair, Ryder Vernon – contest winner, Tim Luckinbill – Lions District governor, Michael Divine – coordinator, Learning Commons, CHS

## CHS Girls Soccer Team Finish Season Ranked #2 In North State

Lily Patrick, a CHS junior, on the field in the last game of the year during the Nor Cal final that the girls lost 1-0 to Mira Monte from Bakersfield. The Lady Falcons had their opportunities – one goal was called back on an off-sides call, and there were other close shots including one that hit the crossbar. Colfax was ranked #2 in Northern California while Mira Monte was #5. Colfax finished the year with a 27-2-1 record.

Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



# CHS Girls Basketball Team Ends Season On High Note In Final Games



Above – The Colfax Spirit Squad was loud and lively cheering the Colfax Girls to a Nor Cal Finals victory.

Below – Juliette James shoots over two Caruthers defenders.



Top – Maycee Heimann shooting in traffic.

Bottom – Jade Bittner shoots for three points.

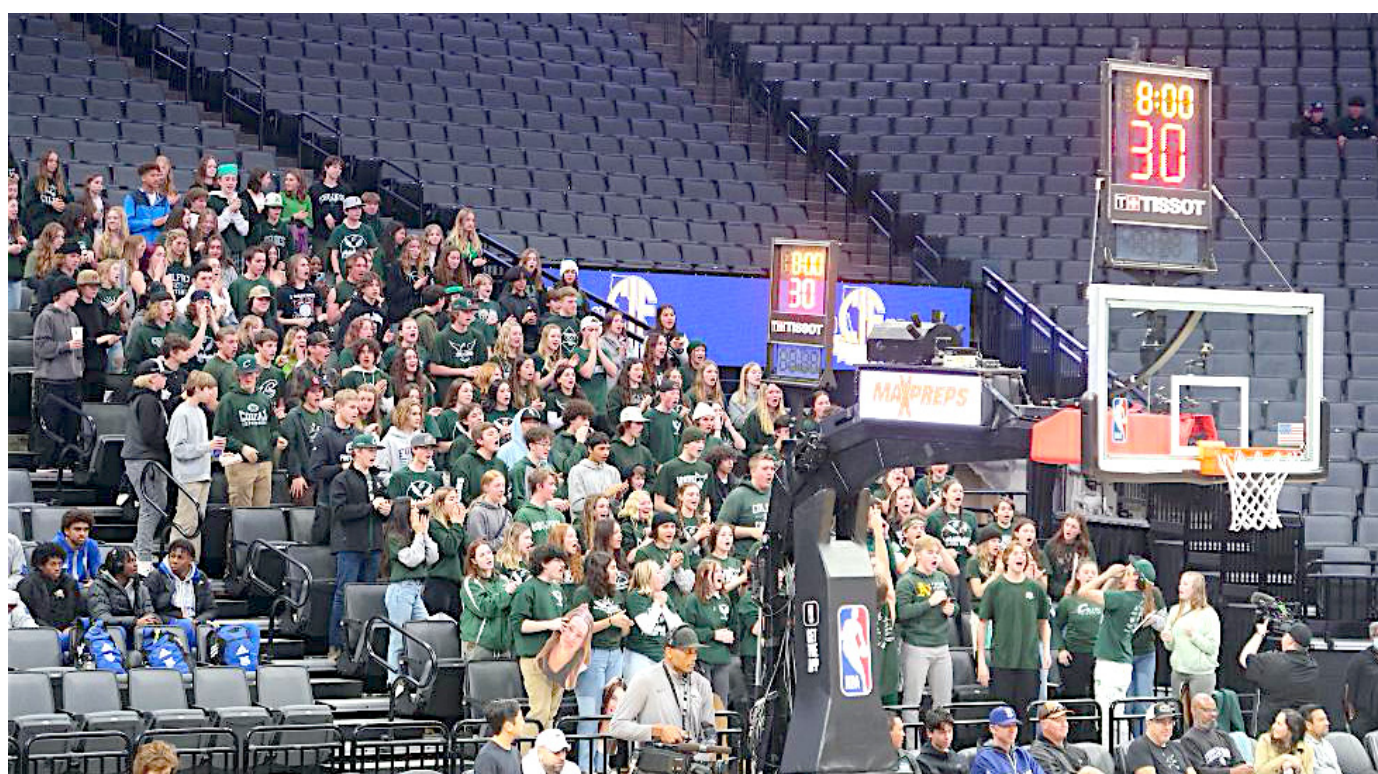




## Colfax Girls In State Division 3 Title Game

Top Left – Jade Bittner dribbles against tight defense.  
Top Center – Kaia Diederichs goes in for a lay-up.  
Top Right – Maycee Heimann crossing center court.  
At Right – Juliette James passes over the defense.

All Photos By Alan Shuttleworth



# Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

We cannot wait for Spring!

We have been busy with exciting new plans and updating our membership benefits. You shared your ideas with us, and we listened. We now have two additional packages to add more marketing opportunities for your business. On April 6, we will host our Members Only Mixer and you won't want to miss it. Come network with other CACC Chamber members, meet our new President, Amanda Palmquist, and hear what we have planned for this year.

**Lauriana Cecchi**  
Executive Director,  
Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce



Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

*Congratulations!*

Welcome our New CACC Board President

*Amanda Palmquist*

I love serving and helping people connect with resources and events that they will enjoy. I believe I can bring enthusiasm and new insights to the Board. I have varying skills from my work with a non-profit helping girls that were living on the street, work as a paralegal and work as a realtor.

