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The Lincoln Highway Association hosted the Official Lincoln Highway 100th Anniversary Tours and Centennial Celebration. Over 270 people traveling in 140 vehicles, from 28 states and from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Norway and Russia, participated in two tours that started simultaneously on Sunday,

June 23rd, in New York City and San Francisco. Each took one week to reach the midpoint of the Lincoln Highway in Kearney, Nebraska. There the centennial celebration was hosted at the Great Platte River Road Museum on July 1st. The San Francisco group passed through Colfax on Monday, June 24th.

CAHS HERITAGE MUSEUM

99 Railroad Street, in the Depot
Open: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Daily
CAHS members receive 10% discount in the Gift Shop.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Museum help is always welcome, encouraged, and really needed.
Contact Helen Wayland at 530-346-8599, or stop by the Museum.

PROGRAM IDEAS

Members we need your help! Do you have an idea for a program? A passion for history you would like to share? Would you like to put on a program? If so, please contact Walt or Bonnie Wilson at 530-878-6640, or email them at

bonwally@hotmail.com



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MILITARY HERO AND JUDGE HONORED



Capt. Marcus Yonehiro (USN Ret.) and Melissa Yonehiro Caldwell, children of Judge George Yonehiro (photo, left), are joined by the Colfax Area Historical So-

ciet's Helen Wayland (photo on right), at the dedication of the memorial bench (photo, below) in honor of Judge George Yonehiro held June 2nd in Roseville. The occasion marked the official unveiling of the "Go for Broke" memorial statue honoring Placer County Japanese Americans, including Yonehiro, who fought in World War II as part of the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Last fall, a bronze statue named "Rescue of the Lost Battalion" was installed at the memorial site on a granite base. The statue shows a soldier from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team rescuing an injured member of 141st Texas Regiment. The county added a large granite boulder with a plaque explaining the history and significance of the memorial, and Placer Buddhist Church donated a plaque recounting the Nikkei (Americans of Japanese descent) experience of the era.

The statue and bench are located adjacent to the Bill Santucci Justice Center at 10820 Justice Center Drive in Roseville. It is right off Go For Broke Road, named in honor of the motto of the 442nd, "Go for Broke." This unit was an all volunteer unit, made up entirely of soldiers of Japanese descent. The team had one of the highest casualty rates and was the most highly decorated American unit in the war.

George Yonehiro was a native of Placer County. He and his family were among 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry who were sent to internment camps during World War II.

A 1940 graduate of Roseville High School, George went to the Tule Lake camp in Northern California. He later volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army and became part of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team. George fought in Italy and France and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was the only member of his company not to be seriously wounded or killed.

After the war, Yonehiro earned his law degree from John Marshall School of Law in Chicago. It was there that he met his future wife, Miyoko (Koko) Kido. They were married Feb. 14, 1954. Returning to Placer County, George worked as an appraiser for the assessor's office while studying for the California Bar exam. He was elected and served as a justice court judge in Colfax from 1964 until 1983. That court became Judge Yonehiro's empire, staffed loyally by bailiff Hike Yego and Constable Bill Fonseca of Dutch Flat. When George was not doing judicial duties in Colfax, he and Koko were attending political and community functions throughout Placer County.

After his time in Colfax he became a municipal court judge. This occurred as a result of a court consolidation. Judge Yonehiro was named to the superior court in 1985. He served there until December 1987, when he retired.

George became known for his ability to speak humorously and at length extemporaneously about any subject. George once attended a dinner of the Italian Catholic Federation in Auburn, where he was the keynote speaker. People wondered, "What will George speak about? His wartime experiences



in Italy?" George got up and spoke without notes for an hour about Italian cooking. He became the most popular public official in Placer County. When he ran for election, he got more votes than anyone else on the ballot, including the then hugely popular Sheriff.

Of all the judges of the time, George Yonehiro was best able to distinguish between a person with evil in his heart and a good person who had made a mistake. He would invariably give the latter a break. This is why he was so trusted and admired by criminal defense attorneys. It was not uncommon for criminal defense lawyers to waive a jury trial to have a case tried by Judge Yonehiro.

George Yonehiro passed away at age 78 in 2001.

Information and photos provided by Nancy Hagman, Helen Wayland and Placer County Bar Association.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Our spring general meeting on May 25th was a success. Ken Yeo gave a talk about the nar-

row gauge railroad that went from Colfax to Nevada City. He presented many photographs and told some fascinating stories about his adventures related to the narrow gauge railroad.

Tourists and Amtrak traffic have been steadily increasing with the onset of the summer travel season. The museum, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, continues to aid and advise the traveling public and represent our community in a positive light.

