Museum Reveals New Logo
See page 6
In the Museum Store

We have new merchandise in the Museum Store. Paulie has returned from her annual buying trip to Arizona and we have a variety of new jewelry and rocks.

Jennifer and Dan have been ordering a selection of children's books. Stop in and browse the bargain tables.

We have upgraded the technology in the Museum Store by installing a point of sale system which will track our inventory should make the checkout process more efficient. Items are now barcoded—its hard to believe that we have over 800 separate items.

Remember CCMA members receive a 10% discount on most purchases.
MUSEUM ATTENDANCE

November 466  December 1107  January 234

MUSEUM VISITORS

International

No international visitors this quarter.

United States

California
Idaho
Kansas
Missouri
Montana
North Carolina
Oregon
Texas
Utah
Washington
Wisconsin

Nevada

Austin
Carson City
Dayton
Denio
Ely
Fallon
Fernley
Gardnerville
Hawthorne
Lake Tahoe
Lovelock
Pyramid Lake
Reno
Silver Springs
Sparks
Wellington
Yerington
Zephyr Cove

VISITOR COMMENTS

Great items to buy – Fallon
Love the place. Please treasure it. – California
Free Help – Putting up shelving – We thank you, Walter Cossette!
Thank you for being here – Hawthorne
35 people – FID Fallon NAS
Great – Yerington
Favorite place ever. Love the Pogonip exhibit.
Beautiful presentation! - Fallon

Lahotan Spillway by Rolly Ham
IN MEMORY
The Churchill County Museum has received contributions in the memory of the following people.

Ruth Bianchi          Ynez “Kidley” Kyte
Robert Fitz          Mary Lou Young Maffi
Bill Ford          Joan McLaughlin
Eusebio Zepeda Gonzalez  Jack Scheuermann

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

Dick and Paulie Alles  Francis and Judith Hartigan
Artemisia Club          Jacquie Hettinger
Pat Boden               Douglas and Lorrie Keltie
Mary Getto Carter      Della Bianchi Lee and family
Churchill County Federal Credit Union  Clifton McLaughlin
Bill and Bunny Corkill  James and Margaret Perazzo
Carol Galantuomini   Ruth Fitz Pintar
Pat Getto               James and Elaine Starr
Baldo and Sandra Giorgi  Bub and Patsy Weaver

Be sure and check out and like our facebook page. Photo Curator Barbara Hodges treats us to a new image nearly every day,

This image of Bob’s Root-beer Stand was the most popular during the last year.

https://www.facebook.com/ChurchillCountyMuseum/
Are You Planning on Estate Planning?

A couple of months ago, your museum association was honored to receive a sizeable bequest from respected community citizens, and sisters, Maie and Meryl Nygren! The gift is so very appreciated! With the funds, the Board of Directors will be able to do many new and exciting museum projects over the next few years. So many needs to fill!

The Nygren sisters have spent a Fallon lifetime helping the community with their time and their volunteer spirit. This awesome facility has been on the receiving end of their volunteerism since the museum's inception, and now, after their passing their legacy continues! What a life and what a story! This generous gift was all because of the sisters’ precise and careful estate planning.

This is a great time for all of us to follow their lead and to be sure that each of us have authored Will, (or Trust), so that our intentions will be honored once our time has come. You should know that a Will can be a very simple and affordable document. Wills do not need to be complicated and long. The simpler the better… the better for you, your family, your friends, and your beneficiaries. While a Will does not avoid the Nevada probate process, it does insure that your requests will be satisfied. This week, call your favorite attorney and ask to discuss with you, the benefits of a Will. Ask about the savings of time and money that a Will provides to those you'll be looking down upon.

Let’s break these myths;

I’m too old for a Will! False and False. We are not in control of our time here on earth. Do it for your family and friends. It will save them time and money settling your estate. Don’t allow your estate to be their burden.

I can’t afford it! False. Wills do not have to be long and complicated. They just need to be properly executed. Wills can be a few paragraphs, on a single page! It doesn’t get much easier than that!

I don’t have enough assets that matter! My estate is too small! False and False. All of us have those special photos, a ring or a necklace, or a favorite book, or a watch. A Will is not about money. A Will is about your possessions and life collections, ending up in the specific hands of those you love.

I don’t have time! False. Maybe you don’t, but, your attorney does! Authoring a Will is fast and easy. (Wills can even be written by hand in your handwriting, but we’ll save that for another time. Ask your legal professional for details.)

I don’t need a Will because I’m married! False. We have all been devastated before, by learning of couples that have passed at the same time due to accidents.

I don’t need a Will because I’m single! False. More than once a single person’s possessions have been the subject of a free-for-all pillage of their possessions because “they’re single.” You be in charge! Get your possessions into possession of those you love, … those you like, or … those in need!

