Season’s Greetings
From the Churchill County Museum

Winter 2016
In the Museum Store...

November first marked the beginning of our annual membership 20% discount on most Museum Store merchandise.

You can now pair our *Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Mug* with a *DAM! Mug* featuring a historic image of Lahontan dam.

- We continue to feature our rocks and jewelry, as well as our salt and selenite lamps.
- The book shelves have over 400 titles.
- Paulie Alles notecards are always a great gift.
- What book lover wouldn’t want a pair of agate bookends?
- Our candy sticks make great stocking stuffers.

*MuseNews* is published four times a year for Churchill County Museum Association members and friends of the museum. For a membership application turn to page 11 or stop in the museum.
**VISITOR COMMENTS**

“Loved the baskets, the quilts, and the room tableaux especially. Thanks so much for preserving history” – Maryland

“Wow! I am very impressed with the whole museum. We loved the interactivities” – Fallon

“Beautiful!! Best museum so far” – California

“Beautiful museum – Our 40th class reunion” – Reno

“We came and hoped to see the old barbershop display with Nicholas Jesch’s barber chair but it is archived – Boo Hoo- next time” – Lisa Jesch Wohn – California

“Great. Well organized, informative, wonderful stuff” – Australia

“Thanks for all of the work put into the class display” – Fallon

“Pleasant surprise” – Alaska

“First stamps in our ‘Survival Guides’” – California

“Coming Home” – Utah

“Awesome! Thank you! Walking across America for charity. Facebook.com/paws and hope” – West Virginia

“Great collections! A must stop” – Pennsylvania

“Descendant of William and Sarah Magee. Grandparent’s pictures in the bedroom. Here to do research” – California

“Wonderful! Connor and Grandmother” – Yerington

“University of Wyoming Archaeologists” – Wyoming

“Found a large meteorite by Smith Creek Range on old US 50” – Williams III

“Christmas tree in the little house for the season would be wonderful” – M.

“Granddaughter of Juichi and Su Kito” – California

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**ATTENDANCE**

August 819  September 740  October 829

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**MUSEUM VISITORS**

**International**

- Australia
- China - Shanghai
- Czechoslovakia
- England
- Germany
- New Zealand
- Spain
- Wales

**United States**

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Idaho
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Oklahoma
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
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- Vermont
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- Carson City
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- Fernley
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- Goldfield
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- Minden
- Reno
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IN MEMORY
The Churchill County Museum has received contributions in the memory of the following people:

Betty Chambers
Jeff Hendricks
Louie Venturacci
Gwendolyn Mathewson “Gwen” Washburn

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTORS
The Churchill County Museum thanks the following people who have sent memorial contributions in memory of their families and loved ones. Our “Memorial Book” is a perpetual “In Memory” and is enjoyed daily by our visitors:

William and Susan Chambers
Bob and Tina Doty
Linda and Wes Tews

Join Us
December 11  11am-3pm
For a Holiday Open House at the Museum
Featuring a Concert by the Tintabulations, Hand Bell Ensemble at 1pm
Crafts for the Kids
Light Refreshments will be served.
Notes........  
By Bob Getto  
Churchill County Museum Board President

We have $250 to award to someone with a creative mind! We want to have a new logo at the Museum and we are having a Logo Contest to get one that is just right! Obtain the official rules for the contest at the Museum or on our website; www.ccmuseum.org. We want to know what you think makes the Museum unique and how can it be best expressed in a logo. The winning logo is going to be used for our marketing campaign, and on our much of the Museum giftshop merchandise. We are excited to see what you come up with!

Speaking of creativity, on Friday November 18th we offering for sale, a great selection of photographs from our photo collection. Displayed on canvas, these prints make awesome wall hangings… just in time for Christmas gift giving. Contact any museum team members for detail about this event.