We have good news concerning the expansion of our archives facility at the Sierra Vista Community Center. We are moving to a much larger room early in July and now are deter-

mining how to best use the extra space. Our intention is to develop our archives into a first class historical resource that will be accessible to the community. This is a very exciting time for the Society and not without its challenges. We will have an increase in our costs requiring an additional fund raiser during the year. We hope to increase our membership and will have an additional membership drive to call attention to our new archives as a community resource.

We are in the process of installing a temporary canopy over the bull and the bear to protect them from the hot summer sun. We are coordinating this activity with the City of Colfax. We are still interested in constructing a permanent shelter but need the aid of an architect to help with the design. As I mentioned last time a permanent cover for the bull and bear has become far more complicated than any of us imagined. The horns on the bull continue to be vandalized

and they will be reinstalled after the 4th of July celebration.

We have a responsibility to use our funds wisely. Your continued participation as a member of the Society is critical to the continuation and growth of the Society. Please renew your membership and discuss with your friends our museum and the various activities of the Society.

Thank you for your interest and participation in society projects and activities. If you have any ideas how we can be of service to the community and our local businesses, please let me know. Please contact Bonnie Wilson (530-878-6640, email: bonwally@hotmail.com) with your ideas for program presentations.

Swend L. Miller
President,
Colfax Area Historical Society
(530-346-6960)

**A Book of Verses underneath
the Bough,**

**A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of
Bread...and Thou**

**Beside me Singing in the
Wilderness...**

**Oh, Wilderness were Paradise
enow!**

~Rubáiyát of

Omár Kháyyám



Dear Members,

We need your help with articles and/or photos for the Cobblestones.

Articles can be in almost any form -- computer files in .txt, .rtf, .doc, .wpd, or .odt formats; type-written; or handwritten (provided that it is legible).

"RECIPE" FROM THE PAST

Hygienic Food Values

Hygienic cookery implies a knowledge of the waste and repair of the human system, and of the foods best calculated to sustain the individual for the duties required of him. *For example:*

Onions are another vegetable whose virtues are too often neglected. They are very good blood purifiers and complexion improvers. They

are laxative, anti-nervous, induce sleep -- as does also lettuce. One small onion eaten every night before going to bed is a well-known physician's prescription for numerous affections of the head and for breaking up colds. In the case of children they are an active vermifuge, taken raw or cooked...

This is from the 1887 edition of The Great 20th Century Cook Book,

ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS

Provide photographs, negatives, positives (slides), or files in the more common photo formats -- .bmp, .gif, .jpg (.jpeg), .pcx, .png, .psp (.pspimage), .tif (.tiff), or .wmf. Photographs should be at highest resolution for best print quality. To send articles and photos you can email them to melcouch57@peoplepc.com (subject

line "Cobblestones"), snail mail me at 113 Mink Creek Drive, Colfax 95713, or drop items off at the museum and call me at 530-346-2394. All non-electronic items will be returned to you, provided you tell me how and where. Next deadline for articles and photos is September 1, 2013. Thank you!

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ROBBY ROBINSON REMEMBERED



Wayne "Robby" Robinson was known fondly as "Mr. Colfax." Robby passed away peacefully at home last January 19th. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication to the community he loved. He was 82 at the time of his death.

He was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin on April 30, 1930. Robby graduated from Ladysmith (Wisconsin) High School in 1948. He enlisted and served in the Army until 1952. Following extensive work in the Panama Canal Zone for both the Army and the Navy, he then embarked on a career selling satellite communications equipment worldwide for Watkins Johnson Corporation.

In 1973, he made a life change and moved his family to Colfax. He founded Robinson Real Estate both in Colfax and in Grass Valley. In 1981 he married Lou Anna Goodale.

After coming to Colfax, he met Jim Moore, who said, "Robby – that's all he ever wanted to be called – was a lovely person." The two became partners and, in 1977, Moore and Robinson acquired the old Butcher Shoppe property on Main Street where Robinson opened Robinson Real Estate in one side and the other half became Moore Plumbing.

Robinson Real Estate is one of the longest running businesses in operation on Main Street, second only to Marson's Men's Store. Over the next 35 years, said Moore, "Robby taught a lot of people the real estate business – many have done quite well," adding that Robinson was very helpful to everyone.

Whistle Stop Quilt Shop owner Suzanne Maguire rented her former

space from the partnership. She said of Robinson, "I've always appreciated his fairness and professionalism. He had a great sense of humor and above all, his love for the community always came across."

Soon after his arrival, Robinson joined the Colfax Lions Club and served as club president in 1980. He also dedicated time to numerous boards and committees including the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce. Long time friend and fellow Lion, Shelly Pearson, called Robinson, "An avid Lion, very pro-Colfax and all around good guy. He will be missed." Robby was involved in nearly every aspect of the Colfax community.

