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Ed Marson Celebration Of Life At The Colfax Ball Park

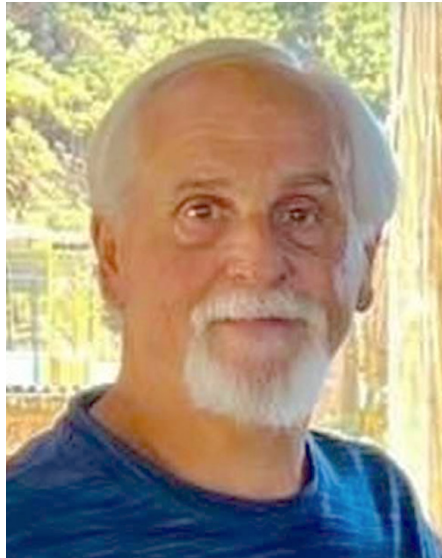
**Story and Photos by
Alan Shuttleworth**

More than 300 local family and friends recently gathered at the Colfax Living Memorial Ball Park to mark the passing of a special long-time Colfax resident.

Born in 1952, Ed enjoyed the storybook childhood that Colfax can provide. High school gave him the chance to excel as a student/athlete.

He was a star performer in Baseball, Basketball and Football. As a pitcher, he played on several high school all-star teams.

Next was his time at Sierra College for more basketball and baseball. Of course, Ed had academic goals and an AA



Ed Marson

degree at Sierra got him started on a BA degree that he would finish at Sacramento State.

Mid-way through his program at Sac State, however, Ed's father passed away in 1968. His wife, Rita, along with sons Bob and Ed, kept Marsons of Colfax in business.

Ed put college on hold and fully took over the reins at the clothing store in 1974.

Once settled into the business world, Ed returned to sports. He coached basketball at Colfax High, headed the Colfax Recreation Association and was a stand-out star on the Fireballs, a fast pitch adult softball league.

He married his wife Connie in 1977 and the couple was blessed with two special daughters, Stacey and Carissa. And true to their family's heritage, both girls were standout athletes and scholars.

The celebration gave the community a time to express their appreciation and admiration for the contributions Ed made to the entire community.

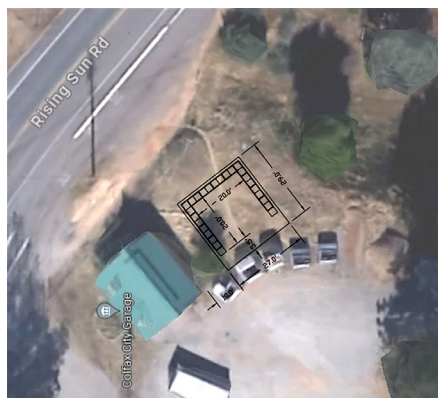
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Council Approves \$30,000 Compost Holding Pad For Give-Away Program

By wstockwin@hughes.net

At its September 25 meeting the council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, which included spending \$30,000 of Local Assistance Grant Program funds to build a compost pad at the city corporation yard as part of a compost give-away program the city plans to start.

Mayor Kim Douglass was absent from the meeting.



Proposed compost holding pad (outlined in black) to be built at the city corporation yard.

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) was on the September 25 meeting agenda to update the council with the latest on the Countywide Active Transportation Plan (ATP), the half million dollar project being developed in coordination with the cities of Auburn, Colfax, Rocklin, Loomis and the county. Roseville is developing its own

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transportation plan.

Mike Costa, PCTPA Principal Transportation Planner, said the first round of community engagement regarding the ATP was completed in June, and that roughly 400 county residents had responded to an online survey. On May 23 PCTPA also held a pop-up event at the Sierra Vista Center's farmers market on South main St.

Costa said that the ATP was

“the guiding document for all of Placer County.”

He said that an Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) assessment to identify transit needs not currently being met by existing transit services would begin on September 3, and that PCTPA staff plans to visit each member jurisdiction through October to make information about the process available to the public.

The UTN survey for public comments can be found at

<https://www.pctpa.net/unmet-transit-needs> and will be open for comments through October 31, 2024. The UTN assessment will be completed in February 2025 and a draft report released.

In a second presentation local business entrepreneur Harry Anderson presented \$500 checks to the Colfax Elementary PTA, Colfax VFW Post Auxiliary 2003, the Colfax Garden Club, and the Colfax Lions.

The money was donated by Lisa Green of Festivals of Cali 805, the organization that put on this year's July 3 celebration. Anderson said the donations were to help the recipients continue their dedication, work and services for the Greater Colfax community.