On Sunday December 11th, the Museum is hosting an open house. If it’s been a while since your last visit, come on by and get re acquainted with what the Museum offers. There will be snacks and great conversation. If you haven’t met the Museum Director, Dan Ingram, drop in and say ‘Hello!’ Its Dan’s 1 year anniversary at the Museum and we are all proud of the progress we have made since Dan arrived to lead the team!

How about this for an Anniversary? Research Curator Bunny Corkill has been combing the facility files for 30 years! Walking history… that’s what she is! It’s a well know, statewide fact… if you want to know anything about Churchill County, Bunny has the information. Facts, details, figures, and news! Stories, legends, and mysteries! If it happened in Churchill County, this Research Curator Extraordinaire can deliver research on what anyone is looking for. What an asset she has been to our community. Thank you, Bunny, Here’s to 30 more years!

Here is hoping to see you… at the Museum! and Like us on Facebook!

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From the Director
Dan Ingram
Director, Churchill County Museum

Time flies -- I guess I really shouldn’t open with a cliché, but it’s has been almost a year since I packed my bags and moving van and arrived in Fallon. I have to say it’s been an exciting time. With a year under my belt, I now have a better understanding of the Museum, its staff and board, its collections and its programs.

While I have only been here a year, it is time to salute Bunny Corkill for her 30 years of service. Bunny began working at the museum in 1986, the year I graduated from college. She is a fount of knowledge about the history of our community, and institutional history of the museum. In a word she is the embodiment of “commitment.” She has been kind enough to share her wit and wisdom with me during my inaugural year.

Since the last newsletter, I have attended the Cantaloupe festival, where I spent making rope and meeting new people, attended the Fall Lecture series and teacher in-service, met with our partners at the BLM, produced a new brochure for Hidden Cave Tour, and bought new chairs. Of these you will likely find that the most notable is the purchase of padded chairs. No more having to pack a cushion for events at the museum. A year ago I decided it was either time to sell or rent cushions for our events or get more comfortable chairs. If I do nothing else in my tenure as Director, I will be remembered for the more comfortable chairs.

Board Member Nathan Strong and I had the opportunity to attend the Nevada Museum Association meeting in late October, and meet museum folks from around the state. Everyone I met of spoke so highly about our museum. Kudos to Nathan for being selected as the interim Director of CEDA.

The next two months are shaping up to be busy. I would encourage you to bring you holiday photos by on the scanning days Photo Curator Barbara Hodges is spearheading to build our collection of holiday photos. I used a photo borrowed from the Dickinson Museum Center, where I formerly worked to inspire you to bring out the good bad and the ugly of your holiday photos. The image found in Barb’s column is a department store Santa family picture that went awry. It is one of my favorites.

Be sure and join us for our Print Sale on Friday, November 18th at 7 pm. We will be auctioning and selling canvas prints and gently used exhibition prints made from digital images in our collection. If you happened to find yourself in the Churchill County Library, in the last two months, you saw the selection of images that we will be offering for sale. Own a piece of history. These prints make great gifts so stop in on the 18th for the sale. As an added bonus, there will be refreshments.

Speaking of refreshments, mark your calendar for Sunday, December 11th for our Holiday Open House. There will be refreshments, crafts for the kids, and at 1pm the annual Tintabulations holiday concert. If you haven’t heard “Nevada’s Best Hand Bell Ensemble” you are in for an unexpected treat. If you have, you know what I am talking about.

Finally, I would encourage you to help us create a new logo for the museum. The Museum Association is sponsoring a logo contest. The winner will receive $250 and the bragging rights. As we move forward with branding the museum, we need to settle on a logo that best symbolizes our efforts. The rules can be found on our website. Deadline for submissions is December 16, 2016.

Dan
The newest photo exhibit is up and ready for viewing. It was a challenge, but with the new equipment we’ve acquired over the last year, it has come together nicely, in a way we could not have accomplished before. Images scanned from the “Lost Negatives” of John W. Walker, have turned into some exceptional sepia-toned canvas prints that now grace the walls of the Dodge-Fitz galleries. Churchill County Museum is lucky to have this outstanding collection of rare negatives that would not exist except for the generosity of our donors and the county’s dedication to preservation of our common heritage.

