

Colfax Connections

Section Champs Colfax Lady Falcons Come Up Short After Exciting Playoff Series



Back Row, L-R: Kevin Ivey, Trainer Doug Mickel, Asst Varsity Coach Yuba Roach, Stella Chavez, Jazzy Owens, Grace Bliss, Maycee Heimann, Keilah Hicks, Rich Simpton, Varsity Coach, Rexanne Simpton, JV Coach. Front Row, Kneeling, L-R: Natalie Lundberg, Aliya McCord, Gabriella Bittner, Ava Dunlavey. (Photo courtesy of the Auburn Journal) **More photos on Page 4**

Amtrak Cuts California Zephyr Service Due To COVID-19 Impacts On Employees

California Zephyr train service has been suspended from Denver west to Emeryville. During the coronavirus crisis there will only be train service between Chicago and Denver.

Under Amtrak policy, employees are directed to take time-off from service to care for themselves or family members who are symptomatic or have tested positive. A resulting lack of sufficient staff is causing the temporary suspension of Amtrak service on the western leg of the California Zephyr.

- Customers between Galesburg and Denver can continue west via an Amtrak Thruway Bus connection from Denver to the Southwest Chief at Raton.
- Customers between Emeryville and Reno can ride a combination of Amtrak trains and Thruway buses via Sacramento.

Amtrak CEO Stephen Gardner said passengers should expect these significant reductions in train service “to continue for some time.”

COVID-19 Crisis Forces SVC To Close Its Doors

In accordance with the governor’s statewide shutdown order, the Sierra Vista Community Center has closed its doors to the public for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Some services will still be available, however, including:

- All rental requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- The commercial kitchen can still be rented by businesses and individuals.
- The community garden will continue and plots are available
- The farmers market is still expected to start in the spring
- The SVC board is considering starting a free, weekly outdoor book exchange, because the library is closed. Book donations will be needed to start the program.

All phone calls to the center at 346-8726 or 346-8626 will be returned.

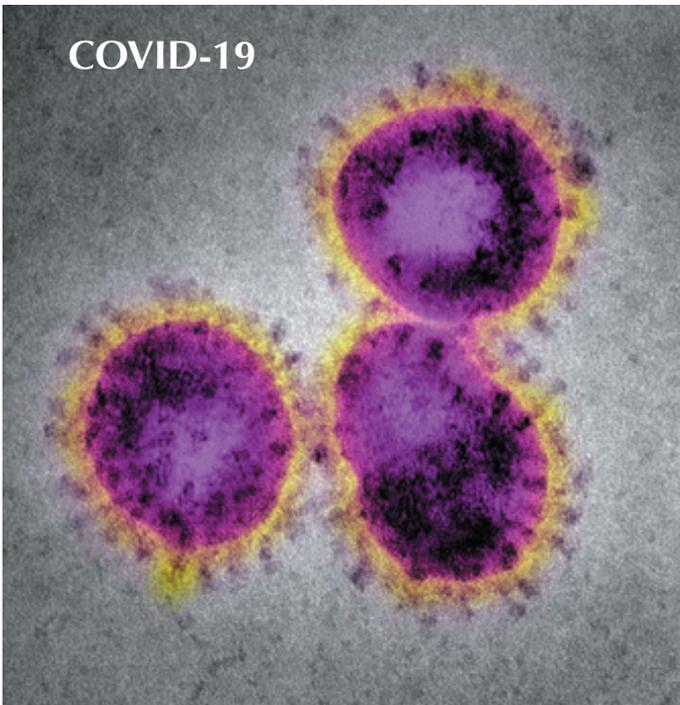


The Mayor's Corner

Mayor Marnie Mendoza

3/25/2020 - Our congressman, Doug LaMalfa, has sent out an urgent message to his 1st District constituents that we all need to keep hearing about the growing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The only way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus because there is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).



Unfortunately, that means treating each other like potential carriers, but that's what we all are right now. Please don't take my six-foot no-contact zone personally.

