

Colfax Connections

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Proposed Sidewalk Repair Ordinance Passes Third First Reading

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February 26 City Council meeting

A brief presentation by the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) updated the council on two projects the agency is currently planning that will enhance water treatment capacity, infrastructure reliability and service quality for residents in the city, and the Shady Glen mobile home park.

PCWA project manager Doug York said that the existing water treatment plant on Pleasant Street is nearing the end of its operational life and needs to be replaced. The proposed new plant will have the capacity to process two million gallons-per-day (MGD), expandable to three MGD, and be sited on the vacant property at Hwy 174 and Rollins Lake Road. York said the project would cost \$35 million.

March 7, and a contract awarded on April 20. Groundbreaking will likely begin around mid-2025, and the project is expected to be finished by late 2027.

A second project, priced at \$3.5 million, will consolidate the Shady Glen water treatment system and provide a connection point to the new Colfax water treatment plant that will be right across the road. York said both projects would be funded via agreements with the State Water Resources Control Board.

The Sidewalk Repair, Maintenance and Liability Ordinance was back on the agenda for another public hearing and attempt to get past its first reading without further changes. At the January 12 meeting the proposed ordinance was sent back to staff for clarification regarding the defi-

York said the bidding process would open on

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Heavy February Rainfall Makes Up For Dry January Shortfall

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After the consistently wet Fall that ended 2024, producing 8.8 inches of rain in November and another 10.9 inches in December, we opened 2025 with 19.7 inches of rain churning white water in the ditches on Downtown Farm at the end of Pine St.

All hope that the rain would continue in January dried up after receiving 1.4 inches on the 4th before the storm door closed for the rest of the month, leaving the season total at 21.1 inches as we entered February.



Doug Thorley caught a rainbow when he looked East out of his front door after a storm on Valentine's Day, 2025.

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inition of ‘private’ versus ‘city’ trees, and who is responsible for damage to sidewalks caused by those trees.

After a lengthy discussion where every public speaker was against the ordinance as written, the council passed the latest version and revisions with a 5-0 vote. A second reading of the ordinance was scheduled for the March 12 meeting.

The sole piece of official city business concerned a request by the Sierra Vista Center’s Farmer’s Market manager, Jennifer Mullin, for \$2500 to expand the market by bringing live music and community contests to the weekly event. After a brief discussion the council granted the request unanimously.

February 12, 2025 city council meeting

Mayor pro tem Caroline McCully ran the meeting because mayor Sean Lomen was attending via Zoom. All other council members were present. There were no presentations or public hearings on the agenda and the meeting moved quickly to the three items of council business.

Two of those items pertained to the city’s wastewater treatment plant, and were presented by Matt Anderson, the chief plant operator.

The first item dealt with a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued by the Central Valley Water Board on April 11, 2024 after a series of effluent violations that amounted to \$36,000 in penalties. Rather than assessing the city for that amount however, the Water Board required the city to spend an equivalent amount making modifications to the plant in order to improve effluent water quality and minimize any further violations.

Modifications will include a dissolved oxygen monitoring system, and a nitrate monitoring system. The item passed on a 5-0 vote.

The second item involved two filtration units that filter the water before it enters the disinfection process. The filters had been in place for 13 years even though the manufacturer recommends changing them every five years. “They should have been replaced years ago,” Anderson said.

The two filtration units each hold 84 filtration panels, for a combined total of 168 panels. The panels retail for \$188.46 each, bringing the totals to \$31661.28. With the bulk purchase discount

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Manufacturer’s photo of white filtration panels.



St. Patrick's
Corned Beef Dinner
 Saturday March 15th, 2025
 Social Hour 5pm
 Dinner 6pm
 Adults \$25 – Kids \$15 – 5 & under Free
 Raffle Prizes too!
 All funds raised go to supporting
 local veterans and kids
 For Tickets contact
 Val Sussek 530-346-8443
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and freight costs the total purchase came to \$33,079.75, which the council approved with another majority vote.

The final business item concerned city manager Ron Walker’s performance evaluation and merit-based compensation agreement. During a closed session on December 8, 2024 the council agreed to a cost of living increase of 3.67%, the same increase other city employees received, and an increase in his vehicle allowance from \$400 per year up to \$450 per year. The council publicly confirmed that agreement on a 4-0 vote.