He is survived by wife, Lou Anna; one brother; two daughters and three sons. He had six grandchildren, and a nephew and a niece

A Celebration of Life Service was held Sunday, January 27th at Sierra Vista Center.

ROGER LEWIS PASSES



Long time CAHS member Roger Norman Lewis passed away in Colfax on June 1st. He had been living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) – it is often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease" – for nearly three years and died peacefully at home under family care.

Roger was born March 9, 1934 in Medical Lake, Washington, the son of George and Alice Lewis, of Gresham, Oregon, where he grew up. He at-

tended Gresham Union High School. He received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Oregon State College (now University) in 1956 and a Masters in 1958. He met Elizabeth Ann House at Oregon State and they were married in 1958. They would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 22nd.

Roger was a Chemist with several different companies. He retired in 1996 and he and Ann built a home in Colfax. Here they grew Japanese maples, rhododendrons and roses. He loved to play golf and considered Black Oak Golf Course in Auburn his home course.

He was a member of California Sons In Retirement (SIRs). In Colfax, he was active in the Colfax Area Historical Society, the Sierra Vista Community Center, and, most important, the

Colfax United Methodist Church. He enjoyed family camping and hiking.

Roger is survived by his wife Ann, two sons and one daughter. In addition, Roger had two granddaughters and two grandsons; two brothers; as well as many nieces, nephews and close in-laws.

A memorial service was held on Friday, June 21st, at the Colfax Methodist Church.



NEW MEMBERS

- Judi-Cowart Anderson
- Ken & Dorothy Barnes
- Tony Hesch
- Tom & Barbara Hiatt
- Helen & Larry Hillberg

W e l c o m e ! ! !**BOARD MEETINGS**

- TBD

All Board Meetings are on
Thursdays at 10 am in the Depot.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- July 27, 2013

SUMMER MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An Ice Cream Social and general meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th at 7:00pm at the Depot.



Our speaker will be Mark Fagley, Manager of Operating Practices for Union Pacific Railroad. He will discuss

the recent derailment in Colfax and present a number of pictures of the accident.

**HARD TO BELIEVE TODAY**

During the years of World War II (1942-1945) traffic on the railroad averaged fifty trains a day rolling through Colfax!

Train after train of army tanks, trucks, landing barges, big guns and hundreds of boxcar loads of everything from rifles to food to spare airplane parts came westbound, plus the normal daily freight trains. In summer and fall six to eight trains of California vegetables and fruit went east, including some carloads of fine Placer County pears and apples.

Mixed in the parade of freight trains were twelve regular passenger trains east and westbound, often with the Challengers 88 and 87 running in two sections. And when convoys were being formed long troop trains, ten or twelve in a series, running fifteen minutes apart carrying thousands of

GIs bound for the Pacific Theater were added to the parade. In addition, there were local freights and many work trains. Station operators were on duty around the clock seven days a week.

Every east freight had three of the big Cab-Forwards out of Roseville and one or two smaller engines added here at Colfax. So a dozen engineer-fireman crews were based here with their families. Those helper engines were cut out at Emigrant Gap and Norden to return to Colfax or Roseville, adding to the westbound traffic. One could expect engines or a train rolling through town every twenty minutes.

The roundhouse here in Colfax teemed night and day with mechanics servicing engines and readying them to go out again. In charge of it all was an Agent with an office at the busy

freight house, later the TAPS store.

The heavy traffic was very hard on tracks. On the 200 or so heavy curves from here to Emigrant Gap rails lasted only about eight months. Out on the line track maintenance crews of 20 to 30 men at places like Gold Run, Alta, Blue Canon, the Gap, Cisco, Truckee and large extra gangs constantly worked at laying new rails. Yes, it's hard to believe the changes.

Today we see three or four freight trains a day and two passenger trains (Amtrak) a day, one eastbound and one westbound.

But out on the freeway there is a steady stream of big semi-trailer rigs speeding past.

This article by Bill Fisher appeared in the December 15, 1989 issue of the Cobblestones.

MEMORIAL GIVING TO CAHS

Colfax Area Historical Society welcomes gifts and memorials in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends. To make a gift please include your check with the form on the right and mail to:

Colfax Area Historical Society
Attention:
Memorials Secretary
P O Box 185
Colfax, CA 95713-0185

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gift in Honor or in Memory

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HUBLEY COLLECTION PHOTOS



THE SOCIETY'S FIRST YEAR

The following is a review of the highlights of the first year of the Colfax Area Historical Society. Most of the information presented came from the CAHS Scrapbook, early Colfax Cobblestones, and the Colfax Records of that time.

