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Titled "Rhyolite Residents," Kruitbosch took this photo—later converted to black and white—in Rhyolite in the spring. "The Last Supper" sculpture, the subject of Kruitbosch's photo, is a piece by one of seven artists featured at the town's Goldwell Open Air Museum. Rhyolite is west of Beatty and one of Nevada's most frequently visited ghost towns.

PHOTOS: SEAN KUKOWSKI (TOP), CHARLIE JOHNSTON (BOTTOM)

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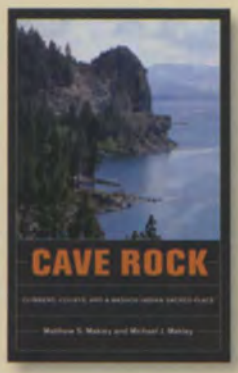


Nevada Ghost Towns 40

The Silver State is home to the remains of hundreds of former towns. Some are little more than crumbled foundations or a picked-over garbage heap, but others have stood more steadfastly against the ravages of time and Nevada's harsh elements to provide unique glimpses into a time long passed, but not forgotten.

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Pony Express Re-Rider Ralph Michka

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- Every year, the **National Pony Express Association** organizes a re-ride. One Nevada rider, in his 60s, recounts how he and his friend, Ralph Michka, chose to participate in the 2010 sesquicentennial re-ride—what he calls the "Bony" Express. By Gary Ridenour
- Just **what does it mean to be a Nevadan?** Why do people move here, and why do natives stay? It's a perfect dose of Silver State pride leading up to Nevada Day. By Kellene Stockwell
- An essay explores the origin of **20 Mule Team Borax** and the radio show **"Death Valley Days."** By Alexa Mergen
- See photos and learn more about **Easy Chair Crater** and **Lunar Crater Volcanic Field**, off U.S. Highway 6 northeast of Warm Springs.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Jeanine Daphne Jeakins-Crown: We practically lived at Pyramid Lake during the summer when I was a kid. We were always in the water or on the water in a canoe.—Facebook

Meghan O'Neal Ricks: It's a very sad day for Nevada. He…was a good governor and a good boss.—Facebook, commenting on the death of former Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn

VivaLVWeddings: We were voted Best of Nevada 2010! A huge THANK YOU to all our couples & to Nevada Magazine readers!—Twitter

NevadaPR: Today's to-do list has been forgotten thanks to the new issue of @Nevada_Magazine. So many places I want to see for myself now!—Twitter

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FEATURED PHOTO COLLECTION

Ghost Towns: Visit our Flickr profile, and click on "Collections" to view images from our July trip to such trapped-in-time places as Berlin, Candelaria, Tybo, and Belmont, where we were given an exclusive tour of the Belmont Courthouse.

FEATURED VIDEO

Lunar Lake: What's it like to drive across the Lunar Lake bed, one of Nevada's lesser-known playas? Find out on our YouTube profile. Lunar Lake is east of Lunar Crater, one of the state's more inconspicuous attractions.

FEATURED BLOG

The Mackay Mansion Museum: Once a popular historical attraction in Virginia City, the museum reopened for tours in May after a four-year hiatus. Learn what's new, and old, at Comstock silver king John Mackay's former residence.

the truth about ghost towns

ghost town the remains of a deserted town, permanently abandoned especially for economic reasons.

—Webster's New World College Dictionary

One of my favorite editor perks is the many new Nevada books that appear on my desk for review (if you want proof, click on "Nevada Books" at nevadamagazine.com).

Recently, I was elated when I opened a package addressed to our editorial department and pulled out a book that highlights mountain-west ghost towns. The timing was impeccable, as days later I would be embarking on a 1,200-mile roundtrip journey from Reno to Ely with myriad ghost-town stops along the way.



Hamilton

Excited, I immediately flipped to the Nevada chapter, but was disappointed to find multiple pages dedicated to Austin, Goldfield, and Virginia City. I'm sorry, but anywhere you can easily get a burger and a cold beer is not a ghost town. Anywhere you can buy the wife and kids a souvenir, or fill up your gas tank, is not a ghost town.

There are exceptions to any rule, of course. Take Belmont, one of Nevada's better-known "ghost towns" located in the central part of the state. There are a few businesses there, such as Indian Maggie's Saloon, and a number of homes, but the plethora of decaying structures and ruins in the center of town make it quite worthy of the title.

I suppose that's what the author of the aforementioned book was thinking in reference to Austin, Goldfield, and Virginia City, but I respectfully disagree with that assertion—proving that there is a degree of subjectivity that plays into the definition of a ghost town.

With that off my chest, one of this issue's features pays homage to some of Nevada's true—or truer—ghost towns. These are the places that take some getting to on dirty, dusty roads and more ruggedly define Nevada's boom-and-bust past. Standing among the half-upright buildings and broken-down machinery is both awe-inspiring and a little eerie (reminding me of a second misconception about ghost towns—the term has nothing to do with the existence of spirits at these sites).

The photo-heavy look at seven Nevada ghost towns (or areas) we recommend visiting is a perfect complement to our 33rd annual photo contest. Also, we introduce a new feature in our *Events & Shows* section—a one-page column, or guide, that highlights the new, traditional, and thematic, so you can mark your calendar from here to Nevada Day.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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REMEMBERING RUTH

I was disappointed that the Ely article [in the July/August 2010 issue] did not mention [nearby] Ruth. I grew up in Ruth during the 1930s until I entered the U.S. Navy in April 1943. My family remained there until my father, Harry H. Haaser, retired from Kennecott and moved to Reno. I have attended a few White Pine High School class of '43 reunions and have been a subscriber to *Nevada Magazine* for 60 years.

Stephen G. Haaser, Alexandria, Virginia

ELY NOSTALGIA

It was so good to see Ely again. I was last there in 2005 and won a $500 jackpot at Hotel Nevada on the last day of my trip. I was born in East Ely in 1948, and my family left in 1955 to California. We were Copper Flat Kids. My dad was in the "Power Gang" and worked at the mine from about 1920 to 1955. My fondest memories were sliding down the side of the "pit" to the bottom with my good friend, Chris Kalleres, and then riding the ore train from the bottom to the top. Thank you, *Nevada Magazine*, for bringing back priceless memories.

Frank Diaz, Morgan Hill, California

My late husband and I discovered Ely while traveling in our RV in 2003. We planned to stay only two days but stayed six weeks and bought a home there before heading to a son's wedding in Washington. The people of Ely are so friendly and welcoming. It was a very sad day when we had to sell the house and return to Phoenix. I have a lifetime of memories of Ely.

Willena Conley, Phoenix

SILVER CITY GOES CYBER

We really enjoy your magazine and are looking forward to your 75th [anniversary]. Will [Rose] and I opened Doodads Cybercafe and Emporium, the first business in Silver City since the bed and breakfast closed down 10 years or so ago. We are right next to the only other business in town, the post office. If you are ever in our area, we'd love to show you around.

Sheree Rose, Silver City

Thanks, Sheree. Silver City is a short drive south of Virginia City. Doodads is open Thursday to Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on *Nevada Magazine's* 75th-Anniversary Special Edition, visit nevadamagazine.com.

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SEAN KUKOWSKI

Photographer Sean Kukowski, the grand-prize winner of this year's photo contest, has lived in Nevada for most of his life. "The wide variety of subjects that Nevada has to offer is awesome," he says. It wasn't until college that Kukowski knew he wanted to be a photographer. Currently living in the Reno-Sparks area, he finds that it's the best of both worlds, having so many events going on all year and being so close to Nevada's wide-open landscapes. "Having a camera is a must with so much here to shoot," he adds. View more of his photos on Flickr.

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JOSHUA H. SILAVENT

A University of Georgia graduate, Joshua H. Silavent spent three years as the Senior Associate Editor of *Atlanta Life Magazine*. In this role, he reported on public education, state politics, environmental issues, and minority communities in his hometown of Atlanta. Silavent relocated to Nevada in recent months to explore the state's people and natural world. In this issue, he reports on one of Reno's newest venues. "The Freight House District seems to have struck the rare balance of having a little something for everyone," he says.

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JOYCE HOLLISTER

A 48-year resident of Genoa, Joyce Hollister retired from *Nevada Magazine* in 2008 after serving as associate editor, editor, and publisher. Hollister, now a freelance writer, enjoys traveling rural Nevada with her husband, Gim, a former rancher. "The California Trail story took us to Elko, one of our favorite towns. The trail roughly follows Interstate 80," she says. "The assignment also gave me a chance to share the amazing chronicles written by my great-great-great uncle, Oliver Goldsmith, who crossed Nevada in 1849 on his way to California."

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TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

History and the Supernatural Unite During These October Ghost Walks—and Rides

Many people at the Paul Laxalt Building in Carson City—where the *Nevada Magazine* and Nevada Commission on Tourism offices are located—have an eerie tale to share about the 119-year-old building. Elevators moving on their own, unexplained shadows, and voices in the basement have all been topics of discussion.

It comes as no surprise that many of the city's historic buildings share similar tales of the supernatural. Carson City Ghost Walking Tours, typically the last Saturday of each month, give visitors a chance to visit many of the city's haunted places and learn something about their history in the process (the Laxalt Building isn't on the tour, but drop in with lunch and we'd be glad to show you around). Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children for the September 25 and October 23 tours. Advanced purchase is suggested. A special Friends in Low Places Cemetery Tour, October 22 at Carson City's Lone Mountain Cemetery, shares the stories of some of the graveyard's inhabitants. **visitcarsoncity.com, 775-687-7410**

Presumably gripped by the Halloween spirit, a number of northwestern Nevada towns are offering ghost-themed events in October. Haunted Ghost Walks in Minden (October 21), Gardnerville (October 22), and Genoa (October 23-24) join Carson City with healthy helpings of history and the supernatural. **historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555**

The Virginia & Truckee Railroad in Virginia City is offering a themed ghost train, October 31, to coincide with the town's Halloween Spectacular and Goblin Parade **(virginiatruckee.com, 775-847-0380)**. Ely's Nevada Northern Railway hosts Haunted Ghost Trains every Saturday evening in October **(nnry.com, 866-407-8326)**.

See our *Events & Shows* section for more haunted attractions, including Oktober Fright Fest, October 13-31 at Las Vegas' Fremont Street Experience. **vegasexperience.com, 702-678-5600**

MUSEUM

Historic Pahrump and Honest Abe

Although the Town of Pahrump was established less than 50 years ago, the region holds a rich history, which dates to Spanish explorers and Shoshone inhabitants. This history takes center stage at the Pahrump Valley Museum. The museum sits on four acres and includes several historic buildings from Pahrump's early days, antique farming and mining machinery, a southwest garden display with a large variety of cacti, and a recently expanded exhibit hall. The exhibit space features many artifacts from Pahrump's past along with a display dedicated to Yucca Mountain and atomic testing in Nevada, plus one of the finest collections of Abraham Lincoln—he was in office when Nevada was granted statehood in 1864—memorabilia in the country. **pahrumpnv.org, 775-751-1970**





FOOTBALL

UFL Brings Gridiron Action to Las Vegas

The United Football League, which premiered in 2009, is the home of Nevada's only professional football team, the Las Vegas Locomotives. The UFL embraces innovation with modified rules and heightened fan interaction. Video cameras in the locker rooms at halftime and around the bench area during play and coach-to-quarterback communication during TV broadcasts are aimed at giving spectators more access to the game. The reigning champion Las Vegas "Locos" play their home games at Sam Boyd Stadium. **ufl-football.com, 702-475-4893**

HOME SCHEDULE
Sept. 18 vs. Florida Tuskers
Oct. 8 vs. Omaha Nighthawks
Oct. 23 vs. Hartford Colonials
Nov. 6 vs. Sacramento Mountain Lions

The Reno Barons of the indoor Arena Football League are scheduled to debut at the Reno Events Center in March 2011. **renobarons.com**

Nevada's two universities, University of Nevada, Reno and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, have storied football traditions (UNR has competed for more than 100 years). Catch their respective games, or watch the rivals duke it out in Las Vegas on Saturday, October 2 in the battle for the Fremont Cannon. **nevadawolfpack.com, 775-348-7225; unlvrebels.com, 866-388-3267**

NEVADA WOLF PACK
HOME SCHEDULE
Sept. 2 vs. Eastern Washington
Sept. 11 vs. Colorado State
Sept. 17 vs. California
Oct. 9 vs. San Jose State
Oct. 30 vs. Utah State
Nov. 20 vs. New Mexico State
Nov. 26 vs. Boise State

UNLV REBELS
HOME SCHEDULE
Sept. 4 vs. Wisconsin
Sept. 25 vs. New Mexico
Oct. 2 vs. Nevada Wolf Pack
Oct. 30 vs. Texas Christian
Nov. 13 vs. Wyoming
Nov. 18 vs. Air Force

PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON (FAR RIGHT), PHIL RANERI (OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM)

NEVADA news

✦ Las Vegas' newest boutique resort, **Rumor**, opened near the Strip in July. The 150-room hotel includes a pool, restaurant (Addiction), and relaxing palm-shaded "backyard." **rumorvegas.com, 877-997-8667**

✦ Have $17 million to spare? If so, you might consider purchasing the quirky Southern Nevada town of **Cal-Nev-Ari**, which went up for sale earlier this year. Read more at **lvrj.com**.

✦ **Vegas PBS** opened its new campus this summer. The eco-friendly 112,000-square-foot Educational Technology Campus was given LEED Gold Certification and showcases many green technologies, including the largest rooftop installation of solar panels in Nevada. **klvx.org, 702-799-1010**



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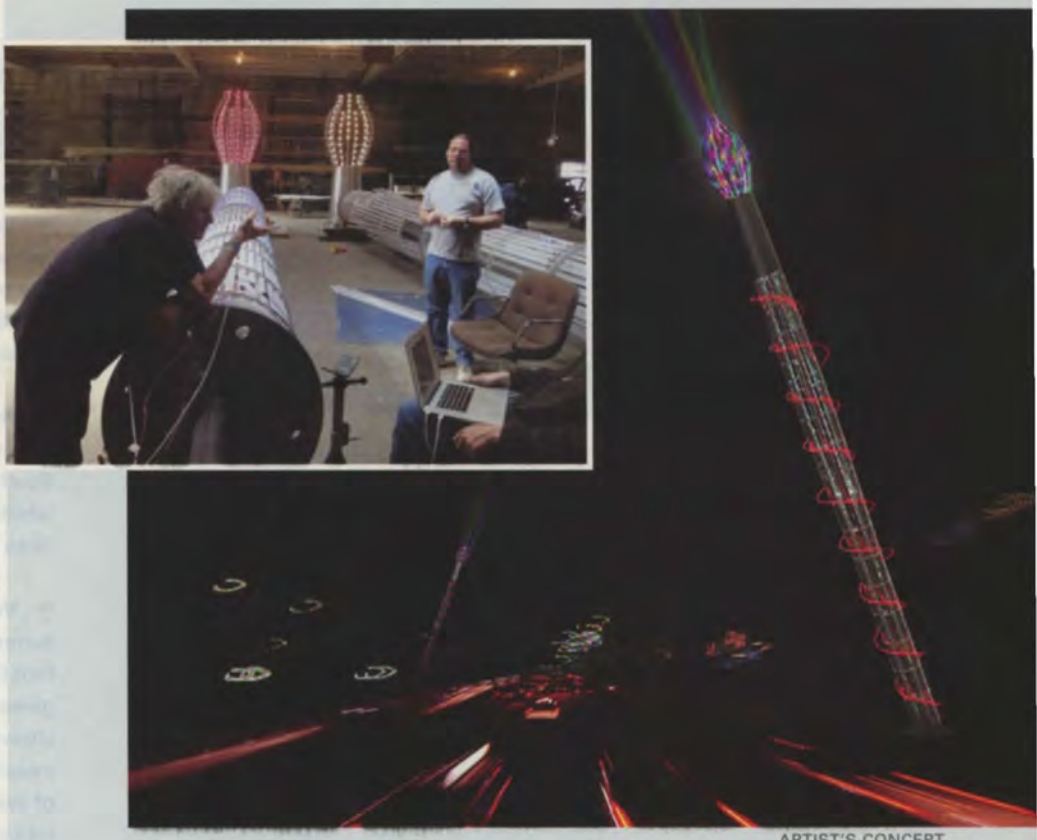
✦ Organizers of the **Vegas Valley Book Festival**, November 3-7, are offering a fiction contest for Las Vegas-area authors. The competition is Saturday, September 11, and contestants will be given 90 minutes to complete a maximum 500-word short story based on a topic provided at the start of the competition. The contest is limited to 20 participants and offers cash prizes for the top three stories. Register at **vegasvalleybookfestival.org.**

✦ **Best Vegas Attractions**, a Las Vegas-based tourism group consisting of more than 30 of the destination's best attractions, offers a downloadable online booklet that can save travelers from 15 to 50 percent at certain attractions. The booklet is available in eight languages; Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. **bestvegasattractions.com**

✦ **The Hawthorne Ordnance Museum** and **Hawthorne Army Depot** celebrate their eighth and 80th anniversaries, respectively, September 1-30. The museum is a salute to military ammunition and weapons, which the Depot has been instrumental in manufacturing and storing since World War II. Visit *Nevada Magazine's* Flickr page online to see photos from the Depot. **mineralcountytourism.com, 775-945-5400**

✦ **Smashburger** recently opened a third location in Las Vegas at 5655 Centennial Center Boulevard. The other locations are at 7541 West Lake Mead Boulevard and 9109 West Sahara Avenue. **smashburger.com**

✦ **Popcornopolis** is now open at Excalibur in Las Vegas. The homage to all things popcorn features more than 15 flavors such as cheddar cheese, sour cream and onion, and rocky road. **excalibur.com, 702-736-5235**



ARTIST'S CONCEPT

ARTS

Paintbrush Gateway Raised in Las Vegas Arts District

Two 45-foot-tall paintbrushes on Charleston Boulevard in downtown Las Vegas mark the gateway to the recently revitalized downtown arts district. The appropriately named Paintbrush Gateway was created by Dennis Oppenheim (top, leaning over) on commission for the City of Las Vegas. In true Glitter Gulch fashion, the pieces project bursts of LED light more than 2,000 feet into the sky. **lvartscommission.com, 702-229-4631**



Claudia Knous

Wild Women Artists

Twice annually, the Northern Nevada artists group Wild Women Artists comes together to share its members' work at art shows in Reno and Elko. The Reno show, October 22-24 at the Wilbur D. May Center at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, features diverse art, a raffle, and an awards presentation. A "first peek" exhibit in the Garden Court Gallery, September 10-October 22, gives people a taste of what the show will be like. **wildwomenartists.com**

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GRAND PRIZE

SEAN KUKOWSKI

Hometown: Sparks
Title: "Reno Lightning"
Location: Sparks (looking toward Reno)

"Late last summer I was all but ready to go to sleep. I was closing the window shades when I saw a flash in the sky," says the 24-year-old Kukowski, a Nevada resident for most of his life. "This storm took me by surprise. It had some of the most impressive lightning I have ever seen. I don't have a lightning trigger, so I had to rely on a 30-second exposure and some luck. It took me three takes to get the shot I was after. I spent another 20 minutes shooting the storm before it stopped, but never came close to getting another shot like that." Kukowski captured the split-second moment on a hillside off of State Route 445 (Pyramid Highway).

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Kukowski will receive a complimentary tour courtesy of HeliTahoe.