A brief discussion was sparked over the news that this year's 'Trunk or Treat' event would be held in the Community Center parking lot instead of downtown on Main St. Council member Trinity Burruss suggested tabling the discussion for the council's first meeting in October.

There was no official council business on the night's agenda, and the open meeting adjourned into a closed session at 7:00 p.m.

September 11 City Council Meeting – All members present.

The long wrangle over the Short-Term Rental, and Ground-Floor Retail ordinances was finally over after both got second readings via the Consent

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**Ed Marson's daughters
Stacey and Carissa**



Mike Ray



A large crowd turned out to celebrate Ed Marson's life in Colfax.

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4-1 NID Board Vote Kills Centennial Dam Project

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) Board of Directors voted 4-1 to approve a resolution withdrawing Centennial Dam from consideration at its September 25 meeting.

The decision directed the district's general manager to withdraw NID's state-filed application to build the proposed Centennial Reservoir Project, and to discontinue all feasibility, environmental and other analyses in support of a Centennial project.

Directors opted to proceed with increasing the capacity of Rollins Reservoir by raising the existing dam to add 50,000 acre feet to the reservoir.

"Working with the community for nearly three years and enlisting the best consultants to provide modeling and research, we are confident of a path going forward and that NID's water management practices will reflect that," said NID general manager Jennifer Hanson. "The goal has been to determine the best ways to reliably and feasibly meet the demand for water in the coming decades."

Director Trevor Caulder, the lone dissenting vote, resigned his position on the board at the end of the meeting for personal reasons.

October Council Meetings
on the 9th and 23rd

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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

Colfax Bistro

Recently we enjoyed dinner at the new **Colfax Bistro Asian Cuisine**, 1 S Main St. at the corner of S Main & Grass Valley Sts.

It opened in August and as of this late September date, it is continuing in 'soft opening' mode. But, stay tuned for news of an upcoming grand opening.

In the meantime try their various Asian countries' cuisines. The countries represented in the Bistro's current menu are Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Indian, Cambodian, Chinese. Other Asian cuisines may be added in the future if customers' request them.

Owners and brothers Minh and Binh Nguyen came to this country from Vietnam in October 1998. They currently live in Elk Grove, which is quite a drive to get to Colfax. For 12 years they have also had a similar restaurant in Carmichael.

Coming back to focus on the Colfax Bistro, let's check out the menu and especially the shrimp dishes that I particularly like: Spicy Garlic Shrimp, Salt & Pepper Shrimp, Shrimp Fried Rice, Shrimp Chowmein and more. My beverage was Thai Iced Tea, which is a very sweet tea and more like a dessert. Yummy! In addition to shrimp dishes, there are dishes starring chicken, beef, pork, vegetarian or tofu.

Phone is 530-512-5007. Hours are Monday through Sunday, 11 to 3 and 4 to 8.

Some Personal Thoughts

Despite my being a volunteer with Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer with the Colfax Connections, the following ideas are mine alone.

Small towns are known for having active gossip mills. But, our business community and its stores and services, need your support, by not gossiping and spreading stories that may or may not be true.

Don't share gossip. If you have a problem with someone, deal with that person directly. If needed, get a mediator to help in communication and keeping things calm. Also, remember to use "I" statements, for example, 'I feel disrespected when you say that behind my back. Let's sit down together, take turns listening and then speaking with kindness.' This example is over-simplified, but I hope you get the idea.

Our business owners and managers struggle everyday to make ends meet and to greet you in a friendly manner when you come in the door. However, working against any single Colfax business is actually working against all Colfax businesses and the Colfax community at large.

So, let's all work FOR Colfax and its business community rather than AGAINST it. Speak with kindness and no more gossiping.

Send me your Colfax business news to LindaLou-Haines14@gmail.com.



4th Annual 1st Responders Appreciation Dinner



American Legion Post 192 fourth annual appreciation dinner to honor our great 1st responders.

Spaghetti dinner Thursday October 17, 2024, social hour starts at 5pm and dinner starts at 6pm. Meatless plates available. A special thank you to the **VFW post 2003 Auxiliary**, of Colfax, for their generous food donations and help with the event.

Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall 22 Sunset Circle.

Free admittance for everyone with reservations in advance (donations are always welcome). A bar will be open for those that wish to have an adult beverage.

For reservations please call Lorrie at 916 202-2851 or Ric at 530 305-7526 email rictetrault@yahoo.com



Spaghetti Dinner

Representatives from Congressman Kevin Kiley's office, Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, and Mayor Kim Douglas, from the city of Colfax are among the invited guest speakers. Come out, have a good time and bring your family.



Above right -The traditional street painting.

Above left - Roger Westrup from The Pioneer Heritage Foundation, demonstrating the historic process for making rope



Model train from Diablo Pacific Line.