To complete the exhibit and to highlight the ongoing war between preservation and access, we contacted the Great Basin National Heritage Area organization who graciously lent their “Then and Now” display of 1928/2016 panels showing Lehman Caves through John Walker’s lenses (then) and through those of David Bunnel (today). This study, funded primarily by the National Park Service in partnership with GBHA and the National Speleological Association, is being used to evaluate the effects on the cave of time and use. Can we love our rocks to death? See more on this study at: WEBSITE

And with that exhibit “in the can”, the Photographic Department moves on to its next project. We need your help, please, to collect family Christmas/Holiday pictures – Santa visits, children around the Christmas tree, Hanukah celebrations, anything child/holiday oriented – from all time periods up to and including last year. To that end, we will hold three special scanning days on November 12th, 19th and 20th. While you can drop off your pictures to be scanned any time, I will be here on those specific dates to complete the scanning process while you wait. You will be able to keep an eye on your treasures while the job is being done – and perhaps learn a bit about scanning techniques, as well.

Call ahead for an appointment or just drop by. The objective is to create a slide show of family photos to run during the month of December and to be featured at our Holiday Open House on December 11th.

Volunteers Needed: There’s much, much more to the Walker Negative Collection focusing on western life in the Great Basin in the late 1920s – from the caves to ranching to family life. In this one collection alone are hundreds of photographs waiting to be scanned and carefully stored away – our answer to the access/use/preservation issue. And the Walker collection is only one of many. If anyone ‘out there’ has time on their hands, volunteers are always appreciated and necessary to accomplish the copious preservation tasks at the museum.
David Lumos, Nancy Sanders Stewart, and Yvonne Arciniega Sutherland have been diligently researching through Fallon newspapers, CCHS year books and personal interviews-memories, to glean names, facts, and figures applying to CCHS athletes who might qualify to be honored with induction into the Greenwave Athletic Hall of Fame. The first class of inductees will be honored at the Football Homecoming game – 2017. These three researchers are all CCHS graduates. Dave and Nancy were student athletes as well as coaches during their careers. At the time Yvonne was in school, other than GAA, there were no sports teams for girls. She did however, “cut her teeth” on CCHS athletics because her father, Señor, was a revered coach at the school. The Ed Arciniega Athletic Complex honors him.

Interested in knowing more about the HoF? You may contact one of the following committee members: Paul Orong, Judy Pratt, Thomas Ranson, Angela deBraga, John Dirickson or Jack Beach for further details. The HoF website is greenwavehalloffame.com.

The Fallon/Churchill All Community Reunion committee gathered to begin thinking about the 2017 reunion celebration. This year the classes from 1947 – 1952 will receive special attention. Mamie Garrison Buhlig will be contacting the members of the classes of 1950 – 1952. Save the Date: August 19, 2017.

Russel Backus who lives in Fairfax, Virginia, enquired about his great-grandfather, Albert G. Earl, who worked at the John Freeman Ranch in Stillwater from 1888-1890s. Russel was thrilled to become the owner of the book – A Desert of Change: Mary Freeman, Photographer – published by the Churchill County Museum. While it did not contain a photo of Albert, he was able to visualize the lay of the land and meet some of the people who Albert had worked with.

Branden Beeghly, a CCHS alumnae attending college in North Dakota, was given an assignment to write a paper on “When did baseball begin in your home town?” Overlooking the fact that that was really a difficult project for a college freshman some 1500 miles from home to tackle, the Beeghly family knew where to come for help! Mother Kim and Branden contacted the museum.