CITY LIMITS—WINNER

BILL GERRARD

billgerrard.com
Hometown: Las Vegas
Title: "Tomorrow, Today"
Location: Las Vegas

Tourist Tidbit: The entertainment capital's newest resort, CityCenter, opened late last year and has become a photographer magnet. "CityCenter's modern and even futuristic architecture is a joy to photograph," Gerrard says. The complex features Aria Resort & Casino, Mandarin Oriental, Vdara Hotel & Spa, Crystals Retail & Entertainment, and Veer Towers—the latter fills the background of this photo. A 132-passenger tram connects CityCenter with the Monte Carlo to the south and the Bellagio to the north. More info: citycenter.com

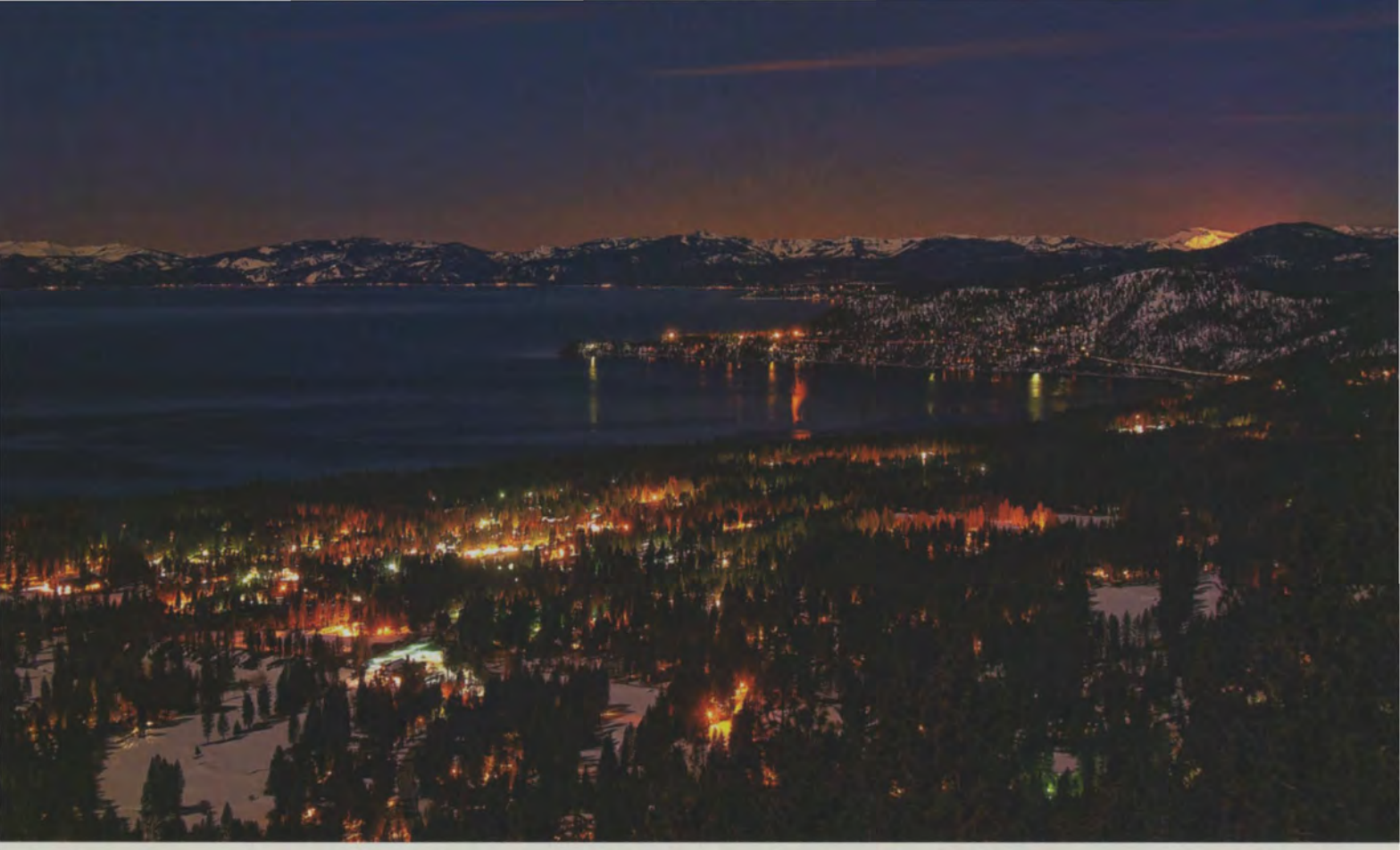


CITY LIMITS—RUNNER UP

HUNTER OLDS

Hometown: Fernley
Title: "Neptune Fountain"
Location: Las Vegas

Tourist Tidbit: The Las Vegas Strip is filled with iconic statues such as this one that rests in the large fountain display at Paris Las Vegas Hotel. "I like all the colors and angles [in the photo]," says Olds, who was visiting Las Vegas for the first time. "I tried to get the intensity of the statue with the soft subtle statues behind the water." The best part of viewing these fascinating figures that are so prevalent in Las Vegas? It's usually free of charge. More info: parislasvegas.com



WIDE OPEN—WINNER

MICHAEL HORSLEY

Hometown: Reno
Title: "Incline Night Shot"
Location: Incline Village

Tourist Tidbit: This image was taken in March 2008 from the scenic overlook on Mount Rose Highway (State Route 431), just above Incline Village. The 25-mile drive on S.R. 431, connecting Reno and Incline Village, is a State Scenic Byway known for its splendid views of Lake Tahoe, the Truckee Meadows, and Washoe Valley. More info: byways.org, ivgid.org

WIDE OPEN—RUNNER UP

LARRY TURNER

larryturnerphotography.com
Hometown: Malin, Oregon
Title: "Double Rainbow"
Location: Black Rock Desert

Tourist Tidbit: This surreal scene "took place after a crazy sand storm and a downpour of rain," Turner says. This area north of Reno is known worldwide as the setting for the annual summer gathering, Burning Man. The Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area is a unique combination of desert playas, narrow canyons, and mountainous areas. Tread carefully, as this is a land of extremes that should not be underestimated. More info: blackrockdesert.org





PEOPLE—WINNER

ELLEN SARGENT

Hometown: Indian Springs
Title: "Len Wines, 94"
Location: Ruby Valley

Tourist Tidbit: Len was the patriarch of the Overland Ranch, a Nevada Centennial Ranch in Ruby Valley (southeast of Elko), which has been owned by the Wines family since 1873. "I was fortunate to have photographed a branding at the ranch, and Len asked if I would photograph him branding one last calf," Sargent says. "I did, and this was the look of delight on his face at having branded one more time. Len passed away shortly after this photograph was taken."
More info (about the Nevada Centennial Ranch program): nv.nrcs.usda.gov

PEOPLE—RUNNER UP

ELLEN SARGENT

Hometown: Indian Springs
Title: "Pat Wines"
Location: Ruby Valley

Tourist Tidbit: Pat, the grandson of Len Wines (see previous photo), "represents to me the future of ranching in Nevada," Sargent says. "This photograph was taken at the same branding as his grandfather's photo."



Great Nevada Picture Hunt 2010

ADVENTURE—WINNER

KRISTA
WILLIAMS

Hometown: Reno
Title: "Hidden Beach Paddle Surfers"
Location: Lake Tahoe

Tourist Tidbit: Hidden Beach is located within Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. "The narrow sands and large granite boulders of Hidden Beach are popular with local sunbathers and swimmers," reads the Nevada State Parks website. More info: parks.nv.gov/lt.htm. Stand-up paddle surfing, an emerging global sport with Hawaiian roots, is popular on everything from ocean waves to calmer inland waters such as Lake Tahoe.



Great Nevada Picture Hunt 2010

ADVENTURE—RUNNER UP

JOD
ESPLIN

Hometown: Spring Creek
Title: "Full Throttle"
Location: Jiggs

Tourist Tidbit: "Summer fun is in the sand for this rider," Esplin says. Jiggs is an unincorporated community located on State Route 228, south of Elko.



EVENTS—RUNNER UP

BILL GERRARD

billgerrard.com
Hometown: Las Vegas
Title: "Civil War Reenactment"
Location: Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

Tourist Tidbit: This year's Civil War Reenactment, October 30-31, will be held at the same location. The event is held annually in celebration of Nevada Day and hosted by the Southern Nevada Living History Association.
More info: parks.nv.gov/smr.htm, snlha.org

EVENTS—WINNER

RALPH WILLITS

Hometown: Las Vegas
Title: "Shot Show"
Location: Las Vegas

Tourist Tidbit: The Las Vegas Convention Center celebrated its 50th anniversary in April 2009. It hosts myriad conventions, such as the SHOT Show, where this dog entertained guests with its astounding leaping ability. In September and October alone, the LVCC hosts 14 conventions, expos, markets, and shows. The 2011 SHOT Show is scheduled for January 18-21 at Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas. More info: lvcva.com, shotshow.org



house party

Reno's Freight House District has a little something for everyone.

BY JOSHUA H. SILAVENT



It's a brisk Friday evening in May, the sun stretches sweetly into the Sierra Nevada, and a growing line of fans huddle beneath coats and blankets, waiting anxiously for the gates of Reno's Aces Ballpark to open.

Though it's an hour and a half before the first pitch of tonight's Triple-A baseball game, the stadium block is already abuzz. A scattering of children play catch on the complex's grassy lot, sometimes tackling one another in what appears to be a rambunctious mix of baseball and football. Blocked-off side streets and adjacent parking lots are filling fast with tailgaters. Live music pours from a patio overlooking the stadium entrance and, delighted, I walk up a flight of stairs to get a glimpse of the band and rejoice in the sound.

I emerge onto the Freight House District plaza, boxed in by an alehouse, sports bar, and nightclub with an island bar and stage a dominant presence in the open-air space. Family members, 20-somethings, and middle-aged patrons share in the pleasures of food and drink from tables and bar stools. A few college-aged men battle in a furious match of ping-pong, a group of teenagers toss beanbags, and several couples recline in lounge chairs and take in the effervescent mood.



Connected to the ballpark, the newly opened Freight House District—named for a historic building that anchors the project—has quickly become a popular hangout in Reno. This venue, open daily and year round, is part of an evolving redevelopment concept meant to broaden business opportunity and create jobs in downtown Reno.

Good first impressions can fade fast, though, if not sustained by the prospect of growth. "The goal is to always be developing and to always have something unique," says Ryan Reidel, an operations manager at the Freight House District. "But we're still working out minor kinks and tweaks." Rather than viewing the work-in-progress as a burden, Reidel sees it







as an opportunity to engage the fan base and build the district's brand. "We want to capture people's attention," he says.

The defining vision for the Freight House District entails creating a little something for everyone. Long-term goals include building synergy between the Freight House District and downtown Reno by providing new entertainment choices with each passing block. Cultivating this eclectic appeal is characteristic of Reno's renaissance over the last 20 years.

In that time, the Reno Redevelopment Agency has spent $176 million on revitalization projects. The result of this investment, funded through property-tax revenues, can be seen at Reno City Hall, Truckee River Whitewater Park, and West Street Market, among others. By including the ReTrac project, which lowered more than two miles of railroad through downtown, the total investment amounts to more than $400 million.

All revitalization plans are not created equal, however, and in a time of economic uncertainty, some projects inevitably furrow brows. "I think in the field of economic development you always have [people] that either disagree with the policies...or don't quite understand them," says Peter Wallish, Reno's economic

Reno's Freight House District, named for a historic building that anchors the project, opened earlier this year on Evans Avenue adjacent to Aces Ballpark (home to Triple-A baseball's Reno Aces, which began play in April 2009). The complex features an ale house, Mexican grill, sports bar and grill, lounge, dance floor, and stage. Open seven days a week and year round, the attraction features live music and other special events. The venue's opening is one phase of many planned downtown Reno projects over the next several years.

development manager. Addressing this pushback, he says, requires educating the public on the financial structure of projects and their expected benefits.

The $72-million tag on Aces Ballpark and the Freight House District is funded by a car-rental tax and initial private equity. Future windfalls resulting from an increased tax base will be pumped into new revitalization projects and, ultimately, back into city and county coffers when the redevelopment agency's mandate expires in 2035.

Four extension phases are in the works for the neighborhood sharing the Freight House District name. Mixed-use retail, restaurant, hotel, and housing units are likely additions. A planned first-floor renovation of the National Bowling Stadium is progressing rapidly. This phase is slated entirely for retail development. But much of the area is currently in a "pre-production" stage with specific phases under the control of private developers working with the redevelopment agency. Break-ground dates for many of these initiatives are expected sometime in 2012, though market conditions ultimately determine timelines.

Diversifying a historically tourist-centric economy begins with the belief that each new project contributes to the whole. "The idea, from our perspective, was that the ballpark [opened in April 2009] is a catalyst for redeveloping the entire area," says John Hester, Reno's community development director and redevelopment administrator.

The Freight House District venue is just one addition to the area, but evidence attesting to its influence on revitalizing downtown has already emerged. Owners of the Silver Peak Brewery chain of restaurants opened a pizzeria in the neighborhood in August, hoping to capitalize on the burgeoning draw of the district. In creating a vibrant street life and urban neighborhood—from green parks to clean streets and education centers to entertainment districts—Reno's charm broadens dramatically.

This is confirmed in fan reactions at the Freight House District in May. "We're really excited to have this in Reno," says Keith Thomas, an audio/video specialist who lives in Truckee, California, a short drive west of Reno. This is the second time in the last month that he and friends have come to Reno to enjoy a night out at the ballpark.

All are big baseball fans, and the opening of the Freight House District has only added to the allure of the experience. "This is nothing but positive for the area, and I'm looking forward to spending more time here," says Greg Jacobsen, an automotive service manager from Truckee and friend of Thomas.

There is a rooting spirit among tonight's crowd. "We'd like to see this succeed," says Pete Nevin, frontman of The Deckheads, tonight's musical act. "This is the perfect spot for a bar and beach band like us." As the bats crack on the field, Nevin jumps back onstage with his band and bursts into a Jimmy Buffet rendition. "It's great to be at the Freight House District!" he screams to a healthy throng of revelers.

The City of Reno hopes that refrain reverberates long beyond this night.

CONTACTS

Freight House District
250 Evans Ave., Reno
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775-334-7041
Open seven days a week

Duffy's Ale House
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FREIGHT HOUSE DISTRICT TIMELINE

- July 2012: Renovate historic Freight House building for restaurants & shops
- July 2014: Open offices & stores on the former Mizpah Hotel block; open more restaurants & stores on the first floor of the National Bowling Stadium; open shops & a residential building in the Citicenter block, east of the bowling stadium
- July 2016: Open more shops & a hotel in the Citicenter block

**Dates subject to change*

—Source: rgj.com

RENO IN THE MAKING

By the end of 2010, ground is expected to break in Reno on a gasification and materials reclamation plant—the first of its kind in the United States—which will produce clean energy and remove hundreds of tons daily from the city waste stream.

Plans to convert the U.S. Post Office building downtown into a retail center are moving forward. Construction of a new post office site will coincide with these developments.

Near-term redevelopment and revitalization projects in Reno also include expanding the River Walk district and extending the Truckee River Whitewater Park. A pedestrian corridor connecting the downtown sector with the University of Nevada is in the design stages. And a proposed gateway project along this corridor would include mixed-use retail and housing developments.

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thunderbird lodge

The eccentric George Whittell Jr.'s legacy reverberates at this popular Lake Tahoe waterside attraction

STORY & PHOTOS BY RACHID DAHNOUN

Imagine owning 27 miles of Lake Tahoe's beautiful shoreline encompassing more than 40,000 acres. Sound impossible? Not if your name was George Whittell Jr., the former owner and resident of Thunderbird Lodge, now an intriguing Nevada tourist attraction.



GEORGE WHITTELL JR.

The son of a wealthy San Francisco couple whose families made their money from the California Gold Rush, Whittell was born into extravagance on September 28, 1881. An adventurous, sometimes defiant spirit defined Whittell from an early age—from African safaris to serving in World War I and ill-advised marriages to the high-society party scene, his was a life only imaginable for the absurdly rich. His love for high-stakes poker games and fast cars and boats, in addition to his collection of wild animals, quickly turned him into an icon. Much of his life was shrouded in mystery, rumors, and speculation.

After the stock market crash of 1929, Whittell was able to acquire an extremely large amount of inexpensive land on



Mike Aiello, a lead docent volunteer at Thunderbird Lodge, stands in the great room (above) and educates participants of a guided tour about the former home of George Whittell Jr. Renowned Nevada architect Frederic J. DeLongchamps designed the stone home (top) to blend harmoniously with its Lake Tahoe surroundings. Tours by land or water are offered through early fall.

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Lake Tahoe's east shore south of present-day Incline Village in what is now Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. He purchased the land from the Carson and Tahoe Lumber and Fluming Company and several other landholders in the area. In 1937, he began construction of his summer home, the Thunderbird Lodge. After the lodge was completed two years later, Whittell would spend every summer thereafter enjoying his lakefront estate.

All of the materials used to build the lodge were acquired locally to ensure that it melded with its natural surroundings. In addition to the main lodge, several other buildings grace the property, including the Card House, Elephant House (where Whittell kept his enormous pet, Mingo), Lighthouse, Gatehouse, and Boathouse.



George Whittell Jr. once motored across the waters of Lake Tahoe (top) in his famous wooden yacht, the *Thunderbird*. The classic machine is now stored in the 100-foot-long Boathouse (above).

The Boathouse contains Whittell's wooden speedboat, the *Thunderbird*.

The *Thunderbird* is one of the most famous boats to cruise the pristine blue waters of Lake Tahoe. Designed in the image of a DC-2 aircraft, it's 55 feet long and constructed from double-planked mahogany and brushed stainless steel. Originally powered by twin 550-horsepower V-12 Kermath engines, the vessel

could reach a speed of 60 knots (almost 70 mph). In 1962, Whittell sold the boat to Bill Harrah, who restored it and replaced the Kermath engines with two 1,100-horsepower V-12 Allison aircraft engines. Harrah called the boat "a 70-mph cocktail lounge." Today, the boat is owned by Foundation 36 (a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Nevada's historic treasures) and has been returned to its original home at the Thunderbird Lodge. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the *Thunderbird*.

Late in Whittell's life, the State of Nevada used eminent domain to confiscate large tracts of Whittell's land to form Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. Whittell sold 9,000 acres, which became Incline Village, to developers, donated land to the University of Nevada, Reno for research, and gifted a large tract to St. Mary's hospital. After Whittell's death in 1969, his remaining lands were sold to investment banker Jack Dreyfus, who then sold large parcels to the United States Forest Service. By 1998, all that remained was 145 acres surrounding Thunderbird Lodge. In a federal government land-swap transaction, the acreage transferred into the public trust, and the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society assumed ownership of the historic buildings.

Designated a National Historic Site, Thunderbird Lodge hosts 10,000 visitors a year and is open for seasonal tours and special events year round. Tours can be taken by land or water. By land, visitors meet at the Incline Village Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau for a short bus ride to the lodge. The tour takes visitors on a journey into the extraordinary life of Whittell. Guests get to see the main lodge, the *Thunderbird* boat, secret underground tunnels, the Card House, and more. They also hear exciting stories about Whittell's brief stint as a teenager in the Barnum & Bailey Circus, his pet lion, Bill, and the shenanigans that transpired around the lodge's legendary poker table. The tour is conducted by the knowledgeable docents of the Thunderbird Lodge and available from late May to mid-October, Tuesday to Saturday. Private tours are also available year round for groups of 15 or more.

Woodwind Cruises and the Get On Tahoe Water Shuttle offer waterborne options to gain access to the lodge from the north and south shores. On a roughly five-hour tour, Woodwind's vessel, the *Tahoe*, departs from the south shore and includes continental breakfast, an en-route narrated tour of the east shore, a Thunderbird Lodge tour, and lunch. Get On Tahoe's boat, the *M/V Blue Warrior*, departs from the north shore and features

DID YOU KNOW?

George Whittell High School is located in Zephyr Cove, on Lake Tahoe's east shore. The high school celebrated a 50th-anniversary reunion in June. whittellreunion2010.com



In the same vein as another fanatical Nevada figure, Howard Hughes, George Whittell Jr.'s reclusive tendencies came out in the lodge's design. The estate included a 600-foot-long main tunnel that allowed him to move stealthily from room to room. At one point, the tunnel comes to a "y," the right branch leading to the Boathouse, while the left is no longer a viable route.

TOUR INFORMATION

BY LAND

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activitytickets.com
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coffee and breakfast pastries, a tour of the lodge, and beautiful views of Sand Harbor and the palatial homes of Lakeshore Drive in a three-hour tour. Both boat tours are available roughly June through early fall.

The Thunderbird Lodge also provides one of the most scenic and unique places to host a special event. With more than 3,000 square feet of interior space, the lodge is equipped to handle weddings, meetings, and conferences. The 1,500-square-foot conference room and 1,800-square-foot Lighthouse Room (with a large commercial kitchen) can accommodate smaller events.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing events at the lodge is its winemaker dinners. Four times a year, Lake Tahoe's best chefs are paired with California's best winemakers for an unforgettable evening. Winemaker dinners are set in the Lighthouse Room, where patrons are treated to panoramic views of the lake while they relax and enjoy an extraordinary dining experience. Wolfdale's Cuisine Unique and White Cottage Ranch wine will be featured Sunday, September 19, and Bistro 7 and Wines of Italy will be featured Sunday, October 17. Tickets for both dinners can be purchased at thunderbirdlodge.org.

"We're all here because of the history," says Thunderbird Lodge's executive director Bill Watson. "Our goal is to turn visitors into patrons."

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mackay mansion reborn

Tourists and history buffs are again flocking to the spiffed-up former residence of Comstock silver king John Mackay.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN


Grand Parlor

A tour of The Mackay Mansion Museum reveals many nuggets of Virginia City history. Perhaps the most fascinating is learning of a system of underground tunnels that once led from John Mackay's home to a number of businesses in town.

After a four-year hiatus, the museum reopened for tours on May 1. We are lucky enough on this day to be escorted around the property by the man behind the mansion's renaissance, Octavio A. Cresta, and his publicist, Wendy St. Martin. Cresta shows us what appears to be an average white wall in a storage room on the mansion's bottom floor. Behind the sheetrock, Cresta says, is access to the tunnels, once used primarily by deliverymen for transportation of goods and messages.

Cresta's temporary acquisition of the property is indicative of how communication has changed since the 1800s. Consider how he got the idea to lease the 150-year-old mansion until 2014. "I ran into Brian Bills, the owner, through craigslist and fell in love with the property," Cresta says.