On July 5, 1985, Gertrude Paul reserved the Santee Room of the Colfax Library for \$5.00, for a meeting to organize the Colfax Area Historical Society. The meeting was held on July 22nd and at that meeting our first officers were elected. The Scrapbook shows that 38 people signed the attendance record. The speaker at first meeting was David A. Tucker, Director, Museums for Placer County.

The next meeting was held in August. The Colfax Record of August 21st, reported the following list of officers: Carolyn (Penny) Owens, President; Gertrude Paul, Vice President; Jean Paoli, Secretary; and Phyllis Louise Geary, Treasurer.

At this meeting Jack Pitchford spoke on the History of Weimar Sanatorium. Helen McNernew was elected Corresponding Secretary and the first board of directors was elected. The original board members were Dr. Verne D. (Dave) Wilt, DDS; Jack Keyte; Dr. Ed Fritz, DVM; and Al Melanson. Patricia Lee Wilt was named Cobblestones Ed-

itor, and the first issue was published on September 20th.

The Bylaws were adopted on September 13, 1985, and are posted in Scrapbook.

On October 11th, the Articles of Incorporation was approved and signed by Carolyn Owens, President. A list of the 76 Charter Members is posted in Scrapbook.

At the October 28th meeting the Placer County Clerk spoke on "Title Search and Placer County Records Department." There are title search procedure papers in the Scrapbook. After this the survey of local buildings begins.

A sad note, Carolyn (Penny) Owens, our first President, passed away on February 14, 2013.

All details for this article were provided by Myrtle Findley.

GRANT RECEIVED

A grant was received in the amount of \$1,000 from The Russell E. Hill Charitable Trust. The grant is for "the Grace Hubley historical photograph collection and related concerns." This is a very fortunate event for the Society.

CAHS MEMBERSHIP – JOIN US

Objectives:

To support and promote educational and research activities and interest in the history of the Colfax area; to promote and establish a local museum; to work with other Historical Societies and local groups; to discover, collect and make accessible to the public historical facts and objects; to mark places and buildings of historical interest in the Colfax area and catalog such markers in an orderly manner; to register historical landmarks and buildings; to accept gifts and donations from the public and other organizations; and to raise

funds to accomplish all the above.



Meetings:

General Meetings: 4/ year
Locations will be announced.

Board of Directors: 4/year
Located in the Depot at
99 Railroad Avenue, Colfax

Membership and Annual Dues:

Regular (single) Member :	\$15.00
Family (including children):	\$ 25.00
Junior (not included in Family):	\$ 5.00
Business (includes ad)	\$ 30.00
Non-profit Organizations	\$ 30.00

Additional contributions are always welcome.

Dues apply to the fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, and are tax-deductible. Members receive a membership card, quarterly issues of the Colfax Cobbles, and a 10% discount at the Gift Shop in the Museum.

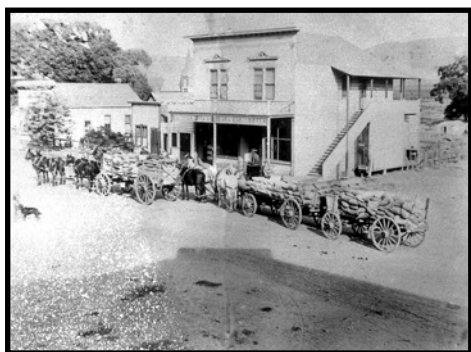
Make checks payable to: Colfax Area Historical Society. Please send check with your name, address, phone, email address, membership class, and amount enclosed to: CAHS, P.O. Box 185, Colfax, CA 95713, or go to the Museum to sign up.



The 6th Annual Heritage Trail will be held on August 10 – 11, 2013. Nineteen participating museums from Roseville to Tahoe will showcase history in a fun and entertaining way. Admission is free to all visitors.

The museums, mostly located within 5 miles of Interstate 80, between Roseville and North Lake Tahoe, are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days.

Trail Guides will be available at every museum in July. For complete information see the last issue of Cobblestones, visit theheritagetrail.blogspot.com or call 1-530-889-6500.



Do you have any stories or photos you would like to share?

Please email them to the editor at: melcouch57@peoplepc.com

Subject line: Cobblestones

FUN LINKS & INFORMATION

Donner Pass Historical Rendezvous: www.DonnerSummitHistoricalSociety.org

Placer Sierra Railroad Heritage Society: www.psrhs.org

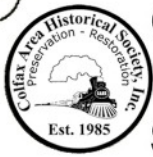
Leave a Legacy: www.snral.org

Sierra Nevada Virtual Museum: www.sierranevadavirtualmuseum.com

Historic Hwy 49 Photos: www.HistoricHwy49.com

Gold Rush Stories: http://nevada-outback-gems.com/gold_rush_tales/california_gold_rush1.htm

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