Since our local newspapers begin in 1906 we immediately realized that baseball was a big time sport in Fallon with the adult men. Team members raised money to buy uniforms and a town league was formed. By 1913 a “married-men” team played against a “single-men” team and against a team formed in Sheckler District. The CCM photo collection contains a number of fascinating photos of local early-day baseball teams.

During the years of the Great Depression there were several Civilian Conservation Corp camps in and around Fallon. Each camp had a baseball team which resulted in heated competition between the men in the camps.

March of 1939 was the first mention of a high school team being formed. Fifty some men turned out and the games were played at the City of Fallon park. Interest soon waned and it was not until 1948 that baseball returned to Oats Park and then in 1949 a high school team was organized. In 1948 mixed co-ed teams from the country schools played against other rural teams.

June 11, 1952, a group of enthusiastic fathers met to organize the first Little League Baseball club in Fallon. Interestingly many of these players ended up being on the 1957-1958 Nevada State High School Championship team.

Baseball remained the sport of choice in Fallon with the American Legion league and Fallon Merchants for adults over the decades. Today it seems that as soon as possible boys and girls are beginning with “T Ball” and on their way to having fun.
We wish Branden the best of luck in his college career.

Anna LeBlanc, who lives in Scottsdale, AZ is seeking information about Robert Sackett Martin. Robert studied agriculture, and was outstanding in track and field at the University of Illinois in 1912 and 1913. She is not clear if he graduated but in the university catalog for 1916 his address is listed as Ranch Box 536, Fallon, Nevada. Other information she has puts him in Elko, Nevada, by 1917 and 1918, where he was teaching grammar school and running track meets. Her interest is in determining how long he lived in Fallon.

We could not find any record of him being here.

Richard Bishop moved to Fallon a year or so ago from Hawthorne where he spent many years as the pharmacist at Safeway. His boss had been the late Frankie Miller who was one of my classmates. He has purchased property in south-west Lahontan Valley and having read Roberta Childers book, Magee Station and the Churchill Chronicles, he has become fascinated with early day architecture and early farmsteads in the valley. He purchased several In Focus editions and after creating him a map showing the locations of the featured buildings that he found interesting, he was on his way to explore this small corner of the universe. He said he would come back again for another visit!

Patricia Overton Maraldo came to visit from Santa Cruz, California. She was looking for information about her great grandparents William and Sarah Jane Rice McKachie Magee who settled in Lahontan Valley in 1864, establishing a teamster stop – Magee Station - and turning desert into cropland. Her grandmother, Isabelle [Belle], was the youngest of Pap Magee’s seven daughters. Belle married Devello Overton who worked as a foreman on his brother-in-law William S. Bailey’s ranch. Belle’s daughter died from smallpox and her only son Theodore [Ted], a mining engineer, married Gwendolyn Pierson. The fourth child born into this union, Patricia, was an infant when her father passed away at age 45 from heart failure contributed to his having had rheumatic fever as a child. Her mother slowly drifted away from her Magee family connections. Fortunately, we were able to introduce Patty to our dear friend Lynne Fried who is a fifth generation family member through Ellen Magee Springer, the oldest sister. The cousins live near each other in California and are thrilled with the idea of sharing their family histories.

Richard Sherman Brock lives in Fernley, Nevada. Following a recent visit, he has shared some photos of his grandfather Renaldo Selfisco Brock [1850-1928] with the museum. R.S. Brock was a native of Ohio and after fighting in the Civil War, he worked his way westward as a carpenter through Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, and Utah. In 1905 he was sent by the government to Fallon to assist in constructing the concrete works on the Newlands Project. He was foreman in charge of building the Derby Dam. He later moved back to Lahontan Valley to complete the concrete structures in the irrigation system. In 1906 he purchased Sand Springs Station, a well-known stopping place for freighters and cattlemen. For over fifty years he was a loyal member of the Masonic Lodge. He passed away February 20, 1928, at Sand Springs and rests in the Churchill County Cemetery.