Craigslist.org, a popular classifieds website, connected Cresta to a key piece of Virginia City's past and a popular worldwide history attraction. "We've had a great response [to the mansion's reopening]—hundreds of people have come through," Cresta says on a sunny June day. "We just had a group of journalists from all over the world—Germany, Canada. It's getting great reviews."

Leasing the classic home was the perfect opportunity for Cresta to mingle his Incline Village antiques business, Uniquities, with the home's original decorations. "I brought some of the antiques from my gallery," says Cresta, a 24-year Nevada resident. "I had to fix and clean up the whole house and paint in several areas...the whole parlor was redone."

PHOTO: MATTHEW B. BROWN

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The Mackay Mansion Museum
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Tours: Daily, 10 a.m-6 p.m. thru Nov.

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LEC #1 Comstock Firemen's Museum
Founded in 1979 by Virginia City's volunteer Fire Department, this museum displays 19th-century firefighting equipment. Liberty Engine Company No. 1 is still an operating volunteer unit.

Piper's Opera House
Built in 1885 and still in use, Piper's Opera House has undergone extensive restoration. Show attendees at Piper's can watch for ghosts who are said to attend many of the performances.

St. Mary's Art Center
Dating to 1876, the building was originally established as the St. Mary Louise Hospital by the Sisters of Charity and Bishop Patrick Manogue. Today, the art center offers year-round lodging and art instruction, including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, and photography.

St. Mary's in the Mountains
Virginia City is home to a number of beautiful churches reflective of late-19th-century culture. St. Mary's was rebuilt by Bishop Manogue following the Great Fire of 1875. Currently, the church



PHOTO: CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Cresta's tender loving care shows from the inside out. The lush, landscaped grounds and party terrace can accommodate up to 400 persons for reunions, concerts, cultural events, and fundraising galas. The grand gazebo has provided a wonderful ambiance for numerous weddings held at the Mackay Mansion throughout the years.

The mansion's mystique, however, is within the home. A stroll through its confines is eloquent, rugged, and a little bit spooky all rolled into one. When you walk into the stylish rooms, you get a feel for how absurdly rich Mackay was. The title of "Boss of the Big Bonanza" came with it a then-unfathomable net worth of about $100 million (by today's standards, Mackay would be worth more than $2 billion—the same as Oprah Winfrey).

Mackay moved into the mansion, originally built in 1860 as the Gould and Curry mining offices, after his residence was destroyed in the city's Great Fire of 1875. He relocated to the International Hotel in 1877

The Grand Parlor on the middle floor of the Italianate-style mansion claims the original fireplace and overhanging mirror, the frame of which is plated with gold. Benches, chairs, dressers, chandeliers, tables, curtains, frames—all are 1800s-style and either original mansion pieces or dating to that era.

The narrow, steep "hanging staircase" leading to the third floor gives you a genuine taste for how architecture has changed over the years. There is an old phone in one of the rooms and an equally old toilet on display—for gazing at only. Old newspaper articles mentioning Mackay are framed for reading in the hallway.

On the museum's bottom floor, the dining room is decorated with a set of gold plates and goblets of the day, as if Mackay or George Hearst—father of William Randolph Hearst and the home's original owner—were set to entertain guests in a matter of hours.

The museum has its share of rustic items, from an old fire-fighting wagon to myriad household items of the period (stoves, sewing machines, laundry soap, etc.). Our tour ends outdoors at the site of the home's original Chinese laundry; it amazes me that the structure has withstood so many grueling Nevada winters. The original assayer's office, independent of the mansion, is still standing and in good condition.

According to Cresta, the office-turned-home-turned-museum first opened for tours more than 50 years ago. Like many old Nevada buildings, there are rumors of the paranormal associated with the Mackay Mansion.

The most famous story concerns actor Johnny Depp. While filming the movie "Dead Man," Depp stayed in Mackay's former bedroom. He supposedly saw a ghostly apparition in the form of a little girl dressed in white, which other people have claimed to see in the house. There is also speculation of a floating elderly lady, a colonel, and a woman who ambles up and down the staircase.

Are the ghostly tales true? On his website, Cresta invites you to the mansion to judge for yourself.

holds weekly mass and features a museum displaying numerous artifacts and photographs. Read a story about the church on nevadamagazine.com.

Storey County Courthouse
The Storey County Courthouse, built in 1876 after being destroyed in the Great Fire of 1875, is the state's oldest continuously operating courthouse. Built in Italianate style, the two-story seat of government houses a two-tier jail containing the Silver State Peace Officers Museum.

V&T Railroad
Visitors can board the historic Virginia & Truckee railway in Carson City and arrive in Virginia City the way folks did in yesteryear. The Virginia City depot is located a short walk from The Mackay Mansion Museum.

—Source: visitvirginiacitynv.com





BOULDER CITY

History, dining, and recreation highlight this dam town's plethora of tourist activities.

BOULDER CITY
Established: 1932
Population: 14,896
Elevation: 2,501

BY LYNN GOYA

Since it was established in the early 1930s to house workers who were building Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam), Boulder City has existed in a self-imposed time warp, a small crystal of tradition and propriety in the loose sands of the Mojave Desert. The contract to build Hoover Dam meant that Ragtown, a dusty tent city perched on a hill overlooking the Colorado River, would become a utopia of brick buildings, parks, and schools.

By the time Hoover Dam was dedicated in 1935, Boulder City had become an international tourist attraction and primary source of electrical power for Southern California. The same is true 75 years later. The Hoover Dam Visitor Center, a short drive east of Boulder City, is open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Visitors can explore one of our country's engineering marvels on a tour available through the Bureau of Reclamation. The new Hoover Dam Bypass—officially the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge—is scheduled to open to traffic in November. It will provide an alternative route across the Colorado River and relieve the stress one million annual visitors put on the dam's existing road.

Lake Mead, the product of Hoover Dam, offers numerous recreational opportunities from a sunset ride on Lake Mead Cruises' *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler to a weekend houseboat excursion with Forever Resorts. Boat races, fishing tournaments, and an increasing number of competitions such as the annual Pumpkin Man Triathlon take advantage of the clear blue waters. Just south of the dam, Boulder City Outfitters offers kayakers and boaters the opportunity to enjoy hot-springs waterfalls amid the sheer cliffs of Black Canyon. Black Canyon Adventures offers launch permits, guided raft tours, and boat, kayak, and canoe rentals.

Bootleg Canyon Mountain Bike Park attracts pedal pushers from around the world. If you aren't ready to "end-over," you can zipline from peak to base at speeds up to 50 mph with Bootleg Canyon Flightlines. Boulder City is also a hub for "flightseeing" tourism, skydiving, and paragliding. The Boulder City Airport added a $9-million terminal where visitors can pick up a souvenir or book flights to Hoover Dam and other nearby attractions through various tour companies. For more sedate outdoor adventures, hike, bike, or ride horseback on the 35-mile River Mountains Loop Trail that runs through Boulder City, skirts the edge of Henderson, and loops back alongside Lake Mead. The trail was recently recognized as a National Recreational Trail.

History buffs will enjoy a day—or night—trip to the historic Boulder Dam Hotel, now a bed and breakfast, which has hosted numerous movie stars, among them Clark Gable and Carole Lombard. The recently renovated property features a delightful restaurant and a series of gift shops, including an outlet for the local art guild and a small museum that is open daily.

A few doors down another historic gem, the Boulder Dam Theatre, opens for special events and shows. The property is owned and restored by Desi Arnaz Jr., son of Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball, who honors his famous parents with a small display of artifacts in the hotel windows. The theater hosts dance-school recitals, musical performances, and the annual Chautauqua and Dam Short Film Festival.

In the quaint downtown area, brick houses dating to the 1930s line streets

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TOUR AROUND NEVADA

Nevada Magazine's Tour Around Nevada campaign will conclude with the November/December 2010 issue. Thank you to all who voted and the hospitality and support of the towns covered along the way!

MEET *NEVADA MAGAZINE*

On October 2 and 3, we will meet and greet visitors and Boulder City citizens at Art in the Park. We invite you to visit our booth and pick up a free magazine.

named for the states with waters that drain into the Colorado River: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wyoming. At the center is Bicentennial Park, used for numerous festivals, including the 4th of July parade, Wurstfest, Art in the Park, and Santa's Electric Light Parade.

Although Boulder City is one of only two Nevada communities to prohibit gaming, liquor was legalized within the city limits in 1969. One of the earliest bars, The Backstop, offers guests a free drink "any day the sun doesn't shine."

Milo's Cellar and Sidewalk Café attracts patrons with its fresh sandwiches and salads and extraordinary wine at bargain prices. Owner Milo Hurst recently added a bed and breakfast with a charming private courtyard and koi pond. "People come to town [for an event], and they are looking for a good glass of wine at a great value," Hurst says. "That is the type of customer we want to attract."

Next door to Milo's, Tony's Pizza has added a sit-down section. The adjoining outdoor-seating area blends into Milo's, letting patrons mix and match their dining choices. Parents often share a bottle of wine and a cheese platter with a neighbor while the kids split a pizza. Close by, beer aficionados can enjoy sandwiches, weekend live music, and locally brewed libations at Boulder Dam Brewing Company (for more Boulder City dining options, visit nevadamagazine.com).

Just past the Nevada Southern Railroad Museum on Yucca Street, which offers 45-minute rides on Pullman coaches most Saturdays and Sundays, is the Fisher Space Pen Company. Fisher pens have accompanied numerous manned space flights. The factory hosts a small storefront that is open weekdays until 4 p.m. and offers engraving services.

Boulder City's blend of sophisticated dining, world-class outdoor activities, open scenery, and historic intimacy make it a fine stop on any tour around Nevada. "Boulder City is a very special place," Hurst says. "It's real. If someone passes by and doesn't stop to take a look, they'll miss out."

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Dinner: Fri.-Sat., 5-9 p.m.

the slanted porch

This fabulous Fallon restaurant draws from Lahontan Valley's bountiful farms

STORIES & PHOTOS
BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Having written a lot of "Cravings" articles during my time at *Nevada Magazine*, I've had the pleasure of dining in a great array of Nevada eateries. From over-the-top opulent to greasy spoon and everything in between, I've lifted a fork in every corner of the Silver State.

An unfortunate side effect of all this culinary travel is that a restaurant rarely surprises me anymore. Enter The Slanted Porch in Fallon, an environmentally conscious eatery that seems as if it were plucked out of a trendy urban neighborhood and dropped into charming, laid-back rural Nevada.

This unassuming converted 1908 residence could easily be mistaken for a home if not for its sign. The building was renovated and expanded by owner Steve Hernandez and his wife, Peggy, over a three-year period. The loving detail that went into remodeling the century-old building is also present in the food. "I am a farmer/restaurateur," says Hernandez, who is also the chef.

Hernandez got his start in the San Francisco restaurant scene after graduating from California Culinary Academy in 1996. In his Fallon venture, which opened in June 2008, Hernandez has combined his top-rate education with his upbringing as the grandson of Mexican migrant farmers. "My grandmother cooked on a wood stove with the freshest produce and meat you can imagine," he says. "She literally plucked it right off the farm."

Often still covered in dirt, potatoes for The Slanted Porch's delectable homemade potato chips come from Fallon's Workman Farms (the original purveyor of the nationally acclaimed Hearts O' Gold cantaloupe). Spinach and other salad accoutrements make the less-than-four-mile trip from Lattin Farms (known for its farmers' markets and family-favorite corn maze). Beef is hand-selected by Hernandez from the H5 Ranch, also in Fallon. "You see the immediate impact on the local farmers and ranchers when you buy products from them," Hernandez says.


T-bone Steak with Asparagus & Bleu Cheese Fries

Equally important to Hernandez's restaurant ethos is the impact—or rather lack thereof—that getting meals to his customers has on the environment. "I'm trying to reduce my carbon footprint as a restaurant and minimize the fossil fuels used to get food to the table," he says. Produce and meats from across town require a negligible amount of fuel to transport compared to products trucked from California. To this eco-friendly end, The Slanted Porch uses biodegradable compostable to-go containers, composts whatever food waste possible, and sells grease to an area biofuel company.

The farm-to-table movement has been sweeping across the country in recent


Macaroni & Cheese

years as restaurants and individuals become increasingly aware of where their food is coming from and its environmental impact. As Hernandez puts it, a big part of the movement is "making people aware of how they eat and what is going into their bodies." If what people are putting into their bodies is food from The Slanted Porch, then they are off to a good start. Up to 75 percent of each dish offered has traveled a shorter distance to get to the restaurant than many of its patrons.

Lunch usually sees a full dining room and several people milling around the door waiting for to-go orders. The draw? More than 20 creative sandwiches and salads that could turn even the staunchest carnivore. Sandwiches include everything from the simple (the Alternate 95, a BLT with avocado), to the American classic (a half-pound local Angus cheeseburger), to the inspired (the Pinion with roast beef, green chilies, and dill havarti cheese). Sandwiches come with a fresh, local side salad or homemade potato chips, and the burger comes with homemade fries. Lunch salads are as popular as the sandwiches. The favorite spinach salad includes avocado, bacon, chopped hard-boiled egg, sunflower seeds, and onion and is drizzled with a warm sweet bacon dressing.

If The Slanted Porch stopped at lunch, it would still rank as one of my favorite Nevada eateries, but dinner on Fridays and Saturdays secures its position as a top contender. The simple, seasonal menu is complemented by a plethora of nightly specials, providing the opportunity for every visit to be new and exciting. Shrimp Catalon comes in a cast-iron pan with bubbling olive oil, roasted garlic, and red chilies. While not local, the plump juicy shrimp appetizer is a great start—make sure to save some bread to dip in the remaining sauce.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

During the restoration of The Slanted Porch, one of owner Steve Hernandez's friends pointed out that the porch was noticeably slanted toward the street. While this is an intentional design feature that allows water to drain away from the building, the episode proved memorable enough to give the restaurant its moniker.

Main dishes—such as local, hand-selected T-bone steak with asparagus and steak fries drizzled in homemade bleu cheese sauce (opposite page)—are treated with a degree of care and attention uncommon at most restaurants. I have never been a big fan of T-bones, and I have dined in some of Nevada's best steakhouses, but I rank this steak among my all-time favorites. From the seasoning—complementing while not overpowering—to the top-quality beef, every bite is better than the last.

The Slanted Porch owes that consistency to Hernandez's philosophy of serving the freshest local foods available—a philosophy that is as good at winning the hearts of diners as it is at running an environmentally responsible, sustainable restaurant.

WORTH A VISIT

Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival
On Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, visitors to the Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon can enjoy food, music, and arts and crafts. fallontourism.com, 775-423-4802

Lattin Farms
Lattin Farms, renowned in Fallon for its produce, is home to a popular corn maze in the fall. The maze opens Saturday, September 25 and will be open Fridays, 5-8 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., through October 30. lattinfarms.com, 866-638-6293


Southwest Omelet

COURTYARD CAFÉ & BAKERY

Fresh ingredients and loving attention to detail make this eatery a Fallon favorite.

"The biscuits and gravy are the best in Northern Nevada," says Paul Carlson as he exits the Courtyard Café & Bakery. Talk to many Fallonites, and they will likely share Carlson's sentiment about one or more of the restaurant's dishes.

Since opening in December 2008, the Courtyard Café has built an impressive local following, and it's no surprise why. "We pride ourselves in homemade food, baked and made fresh daily," says owner Deb Nelson. "Fresh food just tastes better." Nelson takes full advantage of produce from local outlets such as Lattin Farms and Workman Farms and is constantly searching for fresh, in-season fruits and vegetables from small farms in California.

Making a bad selection from the menu would be mission impossible, but some other dishes that stand out alongside the biscuits and gravy are hot cinnamon rolls, a ham sandwich with sliced apple and cheddar cheese, and the Southwest Omelet (pictured above).

The melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon rolls are served fresh from the oven and lightly drizzled with homemade frosting. The ham sandwich with sliced apple and cheddar is served on grilled raisin bread, giving it a unique, Zen-like balance between salty and sweet. The accompanying salad with tangy homemade vinaigrette is unbelievably fresh and worthy of meal status all by itself. The fluffy, surprisingly light Southwest Omelet comes piled high with fresh homemade salsa, sour cream, and avocados. Spicy sausage and bell peppers combine for a complex but not overwhelming spice, and creamy Monterey Jack cheese seemlessly pulls everything together.

CONTACT

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california trail tale

My great-great-great uncle, Oliver Goldsmith, trekked across Nevada with other hopeful 49ers.

BY JOYCE HOLLISTER

His adventure began as a lark, but by March 1850 it was over. My great-great-great uncle, Oliver Goldsmith, returned from the California gold fields on a sailing ship and stumbled down the gangplank at the harbor in New York City. He was wracked by fever and wrapped in a piece of quilt to ward off the biting wind.

He had less than $50 in gold dust in his pocket, enough to pay for a room, haircut, coat, and a ticket home to Detroit. Goldsmith was 21 in the winter of 1848, when gold was discovered in California. He joined a wagon train of 50 fortune-seeking young men and left for the Land of Gold.

Most of these so-called "Forty-niners" never found the riches they dreamed of, but, unlike Goldsmith, many stayed in the West and established ranches and businesses in California, Oregon, and eventually Nevada. The majority of the 250,000 travelers on the 2,000-mile California Trail in the years between 1841 and 1869 were families seeking a better life. They left their homes and all that was familiar for the promise of land, not necessarily mineral wealth.

As many emigrants did, Goldsmith wrote about his journey. Most information about the great American Western migration comes from handwritten, often misspelled diaries. In 1896, Goldsmith published *Overland in Forty-Nine*, his recollections of traveling the California Trail, and gave hardbound copies to his family and friends.

It is a remarkable account and tells of the hardships endured by equally remarkable people. His trip took up to four and a half months. The first portion of the trail, from Missouri through what is now Nebraska, Wyoming, and either Idaho or Utah, depending on the route taken, was difficult enough.

Wagons broke down and had to be repaired; rivers had to be crossed. Travel was slow, and valuable time was spent hunting game and gathering cooking fuel. Many emigrants were felled by cholera.

In August, the travelers reached what is now Nevada, during the hottest, driest time of the year. Goldsmith's group took the route to Salt Lake City from Fort Bridger, Wyoming, crossed Bidwell Pass, and trekked south of the Ruby Mountains. They joined the main California Trail at the Humboldt River near present-day Carlin.

Goldsmith wrote: "The thick, powdery, alkali dust on the roads through these lands was terribly hard on both animals and men. It was so thick that the drivers kept as far from the cattle as possible and often could not see them though less than ten feet away. The poor creatures coughed constantly...After a few days' march down the river (which we called 'three hundred miles from source to sink') we gave up traveling by day and tried it by night, it being much more endurable when the hot sun was not beating down upon us."

FOLLOWING THE HUMBOLDT

Nevada's Humboldt River figures largely in the settlement of the Western United States and the expansion of the Union from coast to coast.

As welcome as it was, the river was shallow, muddy, and foul—very unlike the deep, swift-moving waterways the pioneers were used to. "When your life depends on animals to travel from Missouri to California," says ranger Gary Koy of the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center near Elko, "you had to have grass and water to feed them. That's why places like the 40-mile desert or the salt flats were such hardships.

"Meanest and muddiest filthiest stream, most cordially I hate you."

—Emigrant Leander V. Loomis, 1850 (about the Humboldt River)

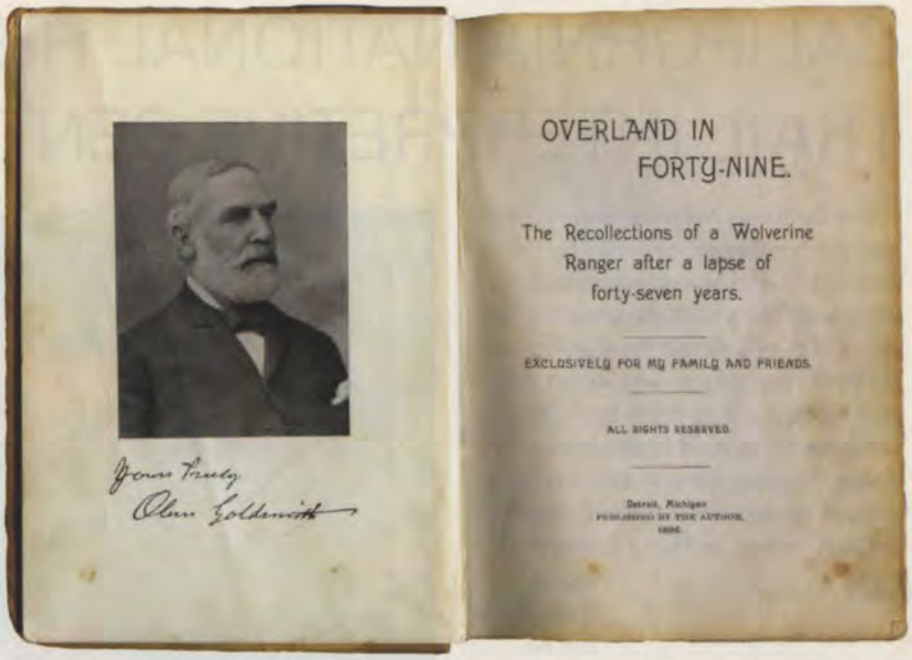
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Without the Humboldt River, the history of the world might be very different today."