I am interested in serving as a Board Member in order to better serve the community in different capacities.



[www.ColfaxChamber.com](http://www.ColfaxChamber.com)



**MEMBERS ONLY**

## MEMBERSHIP MIXER

Thursday, April 6th, 2023

6:00PM-8:00PM

99 Railroad St. Colfax, CA

Renew your 2023 membership, network & learn about your benefits!

*Beverages & appetizers provided*

[www.colfaxchamber.com](http://www.colfaxchamber.com)





# 4-20-2023

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month veterans  
fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial  
hall.

*Chicken Cacciatore dinner: Chicken Cacciatore,  
made from the freshest ingredients and the best  
quality food. Salad and Tiramisu for dessert.*

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



**Monthly dinners on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of  
each month**

**\$15.00 per  
person, \$8.00  
ages 7-13 and  
under 7 are free  
Social hour at  
5PM, dinner  
served at 6PM**

**Please call ahead  
for reservations.  
Take-out available  
(with  
reservations).  
Commander's cell  
916 216-8254 or  
Lorrie 916 202-  
2851**

**POST 192  
22 Sunset Circle,  
Colfax 95713**

**post192colfaxca.com**

**New menu every month**



**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Churches

Colfax Assembly of  
God Community  
Fellowship  
252 Culver St., Col-  
fax, CA 95713  
Email: colfaxesag@  
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/  
colfaxca](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca)

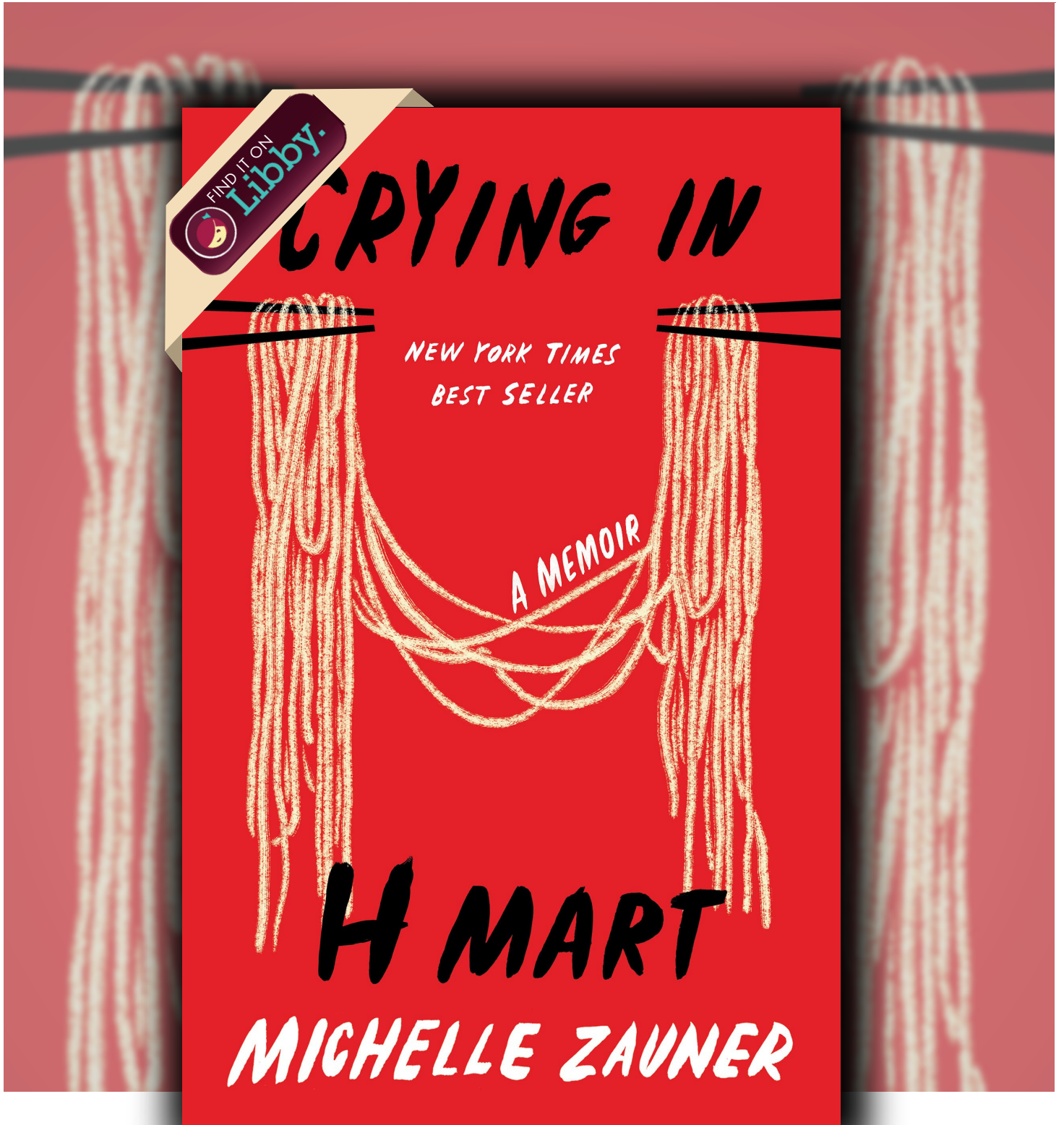
Sierra Vista Artists  
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-320-0433

Sierra Vista Community 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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WEDNESDAY APR 12 | 2PM