March 2025 City Council meetings will be on the 12th and 26th

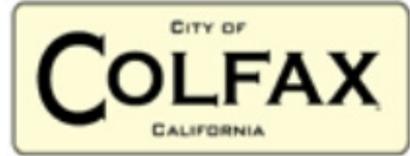
PCTPA 2050 RTP Update

Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) is in the process of updating the Placer County Regional Transportation Plan, known as the 2050 RTP, and has determined that the update is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CEQA requires the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) prior to approving any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. PCTPA intends to prepare a supplemental EIR to evaluate new information and changes since the certification of the program-level EIR for the 2040 RTP.

PCTPA invites interested stakeholders to comment on the scope of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and details about the 2050 RTP’s supplemental EIR can be found online at **WWW.PCTPA.NET/RTP2050**.

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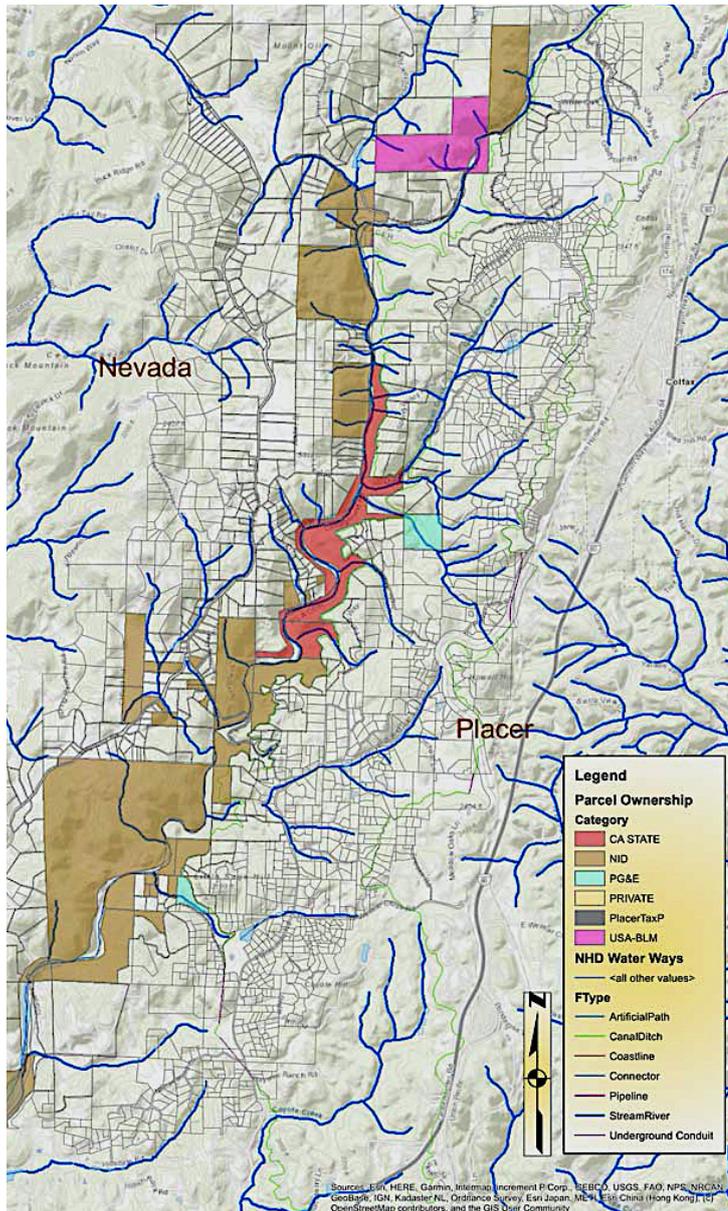
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NID To Start Property Sales In What Was The Centennial Dam Reservoir Project Area

In the February 26 meeting of the NID Board, the Directors approved the staff recommendation to start the process of selling the lands the agency purchased when it was still planning to build Centennial Dam. The sale will begin with 17 parcels out of 48 parcels that NID owns in the abandoned Centennial Dam reservoir area.

Staff will bring back options to the Board on how to declare those 17 parcels as “surplus” to the needs of the District. The process then will continue with possible appraisals, and potential listings on the open market.