The Center for Disease Control also strongly recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Facemasks: CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water, lathering for a minimum of 20 seconds.

Thanks again to Congressman LaMalfa's office for keeping important information in front of us. He can be contacted via <https://lamalfa.house.gov/contact> or at (530) 878-5035

More information at:

California Department of Public Health Coronavirus Call Center
(916) 558-1784

Placer County Health and Human Services
(530) 889-7141

www.cdc.gov/COVID19
<https://ncov2019.live/>

Veterans Administration
<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/>

April Council Meetings to Be Teleconferenced

By wstockwin@hughes.net

- The April 8 city council meeting will be via teleconference. The tele-conference will include viewing via the city broadcast system and a dial-in number for public/elected participation.

- The April 22 council meeting was up in the air as of this writing.

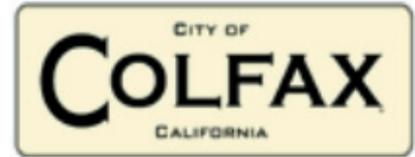
The council's March 11 meeting included a presentation by Retail Strategies proposing a program to increase sales tax revenues in the city. The program would cost \$35,000/yr., which the council will consider at a future meeting. After that, in quick order the council unanimously approved:

- Authorizing the city manager to contract with PlaceWorks Consulting Group for \$207,087 to prepare the General Plan and Housing Element update. SB2 grant funding totaling \$160,000 is going into this project, and staff is also pursuing additional grant monies to offset remaining project costs.

- An amendment to the round-about Construction Management and Inspection contract in the amount of \$55,788.78. Despite the change, the project is still \$145,000 under budget.

- The second reading of Ordinance 541 requiring hazardous vegetation abatement and establishment of defensible space, enforcement of said ordinance to begin in January 2021.

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Winter returns for
an encore in
mid-March, by
Alan Shuttleworth



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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).



The CHS Lady Falcons finished 30-5 overall and 10-0 in league play, averaging 57.2 points/game along the way.

Right – Junior Stella Chavez scored 144 points over 35 games, and grabbed four rebounds/game.



Left – Senior Grace Bliss jumps for a tip-off against Pleasant Valley, a game Colfax won. Bliss averaged 21 points/game, and was the team's leading scorer over 35 games.

Above – Jazzy Owens, a junior, goes to the hoop against Half Moon Bay for two of her 530 points over 35 games.

Below – Junior Aliya McCord averaged 4.2 boards and 3.6 steals over 35 games.



Below – Junior Natalie Lundberg moves up court against Pleasant Valley. She scored 153 points over 35 games this year.



All photos by Alan Shuttleworth



2019-2020 San Joaquin Section Champions



Colfax High Lady Falcons, 2020

**1 – G. Bittner (Fr), 2 – N. Lundberg (Jr), 3 – M. Heimann (Fr)
4 – S. Chavez (Jr), 5/13 – A. McCord (Jr), 10/44 K. Hicks (Jr)
11 – Y. Roach (Fr), 14 – J. Owens (Jr), 22 – G. Bliss (Sr)
23/30 – A. Dunlavey (Fr)**



Proud parents and friends turned out and filled the home stands for every game.

Colfax Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Closed, cancelled, postponed, rescheduled, self-quarantine, social distancing. These are just a few of the words and terms we have been hearing everyday. The coronavirus has given our lives quite a challenge the last few weeks and uncertainty for the future, and we have all had to adjust our way of living to help one another.

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce is still working for you, even though our actual office doors are closed. We are answering your e-mails, phone call messages, and other correspondence. Our Website and E-Blasts are continuing to inform our membership and community with continued and rescheduled events, meetings, along with safety and precautionary updates for the coronavirus.

Our e-mail address is, colfaxareachamber@gmail.com and our phone number is 530-346-8888. Our Web site is, www.Colfaxchamber.com.

We have had to cancel, but plan to reschedule, a few of our events and meetings due to these uncertain times. Cancelled at this time are our Annual Meeting/Luncheon and Coffee and Conversations meeting.