The aforementioned Interpretive Center overlooks the spot where travelers on the Hastings Cutoff (the deceptively named "short cut" taken by the ill-fated Donner Party) from Salt Lake City rejoined the main trail at the Humboldt River.

A few miles farther down the river, the trail divides into two: south of the Humboldt, the Carson River Route went through what is now Fallon to Eagle and Carson Valleys, and the northern Truckee River Route arrived in Truckee Meadows, where Reno is today. In both cases the travelers had to cross the 40-mile desert before facing the final barrier: the Sierra Nevada.

Although the emigrants left their homes behind, they took their values with them. They elected leaders and agreed on rules and regulations, Koy says, and when they arrived, they formed mining and grazing associations and organized schools and churches. "The California Trail story is really the story of making a decision, the family decision to leave home and go somewhere else," he says. "They heard that in California and Oregon good farmland could be had, and they could get there by wagon. It is the little band of river in front of [the Interpretive Center] that made the trip to California possible."



Oliver Goldsmith published *Overland in Forty-Nine* in 1896. The scan above, showing Goldsmith, is from the opening pages of the book. On page 55, he recalls the harsh journey from Salt Lake (City) to Nevada's Humboldt River: "I only know that there were plenty of long marches over salt, soda and alkali lands, hard enough to wear out animals and men..."

ON TO THE GOLD FIELDS

Goldsmith and his band followed the Humboldt on its northern bank. He and a fellow native of Michigan, Al Frary, grew impatient at the slow pace. They decided to leave the wagon train against the party's advice. They each had a good horse, but only to carry their supplies. They walked through day and night, pausing only briefly.

At first, they made good time, figuring they covered 72 miles in 26 hours. Goldsmith wrote: "Continuing our journey down the Humboldt we came to where there was a road to the north, leaving the old Fremont 'Trucky River Trail' to the left. At this fork of the road a notice was posted on a stick, stating that the Sacramento River was but one hundred and fifty miles from this point, by way of Lassen's Pass... This cut-off, as we called it...proved to be the very opposite...We started on this northern trail [also known as the Applegate Trail to Oregon, which leads through Nevada's Black Rock Desert and High Rock Canyon] with the rest of the emigrants."

Goldsmith describes the increasingly difficult travel for wagon trains as oxen and mules had to be abandoned due to lack of feed and water: "The wagons were many of them occupied by women and children. The giving out of so many teams necessitated first lightening of the loads, then leaving the wagons behind and [keep]ing only such things as were absolutely essential to life itself...The road soon became strewn with cattle, horses and mules, dead and dying."

Goldsmith fed most of his bread to his horse to keep her alive. The hours ahead were the most horrendous of the journey. He continues in his book: "The last ten miles I was about used up and could hardly put one foot before the other...I would drop down occasionally to rest, but my thirst would become so perfectly unbearable that it would urge me on."

He and Frary finally reached the Sacramento River after weeks of trudging through Nevada deserts and mountains and the rain-soaked forests of Northern California. They endured scurvy and hunger. Grizzly bears robbed what little food they had. Goldsmith panned for gold and worked as a cook. He made, in the end, about $400—the amount he originally started with.

Disillusioned, Goldsmith went by sea from San Francisco to Panama, where, to top it off, he caught Chagres malarial fever. He walked across the isthmus and then sailed to New Orleans and Cuba, arriving at last in New York. Reunited with his family in Michigan, they naturally were curious to know: After two years in the gold fields, had he made his fortune?

Goldsmith held up a five-dollar gold piece and a penny and replied, "Perhaps I have; this is all I have to show for it now, but in experience I have more than a wagon can hold."

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management eight miles west of Elko off Interstate 80, has views of the Humboldt River Valley and the South Fork of the river, which look very much like they did in the 1840s.

The center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through September 6 and will open for the 2011 season on May 27. Between those dates, tours can be arranged, and the meeting room can be reserved for groups. The center's grand opening is tentatively planned for May 2012. At that time it will be open year round.

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Physical location: 8 miles west of Elko off I-80, Hunter Exit 292



Emigrant Camp Exhibit

At the attraction, visitors learn about daily life on the California Trail, its various cutoffs and alternate routes, the effect mass migration had on American Indians, and the trail's importance to the development of the West. Interactive displays allow children to try on period-style clothing and experiment with games that emigrant youth played.

Among the exhibits are murals depicting the various portions of the trail from Missouri to California, dioramas of camp with life-sized figures of emigrants cooking, playing music, and socializing, and a cutaway wagon packed with travel essentials. One mural is a replica of names the travelers carved at Record Bluff in Nevada, about 15 miles south of the Idaho state line.

The center's front plaza has a winding map of the California Trail and various sub routes inlaid into stone pavers, weaving in and out of a water feature representing the Humboldt River. Sandstone walls support bas-relief sculptures, which depict scenes on the trail and quotes from emigrant diaries. The plaza is used for special events, such as the annual California Trail Days event in May.

CALIFORNIA TRAIL DAYS

Visitors can pet an ox's huge head and taste camp beans at California Trail Days, the annual celebration of the pioneer experience at Elko's California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in May.

Events are free and include black powder firearms demonstrations, Dutch-oven cooking, Civil War reenactments, American Indian demonstrations, gold panning, old-time music, living history wagon encampment, and California Trail history presentations.

Full-sized covered wagons, camp tools, American Indian foods and baskets, antique firearms, and kids' trailside toys are displayed on the plaza and inside the center. The 2011 Trail Days is scheduled for a Friday and Saturday in May. elkotraildays.com, 775-738-1849

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

The California National Historic Trail, authorized by Congress in 1992, is administered by the National Park Service and managed by the Bureau of Land Management and other federal, state, and local agencies. It passes through 10 states.

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Click on this story at nevadamagazine.com to learn the relevance of the elephant sculpture—and the meaning of the saying "seeing the elephant"—at Elko's California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center.

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LOOKING BACK



Summer 1978

A photo by then-editor C.J. Hadley, taken at Virginia City's annual Camel Races, piques readers' interests about the state's many intriguing warm-weather activities.

SEPTEMBER

4, 1908 – A disastrous fire sweeps through Rawhide, devastating the mining boomtown.

5, 1960 – Actor John Huston rides to victory in Virginia City's first official Camel Races. Fifty years later the annual event is still going strong, as competitors and spectators will gather in the historic town on September 10-12, 2010.



VIRGINIA CITY'S CAMEL RACES

12, 1959 – NBC debuts the television series "Bonanza," which enjoys a 14-year run. The program's Nevada set, the Ponderosa Ranch in Incline Village, was a huge tourist attraction until it was sold in September 2004.



"BONANZA'S" BIG FOUR

14, 1862 – Decorated U.S. Army officer Jesse Lee Reno, for whom the City of Reno is named, dies in the Battle of South Mountain in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

28, 1881 – George Whittell Jr. is born in San Francisco. Construction of the wealthy eccentric's Lake Tahoe estate, Thunderbird Lodge, is completed in 1939. Today, the lodge, on the lake's eastern shore, is a popular tourist attraction.



JESSE LEE RENO

30, 1935 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt speaks at a formal dedication ceremony in Boulder City to honor newly constructed Boulder Dam (now known as Hoover Dam).

OCTOBER

2-3, 1915 – Three strong earthquakes within about seven hours disturb a large portion of Northern Nevada. The third tremor has an estimated magnitude of 7.75. It destroys and seriously damages many adobe houses from Pleasant Valley north to Winnemucca.



UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

12, 1874 – Classes begin at the University of Nevada in Elko. The university moves to Reno in 1885, the same year Elko opens the state's first high school.

12, 2007 – Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas begins operating its solar photovoltaic system, which is one of the largest in North America.



NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE

15, 1997 – ThrustSSC (Super Sonic Car) sets the World Land Speed Record (766 mph) in the Black Rock Desert and breaks the sound barrier, on that day calculated at 748 mph (this measurement varies based on weather and altitude).



SUPER SONIC CAR

27, 1986 – Great Basin National Park is established.

Nevada Magazine volunteer Elmer Wolf provided this information.





ADVENTURER

Adam Bradley

Reno

Adam Bradley, 38, is what is called a thru-hiker. A pioneer in the relatively unknown sport of fastpacking (a seemingly masochistic union of backpacking and trail running), he holds the current speed record on the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail at a mere 65 days, nine hours, 58 minutes, and 47 seconds—21 hours faster than the previous record. While substantially shorter in distance than this transcontinental adventure, Bradley recently underwent a Nevada trek of far greater significance.

In the energy-hungry world in which we live, people rarely take the time to think of what it takes to power our homes, offices, shopping centers—basically, our lives. With the support of the Nevada Wilderness Project, Bradley set out in the spring to follow the path of the planned Southwest Intertie Project Transmission (power) Line from southern Idaho to the Harry Allen substation, north of Las Vegas, 501 miles away. Bradley's objective for the 15-day trek was to route the intended path to help the aforementioned conservation group determine the impact the line will have on the landscape and wildlife.

Bradley's "SWIP" trip, as he came to call it on his blog, took him through some of Nevada's most rugged, iconic terrain; over lofty mountains, across parched valleys, even up craggy rock faces. "[It was] a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me," he says in a recent story in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. When completed, the line will deliver energy from geothermal, solar, and wind sources to Southern Nevada, making it, as John Wallin, director of the Nevada Wilderness Project puts it, "the backbone of Nevada's clean-energy economy."



Top right and middle: Adam Bradley thru-hikes in Steptoe Valley, roughly halfway through his 501-mile May trek across Nevada. In late July, Bradley added to his impressive fastpacking résumé by walking the 168-mile Tahoe Rim Trail in 85 hours, 47 minutes, and 50 seconds with no support or resupplying.

Bradley's journey underscores the very reason the advancement of such green-energy initiatives is so vital for Nevada, the nation, and the world. As the default stewards of the planet's fragile ecosystems, we must ensure that the evolution of human progress does not irreparably harm the land that supports us and be mindful of the environmental cost of things we consider necessities. Bradley says it well in summing up his trans-Nevada march along the route that will soon support a virtual electrical and economical artery: "Every time I flip on the light switch at home, I'm now considering the journey that my power takes to get to me."

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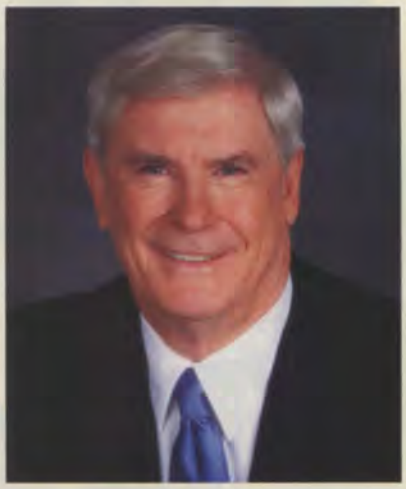
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IN MEMORY

Kenny Guinn

Las Vegas

August 24, 1936 – July 22, 2010



Former Nevada governor Kenny Guinn served two terms from 1999 to 2007. The once superintendent of Clark County schools was a champion of education and was responsible for Nevada's popular Millennium Scholarship program, which resulted in more than 21,000 Nevada students receiving money to pursue higher educations.

He also successfully shepherded Nevada through the largest tax increase in the state's history, which was praised as "controversial but realistic" by *Time*. In 2005, the same magazine named Guinn one of the five best governors in the country. "I am both shocked and saddened to hear of the...passing of a true Nevadan," said U.S. Senator John Ensign in a July press release. "It's nearly impossible for me to put into words what this one man has meant to me and the people of Nevada." Guinn is survived by his wife, Dema, and two sons, Jeff and Steve.

PAINTER

Wayne Scarpaci

Gardnerville



Wayne Scarpaci encountered his first United States Navy ship when he was one year old. A Navy dependent, he was bounced from Guam to Washington D.C. and San Diego as a child. During this time, he spent many hours aboard various Navy vessels. From an early age, Scarpaci, now 60, had a passion for painting those ships. "I remember standing in a hobby shop [in about 1957], awestruck, admiring Scott Eidson's...art of the *USS New Jersey* and saying to myself that someday I was going to paint ships like that," he says.

"Someday" has come for Scarpaci. The Gardnerville resident has published three books about battleships, which feature photos, histories, statistics, and his paintings of the ships. His next book will feature Nevada's ships, including the *USS Nevada* (BB-36 is pictured), *USS Carson City*, and *USS Minden*. **artbywayne.com**

ENTERTAINER & PHILANTHROPIST

Jerry Lewis

Las Vegas



It is likely that as many people associate the name Jerry Lewis with the Muscular Dystrophy Association as with the entertainer's seven decades of acting, singing, and comedy. That's because for 45 years, Lewis' name has been synonymous with the MDA Telethon. As the MDA National Chairman, Lewis has been instrumental in raising more than $1.5 billion since the telethon began in 1952. Lewis, a Las Vegas resident for 25 years, has been the chairman since the organization's inception in 1950. The first televised telethon was in 1966.

MDA combats neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive medical and support services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. MDA has more than 200 offices in the United States, sponsors more than 200 hospital-affiliated clinics, and supports more than 330 research projects around the world. The 2010 MDA Telethon will be held September 5-6 at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa in Las Vegas. **mda.org, southpointcasino.com**

JEWELER

Erick Begay

Boulder City



Erick Begay has been making American Indian jewelry since his mother taught him the art of "silversmithing" when he was 11. He has been a full-time jeweler since he was 16. Now 35, Begay is considered among the most talented American Indian jewelers in the country. His work—which includes silver, gold, and gemstones—has won numerous awards at shows such as the Santa Fe Indian Market in New Mexico, the largest such show in the world. Begay has been a Nevada resident since moving with his mother, Frances, from Santa Fe in 1993 and has owned a Boulder City shop and gallery, Erick Begay Native American Jewelry, since 1997 **erickbegay.com**

Ghost Towns

You could spend a lifetime visiting Nevada's many deserted—or nearly deserted—settlements.



by Charlie Johnston

Ghost towns have always captured my imagination. As Indiana Jones-obsessed children, my brother and I relished the opportunity to roam around the ruins of abandoned settlements in the Nevada countryside. And while my Harrison Ford role-playing days are over—mom took away the whips almost immediately after we got them, and I still can't pull off the fedora—I am still drawn to these deserted outposts.

Luckily for me—and all inquisitive Nevada travelers—the Silver State is home to the remains of hundreds of former towns. Some are little more than crumbled foundations or a picked-over garbage heap, but others have stood more steadfastly against the ravages of time and Nevada's harsh elements to provide unique glimpses into a time long passed, but not forgotten. Following are some of the Silver State's most interesting, well-intact, and accessible ghost towns.

If you choose to follow our tire tracks, or create your own, here are a few things to remember to ensure that you have a safe, enjoyable trip:

† Many of the towns still maintain small populations, so please respect the residents and private-property signs.

† The derelict buildings you see are historical artifacts that depend on visitors to help preserve them—leave no trace, and take only memories and photos home with you.

† Most ghost towns are on infrequently traveled dirt roads. While two-wheel drive vehicles can easily reach them, they are remote. Start with a full tank of gas, and carry extra water and a spare tire.

† Only a few of Nevada's ghost towns can be accessed with the use of a standard state map. Most require a detailed Nevada road atlas, available at many bookstores and grocery stores throughout the state.

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RHYOLITE

Location: Four miles west of Beatty via State Route 374

THEN

Rhyolite was born in early 1905 following the discovery of gold in the Bullfrog Hills to the west of the town site. By 1907, the crude camp had grown into a bustling city complete with electricity, water mains, telephones, newspapers, hotels, banks, and even a stock exchange. Estimates put the town's peak population anywhere from 5,000 to 8,000 residents. Financial panic in late 1907 started Rhyolite's bust period, and the town never recovered. By 1909, new ore discoveries had ceased. A year later the banks had closed, and the town claimed only 675 residents. By 1922, the population had dwindled to 14, and in 1924, Rhyolite's last original resident died.

NOW

Rhyolite's handful of buildings and ruins, proximity to Beatty and U.S. Highway 95, and the Goldwell Open Air Museum make it one of Nevada's most visited ghost towns. The Bottle House—built by Tom Kelly during the town's heyday, using roughly 30,000 bottles—is one of Rhyolite's most unique attractions. Other partial structures include the two-story school, three-story Cook Bank Building, and the Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Depot. While it does not date to the early 1900s, the museum is as much a part of Rhyolite's draw as the town itself and consists of the works of seven artists, a visitor center, and the Red Barn Art Center. Beatty, about four miles away, has food, gas, accommodations, and services and is a great base camp for a visit to Rhyolite. **rhyolite.org, rhyolitesite.com, goldwellmuseum.org, beattynevada.org**

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NELSON

Location: 40 miles south of Las Vegas
via U.S. Highway 95 and State Route 165

THEN

Local legend maintains that American Indians, Spanish explorers, and Mormon settlers had mined the Eldorado Canyon district near Nelson for more than 150 years before miners from nearby Potosi made significant discoveries in 1861 at the Techatticup Mine. Born from those finds, Nelson's predecessor, Eldorado, was a tough and lawless camp almost 200 miles from the nearest sheriff. Nelson emerged more than four decades later at the head of the canyon. An explosion at the town's smelter in 1909 started a two-decade period of inactivity until production resumed in the 1930s. Increased costs of labor heralded the town's demise in the 1940s.

NOW

A handful of original buildings and some photogenic, rusted cars remain at the site of Nelson, but the primary draw to the area is Techatticup Mine. Eldorado Canyon Mine Tours has excavated part of the old mine and restored some of the original buildings and offers hour-long tours. For more information about Nelson, Eldorado Canyon, and the Techatticup Mine, visit **nevadamagazine.com**. Nelson is close enough to Las Vegas to make a single-day trip from a Strip hotel, but for a more laid-back stay, Boulder City is a great base for a Nelson visit—and closer. **eldoradocanyonminetours.com, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com**

BELMONT

Location: 45 miles north of Tonopah
via U.S. Highway 6, State Route 376, and S.S.R. 82

THEN

Silver was discovered in the Toquima Range in late 1865, and the ensuing rush in 1866 marked the beginning of Belmont. With an abundance of wood, stone, water, and clay readily available, the town grew quickly. In 1867 the Nye County seat was moved to the booming town of 2,000—at the time, the second-most populous city in Nevada behind Virginia City. Belmont experienced a slight decline beginning in 1869 but recovered quickly following further ore discoveries in 1873. Construction of the Belmont Courthouse was completed in 1876, a strong indication of the perceived permanence of the community. Mining spiked again in 1883, but the boom was short-lived. The mining boom in Tonopah at the turn of the century drew most of Belmont's remaining residents, and in 1905 the county seat was moved to that community.

NOW

More than a dozen original buildings hang on in Belmont, and the pièce de résistance, the Belmont Courthouse (a State Historic Park), is worth the visit alone. Its well-preserved exterior belies the reality that it has been abandoned for more than a century. Inside, graffiti dating to the 1890s make the building truly unique among Nevada attractions. The property has hosted an unknown multitude of squatters, the most notorious of which spent a few weeks there in the summer of 1969. A doorway on the first floor bears the only concrete evidence of their visit and reads, "Charlie Manson + Family 1969," the "o" replaced with a peace symbol. Call 702-486-5125 days in advance to set up a tour of the interior.

Two saloons and a handful of residents call Belmont home today, and all rely on solar power. The saloons are open sporadically, and there are no services in town. Tonopah is the nearest place to find food, gas, and lodging. **parks.nv.gov/bc.htm, tonopahnevada.com**



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Berlin

Location: 20 miles east of Gabbs
via State Routes 361 and 844

THEN

Silver was discovered in the Shoshone Mountains in 1863, resulting in the birth of Union, a camp a mile south of the future site of Berlin. It was not until 1896 that Berlin itself started to develop. Though the town boomed from 1898 to 1908, its population never exceeded a couple hundred residents. By 1911, the town was completely abandoned. Some of the residents are interred in the cemetery below town.

NOW

Though by no means a big player in Nevada's early mining scene, Berlin stands today as one of the state's best preserved and most visited ghost towns with a well-intact mill (pictured at right) and a handful of original buildings. Fittingly, another underground discovery has helped to preserve Berlin and protect it as a State Park. Following the discovery of fossilized ichthyosaur (a large Triassic-period marine reptile) remains, the area was designated as a State Park in 1957. A large enclosure a few miles from Berlin gives visitors the opportunity to view some of the fossils via a 40-minute guided tour, offered daily Memorial Day through Labor Day and weekends until the second Saturday of November. The Diana Mine Tour is available Fridays and weekends through late September. Call 775-964-2440 for more tour information. There is a campground in the park, but no services. Food and gas are available in Gabbs, but it would be wise to stock up on supplies in Austin, Fallon, Hawthorne, or Tonopah before a visit to Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park.
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Ione

Location: 25 miles east of Gabbs via State Routes 361 and 844

THEN

Ione was the first town born of the discovery of silver in the Shoshone Mountains, which came to be known as the Union District and later supported towns such as Berlin and Union. The current site of Ione was first populated in 1863. By February 1864, Ione was named the seat of newly created Nye County. The town boomed over the next couple of years but in 1867 lost the county seat to Belmont. Ione experienced varying levels of prosperity until it fell off sharply around 1880.