With one exception, these first 17 parcels are not of primary concern for the future public ownership possibilities and a broader vision for the future of the river. These are mostly small parcels with houses that are currently rented on a monthly basis by NID. For more information see the NID staff report at: https://www.nidwater.com/files/a116702ed/20250226_BOD_Item_5A-Final.pdf

Story and accompanying art courtesy of BearParc.com



FREE Residential Trash Pick-up Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Limited to one (1) yard of trash per Residence (Equal to 6- 32 gallon bags). All trash must be set out the night before or before 5 am.

Truck will only make one round for collection.

ABSOLUTELY no hazardous waste

Refuse exceeding the limit will not be picked up.



Large Appliances must be taken to the City Corp Yard for disposal at 250 Rising Sun

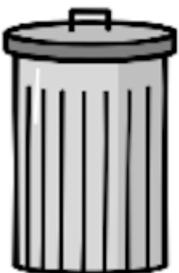
The yard will be open from 7:00am to 3:00pm for drop off (May 7th)

\$48.00 charge for appliances (with freon)

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 people with disabilities. Please call (530) 346-2313 for assistance.

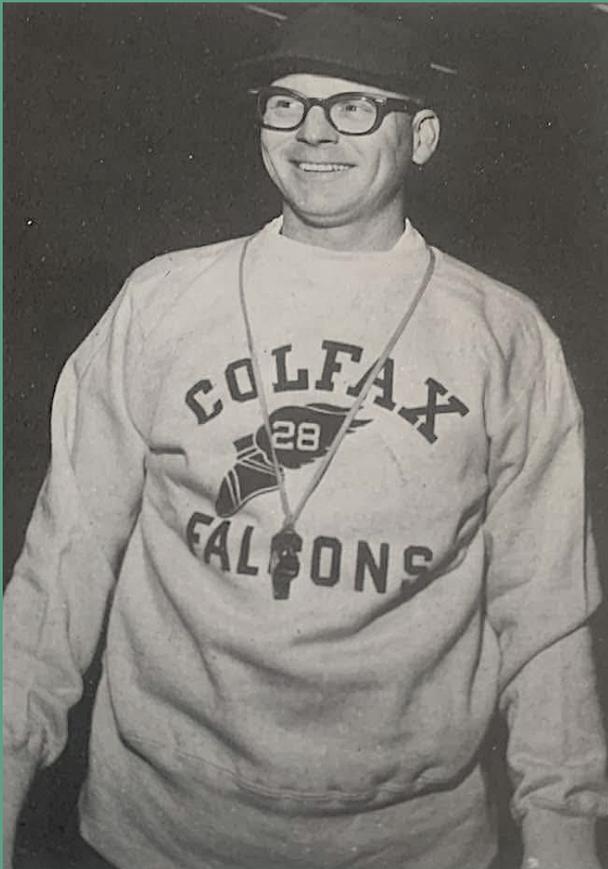


For Questions about pick-up,
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Colfax Falcons Coach Boris Brown – 12/15/35 to 1/15/25



Boris Brown. Photo courtesy of Mike Ray

By Mike Ray

Boris grew up in San Francisco, graduating from Polytechnic High School that was located right across the street from Kezar Stadium. Thus began Boris' lifelong love of the 49ers. He entered the US Marines after high school and then attended Chico State on the GI Bill.

While at Chico State, where he met longtime friend Dave Ingram, Boris played football and was on the boxing team. He began his teaching and coaching career at Sutter High, eventually coming to Colfax in the Fall of '62 as a social science teacher, jv football and varsity baseball coach.

Boris taught and coached at Colfax until 1972, then took a two-year sabbatical teaching in Bolivia. He returned to Colfax in 1974 and resumed teaching and coaching. He later was the school's athletic director and student activities director. The well-liked Coach Brown retired from Colfax High in 1997.