Looking back over the past 18 months, we have had to deal with many challenges in our Colfax Area:

- A record breaking winter causing power shut-offs, road closures, flooding, and freezing temperatures.
- A very stressful fire season with everyone on high alert and the creation of precautionary electrical power outages causing hardship on everyone.
- The possibility of a drought this year because of very low, winter rainfall.
- And now the coronavirus.

We are very fortunate to live in the Colfax Area where we can rely on family, friends, businesses, non-profit organizations, emergency services, and associates to help us through difficult times. With the threat and uncertainty of the coronavirus, we are presented with another way to help

others until a cure is developed.

At this time, we are well aware of the precautions we need to take personally. How can we help others?

If someone you know is at high risk for contacting the virus and does not feel comfortable going out for food, supplies, medications, offer to help to pick them up. By taking all the precautions possible, and you feel comfortable too, offer to take them to their medical appointments.

Call or if possible, stop on by just to say hello, and ask how they are doing. Keep current conversations going other than the coronavirus. There's enough of that on the TV and radio.

Just as we have done in the past with other hardships, we are fortunate to be able to help, encourage, and be there for one another.

Please contact your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce with your comments, ideas, concerns, and solutions so we may better help our community.

Tim Ryan, CACC President



SBA Disaster Assistance Loans

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced it will offer disaster assistance loans for up to \$2 million for small businesses impacted by the coronavirus. These low-interest loans are available to businesses that have sustained "substantial economic injury" due to the spread of the coronavirus. For more information on the SBA program go to: www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance



Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

What is Business Briefs all about? Our mission statement is to support & help spread the word about local businesses, esp. any new businesses and those offering something new. It is not an advertisement for given local businesses, although at first glance that may seem to be the case. I believe that by highlighting one local business, the whole business community benefits. And, as a member of the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce, I am always looking for ways to support our local business community. So, that is what this column is all about.

Needless to say, the State mandates concerning what businesses must close and those that can stay open under modified operations have created havoc for business communities. As of this date, 3/20/20, due to the spread of the Coronavirus, we are all supposed to shelter in place and only leave home to do business with essential services.

- That order affects our new food place, yet to open, Grandma C's Kitchen at 30 N. Main. Things are up in the air as to when she will be able to open. Soon, I hope. Downtown Colfax

needs a bakery and espresso place, esp. this one so folks can munch on Grandma C's famous cookies and more.

- When things can get back to normal, Sierra Animal Wellness Center at 1506 S. Auburn, SAWC will be promoting: "Every month is Dental Month." Traditionally veterinary clinics promote one month as Dental Month. However, SAWC co-founder Peggy Roberts, DVM knows, "What happens in the mouth affects every other organ in the body, especially the heart." To encourage pets with their parents to have a dental check-up, the Center will deduct 20% off follow-up dental care based on the initial diagnosis by Dr. Peggy, if the patient has the work done within 30 days of that initial exam.

Dr. Peggy practices traditional veterinary medicine in conjunction with holistic treatments. For more details, call the Center, 530-346-6611.

- An update on the opening of Be Change, LLC, manufacturers of truck campers: They are still expecting to open in mid-April at the old location of Crispin Cedar at 1213 S. Auburn. More as it develops.

If you are a new business or a business with something new going on, please contact me at lindalouhaines14@gmail.com.



Walls Are Going Up At The Best Western Hotel

Contractor Robert Burgess and Rajinder Singh are shown at the construction site. The walls behind them are made of Insulated Concrete Forms that increase structural strength, fire resistance, and sound proofing of the walls. Construction is expected to be completed by early summer 2021.

Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

FREE Residential Trash Pick-up Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Limited to three (3) yards of trash per Residence
(Equal to 18- 32 gallon bags). All trash must be set out the
night before or before 5 a.m.

ABSOLUTELY no hazardous waste

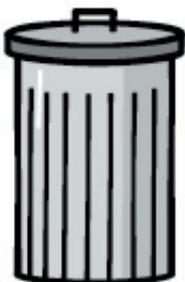
Refuse exceeding the limit will not be picked up.