Dave Comstock asked about John A. Bloomingkemper, who was killed – the result of a runaway team – in April 1924. John was an employee on the Robert L. Douglass ranch in Island District. He was driving a disc harrow when the team ran-away and he was dragged some distance. He had many abrasions and bruises but no bones appeared to be broken. Douglass brought him into town and to the hospital where he was a patient for ten days. He was thought to be recovering when he passed away on April 8, 1924, at age 56. He was regarded as a valuable and efficient workman. His remains were taken to Roe and Kaiser undertaking parlors where the staff waited for advice from a daughter in Minnesota. Later he would be buried in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Bob Morrill asked for help in finding the location of the Antelope Mining District in Churchill County. His great-grandfather, Fred Kline had mining claims there in 1879. The mining venture did not turn out well
and Fred was sued by some fellow miners and his claims were sold at “a forced sale.”

In Nevada the name “Antelope” appears in nearly every county. Knowing nothing about the mining world we turned to experts - Dick Fisk and Hal Newman. Dick believes the property was actually in lower Pershing County. Bob hopes to come and look for himself in the very near future.

Russ Lindenlaub of St. James, Missouri, is researching former Churchill County Sheriff Ralph J. Vannoy [1888-1974]. Russ will be attending the Smith & Wesson Historical Foundation convention in Reno in 2017. He is planning an exhibit which will be showcasing Sheriff Vannoy’s .38 Military & Police revolver which is engraved R.J. Vannoy, Fallon Nevada.

We were able to provide Russ with an obituary, newspaper articles and several photographs of the Sheriff. I am asking our readers if they have any memories of Vannoy to please share them with us. We will send them on to Missouri to be included in the display.

And lastly, On August 28, 1986, through the kindness of Sharon Edaburn Taylor, I became a member of the staff at the Churchill County Museum. It was a day that I can humbly say changed my life forever. I have spent thirty years working in a position that I love. We have weathered the good, the bad, and the ugh … Looking forward to the coming year!

The New Year Means a New Quilt!

Visit our Web Page for More Details

The Block-of-the-Month Lunch!

Sew a different quilt block each month:
EVERY 3rd WEDNESDAY at the Churchill County Museum

12:00 Noon - Eat your sack lunch, visit with your neighbor, set up your space
12:30 - 1:30 (or until finished) Class with Workman’s Quilting Instructor

Start at anytime / All levels are welcome - from beginning to advance

Fabric and pattern provided by Workman Farms - have a 44” X 58” (approx.) lap quilt top finished by the end of the year!

$20 per month
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Become a member of the Churchill County Museum Association

Memberships help the Churchill County Museum Association by providing funds to publish a newsletter, aid in artifact conservation, and help expand historical programs for the community.

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- Receive Four Newsletters
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- Special notice of all association events

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Thank You! We look forward to your support!
Dodge—Fitz Gallery

JOHN WALKER'S
Lost Negatives

Explore Lehman And
Whipple Caves
Through Walker's Lens
See Contemporary
Museum Calendar

NOVEMBER
November 1 20% off Holiday Sale Begins for Members
November 12 No Hidden Cave Tour
November 16 Block of the Month Lunch
November 18 Canvas Print Sale and Reception
November 24 Thanksgiving — Museum Closed
November 26 No Hidden Cave Tour

DECEMBER
December 10 Hidden Cave Tour 9:30 am at the Museum
December 11 Holiday Open House begins 11:00 am
December 11 Tintabulations Concert 1:00 Pm
December 21 Block of the Month Lunch
December 25 Christmas — Museum Closed

JANUARY
January 1 New Year’s Day — Museum Closed
January 14 No Hidden Cave Tour
January 16 Martin Luther King Day — Museum Closed
January 18 Block of the Month Lunch
January 28 Hidden Cave Tour

FEBRUARY
February 11 Hidden Cave Tour
February 15 Block of the Month Lunch
February 20 President’s Day — Museum Closed
February 25 Hidden Cave Tour
February 25 Museum Mardi Gras Party

MARCH
March 11 Hidden Cave Tour
March 15 Block of the Month Lunch

Does your Yarn Closet Runneth Over?