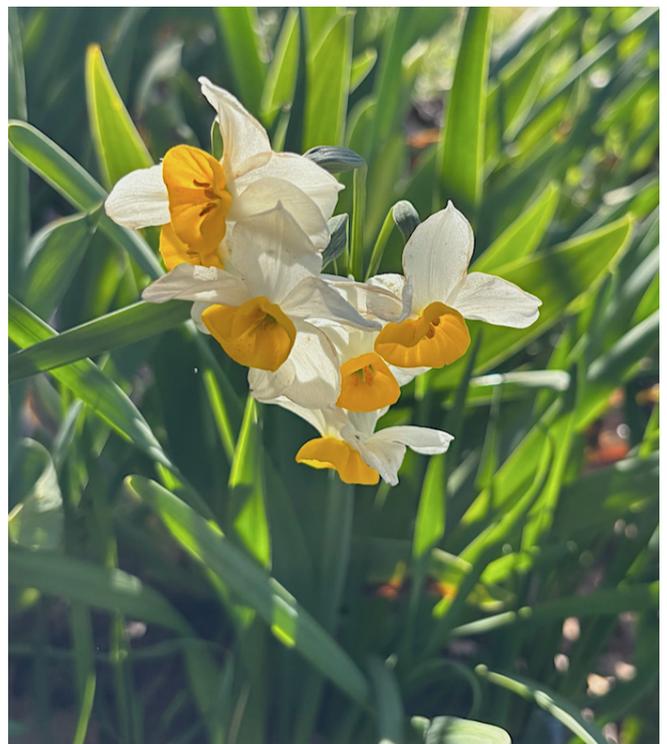
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The January dry spell quickly changed for the wetter when a four-day atmospheric river dumped 10.8 inches in the first week of the month, bringing the season total to 31.9 inches (10.1 inches more than we had at the same time in Feb. 2024) just as the daffodils began appearing in mid-month.

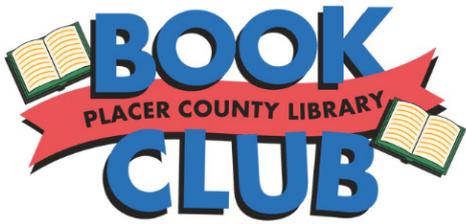
Local temperatures also dropped to near freezing at night through most of February, giving the pears and apples more chilling hours than they've had in recent years.

The rain persisted through the 19th, eventually adding 14.6 inches to a seasonal total that stood at 35.7 inches by the month's end.

We finished February 2024 with 31.6 inches and, after the rain dried up in April and May, the entire season closed with 46.2 inches – 15.7 inches short of 2023's seasonal finish with 61.9 inches.



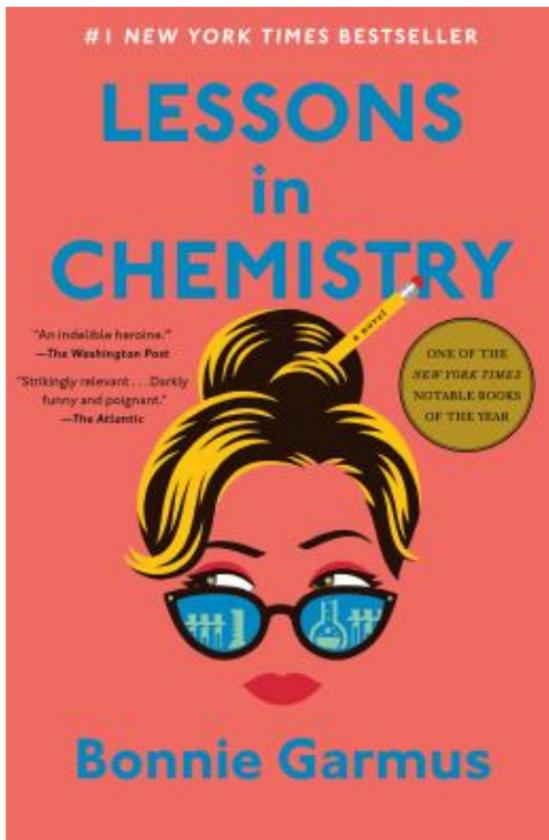
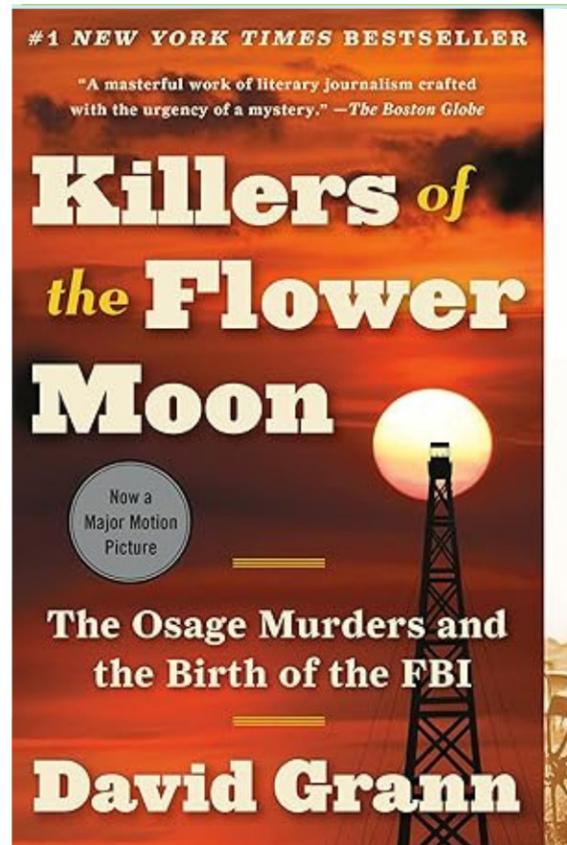
Photographer Alan Shuttleworth found some hardy daffodils standing tall in early February's chilly sunshine.