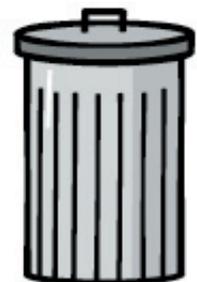
Large Appliances must be taken to the City Corporation Yard for disposal

The yard will be open from 8:00am to 3:00pm for drop off (May 6th)

Items must not weigh more than sixty pounds. Residents should contain trash in such a way to be easily removed and to prevent breakage and spillage. Wood and trimmings must be cut in three-foot lengths and bundled.



**City Staff will provide assistance
to persons with disabilities. Please
call (530) 346-2313 for assistance.**



For Questions about pick-up,
Call Recology at (530) 885-3735

Compliments of the City of Colfax and Recology Auburn Placer



Five-Year Wet Season Averages Show Much More Rain Needed

By wstockwin@hughes.net

March got off to a flying start with 6.75 inches of precipitation, including 5 inches of branch-busting snow, during the first half of the month.

That raised the rain-to-date total to a healthier 27.65 inches, although we are still running 6.5 inches behind the five-year average for late March. And unfortunately the forecast for the rest of the month indicates miniscule precipitation at best.

Speaking of that five-year average, we probably shouldn't be expecting an 'Awesome April' because from 2015-2019 average April rainfall never topped 4.9 inches. And if we take 2017 and its never-ending atmospheric river out of the calculation we end up with a four-year average of 3.6 inches in April.

Either way we could end up starting May, when the weather shifts from wetter to drier, with well under 35 inches on the season. As if we don't already have enough to worry about, flirting with another drought plus an early fire season would only increase the challenges we're already facing in 2020.



Statue of Schuyler Colfax, Ides of March, 2020.
Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

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PRESENTS

FIESTA DE MAYO

Community "Fun" Raiser

CANCELLED

Saturday, May 2nd
6TH ANNUAL 4-8 p.m.

Roy Toms Plaza, Downtown

FOOD • MUSIC
MARGARITAS, MEXICAN BEER & WINE

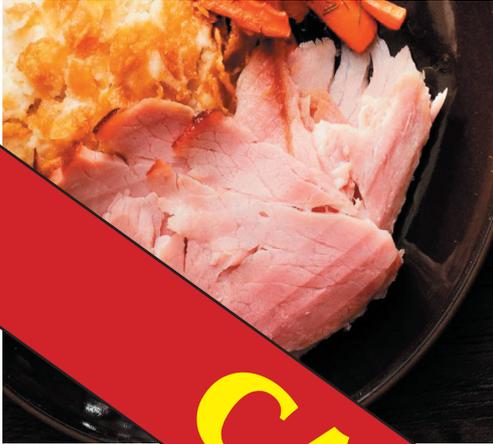
JIM GOODMAN CAST MUSICAL BAND
DESSERT AUCTION
SILENT AUCTION
AND MORE...

TICKETS: ADULTS-\$10 CHILDREN AGES 5-12-\$5
UNDER AGE 5 - FREE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS FROM WEIMAR TO ALTA

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 530-637-4878

POST 192 DINNER NIGHT



The Public is welcome to attend, bring your family.

Come up to the Veterans Memorial hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month and have dinner with your neighbors and Veteran service men and women. We have a raffle drawing at each dinner with prizes donated by the local community.

Dinner is only \$12 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 7-13 and children under 7 are free. 5:00PM Social Hour and dinner served at 6:00 PM.

Be sure to visit our website post192colfaxca.com to see our yearly menu and read Bios of some of our local

A new delicious menu for each month by chefs Linda and Tamara James. April 16, 2020 will be: Baked ham, potatoes, Asparagus, deviled eggs, Hawaiian rolls and Lemon bars for dessert

CANCELLED

3rd Thursday of each month

Veterans Memorial Hall 22 Sunset Circle, Colfax, CA 95713



AMERICAN LEGION POST 192

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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
530-346-9433
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>



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