NOW

Ione has retained a small population since its founding and still boasts 41 residents, according to the sign (which also reads "The Town That Refused to Die") as you enter town. Many original buildings remain, and its proximity to Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park—six miles away—make it easily accessible and well worth a side trip. As with Berlin, the nearest food and gas are in Gabbs, and supplies and accommodations are available in Austin, Fallon, Hawthorne, and Tonopah. **austinnevada.com, fallontourism.com, mineralcountychamber.com, tonopahnevada.com**

Candelaria

Location: 61 miles west of Tonopah via U.S. Highway 95

THEN

Although they were reportedly known since as early as 1863, the veins of silver in the hills around what would become Candelaria were not tapped on a large scale until 1873. Thereafter the town boomed into the early 1880s when it reached a population of about 1,500, the largest town at the time in Mineral County. At its height, Candelaria supported hotels, breweries, a school, a telegraph office, saloons, and a branch of the Carson and Colorado Railway. Lawlessness and harsh conditions ruled the town, which started to decline after a fire in 1883, ironically not long after a waterworks was built. The town rebounded briefly in 1890, but was abandoned by 1892.

NOW

The stark, treeless landscape at the site of Candelaria has not changed much in the last 150 years. Substantial rock ruins, including those of the bank (pictured at right), remain along with some wooden structures and a cemetery. A nearby abandoned open pit mine is a reminder that new mining processes often turn a profit from ore that was once thought to be tapped out. Keep your distance from the pit, as the sides are not stable, and it is a long way to the bottom. No services are available in Candelaria. Gas and some food are available in Mina, 21 miles north, but Hawthorne and Tonopah are also options for supplies, accommodations, and a greater variety of dining. **mineralcountychamber.com, tonopahnevada.com**




HAMILTON

Hamilton Area

Location: 47 miles west of Ely via U.S. Highway 50 and White Pine County Road 11

THEN

During their heyday, the handful of settlements clustered in the northern part of eastern Nevada's White Pine Range topped out at almost 20,000 residents. Rich lodes of silver discovered on and around Treasure Hill late in 1867 led to the birth of the settlements of Belmont Mill, Eberhardt, Hamilton, Shermantown, Treasure City, and a handful of smaller camps. Despite the rough climate (some of the towns were at elevations greater than 8,000 feet) the area thrived—Hamilton, the center of the district, grew to be one of Nevada's largest cities with more than 10,000 residents and was named the White Pine County seat in 1869. Treasure City, the district's second largest, reached a population of nearly 6,000. By 1870, the district started to decline, and devastating fires in the 1870s and '80s sounded the death knell for Hamilton, Treasure City, and most of the Treasure Hill mining district. Spared from the fires that claimed the rest, Eberhardt prospered into the 1870s, but declining production eventually spelled its demise in the 1880s.


EBERHARDT

NOW

Ruins dot the hills and valleys all around the former Treasure Hill mining district, most notably at Hamilton and Belmont Mill, where a number of original structures—such as the mill itself—still stand. Hamilton and Belmont Mill are easily reached, but the remains of other towns take some route finding and more serious off-road driving to get to. Dirt roads twist and tangle across the region, making it difficult to reach some of the sites, so visitors hoping to see places such as Treasure City and Shermantown should be prepared to spend some time trekking. The closest services are in Ely, 47 miles east of the Hamilton area via U.S. Highway 50. **elynevada.net**

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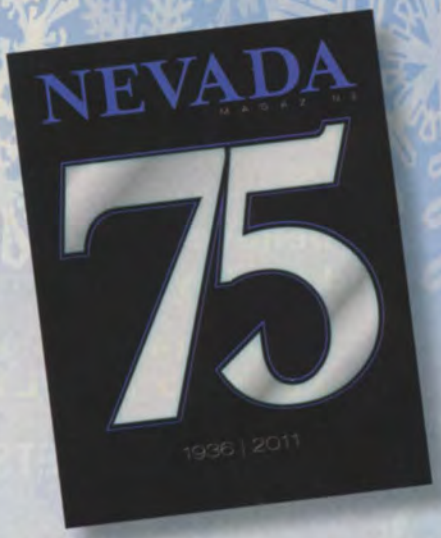
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let's get physical

If ever there were two months made for the adventurous in Nevada, September and October fit the bill.

For starters, *Nevada Magazine* Associate Editor and veteran marathoner Charlie Johnston has your 26.2-mile options covered in our Spotlight story on Page 54. From Lake Tahoe Marathon Week in late September to Rachel's E.T. Full Moon Midnight Marathon in August 2011, runners have their choice of challenges across the state. There are also a number of shorter-distance runs available, such as the 14-mile race in Fallon on September 18.

Late summer and early fall are also popular for triathlons. The Aflac Iron Girl Triathlon takes place in South Lake Tahoe on September 19, but Southern Nevada is the place to be for triathletes, beginning with the Amica Lake Las Vegas Women's Triathlon in Henderson on September 11. That same day, Boulder Beach hosts the Sunset Racing Triathlon, then the Mountain Man Triathlon on September 26. If competitors haven't got their fill, the triathlon madness continues with Boulder City's Pumpkin Man Triathlon on October 22-23. If you prefer swimming only, check out the Endurosports Swim Race, held in Boulder City on October 16.

The RTC Viva Bike Vegas, on October 9, offers cyclists three options: 110-, 50-, and 23-mile rides. The 110-miler will send riders over the new Hoover Dam Bypass, expected to open to vehicular traffic in November. Northern Nevada is the hub, though, for bicycle rides, with such events as Tour De Tahoe—Bike Big Blue on September 12, the Tahoe Sierra Century Bike Ride and Great Lake Tahoe Bike Race on September 25, U.S. Highway 50's OATBRAN (One Awesome Tour Bike Ride Across Nevada) from September 26-October 2, and Fallon's No Hill 100-Mile Bike Ride on October 2. The Big Blue Adventure series (bigblueadventure.com) organizes other adventure races as well.

Keep in mind that registration closes sometimes weeks or months before these types of events. Find the individual listing in the proceeding pages for contact information.

BRING THE FAMILY



Las Vegas Restaurant Week (August 30-September 5) and **Lake Tahoe Restaurant Week** (September 5-12) showcases each region's variety of eateries with special prices.

Three major **Italian Festivals** are coming up, starting with Laughlin's Italian Festival, September 3-5, at the Colorado Belle. Las Vegas' San Gennaro Feast takes place at the Silverton Hotel from September 14-19, and Eldorado Reno hosts the Great Italian Festival, October 9-10.

What would this column be without a mention of **Halloween** and **Nevada Day**? From Las Vegas' Fright Dome at The Adventuredome at Circus Circus, open October 1-31, to the Nevadaween celebration at Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park and Carson City's Nevada Day Parade on October 30, be sure to scan the listings for the many spook-tacular options available to families.

This column is meant to help guide you through the extensive Southern and Northern Nevada Events & Shows listings that follow. To submit a listing or contact the editor, e-mail editor@nevadamagazine.com.

WHAT'S NEW



Comedian **Louie Anderson** will move from Excalibur to Palace Station on September 7 and perform Tuesday to Saturday in the Bonkerz Comedy Club Showroom.



Slam the Dam, the inaugural open-water swim at Lake Mead on October 2, offers three race distances: 8K, 1.2 miles, or 2.4 miles. Registration closes September 26.



On October 9, **Vegas PBS** hosts the first **5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk** benefiting the organization's Keeping Kids Fit program, which targets childhood obesity.



Planned for an early October opening, **"TRIUMPH"** is set to debut at the Las Vegas Hilton. The Hilton website calls it a "spell-binding theatrical adventure," featuring the battle between GOOD and EVIL.

OF INTEREST

Harrah's Las Vegas comedian-magician **Mac King** has released his **Lunchbox-o-Magic**, available at mackingshop.com. It contains more than 50 funny and easy-to-do magic tricks that will make your kid a lunchroom superstar.

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going the distance

Nevada's marathons range from quirky to flashy and everything in between

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The air is warmer and heavier than I imagined it would be at midnight in the middle of the Nevada desert. A full moon is rumored to lie somewhere in the sky above, but heavy thunderheads block its light. My body is telling me it's time to sleep, and I couldn't agree more. The only problem is, my bed is a 26.2-mile run away.

The E.T. Full Moon Midnight Marathon is quintessentially Nevadan—remote, tough, and a little odd. The small race (the full marathon draws about 100 participants) follows fabled State Route 375—the Extraterrestrial Highway—near the town of Rachel, famous for its proximity to the Nevada Test Site and secrecy-shrouded Area 51. Everyone from serious competitors to alien fanatics attend the mid-August event, which also includes a half marathon and 10K.

While a midnight, alien-themed marathon on a desolate desert road is not for everyone, Nevada is home to nearly a dozen marathons that offer something for every runner. Take the Lake Tahoe Marathon, September 26, perhaps the most strikingly beautiful race in the country. The course runs along California State Route 89 on the west shore from Tahoe City to the lake's southern end and epitomizes the small, friendly, local-race atmosphere—complete with a beachside awards ceremony. Lake Tahoe Marathon Week features myriad running and outdoor events, including a half marathon, 10K, 72-mile ultra marathon, cycling, and kayaking. Don't let the scenery lull you into believing this is like other marathons. At more than 6,200 feet above sea level and with two grueling climbs, the Lake Tahoe Marathon is one of the most difficult in the region. "My legs almost fell off!" jokes Truckee's David Bunker of his experience during the race.

The Hoover Dam Marathon, October 30, lets runners take in some of Lake Mead National Recreation Area's finest scenery while passing through several historic railroad tunnels. By utilizing the paved River Mountains Loop Trail and packed dirt paths, the route avoids vehicle traffic.

Few marathons cross state lines, especially among the super-sized states of the West. The Mesquite Marathon, November 20 in Southern Nevada, crosses two—the Utah-Arizona and Arizona-Nevada lines. The fast downhill course and cool fall temperatures combine for a great beginner's race or a potential personal record for veteran runners.

Valley of Fire State Park is home to some of Nevada's most stunning vistas, and there are few ways to appreciate it more fully than on foot. The Valley of Fire Marathon, November 20, takes in some of the park's best sights such as Rainbow Vista and Fire Canyon lookout. If you're not running for a PR (personal record),

PHOTO: LILY JOHNSTON

consider bringing a camera to capture the otherworldly beauty of the park's red sandstone formations.

If you've ever run a marathon, odds are you are familiar with the Rock 'n' Roll Series. From San Diego to Philadelphia, the races are renowned for their great crowds and live music at practically every mile. In its second year, the Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon, December 5, is Nevada's largest race and the only way to run the Strip without being locked up for impeding traffic.

Calico Racing's Running From An Angel Marathon, January 8, 2011, and Running with the Devil Marathon, in late June, follow the same course from Lake Mead's Boulder Beach along Lakeshore Drive and the northwestern corner of the lake. The first takes place in ideal running conditions during Southern Nevada's mild winter, the second in summer when course temperatures can soar above 100 degrees, adding an entirely new challenge to an already difficult endeavor. Race director Joyce Forier suggests running both to see how the heat affects your run.

The Red Rock Canyon Marathon, March 5, 2011, was named *Runner's World* magazine's Race of the Month in March 2009. The out-and-back course lives up to the prestigious accolade with breathtaking scenery as it follows the scenic loop through Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area—only minutes from the Las Vegas city limits.

The Labor of Love, April 9-10, 2011, is a two-day running festival that features a marathon, three ultramarathons (any distance greater than 26.2 miles), and more races in Lovell Canyon and the Spring Mountains just west of Las Vegas.

Northern Nevada's only marathon (the Lake Tahoe Marathon is technically in California) is Reno's Rock-n-River in early May. The flat, fast course starts and finishes under the Reno Arch and follows the Truckee River through Reno and Sparks.

NEVADA MARATHONS

September 22-26
Lake Tahoe Marathon Week
Lake Tahoe
laketahoemarathon.com
530-544-7095

October 30
Hoover Dam Marathon
Lake Mead National Recreation Area
calicoracing.com
702-617-3213

November 20
Mesquite Marathon
Mesquite
mammothmarathons.org
435-650-0155

November 20
Valley of Fire Marathon
Valley of Fire State Park
vofmarathon.ning.com
888-316-8148

December 5
Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon
Las Vegas
las-vegas.competitor.com
800-311-1255

January 8, 2011
Running From An Angel Marathon
Lake Mead National Recreation Area
calicoracing.com
702-617-3213

March 5, 2011
Red Rock Canyon Marathon
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
calicoracing.com
702-617-3213

April 9-10, 2011
Labor of Love
Spring Mountains
calicoracing.com
702-617-3213

Early May 2011
Rock-n-River Marathon
Reno
rock-n-riverhalfmarathon.com

Late June 2011
Running with the Devil Marathon
Lake Mead National Recreation Area
calicoracing.com
702-617-3213

Mid-August 2011
E.T. Full Moon Midnight Marathon
Rachel
calicoracing.com
702-617-3213

Runners get their start at the Lake Tahoe Marathon (opposite page), scheduled this year for September 26. The marathon is the culmination of five days of events, including cycling, golf, and kayaking, and is one of 11 Nevada-area marathons available to the fleet of foot over the next 12 months.

NEVADA ONLINE

Read Charlie Johnston's account of running the 2008 E.T. Full Moon Midnight Marathon on nevadamagazine.com.

WORTH A CLICK

marathonguide.com

MORE NEVADA RUNNING

Joyce Forier likes trying new things. In more than 50 marathons and a slew of other endurance endeavors, she has only repeated two events. She brings this philosophy to her race company, **Calico Racing** (more than half of the marathons in Nevada are Calico events). Calico races are unique, friendly, nature-oriented, and often include every distance imaginable from marathon to 5K to 100-mile ultramarathons. **calicoracing.com, 702-617-3213**

For the last six years, the **Reno-Tahoe Odyssey**, traditionally in June, has been among Northern Nevada's premier running events. Teams of 12 people alternate 36 legs of the daunting 178-mile overnight course that starts and finishes in Reno, passing through Truckee, Tahoe City, South Lake Tahoe, Genoa, Carson City, Virginia City, and Sparks. **renotahoeodyssey.com, 775-825-3399**

Similar to its neighbor to the north, the **Las Vegas Ragnar Relay**, October 22-23, covers 190 miles of the best Southern Nevada has to offer. The race starts in Valley of Fire State Park and crosses the northwestern section of Lake Mead National Recreation Area to Boulder City and Henderson. The route leaves Henderson and heads west to Goodsprings before joining State Route 160 to Red Rock Canyon and the finish. **ragnarrelay.com, 801-499-5024**



SOUTHERN NEVADA

september/october

All listings are in Las Vegas unless otherwise noted. Multiple-day events are listed on the first day. Dates are subject to change. Call or go online to confirm details such as times. "Dark" means the event or show is closed that day(s). For more Southern Nevada happenings, visit nevadamagazine.com. To submit an event or show, e-mail editor@nevadamagazine.com.

(Thru Sept. 4)
Summer of the '70s
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

(Aug. 30-Sept. 5)
Las Vegas Restaurant Week
Multiple restaurants
threesquare.org
702 644-3663

SEPTEMBER

1

The Rising—Bruce Springsteen Tribute
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

(1-4)
Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse Celebration—P.R.E. National Horse Show
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

2

Adler's Appetite
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Avett Brothers
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

3

ASIA
Henderson
Green Valley Ranch
greenvalleyranchresort.com
702-367-2470

David Gray & Ray LaMontagne
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

Jeff Dunham
Caesars Palace
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

(3-5)
Air Supply
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(3-5)
Comedian Craig Shoemaker
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(3-5)
Italian Festival
Laughlin
Colorado Belle
visitlaughlin.com
800-477-4837

(3-5)
Smokin' in Mesquite BBQ Championship
Mesquite
CasaBlanca
mesquitebbqchampionship.com
615-758-8749

(3-6)
Pioche Labor Day Celebration
Pioche
piochenevada.com
775-962-5544

4 SATURDAY

Chelsea Handler
Caesars Palace
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

Chris Botti
North Las Vegas
Texas Station
texasstation.com
702-367-2470

Civil War Love Letters
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Jack Ingram
Santa Fe Station
santafestationlasvegas.com
702-367-2470

KKLZ End of Summer Bash
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

Melissa Etheridge
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

New Vista Community Wine Walk
Town Square Las Vegas
townsquarelasvegas.com
702-269-5000

Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7600

Sinatra Forever
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

38 Special
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

(4-5)
The Doobie Brothers
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

(4-5)
Las Vegas Gun Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
405-842-3377

5 SUNDAY

Celtic Woman
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

(5, 12)
Kristofer McNeeley, Holding the Space
Liberace Museum
liberace.org
702-798-5595

(5-6)
MDA Telethon w/ Jerry Lewis
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

7

Apocalyptica w/ Dir en Grey & Evaline
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7600

(7-12)
Tribute to the King: Starring Don Rose
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

★ FARMERS MARKETS

Alamo
South of town on Buckhorn Rd.
Sat., thru Nov. 20
lincolncountynevada.com
775-726-3109

Boulder City
813 Arizona St.
Fri., thru Sept. 17
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-293-2034

Caliente
360 Lincoln St.
Fri., thru Oct. 29
lincolncountynevada.com
775-726-3109

Henderson
Sansone Park Place—fresh 52
Sun.
Fresh52.com
702-481-6558

Water Street District
Thurs.
waterstreetdistrict.com
702-579-9661

Las Vegas
Gardens Park
Tues.
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

Bruce Trent Park
Wed.
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

Floyd Lamb Park
Sat., Sept. 18 & Oct. 16
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

Pahrump
Petrack Park
Sat., thru Sept. 18
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

Tonopah
Pocket Park
Mon., thru Oct. 4
localharvest.org
775-482-3118

8

Rolling the Stones
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

9

Charity Golf Tournament
Henderson
The Golf Club at SouthShore
donorschoose.org
702-567-6113

(9-11, 16-18)
Gabriel Iglesias
Monte Carlo
montecarlo.com
877-386-8224

(9-11, 16-18)
"Sgt. Pepper Live" Featuring Cheap Trick
Paris
ticketmaster.com
877-374-7469

(9-11, 16-18, 23-25)
"The Foreigner"
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
supersummertheatre.com
702-594-7529

10

Gretchen Wilson
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

KC & The Sunshine Band
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

Ryan Bingham & The Dead Horses
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Scissor Sisters
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

(10-11)
Project Rock Warrior II
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

(10-12)
Harvest Festival Art & Craft Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
415-447-3205

(10-12)
Home Improvement & Backyard Expo
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(10-12)
Mark Chesnutt
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(10-12)
Score Las Vegas Terrible's Primm 300
Primm
score-international.com
818-225-8402

11 SATURDAY

Amica Lake Las Vegas Women's Triathlon
Henderson
Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort
hendersonlive.com
702-567-6000

Calvary Chapel Block Party
Boulder City
Bicentennial Park
calvarychapelbc.org
702-454-4003

Collective Soul
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Faith Christian Church 20th-Anniversary Party
Boulder City
Faith Christian Church
bcfaith.org
702-293-0786

Gary Allan
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Golf for the ARTS
Mesquite
Falcon Ridge Golf Course
mesquitenv.gov
702-345-8687

Kenducky Derby
Benefits Lend A Hand
Boulder City
Cascata Golf Club
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-373-3745

Mutts on Main Street
Henderson
The District at Green Valley Ranch
thedistrictatgvr.com
702-564-8595

Patti LaBelle
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

Pioneer Life Experience & Soldiers of the Fort
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Project Dinner Table
Historic Fifth Street School
projectdinnertable.com

Sheryl Crow
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Smash Mouth
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Storybook Gala—Unlock the World of Literacy
The Venetian
spreadthewordnevada.org
702-715-5699

Sunset Racing Triathlon
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-525-1087

Toad The Wet Sprocket
Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-367-2470

Willie Nelson
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

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Harmon Theater
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harmontheater.com
702-836-0836

"American Storm"
Male revue
Variety Theater
Fri. & Sat.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"American Superstars"
Stratosphere
Dark Thurs.
stratospherehotel.com
800-99-TOWER

Andrew Dice Clay
Hilton
Sept. 1-6, 22-27, 29-Oct. 3
Oct. 13-18, 20-25, 27-31
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

Anthony Cools
Paris
Dark Mon. & Wed.
parislasvegas.com
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ArtBeat presented by Target
Henderson
Events Plaza
Fri.
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

ARTsWALK on Third Thursday
Henderson
Water Street District
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

"Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was"
Riviera
Dark Fri. & Sat.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

Barry Manilow
Paris
Sept. 3-5
Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24
manilowparis.com
800-745-3000

"The Beatles LOVE," by Cirque du Soleil
The Mirage
Dark Tues. & Wed.
mirage.com
800-963-9634