The Black Flag ladies: Back row l-r are Cactus, Fanny, Eleanor, Pattycake Kate. Front row l-r are Raclette and Baguette.



Brian Houck from the Colfax Lions Club cooking burgers

Colfax Celebrates Its Railroad Heritage

Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House in 1865, stopped at what was then called Camp 20 and spoke passionately about the need for western expansion. Central Pacific Railroad officials renamed the tiny community to Colfax in honor of his visit to the area.

Completed in 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad (aka the Overland Route) was 1911 miles long from Council Bluffs, Iowa to San Francisco, California. Colfax was a crucial contributor to labor, equipment and supplies needed to push

the railroad through the Sierras and beyond. This important piece of history is now honored as an annual Railroad Day celebration in Colfax to recognize those contributions.

Visitors to the 2024 event were treated to model train displays, guided walking tours of the historic Colfax downtown, vendors, food booths and craft beers. Of course, an occasional old-fashioned train robbery by the Infamous Black Flag Gang was required in order to round out the festivities.

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Above - An East bound Union Pacific freight.

Below - The kids train making its way all around town.



Barbara Howell of "What's Poppin'?" kettle corn.



Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out” - Robert Collier



The above quote by Robert Collier is a perfect lead-in to one of our newer members at the Chamber that I had the pleasure of interviewing this last month. Harry Anderson, or as most of us know him “Dr. Harry Anderson the Sales MD”, has been a long-time resident of Colfax. He started off his sales career at the young age of 19 as Director of Advertisement and Marketing for high-performance off-road vehicles and has steadily grown his marketing portfolio since then.

Some of the services Harry offers include sales training, business image consultations, show-room makeover, phone techniques, and much more.

What Harry would like people to know about him is that even though he has vast experience it doesn’t make him unaffordable. He nurtures his relationships with his clients and is in it for the long-haul helping individuals and corporations alike to realize growth in their field of expertise. As he builds relationships with his clients he learns of their strengths and uses them as the foundation to help them see the fruit of their labor and implement successful ideas.

At the Chamber we have started Marketing Mondays that are held on the third Monday of the month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the train depot. We have the pleasure of hosting a class given by Harry Anderson October 21 and it is open to all businesses that wish to grow in their knowledge about successful marketing techniques, and how to thrive as we approach fall and winter with more tourists heading up the hill to Tahoe. While on an airplane Harry met a woman who told him “sales is the art of communicating a truth between two people.”

Dr. Harry the Sales MD can be reached by telephone at (541) 274-0224, by email info@drharrythesalesmd.com or via his website at <https://drharrythesalesmd.com>.

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

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President

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www.ColfaxChamber.com
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Colfax, Ca 95713
(530) 346-8888



Perfect Timing

It's official – Sunday, September 22 was the Autumnal Equinox and right on time the first flock of Sandhill Cranes was heard overhead returning from the Midwest to overwinter in California.

2nd Annual
COLFAX CHILI COOK-OFF

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Calendar and passed on 5-0 and 4-1 votes.

Councilman Larry Hillberg, called the motion to change Main St. zoning to allow businesses other than retail in vacant ground floor spaces “a rush to judgment” that would encourage a “free-for-all” and suggested holding a public workshop to get more input from residents.

Councilwoman Caroline McCully disagreed that it would be a free-for-all, citing the short list of suggested alternate uses the ordinance would approve, including:

- Community services • Essential services • Libraries and museums • Veterinary Clinic • Broadcasting and Recording Studios • Business Support Services • Professional Offices • Personal Services.

Hillberg was the lone dissenting vote.

The only piece of council business involved the purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive for Lift Station 5. The council unanimously approved the \$10,917.89 purchase.



Colfax Library

SOIL
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 9
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- Tahoe City Fridays 10:30am



TODDLER TIME

Movement, songs, and books to develop First 5 skills for children ages 18-36 months.

- Auburn Thursdays 9:30am
- Colfax Thursdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay Thursdays 10:30am
- Rocklin Wednesdays 10:30am & Fridays 9:30am



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, songs, and activities for children ages 3-5 years old.

- Auburn Fridays 9:30am
- Colfax Fridays 9:30am
- Foresthill Thursdays 10:30am
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Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

Colfax United Methodist Church
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530-346-2267
Website: <https://www.colfaxesumc.org/>

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses
944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713
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Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

St. Dominic's Catholic Church
589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713
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Seventh Day Adventist
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Website: <https://www.colfaxesdachurch.com>

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713
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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
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Website: <http://colfaxchamber.com>

Colfax Area Historical Society
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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](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
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