Colfax Library

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12
2:00-3:00pm**



**LESSONS IN
CHEMISTRY**

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 9
2:00-3:00pm**



Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

In March the soft rains continued, and each storm waited courteously until its predecessor sunk beneath the ground. – John Steinbeck



There is something magical about the beginning of spring that gives us hope and offers small windows into the summer to come.

While we've had another wet winter, I think we are all pleasantly surprised that it wasn't a reprise of the last couple of years.

Let us use this time to plan our gardens, calendar our summer events and look forward to the renewal that spring brings every year. I know I am looking forward to planting and planning for the summer harvest.

This month we will be highlighting our member Oscar Merida of Merida Art, LLC.

Oscar is the youngest of seven kids. He was designing and drawing by the age of four. He learned from his father and grew in his talent watching his uncle paint.

By the time the 90's came, hip-hop became something that he got absorbed in musically as well as dancing on a semi-professional level.

In 2015 he relocated with his two youngest kids to the beautiful historical town of Auburn in hopes of a more relaxed lifestyle after growing up in the busy, fast pace of Los Angeles.

It is there that he met the love of his life and became immersed in several artistic mediums such as acrylic paintings, tattoos, graphic designs and watercolors.

For more information about Oscar you can reach him by telephone at 530-344-2605 or on his website at <https://www.meridaart.com>.

Coffee and Conversations is on the first Thursday of every month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at 99 Railroad Street, and we would love to see all of you there. We have a variety of speakers lined up for this year.

As always, thank you from all of us at The Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Amanda Palmquist,
CACC President**



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2025

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

CAMERON PARK

10am-12pm | Faith Episcopal Church
2200 Country Club Dr. Cam. Park, 95682

1/2, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5

ROSEVILLE

8-10am | Denio's Market
1401 Church St. Roseville, 95678

1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6

SHERIDAN

10am-12pm | Celebration Fam. Worship
5721 10th St. Sheridan, 95681

1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/7, 6/11

PLACERVILLE

10am-12pm | Lot next to MORE
337 Placerville Dr. Placerville, 95667

1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12

POLLOCK PINES

10am-12pm | PP Community Center
2675 Sanders Dr. Pollock Pines, 95726

1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18

GEORGETOWN

10:30am-12:30pm | St. James Church
2831 Harkness Rd. Georgetown, 95634

1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19

LINCOLN

8-10am | McBean Park
65 McBean Park Dr. Lincoln, 95648

1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20

COLFAX

10am-12pm | Sierra Community Center
55 School St. Colfax, 95713

1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/20, 6/24

ROCKLIN

8-10am | Johnson-Springview Park
5480 5th St. Rocklin, 95677

1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27

FORESTHILL

10am-12pm | Fire Dept. Office
24320 Main St. Foresthill, 95631

1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26

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A colorful graphic featuring the words "SENIOR LUNCH" in large, bold, multi-colored letters. The background is a collage of various food items including pizza, pasta, a burger, a salad, and a drink, all set against a light blue background.

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FEBRUARY 20	•	MAY 15
MARCH 20	•	JUNE 19

Churches



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God Community
Fellowship
252 Culver St., Colfax,
CA 95713
Email: colfaxesagca@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.colfaxesagca.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.colfaxesumc.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.colfaxesdachurch.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>

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>

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PO Box 475, Colfax, CA 95713
530-637-4878

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22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7768
<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>

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22 Sunset Dr, Colfax, CA 95713
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