BeatleShow Tribute
Variety Theater
Nightly
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"Bite"
Stratosphere
Dark Thurs.
stratospherehotel.com
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Blue Man Group
The Venetian
Nightly
venetian.com
800-BLUE-MAN

Brad Garrett's Comedy Club
Tropicana
Sun.-Thurs.
troplv.com
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Carrot Top
Luxor
Dark Tues.
luxor.com
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Celine Dion
Caesars Palace
Opens Mar. 15, 2011
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

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Caesars Palace
Sept. 4-5, 7-8, 10-11, 21-22, 25-26, 28-29
Oct. 2-3, 5-6, 9-10, 16-17, 24, 26-27, 30-31
cher.aeglive.com
866-510-2437

Chippendales
Male revue
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"Crazy Girls"
Topless revue
Riviera
Dark Tues.
rivierahotel.com
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Topless revue
MGM Grand
Dark Tues.
mgmgrand.com
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"CRISS ANGEL Believe" by Cirque du Soleil
Luxor
Dark Sun. & Mon.
luxor.com
800-557-7428

"DAO—The Asian Celebration"
Riviera
Dark Tues.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

David Copperfield
MGM Grand
Aug. 26-Sept.15
Oct. 14-Nov. 3
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

David Spade
The Venetian
Sept. 10-11, 17-18
venetian.com
866-641-7469

"Defending the Caveman"
Excalibur
Daily
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

"Disney's The Lion King"
Mandalay Bay
Dark Fri.
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Donn Arden's "Jubilee!"
Topless revue
Bally's Las Vegas
Dark Fri.
ballyslasvegas.com
800-237-SHOW

Donny & Marie Osmond
Flamingo
Dark Sun. & Mon.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

"Fantasy"
Topless revue
Luxor
Nightly
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MonteLago Village Resort
montelagovillage.com
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Fright Dome
The Adventuredome at Circus Circus
Oct. 1-31
frightdome.com
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Garth Brooks
Wynn Las Vegas
Sept. 10-12
Oct. 1-3
wynnlasvegas.com
702-770-1000

George Wallace
Flamingo
Dark Sun. & Mon.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

(11-12)
Creedence Clearwater Revisited
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(11-12)
Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts
Henderson
Lake Las Vegas
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702-267-2171

(11-12)
Musical Production of Willie Wonka Jr.
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The Village at Lake Las Vegas
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(11-12)
Prince Jonah Kuhio Ho'olaule'a Pacific Islands Festival
Henderson
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702-267-2171

◗ 12 SUNDAY

(12-18)
High Roller Reining Classic Quarter Horse Show
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

◗ 14

(14-19)
Cirque Shanghai
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

(14-19)
Doug Kershaw "The Ragin' Cajun"
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

(14-19)
San Gennaro Feast
Silverton
sangennarofeast.com
702-227-1702

◗ 15

Alejandro Fernandez
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

The Joshua Tree: U2 Tribute
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

(15, 17-18)
Luis Miguel
Caesars Palace
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

◗ 16

Black Label Society, 2Cents, & Sister Sin
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632–7600

◗ 17

Blue October
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Carlos Mencia
Treasure Island
treasureisland.com
800-392-1999

Half Pint Brawlers
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

Henderson Symphony Orchestra
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Margaret Cho
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

Michael Franks
North Las Vegas
Aliante Station
aliantecasinohotel.com
702-367-2470

(17-18)
Mexican Fiesta
Laughlin
Colorado Belle
visitlaughlin.com
800-477-4837

(17-18)
"That Dam Depression" Chautauqua
Boulder City
Boulder Theatre
bcchautauqua.org
702-293-7688

(17-19)
John Heffron
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(17-19)
U.S. Angler's Choice Team Championship Tournament
Lake Mead
Callville Bay Marina
hendersonlive.com
760-304-4411

◗ 18 SATURDAY

Average White Band
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

Bill Engvall
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

Don Henley
Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-367-2470

Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone & The Turtles
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

Jack's Toy Box
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

Je'Caryous Johnson's Cheaper To Keep Her
Planet Hollywood
planethollywoodresor.com
877-333-9474

Las Vegas International Mariachi Festival
Rio
riolasvegas.com
888-746-7784

Los Temerarios
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Michael Bolton
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

Mike Posner
Up In The Air Tour
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7600

Wine Walk
Henderson
The Village Lake Las Vegas
montelagovillage.com
702-564-4700

(18-19)
Lake Mead
Yacht Club-
Margarita Luau
Boulder City
bouldercitychamberof
commerce.com
702-501-1700

21

(21-26)
Carnaval Fantastique
Cirque & Laser Light
Spectacular
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

22

Furthur Featuring
Phil Lesh & Bob Weir
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Phoenix
Palms
ticketmaster.com
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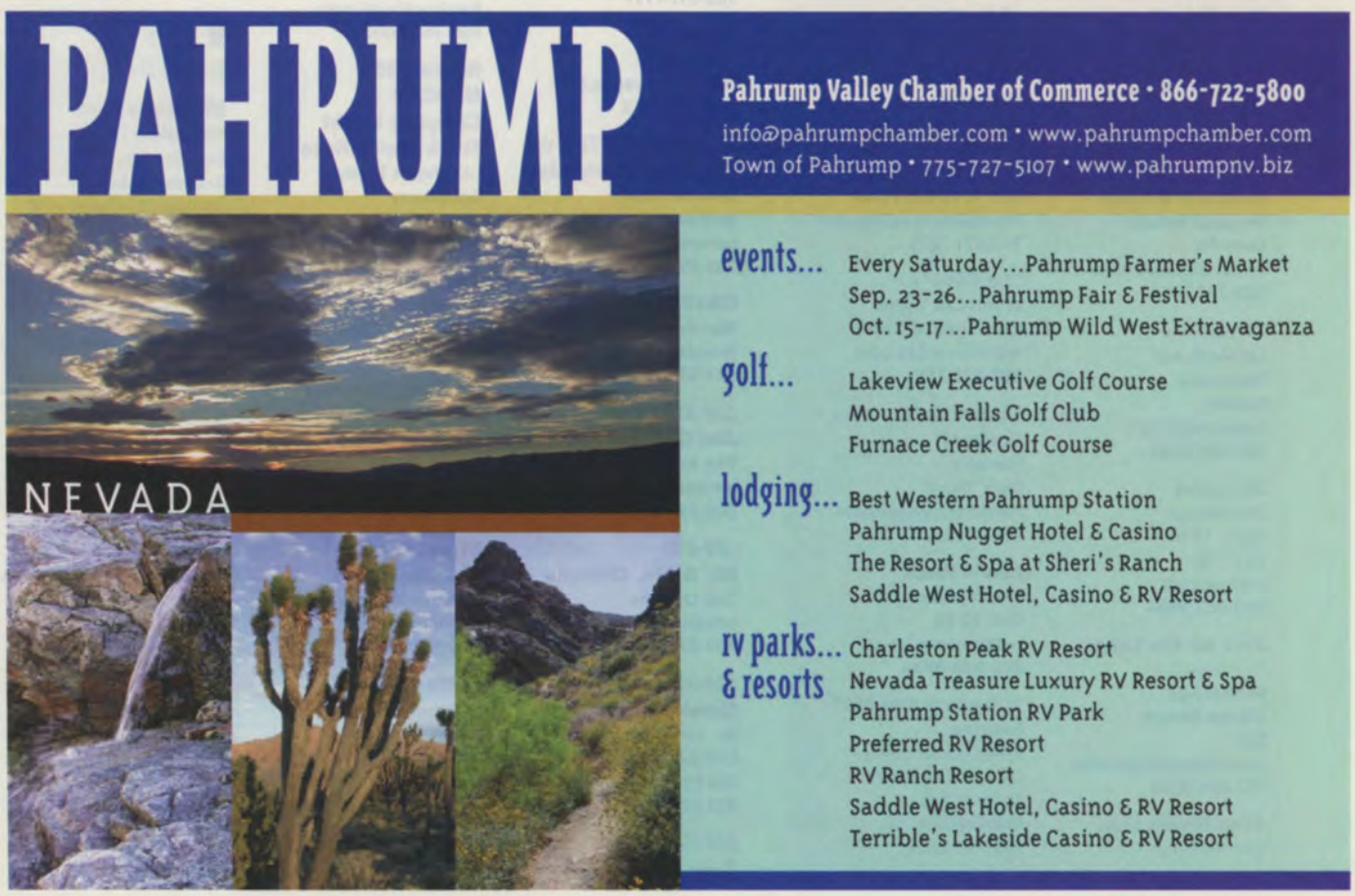
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David Brighton's
Tribute to David Bowie
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

(22-24)
Las Vegas Souvenir
& Resort Gift Show
Las Vegas Convention Center
lvsouvenirshow.com
678-285-3976

23

(23-25)
Barrett-Jackson
Las Vegas Event
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7800





★ ONGOING continued

Gordie Brown
Golden Nugget
Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
goldennugget.com
866-946-5336

"Greater Tuna"
Las Vegas Little
Theatre
Sept. 10-26
lvlt.org
702-362-7996

Greg London's "ICONS"
Riviera
Dark Mon. & Tues.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

Henderson Art Association Exhibit
Henderson
Multigenerational
Center
Sept. 27-Oct. 29
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

"Hitzville—The Show"
Motown revue
Variety Theater
Dark Sun. & Mon.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

Human Nature
Australian Motown
Imperial Palace
Dark Fri.
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

"Hypnosis Unleashed"
Tropicana
Nightly
tropicanalv.com
800-826-8767

Jay Leno
The Mirage
Sept. 17-18
Oct. 1-2
mirage.com
800-963-9634

Jazz on the Lake
Henderson
MonteLago
Village Resort
Sat.
montelagovillage.com
702-564-4700

Joan Rivers Live
The Venetian
Sept. 23-25, 30
Oct. 1-2
venetian.com
866-641-7469

"Jersey Boys"
The Palazzo
Dark Wed.
palazzolasvegas.com
866-641-7469

"KÀ" by Cirque du Soleil
MGM Grand
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mgmgrand.com
866-774-7117

"The King Lives!"
Hooters
Dark Mon. & Tues.
hooterscasinohotel.com
866-584-6687

Las Vegas Locomotives
United Football League
Sam Boyd Stadium
(home dates only)
Sept. 18
Oct. 8, 23
ufl-football.com
702-475-4893

Las Vegas Wranglers
ECHL hockey
Orleans Arena
(home dates only)
Oct. 7, 22-23, 28-29
lasvegaswranglers.com
702-471-7825

"Le Rêve"
Wynn Las Vegas
Dark Tues. & Wed.
wynnlasvegas.com
888-320-7110

"Legends in Concert"
Harrah's
Dark Thurs.
harrahslasvegas.com
702-369-5111

Lewis Black
The Mirage
Oct. 22-23
mirage.com
800-963-9634

"Liberace and Me"
Starring
Philip Fortenberry
Liberace Museum
Tues. & Sat.
liberace.org
702-798-5595

(23-26)
Pahrump Fair & Festival
Pahrump
Petrack Park
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

(23-26)
Roddin' on the River Charity Car Show
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
rivercruizers.com
800-227-3849

(23-26)
Super Run Classic Car Show
Henderson
Events Plaza &
Water Street District
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

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Nashville Unplugged
Henderson
Green Valley Ranch
greenvalleyranchresort.com
702-617-7777

Train
Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-367-2470

Tuacahn Day Trip w/ Chamber & Friends
Boulder City
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-294-4365

UB40
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7800

(24-25)
Jim Gaffigan
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-627-6667

(24-25)
Mr. & Ms. Olympia
The Orleans
orleansarena.com
800-675-3267

(24-26)
Greek Food Festival
St. John Greek
Orthodox Church
lasvegasgreekfestival.com
702-221-8245

(24-26)
Tony Orlando
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

25 SATURDAY

Civil War Living
Old Las Vegas
Mormon Fort
State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511
866-406-7117

Fireball Run Adventurally & Race to Recover America's Missing Children
Henderson
Water Street District
fireballrun.com
702-565-8951

John Michael Montgomery
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

Pixies
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Smith's 350 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race
Las Vegas Motor
Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

The Smithereens
Red Rock
redrocklasvegas.com
702-367-2470

So Long Summer Street Celebration
Mesquite
Yucca Street
mesquitenv.gov
702-346-2902

Street League Skateboarding
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

Willie Nelson
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Wurstfest
Boulder City
Bicentennial Park
bcsr.org
702-293-3856

(25-26)
Bill Maher
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(25-26)
Great Train Robbery of the Nevada Southern Railway
Boulder City
Nevada State
Railroad Museum
nevadasouthern.com
702-486-5006

(25-26)
J-Mo Scrapbook Expo
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(25-26)
National Public Lands Day/Lincoln County Trails Coalition Event
Pioche
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

26 SUNDAY

Mountain Man Triathlon
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-525-1087

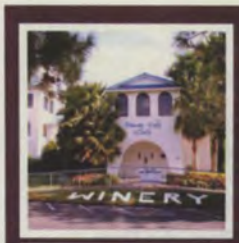
REHAB 2010 Grand Finale
Hard Rock Hotel
rehablv.com

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Band of Horses
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

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(28-30)
Oh What A Night!: A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
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Riverside
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The Mac King Comedy Magic Show
Harrah's
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harrahslasvegas.com
702-369-5222

"The Magic & Tigers of Rick Thomas"
Sahara
Dark Mon.
saharavegas.com
888-696-2121

Mark Curry, TV's Mr. Cooper
Hilton
Sept. 8-12, 15-19
Oct. 6-10
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

"Marriage Can Be Murder"
Fitzgeralds
Nightly
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com
702-388-2400

Martini Time with Chef Tina Martini
Live cooking show
Henderson
M Resort
Thurs.-Sun.
themresort.com
877-673-7678

"Matsuri"
Imperial Palace
Dark Tues.
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

Matt Goss
Caesars Palace
Fri. & Sat.
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

"Men of X"
Male revue
Hooters
Nightly
hooterslv.com
866-584-6687

"Menopause The Musical"
Luxor
Nightly
luxor.com
800-557-7428

Mid-Century Modern Las Vegas Architecture
Nevada State Museum
Wed.-Sat., thru Oct. 30
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

"Mystère," by Cirque du Soleil
Treasure Island
Dark Thurs. & Fri.
treasureisland.com
800-392-1999

Nathan Burton
Flamingo
Dark Mon. & Sat.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

"Naughty Boys Hypnosis Show"
Harmon Theater
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
harmontheater.com
702-836-0836

"O" by Cirque du Soleil
Bellagio
Dark Mon. & Tues.
bellagio.com
888-488-7111

Oktober Fright Fest
Fremont Street Experience
Oct. 13-31
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

"Only You" Dinner Show
Hennessey's Tavern
Dark Tues.
onlyushow.com
702-204-5686

Pahrump Valley Speedway
Pahrump
Sept. 4, 25
Oct. 9, 23
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

"PEEPSHOW"
Topless revue
Planet Hollywood
Dark Wed.
planethollywoodresort.com
877-333-9474

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Vampire Weekend
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

Wild Child
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

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Hilary Hahn & Natasha Paremski
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Las Vegas BikeFest
Various locations
lasvegasbikefest.com
866-BIKEFEST

Las Vegas Senior Idol Talent Show
Charleston Heights Arts Center
lasvegasnevada.gov
702-229-6454

OCTOBER

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(1-2)
American Bass Fishing Contest
Henderson
Callville Bay
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
310-376-1026

(1-3)
Das Beer Fest
Laughlin
Colorado Belle
visitlaughlin.com
800-477-4837

(1-3)
Dennis Miller
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

(1-3)
Las Vegas BikeFest
Various locations
lasvegasbikefest.com
866-BIKEFEST

(1-3)
Mesquite Powwow
Mesquite Sports & Event Complex
mesquiteevents.com
248-661-5686

(1-3)
Oh What A Night!: A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

2 SATURDAY

CAST for Kids
Boulder City
Hemenway Harbor
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-293-8427

The Dukes of September Rhythm Revue
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Frozen Fury XIII
Los Angeles Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

Jeffery Osborne
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
702-367-2470

New Vista Community Wine Walk
Town Square Las Vegas
townsquarelasvegas.com
702-269-5000

Rotary Oktoberfest
Mesquite
Yucca Street
mesquitenv.gov
702-346-5297

Sara Evans
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

Scavenger Hunt
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Shakespeare in the Park Series
"Macbeth"
Henderson
River Mountain Park
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Slam the Dam
Swim race; multiple distances
Lake Mead National Recreation Area
slamthedam.com
702-498-2316
800-644-4444

(2-3)
Art in the Park & *Nevada Magazine's* Tour Around Nevada
Boulder City
Bicentennial Park
artinthepark.org
702-293-0214

3 SUNDAY

Bugorama
Volkswagen car show, racing, & swap meet
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
bugorama.com
800-644-4444

Las Vegas Mini Triathlon Club
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-309-8791

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Lindesnes Trekkspillklubb
Scandinavian music
Community Lutheran Church
702-454-9100

(4-7)
Frank Hawley Drag Racing School
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

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(5-10)
The Chinese Acrobats
Laughlin
Riverside
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Dark Sun.
venetian.com
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Bally's Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
ballyslasvegas.com
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Purple Reign: The Ultimate Prince Tribute Show
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hooterscasinohotel.com
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"The Rat Pack is Back"
Plaza Hotel
Nightly
plazahotelcasino.com
800-634-6575

Ray Romano & Kevin James
The Mirage
Sept. 10-11
Oct. 29-30
mirage.com
800-963-9634

Rita Rudner
Harrah's
Mon., Wed., & Sat.
harrahslasvegas.com
800-392-9002

Ron White
The Mirage
Sept. 3-4
mirage.com
800-963-9634

"Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show"
Sahara
Nightly
saharavegas.com
702-737-2515

Springs Preserve Photo Contest Exhibit
Springs Preserve
Thru Oct. 17
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

Supernatural Santana—A Trip Through the Hits
Hard Rock
Sept. 1, 3-5
supernaturalsantana.com
702-693-5583

Terry Fator
The Mirage
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mirage.com
800-963-9634

"Thunder From Down Under"
Male revue
Excalibur
Nightly
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding"
Variety Theater
Nightly
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"TRIUMPH"
Hilton
Opens in Oct.
(dark Fri. & Sat.)
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

UNLV Rebels Football
Sam Boyd Stadium
(home dates only)
Sept. 4, 25
Oct. 2, 30
unlvrebels.com
866-388-3267

"Viva ELVIS" by Cirque du Soleil
Aria Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
arialasvegas.com
877-25-ELVIS

"What Happens in Vegas"
ā-Theater
Dark Sun.
www.a-theater.com
702-952-8000

"ZUMANITY, the Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil"
New York-New York
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
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866-606-7111

7

(7-18)
Chazz Palminteri's "A BRONX TALE"
The Venetian
venetian.com
702-414-9000

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America's Got Talent Live
Caesars Palace
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

(8-9)
Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

(8-10)
Bluegrass Music Festival
Logandale
Clark County Fairgrounds
moapavalley.com

(8-10)
Temptations
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

9 SATURDAY

Exposé w/ All-4-One & P.M. Dawn
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Hispanic International Parade & Festival
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

Howie Mandel
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

Keeping Kids Fit 5K Run & 1-Mile Fun Walk
Vegas PBS Educational Technology Campus
vegaspbs.org/kkf5k
702-799-1010

National Trails Day Celebration
Henderson
Promenade at the Pavilion
cityofhenderson.com
702-267-4050

Nevada Mining
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

The Rippingtons
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

RTC Bicycle Ride Charity Event
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com
702-676-1735

RTC Viva Bike Vegas 2010
Regional Transportation Commission Building
visitlasvegas.com
702-676-1542

Shakespeare in the Park Series
"Macbeth"
Henderson
Lake Las Vegas
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

(9-10)
Disney Live! Mickey's Magic Show
The Orleans
orleansarena.com
800-675-3267

(9-10)
Festival of the ARTS
Mesquite
Old Mill Road Park
mesquitenv.gov
702-346-1232

(9-10)
Grape Stomp
Pahrump
Pahrump Valley Winery
pahrumpwinery.com
800-368-9463

10 SUNDAY

Go-Lo Lowrider Magazine Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
714-939-2441

12

(12-17)
Mel Tillis
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

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L.A. Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

SouthBound
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

14

(14-17)
Dew Tour Championships
Hard Rock
visitlasvegas.com
800-473-7625

(14-17)
Goldwell Gathering of Desert Photographers
Rhyolite
Goldwell Open Air Museum
goldwellmuseum.org
702-497-6816

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Wanda Sykes
Planet Hollywood
planethollywoodresort.com
877-333-9474

(15-17)
ArtWalk at The District
Henderson
Green Valley Ranch Resort
hendersonlive.com
702-564-8595

(15-17)
Nevada Ballet Theatre Fall Series
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
nevadaballet.com
702-243-2623

(15-17)
Nevada Wild West Music Fest Benefiting Lili Claire Foundation
Henderson

Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

(15-17)
Pahrump Wild West Extravaganza
Pahrump
Saddle West
wildwestextravaganza.org
775-731-3734

