



Focus on Schools

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Thanks for your support

For the past 12 months, the Colfax School District, CTown and City of Colfax have been working together to update and improve the Colfax School District Athletic Complex. In September of last year, Architects West was hired to lead us through a process of creating a plan to remodel the track, add new bathrooms and plan for future improvements for the athletic facility.



It is not very often that communities have the opportunity to see a private organization, like CTown, a school district and a city government come together on such a large undertaking.

Representatives of the school district, CTown and the city, along with invited community patrons, met with Architects West to develop an athletic complex facility plan. This plan then became the map for the future, addressing our overall needs for the athletic complex.

Support from the city was critical, requiring support from both the Park Board and City Council. Following approval by those bodies, attention then turned to finance.

Making a plan and implementing a plan are two different animals. Thanks to the tremendous team effort of CTown, the school district and City Administrator Mike Rizzitiello, we were successful in raising approximately \$655,000

through fundraising and grants. Of this total, the largest share (\$356,000) came through grants from Whitman County and Washington state. CTown, in turn, raised just over \$59,000.

Once plans were approved by the city and the school board, the project went to bid. Beynon, a field turf and track company, was awarded the general contractor bid. Palouse River Rock and Motley-Motley were the local companies hired to do most of the track renovation.

The other major contributor to the project has been the construction and maintenance crew from the City of Colfax. This project would not have been possible without the work of Matt Hammer, Del Downs, Chris Clark, and David Batterton. As you can see from the attached photos, the project required heavy equipment and incredible expertise.

The city crew has done excellent work and has responded to each and every construction need of the school district. The Colfax School District wishes to publicly thank Mike Rizzitiello, Matt Hammer, Del Downs, Chris Clark and David Batterton for their great work on behalf of Colfax students.

We also wish to thank the community for your support and patience during this big project. We invite you to come out and see the track when it is fully completed near the end of October. I am confident you will be pleased with the outcome!



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Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweeping down the plain

Coming up ...

Colfax High School will present the musical *Oklahoma* on the evenings of November 17, 18, 19 and 21, then on the mornings of November 22 and 23.

On the evenings of November 18 and 19, all alumni who have ever been in a musical at Colfax High School will be recognized as part of the musical reunion. A celebratory reception will follow the show both evenings.

With this production, vocal music instructor Cary Cammack will be directing his 25th show in Colfax. He loves working with students and helping them develop the musical talents they bring to the show.

Colfax High School has been performing musicals for more than 50 years. This is an amazing accomplishment to have this long-standing tradition at our school. A brief history is being written as part of the celebration. The names of all who have participated are being collected for the history (for which we need your help).



Attention alums ...

With the help of all Colfax High School alumni, the districts plans to start a musical scholarship for talented students hoping to continue their training in college. It is proposed that the scholarship be managed through the Colfax Schools Foundation.



To assist with the history project, or learn more about the musical scholarship, please contact Mr. Cammack at 397-4368 or cary.cammack@csd300.com.

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