Our education department is looking for a few good skeins. One of our most popular activities for children is rope making. It has been our tradition to use two strands of yarn and one strand of baling twine as the raw material to make rope. Our yarn selection was depleted by the Cantaloupe Festival, so if you have some skeins you would like to share, perhaps that yarn you bought for that project you never started or never completed — just drop it off at the museum, no questions asked. Spread the word among your crafty friends and neighbors, just don’t tell the kittens — it will be our little secret!
“Would you like to make some rope? Pick two colors of yarn …” The Discovery Room’s rope maker saw plenty of action at the Churchill County Museum booth during this year’s Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair. Located in the carousel tent set up next to the fairgrounds’ multi-purpose building, rope-making was just one of the activities offered. Craft instructions and supplies were set out for people of all ages to make Paper Cup Lambs, Moving Fish, and craft stick Har- monicas. Rope, crafts, and Churchill County Museum Association board members looking for new members (plus selling the dam mugs) – there was fun for everyone.

School is back in session, which means the museum was once again invited to participate in the Churchill County High School’s Community Service Fair. Each year the senior English classes at CCHS are required to perform six hours of service in the community with a local, non-profit organization, such as the Churchill County Museum. For the past two months, high school volunteers have been offering their time helping the various museum departments. We are fortunate to see young, willing aides and are always happy to support any program that promotes volunteerism here at the museum. If your organization would like to offer service, please feel free to contact me.

The 2016 Fall Lecture Series and Teacher In-Service ‘STEAM’ has come to its conclusion and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. We can’t thank enough Campus Executive Director of Sierra NV Journeys, Mark Owen, as ‘S’ for Science; Nevada Humanities Presenter, Doug Mishler, as Henry Ford for ‘T’ for Technology; owner of Tarver Propellers, Kent Tarver representing ‘E’ for Engineering; Burning Man’s Danger Ranger, co-founder Michael Mikel, as ‘A’ for Art; and UNR Professor and Founder/Program Director of Northern NV Girls Math and Technology Program, Linda Wiest, as ‘M’ for Mathematics - all of these presenters did a fabulous job. Insightful, inspiring, motivating, and educational, they certainly met the criteria set by the Teacher In-Service course description: “This course will examine key STEAM concepts through diverse means generating an open dialogue and collaborative experience.” When patrons stay long into the night to question and discuss the topic with a speaker it is a good gauge that the night was a success; there were some long nights during our recent lecture series.

Looking forward, plans are already in the works for the 2017 Spring Lecture Series. The focus will be on hobbies and collections and we would like the community’s participation. Do you or do you have a friend who has an interesting hobby/collection that could be displayed in the early spring (February – March) at the museum? If so, please send me a description (including size), photos, etc. to education@ccmuseum.org and I will send you more information. I’m excited to see what Fallon likes to collect!
Fun at the Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, where we made miles of rope and some very interesting crafts.

Here education curator Jennifer Jones makes rope with the able assistance of board member, Ann Rapp.

Cotton ball sheep and homemade harmonicas were among the crafts offered.

The Fall Lecture Series, S.T.E.A.M. featured Michael Mikel, one of the founders of Burning Man.
Churchill County Museum Staff

Dan Ingram—Museum Director
Bunny Corkill—Research Curator
Donna Cossette—Registrar
Jennifer Jones—Education Curator
Barbara Hodges—Photography Curator
Tom Bartel—Exhibits Preparator
Paulie Alles—Hostess
Cynthia Loper—Hostess
Margo Weldy—Hostess
Dwen Davis—Museum Intern

MUSEUM HOURS
March 1st–November 30
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-3pm
December 1 –February 28
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm
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