16 SATURDAY

Alice in Chains
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Endurosports Swim Race
Boulder City
Hemenway & Boulder Beach
bouldercitychamberof commerce.com
415-868-0788

Michael Bolton
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

Project Dinner Table
Gilcrease Orchard
projectdinnertable.com

Shakespeare in the Park Series
"Macbeth"
Henderson
Discovery Park
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Shakira
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

Soldiers of the Fort
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Thank Goodness It's Fall Festival & Car Show
Overton
Overton Park
moapavalley.com
702-397-6000

(16-17)
Crossroads of the West Gun Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
801-544-9125

(16-17)
Don Rickles
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

18

(18-24)
Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
Golf tournament
TPC Summerlin
jtshrinersopen.com
702-873-1010

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The American Carnage Tour w/ Slayer & Megadeth
Palms
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800-745-3000

Carlos Barbosa-Lima
Thomas Beam Music Center
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(20-24)
PBR World Finals
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

22

The Stanley Clarke Band
North Las Vegas
Aliante Station
aliantecasinohotel.com
702-367-2470

(22-23)
Pumpkin Man Triathlon
Boulder City
bouldercitychamberof commerce.com
702-401-6044

(22-23)
Ragnar Relay
Valley of Fire State Park to Las Vegas
ragnarrelay.com
877-837-3529

(22-23)
Time Out for Women Conference
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
801-517-3351

(22-24)
California Saddle Breeders' Association Futurity Horse Show & Fall Classic
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(22-24)
Las Vegas Home Show Extravaganza
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
702-565-9552

(22-24)
The Osmonds
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

23 SATURDAY

Al Green
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Halloween Spooktacular
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

Paul Anka
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

Phil Vassar
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

Scary Desert Animals & Civil War Living
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Shakespeare in the Park Series
"Macbeth"
Henderson
Sonata Park
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Three Dog Night
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

Vince Gill
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

Wine Walk
Henderson
The Village Lake Las Vegas
montelagovillage.com
702-564-4700

26

(26-31)
Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

27

(27-Nov. 5)
RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship
Mesquite
Sports & Event Complex
longdrivers.com
888-233-4654

28

(28-31)
NHRA Las Vegas Nationals
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
nhra.com
800-644-4444

29



NEVADA DAY
(observed)

Tricks & Treats—Nevada Pops
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(29-31)
Beatty Days
Beatty
Cottonwood Park
beattynevada.org
866-736-3716

30 SATURDAY

Calico Run-Race
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
bouldercitychamberof commerce.com
702-617-3213

Civil War Reenactment
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

Moscow State Symphony Orchestra
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Nevadaween
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Nickelback
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

(30-31)
The Las Vegas Gun Show
Sports Center
visitlasvegas.com
405-842-3377

31 SUNDAY



Desert Dash Race
Boulder City
bouldercitychamberof commerce.com
702-293 2034

Halloween Safe Night
Pahrump
Bob Ruud Community Center
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800



Franktown Meadows Equestrian Facility

hunter derby comes to nevada

High-caliber horse competition and fundraiser canters into the Reno-Carson City region

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

Historically, elite hunter derbies have been associated with the east coast, but the owners of Franktown Meadows Equestrian Facility in Washoe Valley are determined to change that. On September 19, the inaugural $25,000 Franktown Meadows Hunter Derby will take over the grassy complex that lies between Reno and Carson City near the foothills of the Carson Range.

The event is important on two fronts: competition and philanthropy. The derby will be a stand-alone event of the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) International Hunter Derby Series and benefit the efforts of Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization in Northern Nevada. Competitors and spectators (either sponsors or those who pay to attend the champagne brunch) will enjoy great food and exhibits for all ages.



Franktown Meadows' Aimee LaFayette says the competition has a stroll-in-the-park feel to it, and that the course features—such as brush, logs, and stone walls—are reminiscent of the English countryside.

The hunter discipline originated in England in the 1850s and requires technical training. "It takes a special type of horse to gallop across an unfamiliar field and be brave enough to jump these types of fences—which are four feet high," LaFayette says.

Bobby Murphy, who will manage the Franktown Meadows Hunter Derby, sits on the Horse Show Management Committee and High Performance Committee for the USHJA. "The discipline of hunters is deeply rooted in tradition," he says. "Looking at old photos of brave horsemen soaring over stone walls and other natural obstacles in perfect form and style will give chills to just about anyone."

Lynne Garnett, whose mom, Janice MacLean, built the Franktown Meadows Equestrian Facility in 1989, says her late mother would have appreciated the stature of this event. "Our family has always made horses a part of our lives, including participating in many national hunter-jumper shows," Garnett says. "Really nothing of this caliber has ever been showcased at our facility, or even on the West Coast."

Franktown Meadows HUNTER DERBY



EVENT

What: $25,000 Franktown Meadows Hunter Derby

When: Sept. 19

Where: Franktown Meadows Equestrian Facility
4200 Old Hwy. 395,
Washoe Valley

Tickets: $200 per person (Champagne Brunch)
$2,500 Blue Ribbon Table (seats 10 & includes Champagne Brunch)

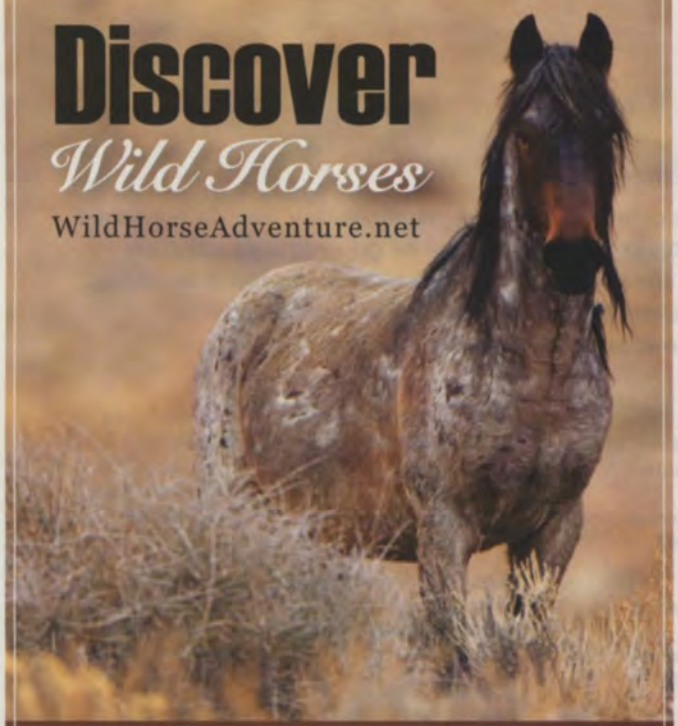
Contact: fmhunterderby.com, 775-722-4261

WORTH A CLICK

parasol.org
ushja.org

PHOTO: MATTHEW B. BROWN (BOTTOM LEFT)

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Info/RSVP by Sept. 8: mattonco@prodigy.net

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september/october

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(Aug. 27-Sept. 4)
Railroad Reality Camp For Adults
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
nnry.com
866-407-8326

(Aug. 27-Sept. 5)
Jim Stamates Photo Exhibit
South Lake Tahoe
Twin Cabins
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(Aug. 27-Sept. 6)
Elko County Fair & Horse Races
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

(Aug. 30-Sept. 6)
Burning Man
Black Rock Desert
burningman.com
415-TO-FLAME

SEPTEMBER

1

Bison
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Reception For Artist Rick Neubauer w/ music by Nathan Alanz
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

(1-6)
Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off
Sparks
Victorian Square
nuggetribcookoff.com
800-648-1177

2

Music on the Beach
South Lake Tahoe
Tahoe Lakeshore Lodge & Spa
tahoelakeshorelodge.com
800-448-4577

Tribute to Will James Reception
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
exploreelko.com
775-738-3418

(2-4)
The Fortunes
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
carsonvalleyinn.com
775-782-9711

3

The Commodores
Atlantis
atlantiscasino.com
775-824-4467

Lorrie Morgan & Lee Greenwood
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

McGill Labor Day Parade
McGill
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

Tahoe Dance Band
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(3-5)
ABA BMX Blackjack Nationals
Livestock Events Center
ababmx.com
480-961-1903

(3-5)
ECHS Classes of the '50s Reunion
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-6767

(3-5)
Patton Leatha
Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

(3-6)
Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-4802

(3-6)
Tri-County Fair & Stampede
Winnemucca
Humboldt County Fairgrounds
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

4 SATURDAY

ASIA
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Brian Howe from Bad Company
Stateline
MontBleu
montbleuresort.com
888-829-7630

Ian Tyson
Lamoille
Reds Ranch
westernfolklife.org
888-880-5885

Lewis Black
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Ruth Labor Day BBQ, Dance, Fireworks, & Parade
Ruth
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

Snake Valley Reunion
Baker
greatbasinheritage.org
775-234-7171

Steelin' Dan
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

(4-5)
Guest 2-Man Best Ball
Ely
White Pine Golf Course
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-4095

(4-5)
Jarbidge Labor Day Celebration
Jarbidge
jarbidge.org
775-488-2311

(4-5)
Mud Volleyball Tournament
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
churchillcounty.org
775-423-7733

(4-5)
Numaga Indian Days Powwow
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
nevadaindianterritory.com
775-329-2936

(4-6)
Arts & Crafts Festival
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

(4-6)
Backcountry Camp

Trail Building Weekend
Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0239

(4-6)
Civil War Days
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

(4-6)
Great Basin Star Party
Great Basin National Park
lvastronomy.com
702-461-1390

(4-6)
Kiwanis Buckaroo Breakfast
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-777-8500

(4-6)
Planes, Trains, & Automobiles Celebration
Ely
greatbasinheritage.org
775-234-7171

5 SUNDAY

Alpen Wine Festival
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Creedence Clearwater Revisited
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Labor Day Fireworks
McGill
Ball Park
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

Labor Day Fireworks
South Lake Tahoe
tahoesouth.com
800-AT-TAHOE

Meat Loaf Hang Cool Tour
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Victoria Vox
Minden
Tahoe Ridge Marketplace & Bistro
tahoeridge.com
775-783-1566

(5-12)
Lake Tahoe Restaurant Week
Lake Tahoe
tahoerestaurantweek.com
530-583-2138

6

Labor Day Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

7

Trail Of Dreams Informational Event
Incline Village
DWR Community Nonprofit Center
tahoerimtrail.org
775-376-3832

8

Willie Nelson & Family
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(8-12)
North Tahoe Plein Air
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northtahoearts.com
530-581-2787

(8-12)
Ultra 4 Stampede
Desert race
Northern Nevada
kingofthehammers.com

9

(9-12)
"The Good Guy"
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

10

Canconier—Celtic Music
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

John Anderson
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Patti LaBelle
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Southern Culture on the Skids
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

(10-11)
The CVI Mixed Scramble
Carson Valley
carsonvalleyinn.com
775-782-9711

(10-12)
Autumn Food & Wine Festival
Northstar-at-Tahoe
tahoefoodandwine.com
888-229-2193

(10-12)
The Great Reno Balloon Race
Rancho San Rafael Park
renoballoon.com
775-826-1181

(10-12)
Inspiring The Future
Wilbur D. May Museum
sierrawatercolorsociety.com
775-847-5278

(10-12)
International Camel Races
Virginia City
Silverland Camel Arena
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-323-7526

(10-12)
Morrodders Gamblers Run Car Show
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-777-7896

(10-12)
Northstar Tennis Open
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

(10-12)
Reno Open Studios
Downtown
renoopenstudios.com
775-473-5325

(10-12)
SATELite Festival
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(10-12)
Waterfowl Fest
Sparks
Scheels
scheels.com/renosparksevents.com
775-352-3664

(10-13)
JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes
Lake Tahoe
ride.jdrf.org
775-786-1881

11 SATURDAY

Arts & Blues at the Center
Yerington
Jeanne Dini Center
yeringtonarts.com
775-463-1783

Bull Riding
Ely
White Pine County Fairgrounds
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

Chickenfoot
Stateline
Harveys
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

DBA Wine Walk
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-778-9555

Demolition Derby
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-777-7354

Green Living Festival
Gardnerville
Lampe Park
greenlivingfest.org
775-265-6827

★ FARMERS MARKETS

Carson City
Mills Park
Wed., thru Sept. 1
carsonfarmersmarket.com
775-746-5024

3rd & Curry St.
Sat., thru Sept. 25
carsonfarmersmarket.com
775-882-6741

Dayton
Community Roots Nursery
Thurs., thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-250-7884

Elko
Downtown
Sept. 11 & Oct. 9
localharvest.org
775-340-7730

Ely
Renaissance Village
Sat., thru Sept. 25
elyrenaissance.com
775-289-8364

Eureka
Gold St.
Thurs., thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-237-5484

Fallon
Maine St.
Sat., thru Sept. 4
nevadagrown.com
775-423-1100

Gardnerville
Lampe Park
Wed., thru Sept. 15
douglascountynv.gov
775-782-9828

Lovelock
8th & Cornell St.
Fri. & Sat., thru Oct.
nevadagrown.com
775-273-0604

Minden
Esmeralda Ave.
Tues., thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-782-2444

Reno
The Grove at South Creek
Sun., thru Sept. 5
nevadagrown.com
775-329-5181

The Summit Reno shopping center
Sat., thru Sept. 11
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

West Street
Sun., thru Sept. 12
renoweststreetmarket.com
775-334-2077

California & Booth St.
Sat., thru Oct. 2
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

Shoppers Square
Tues., thru Oct. 5
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

Tamarack Junction
Fri., thru Oct. 8
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

Silver Springs
Custom Gardens Farm
Sun., thru Oct.
customgardens-organic-farm.com
775-577-2069

South Lake Tahoe
American Legion Hall Parking Lot
Tues., thru Oct. 12
eldoradofarmersmaket.com
530-622-1900

Sparks
United Methodist Church
Tues., thru Sept. 14
775-358-0925
nevadagrown.com

Virginia City
Miner's Park
Thurs., thru Oct. 14
nevadagrown.com
775-847-9533

Winnemucca
Thurs., thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-623-8413

NEVADA ONLINE

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★ ONGOING

A Tribe of Artists: Costumes & Culture At Burning Man
Fallon
Western Nevada College
Thru Sept. 10
nac.nevadaculture.org
775-423-7565

A Tribe of Artists: Costumes & Culture At Burning Man
Incline Village
Sierra Nevada College
Sept. 20-Nov. 12
nac.nevadaculture.org
775-831-1314

A Tribute to the Brian Winter Will James Collection
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Thru Dec. 11
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

Abbacadabra—The Ultimate ABBA Concert
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Aug. 20-24, 27-31
Sept. 3-4, 6
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Beer Pong @ The Neva
Club Cal Neva
Fri. & Sat.
clubcalneva.com
775-954-4185

Behind-the-Scenes Tours In Natural History
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Once a month
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

Bethany Owen: One Voice
Stateline
Horizon
Sun.-Tues.
ticketmaster.com
800-683-8266

Biking Club
Sparks
Scheels
Tues., thru Oct.
scheels.com/renosparksevents
775-352-3664

"Bounce"
Circus Circus
Dark Sun. & Mon.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

Candy Making
Genoa
Mon.-Fri.
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

Camouflage Mirage
South Valleys Library
Thru Sept. 9
sierra-arts.org
775-329-2787

"Carnival Cabaret"
Stateline
Horizon
Wed.-Sat.
ticketmaster.com
800-683-8266

Carson Valley Harvest Festival
Gardnerville
The Corley Ranch
Weekends in Oct.
corleyranch.com
800-727-7677

Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club
Silver Legacy
Dark Mon.
silverlegacy.com
800-MUST-SEE

Chester Arnold: On Earth As It Is In Heaven
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Oct. 17
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Coin Press No. 1 Demonstration
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Last Fri. of each month
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

Cribbage Tournament
Amendment 21
Thurs.
theamendment21.com
775-786-0808

Jim Gaffigan
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Kids Auction & World's Greatest BBQ
Carson City
Pony Express Pavilion
bgcwn.org
775-882-8820

NRA Highpower Rifle Match
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-9478

RAAVE Exotic Bird Expo
Livestock Events Center
raave.com
775-358-7222

Sky Fair
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

(11-12)
Carson Valley Street Celebration
Minden
Esmeralda Ave.
williamsltd.com
775-782-2444

(11-12)
Mexican Fiesta
Ely
greatbasinheritage.org
775-234-7171

(11-13)
Shelby Hagedorn Joanette Memorial Barrel Race
Livestock Events Center
shelbysbarrelrace.com
775-224-7881

12 SUNDAY

Diamond Peak Hike
Tahoe Meadows to Diamond Peak Resort
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Lee Brumbaugh on Time on America
Fallon
Barkley Theatre
fallontourism.com
775-423-1440

Old West Trio
Genoa
Town Park
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

Sheryl Crow
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Tour De Tahoe —Bike Big Blue
Lake Tahoe
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

13

(13-18)
Human-Powered Speed Challenge
Battle Mountain
recumbents.com
775-635-8245

14

Mile High Jazz Band
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

15

(15-18)
World of Speed
Bonneville Salt Flats
saltflats.com
801-485-2662

(15-19)
Reno National Championship Air Races
Reno Stead Field
airrace.org
775-972-6663

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Los Super 7
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Ruby Dee & The Snake Handlers
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Thirsty Third Thursday Wine Walk
Gardnerville
Main Street District
mainstreetgardnerville.org
775-782-8027

(16-19)
Cool September Days Car Show
Lake Tahoe
goodsamsaferide.com
530-541-7300

(16-19)
Dayton Valley Sports Expo & Wild West Shootout
Dayton
wildwestshootout.com
775-246-8198

(16-19)
Silver State Classic Challenge
Ely
State Route 318
sscc.us
775-289-8877

(16-19)
Walker River Paiute Tribe Pine Nut Festival
Schurz
nevadaindianterritory.com
775-773-2306

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A Celebration of Writers Around the Lake
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Black Label Society
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Harry Connick Jr. & Orchestra
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

National POW*MIA Day
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-0416

Three Dog Night
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

World Dance Open Floor Night
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Z2Z Big Red Challenge
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
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Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park Tours
Minden
Wed.-Sun., thru Dec. 12
parks.nv.gov
775-783-9417

Diana Mine Tour
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park
Fri.-Sun., thru Sept.
parks.nv.gov
775-964-2440

Downtown Beer Crawl
Carson City
Third Sat. of each month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Downtown Wine Walk
Carson City
First Sat. of each month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Duel Nature
Sierra St. & Island Ave.
Thru Dec. 1
blackrockarts.org
415-626-1248

Even in Africa
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 5, 2012
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Fall Festival & Corn Maze
Fallon
Lattin Farms
Corn Maze: Fri. & Sat., Sept. 25-Oct. 30
Fall Festival: Sat. in Oct.
lattinfarms.com
866-638-6293

First Thursday
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center
Exhibits & films
University of Nevada, Reno
planetarium.unr.edu
775-784-4812

Fletcher Benton: The Artist's Studio
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Oct. 17
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Fourth Ward School's "Parties of the Year"
Virginia City & other locations
Various dates
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

Frances Humphrey Lecture Series
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Once a month
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

Free Second Saturdays
Nevada Museum of Art
Sept. 11
Oct. 9
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

"Get Hypnotized!"
Pioneer Underground
Fri. & Sat.
renohypnotist.com
775-324-7474

Ghost Walking Tour
Carson City
Firkin & Fox
Sept. 25 & Oct. 23
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

Goal 2010! The FIFA World Cup Fine Art Poster Portfolio
Carson City
CCAI Courthouse Gallery
Thru Sept. 10
arts-initiative.org
775-267-3295

Great Basin Exteriors
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Sept. 1-Oct. 27
nac.nevadaculture.org
755-738-3418

(17-18)
Aaron Tippin
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(17-18)
Carlin Chili Cook-Off
Carlin
carlinchilicookoff.com
775-754-6354

(17-18)
Great White
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(17-18)
Silver Cup Race
Battle Mountain
Battle Mountain Raceway
bmraceway.com
775-374-0292

(17-18)
Van Norman Horse Sale
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-756-6508

18 SATURDAY

Andre Nickatina
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Dayton Valley Car Club Gold Creek Show-n-Shine
Dayton
daytonvalleydays.org
775-246-1628

Engelbert Humperdinck
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Peaks & Paws Festival
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Recovery Month Half Marathon & 5K Walk/Run
Fallon
Pioneer Park
churchillcounty.org
775-423-7733

Straight No Chaser
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Race
Northstar-at-Tahoe (starts & ends)
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

(18-19)
Community Yard Sale
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

(18-19)
Dayton Valley Days
Dayton
daytonvalleydays.org
775-246-7550

(18-19)
Ferrari Hill Climb
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

(18-19)
National Public Lands Day
Black Rock Desert
blackrockdesert.org
775-557-2900

(18-19)
Reno Chamber Orchestra
Nightingale Concert Hall
renochamberorchestra.org
775-348-9413

(18-19)
Tanner's Marketplace
Livestock Events Center
visitrenotahoe.com
775-747-0905

19 SUNDAY

Aflac Iron Girl Triathlon
South Lake Tahoe
irongirl.com

Emerald Bay Trail Run
Emerald Bay & D.L. Bliss State Parks
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

Franktown Meadows Hunter Derby
Washoe Valley
Franktown Meadows Equestrian Facility
fmhunterderby.com
775-722-4261

St. Theresa of Avila Basque Festival
Carson City
Fuji Park
visitcarsoncity.com
775-882-2079

Wild Horse Preservation League Fundraiser
Virginia City
Mackay Mansion
wildhorsepl.org
775-220-6806

20

(20-24)
Watercolor Retreat
Hope Valley (CA)
Sorensen's Resort
sorensensresort.com
800-423-9949

(20-30)
NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity & Trade Show
Livestock Events Center
nrcha.com
580-759-4949

22

(22-26)
Lake Tahoe Marathon Week
Lake Tahoe
laketahoemarathon.com
530-544-7095

(22-26)
Street Vibrations
Motorcycle rally
Reno & surrounding cities
road-shows.com
775-329-7469

23

Full Moon Hike
Tahoe Meadows
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Kiwanis Club of Tahoe Sierra—SeptOberfest
Stateline
MontBleu
tahoesouth.com
530-544-2864

24

Celtic/American Tune Session
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662



Carson City Courtyard Marriott
3870 S. CARSON STREET
CARSON CITY, NV 89701
775-887-9900
www.marriott.com/RNOCC
Reference Promotional Code: LPR

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Hyatt Place Reno Tahoe Airport
1790 E. PLUMB LANE
RENO, NV 89502
775-826-2500 • 800-233-1234
www.hyattplacerenotahoeairport.com
Reference Promotional Code: HPRNO

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RENO, NV 89511
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www.reno.homewoodsuites.com
Reference Promotional Code: RNO

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RENO, NV 89511
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www.marriott.com/RNOCY
Reference Promotional Code: LPR

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SEPTEMBER

★ ONGOING continued

Guided Tours
Nevada Museum of Art
Thurs., Sat., & Sun.
*Spanish-language tours by appt.
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Hidden Cave Tours
Fallon
Churchill County Museum (starts)
Second & fourth Sat.
ccmuseum.org
775-423-3677

Historical Lecture
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
Second Thurs. of each month
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

The Human Touch: Selections from the RBC Wealth Management Collection
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Nov. 14
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Imperial Acrobats of China
Circus Circus
Dark Wed.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

The Improv at Harveys
Stateline
Harveys
Dark Mon. & Tues.
harveystahoe.com
775-586-6266

JR Johns
Pet show
Circus Circus
Dark Tues. & Thurs.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

Karaoke Idol
Club Cal Neva
Fri.
clubcalneva.com
877-777-7303

Kid's Klub
Sparks
Scheels
Sept. 13, 27
Oct. 11, 25
scheels.com/renosparksevents
775-352-3664

KJZS 92.1 FM Live Jazz Night
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
Wed.
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Larry Bute—Tribute to Will James
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Thru Dec. 7
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

"Le Grand Cirque"
Eldorado
Thru Nov. 7
eldoradoreno.com
800-879-8879

Lehman Caves Tour
Great Basin National Park
Daily
nps.gov/grba
775-234-7331

Live Band Karaoke
Eldorado
Mon.
eldoradoreno.com
775-786-5700

The Misses Take On the Masters
Artists Co-op Gallery
Sept. 1-30
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

Moana Nursery Fall Seminars
Sept. 11, 18, 25
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23
moananursery.com
775-825-0600 x.130

The Motoring Tourist: National Parks Adventure
National Automobile Museum
Thru Oct. 11
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Charley Pride
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Joni Morris as Patsy Cline
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(24-25)
WPHS Rodeo
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

(24-26)
Lake Tahoe Wellness Weekend
Incline Village
Hyatt Regency
laketahoe.hyatt.com
775-832-1234

(24-26)
Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

(24-26)
Thunder on the Comstock
Virginia City
C Street
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

(24-26)
Senior Pro Rodeo—Vaquero Days
Fernley
Out of Town Park
fernleychamber.org
775-575-4459

25 SATURDAY

Cheech & Chong
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Community Drum Circle
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

The Concord Band
Benefits Salvation Army Corps
Carson City
Community Center
salvationarmy concordca.org/band.html
775-887-9120

Goat Days
Fallon
Lattin Farms
lattinfarms.com
866-638-6293

Great Lake Tahoe Bike Race
Lake Tahoe
laketahoemarathon.com
530-544-7095

Harvest Moon & The Prize Master—Eric Tsang
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Man-Mule Race
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-6164

Ms. Reno Ink
Women's tattoo competition
Club Cal Neva
clubcalneva.com
877-777-7303

National Public Lands Day
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-0356

Northeastern Nevada Museum Barn Tour
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-3418

Photography Workshop
Hope Valley (CA)
Sorensen's Resort
sorensensresort.com
800-423-9949

Practical Shooting Association Pistol Match
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-7241

Tahoe Rim Trail Association Annual Meeting
Northstar-at-Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Tahoe Sierra Century Bike Ride
Squaw Valley USA (starts & ends)
tahoesierracentury.com

Wanda Sykes
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Wings & Wheels Air Show
West Wendover
Wendover Airport
wendoverairbase.com
801-571-2907

(25-26)
Festival of the Gathering Moon
Baker
greatbasinheritage.org
775-234-7171

(25-26)
Genoa Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire
Genoa
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

(25-26)
National Alpaca Farm Days
Gardnerville
Tahoe Breeze Alpacas
tahoebreezealpacas.com
877-773-7717

(25-26)
Senior Pro Rodeo
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-867-2115

26 SUNDAY

All-Star Weekend
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Bird Hunter's Challenge
Eureka
Perdiz Sport Shooting
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

Clash of the Champions Car Show
Carson City
Unique Sounds
visitcarsoncity.com
775-690-3680

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SEPTEMBER

11 Green Living Festival, Lampe Park, Gardnerville
11-12 26th Annual Carson Valley Street Celebration, Minden
12 Old West Trio Traditional Cowboy Music, Genoa
25-26 90th Annual Genoa Candy Dance
Arts & Crafts Faire

OCTOBER

Every weekend 5th Annual Carson Valley Harvest Festival, Corley Ranch
21 Minden Ghost Walk
22 Gardnerville Ghost Walk
23-24 Genoa Cemetery Tour and Ghost Walk

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Carson Valley Visitors Authority / 1477 US Highway 395, Suite A / Gardnerville, NV 89410



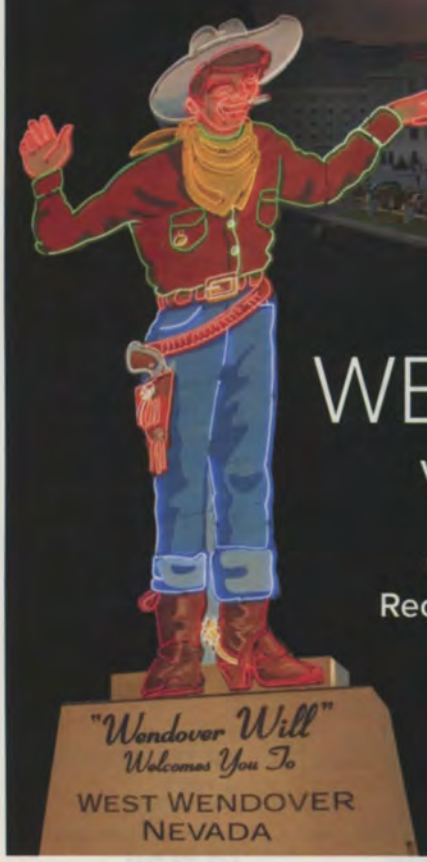
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Artists Co-op Gallery
Oct. 1-Nov. 7
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides
Ely
Daily, Sept. 1-27 (dark Tues.)
Sat. & Sun. in Oct.
*Haunted Ghost Trains Sat. in Oct.
nnry.com
866-407-8326

Nevada Wolf Pack Basketball
Lawlor Events Center
(home dates only)
Nov. 6, 13
Dec. 4, 11, 17, 20, 31
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-7225

Nevada Wolf Pack Football
Mackay Stadium
(home dates only)
Sept. 2, 11, 17
Oct. 9, 30
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-7225

New York to Paris Automobile Race
Exhibit
Featuring 1907 Thomas Flyer
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 5, 2012
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Open Mic Night
Java Jungle
Mon.
javajunglevino.com
775-329-4484

Pablo Picasso: Musical Instruments
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Nov. 28
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Ranch Gates of the Southwest: Manifestations of Individualism
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Thru Dec. 11
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

Rattlesnake Raceway
Fallon
Sept. 11, 25
Oct. 2-3
rattlesnakeraceway.net
775-427-9120

Reno: Biggest Little City in the World
Nevada Historical Society
Wed.-Sat.
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

Reno Aces
Triple-A Baseball
Aces Ballpark
(home dates only)
Aug. 30-31
Sept. 1-2
renoaces.com
775-334-7000

Reno Beer Crawl
Fourth Sat. of each month
renobeercrawl.com
775-996-1811

Reno Bighorns
NBA D-League Basketball
Reno Events Center
(home dates only)
TBA
renobighorns.com
775-284-2622

Reno-Fernley Raceway
Fernley
Sept. 4, 18, 28
Oct. 1
reno-fernleyraceway.com
775-575-7217

Riverwalk District Art Walk
First Thurs. of each month
renoriver.org
775-825-9255

Riverwalk District Wine Walk
Third Sat. of each month
renoriver.org
775-825-9255

(26-Oct. 2)
OATBRAN—One Awesome Tour Bike Ride Across Nevada
U.S. Highway 50
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

◗ 28

Bare Bones Open Mic
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

◗ 29

Railroad Earth w/ Toubab Krewe
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

◗ 30

Emmylou Harris
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Will James Society Fall Gather
Elko
willjames.org
719-488-3646

World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
cowboyfastdraw.com
775-575-1802

OCTOBER

◗ 1

Dave Alvin & The Guilty Women
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Dwight Yoakam
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season
Pyramid Lake
pyramidlake.us
775-574-1000

(1-2)
Tahoe Art League Expo
Stateline
Horizon
tahoesouth.com
530-544-0524

(1-3)
NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity & Trade Show
Livestock Events Center
nrcha.com
580-759-4949

(1-3)
Will James Society Fall Gather
Elko
willjames.org
719-488-3646

(1-3)
World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
cowboyfastdraw.com
775-575-1802

◗ 2 SATURDAY

The Comedians of Chelsea Lately
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

Lamoille Harvest Festival
Lamoille
exploreelko.com
775-738-2823

Larry the Cable Guy
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

No Hill 100-Mile Bike Ride
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds (starts)
churchillcounty.org
775-423-7733

Stink E Day Long John & Bloomers Contest
Virginia City
C Street
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

Village Oktoberfest
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Wine, Walk, & Shop
Truckee (CA)
truckeewinewalk.com
530-550-2252

(2-3)
Artists Open Studios
Hope Valley (CA)
Sorensen's Resort
sorensensresort.com
800-423-9949

(2-3)
Kokanee Salmon Festival
South Lake Tahoe
Taylor Creek Visitor Center
tahoesouth.com
530-543-2600

(2-3)
Oktoberfest
South Lake Tahoe
Camp Richardson Resort
tahoesouth.com
800-544-1801

(2-3)
Tara Llanes Classic Fundraiser
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

(2-3)
World Championship Outhouse Races
Virginia City
C Street
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

◗ 3 SUNDAY

Disney Live! Mickey's Magic Show
Lawlor Events Center
unr.edu/lawlor
775-784-4444

Hot Tuna
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

◗ 4

(4-5)
CVI $20,000 Pro-Team Scratch
Carson Valley
carsonvalleyinn.com
775-782-9711

5

Steve Martin w/ The Steep Mountain Rangers
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

6

Reception For Monthly Artist w/ music by Nathan Alanz
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

8

Patty Loveless
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

9 SATURDAY

CAPS Not Just Art Auction
Fallon
Convention Center
capsnv.org
775-423-7500

Colin Hay
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Elko Uncorked
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-4670

Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament
Fallon
Fallon Golf Course
fallontourism.com
775-423-4556

NRA Highpower Rifle Match
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-9478

Randy Travis
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Trek Breast Cancer Awareness Ride
Sparks
Scheels
scheels.com/renosparksevents.com
775-352-3664

Wrangler Rich Presents "The Ultimate Cowboy"
Virginia City
The Silverland Stables
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-691-7723

(9-10)
Eldorado Great Italian Festival
Eldorado
eldoradoreno.com
775-789-0490

(9-10)
Wild Game Festival
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

10 SUNDAY

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes
University of Nevada, Reno
jdrf.org/northernnevada
775-786-1881

12

Mile High Jazz Band
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

13

Indie Rock Showcase
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

15

Jazz-Sax Great Mindi Abair
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Joni Morris as Patsy Cline
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

Vince Gill
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

World Dance Open Floor Night
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

(15-16)
Solitary Man—A Tribute To Neil Diamond
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(15-17)
Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

(15-17)
Deer Hunters' Widows Weekend
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

(15-17)
Fall Home & Lifestyle Show
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
lockettshows.com
775-849-8000

16 SATURDAY

Tony Valentine's Girls Night Out
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Vince Gill
Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

(16-17)
Reno Chamber Orchestra
Nightingale Concert Hall
renochamberorchestra.org
775-348-9413

★ ONGOING continued

Running Club
Sparks
Scheels
Thurs., thru Oct.
scheels.com/renosparksevents
775-352-3664

Saturday Night Tribute Bands
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
775-789-2000

Scheels Big Buck Contest
Sparks
Thru Nov. 30
scheels.com/renosparksevents
775-352-3664

Slot Machines: The Fey Collection
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Wed.-Sat.
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

Steakhouse Wine Tastings
Harrah's Reno
Last Tues. of each month
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2929

Stop the Car, Dad!
Fernley
Fernley Civic Center
Thru Sept. 24
nac.nevadaculture.org
775-784-9800

Summer Concert Series
Wild River Grille
Thru Sept.
wildrivergrille.com
775-284-7455

Tahoe Star Tours
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Sept. 3-4, 8, 10-11
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

Thunderbird's Winemaker's Dinner Series
Incline Village
Thunderbird Lodge
Sept. 19
Oct. 17
thunderbirdlodge.org
775-832-8752

Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing
Fallon
Sept. 10-12
Oct. 16
topgunraceway.com
775-423-0223

Views From China
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Sept. 12
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Volunteer Trail Building Workdays
Daggett Summit
Tues. & Sat., thru mid-Oct.
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0239

Where the Cowboy Once Roamed
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Thru Dec. 11
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

Will James—Museum Collection
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Thru Dec. 8
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

WWI Gets Motorized
National Automobile Museum
Thru Oct. 11
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

"X Burlesque"
Harrah's Reno
Dark Mon. & Tues., thru Sept. 5
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2900

Zydeco & Cajun Dance Nights
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Sept. 11
Oct. 16
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

8-80 Celebration
Hawthorne
Ordnance Museum
Sept. 1-30
mineralcountytourism.com
775-945-5400

(16-17)
Ski Swap
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

17 SUNDAY

Beppe Gambetta
Minden
Tahoe Ridge
Marketplace & Bistro
tahoeridge.com
775-783-1566

(17-22)
International Snow Science Workshop
Squaw Valley USA
issw2010.com
530-583-6955

19

(19-24)
ACTRA Championships
Team roping
Livestock Events Center
actra.org
775-623-6257

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Haunted Minden Ghost Walk
Minden
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

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Celtic/American Tune Session
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Collective Soul
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Haunted Gardnerville Ghost Walk
Gardnerville
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

Kenny Rogers
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Lone Mountain Cemetery Tour
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

(22-23)
Boyz II Men
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(22-23)
Chess Tournament
Terrible's Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-386-7829

(22-23)
School Play
Virginia City
Piper's Opera House
pipersoperahouse.com
888-422-1956

23 SATURDAY

Fall Ghost Walk "Festival of the Spirits"
Carson City
Firkin & Fox
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

Full Moon Hike
Tahoe Meadows
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Habitat for Humanity Dinner
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-340-0871

Haunted Genoa Cemetery Tour
Genoa
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

Kenny Rogers
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Oktoberfest
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-4187

Practical Shooting Association Pistol Match
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-7241

Rex Navarette
Atlantis
atlantiscasino.com
775-824-4467

24 SUNDAY

Haunted Genoa Ghost Walk
Genoa
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

26

Bullet For My Valentine
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

27

(27-30)
National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

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Great Pumpkin Carnival
Sparks
Alf Sorensen Center
cityofsparks.us
775-353-2385

John Lithgow's Stories By Heart
Grand Sierra
renoisartown.com
800-648-3568

(28, 30)
Haunted House
Fallon
Churchill County
Fairgrounds
churchillcounty.org
775-423-7733

(28-31)
RSVP Nevada Days Celebration
Carson City
Mills Park
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-4680 x.4

(28-Nov. 7)
NASC Shuffleboard Tournament
Terrible's Sands Regency
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866-386-7829

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NEVADA DAY
(observed)

Cheech & Chong
West Wendover
Peppermill
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800-217-0049

Children's Halloween Party
Ely
Bristlecone
Convention Center
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-3737

Grand Marshal Reception & Dinner
Carson City
Nugget Casino
visitcarsoncity.com
775 882-2600

Halloween Event
Elko
County Library
exploreelko.com
775-738-3066

Nevada Day Parade
Elko
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775-738-7991

(29-30)
World-Class Auction Nevadiana
Atlantis
holabirdamericana.com
775-852-8822

(29-31)
Historic Clothing Exhibit
Minden
Dangberg Home
Ranch Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/hr.htm
775-783-9417

30 SATURDAY

Community Drum Circle
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Governor's Ball
Virginia City
Piper's Opera House
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0433

Halloween Celebration & Pig Roast
Jarbidge
jarbidge.org
775-488-2311

Mickey Gilley
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-217-0049

Nevada Day Parade
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

Spark-a-Delic 5K
Sparks
Scheels
scheels.com/
renosparksevents
775-352-3664

(30-31)
Trick or Treat Street
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-9895

31 SUNDAY



Goblin Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

Halloween Party
Genoa
Town Hall
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-782-8696

Trick or Treat Safely at Scheels
Sparks
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V&T Ghost Train
Virginia City
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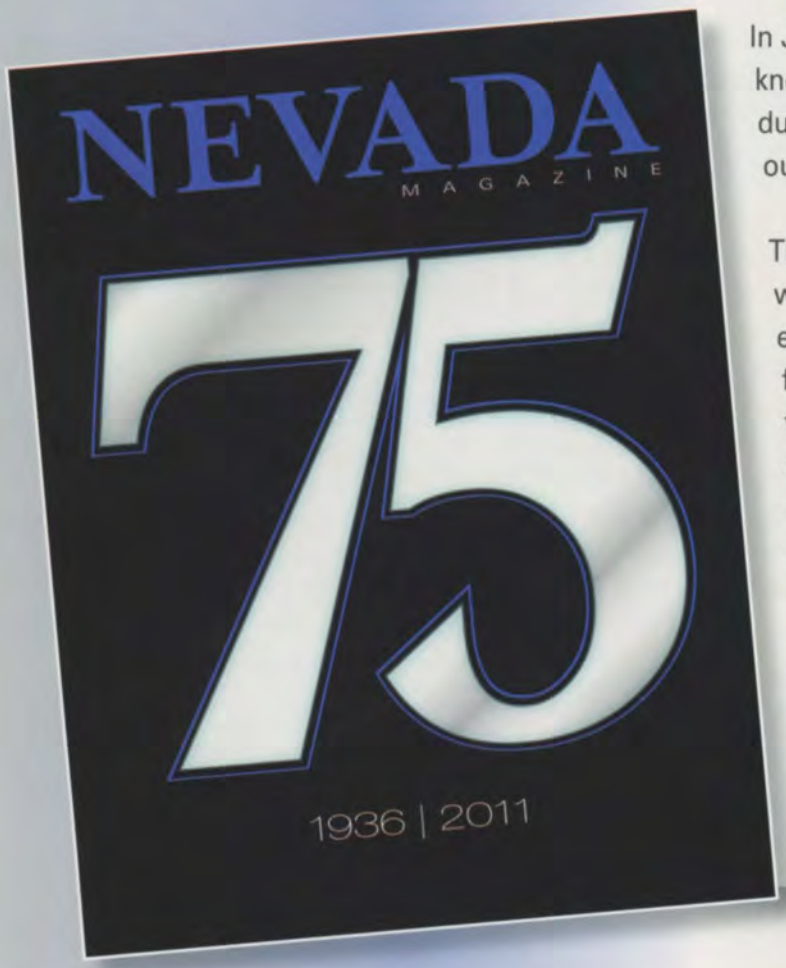
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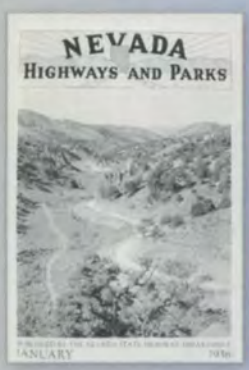


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