What’s your excuse?
Gracing the front cover is the new Churchill County Museum logo. Designed by Churchill High School student Phoebe Cornu, you will soon see it gracing all our branded materials, from letterhead to merchandise. As you are no doubt aware, the museum sponsored a contest in the fall for a logo and the challenge was met by a number of talented artists many of whom were students of Eileen Haugen an art teacher at CCHS. It was a difficult choice as the Board sifted through the scores of submissions. Phoebe described her logo as an effort to “create something simple and uncomplicated that represents the museum.” Our thanks to all who participated.

Thanks to everyone – including Santa and his Elves for attending the Museum’s Holiday Open House. Over 230 folks were here to meet Santa and listen to the Tintabulations handbell ensemble. Education Curator Jennifer Jones also coordinated activities for the kids and kudos to the staff and volunteers who decorated the museum.

It has been a season of change here at the museum. After 5 years Margo Weldy has left her position at the front desk of the museum to act as primary care giver of her mother. Brianna Schwab was recently hired to fill the Museum Assistant position, so if you are out and about on a Saturday or Sunday stop in and say hello. As the new kid on the block, I am amazed at the commitment of the museum’s staff – we have over 120 years experience among our small staff.

I also join the board and staff in mourning the loss of Jack Scheuermann, longtime volunteer and board and committee member. I think Bunny has captured the feelings of all of us in her tribute to Jack.

The museum recently received a significant legacy from the Myrl and Maie Nygren Trust. The Nygren sisters were longtime supporters of the museum as well as women of extraordinary achievement. Their gift will serve as the basis for future projects at the museum. We will be featuring the Nygren’s story in an upcoming newsletter so stay tuned. We are also working to add their biographies to the Nevada women’s history archive as well.

I share Photography Curator Barbara Hodges’ enthusiasm for the work of Phil Harrison as he has patiently scanned volumes of local newspapers on our behalf. I look forward to the day that our newspapers will be online and searchable. If you would like to help us with this project let me know.

The coming lecture series looks to be an interesting one, where we will have local collectors and hobbyists talk about their collections and interests. I am sure that you will want to attend this interesting and informational series.
"There’s Something Fishy in the Discovery Room!" That’s our theme for this month in the Discovery Room. If you visit the museum in March, you can learn what are game fish in Nevada, see some ‘close-ups’ of a variety of fish, make a fish pencil-rubbing, and even craft a fish of your own! Each month there will be a new theme in the Discovery room, and each Wednesday a new self-directed activity. There’s always something fun for all ages to do in the Discovery Room. Next month’s theme: “Plants, Pollen & Flowers – it’s Spring!”

This year at the Block-of-the-Month Lunch we are learning a new (to most of us) quilting technique: applique. These blocks are turning out beautifully, and since they are ‘calendar blocks’ they can be finished/displayed in a variety of ways: count-down holiday quilts, wall hangings, and with the additional numbers, a date-calendar. We are happy to have Joey Brown as our Workmen Farms quilting instructor, she is always there to answer our questions and help when we need it. This class is for (very) beginning sewers to experts, and you can start at any time. More information, and the supply list, can be found on our website or on Facebook. Please be sure to reserve your spot by visiting the museum’s front desk to register. The Block-of-the-Month Lunch meets in the Dodge-Fitz Changing Exhibit Gallery each month on the third Wednesday.

Recently the 2nd and 3rd graders from Logos Christian Academy stopped by. They have been reading Laura Ingalls Wilder’s book, Little House on the Prairie, and wanted to see a few of the museum’s artifacts that Laura mentions. At a workshop in the Discovery Room, the students ‘churned’ their own butter by shaking individual cups of cream. They were very excited as the cream finally passed the whipped cream stage and turned into butter. They then tried their hand at spool knitting. Spool knitting (also known as French knitting or corking) is a traditional way of teaching the principles of knitting. It involves a row of nails hammered around the center opening of a wooden spool; as the knitting progresses a yarn tube will form through the spool’s opening. While everyone agreed it’s going to take more practice, many students may one day be expert knitters.

The 2017 Spring Lecture Series “Hobbies & Collectibles” is almost here. Trains, Stamps, the Civil War, and Bottles – a small glimpse into the fascinating world of hobbies and collectors. Would you like to be a part of it? The Churchill County Museum is looking for local collectors – collections of any sort – who would like to add to the show. For more details, please call Jennifer Jones at (775) 423-3677 or email education@ccmuseum.org. We know you’re out there!
The Block-of-the-Month Lunch!

Every 3rd Wednesday at the Churchill County Museum

12:00 Noon: Eat your sack lunch, visit with your neighbor, set up your space or start any month! All sewing levels are welcome - from beginning to advanced!

12:30 - 2:30: Class with Workman's Quilting Instructor

Fabric and pattern provided by Workman Farms - featuring "Art to Heart: Count On It!"

Supplies Needed:
- Neutral Thread
- Pins
- Rotary Cutter
- Scissors
- Marking Pencil
- Sewing Machine
- 6x12 or 12.5 sq. ruler
- Optional: An Applique Pressing Sheet, a variety of contrasting threads, and a sack lunch!

Reserve your spot now - seating is limited!

Only $15 per month for CCMA members! ($20 for non-members)

Pay at the Museum's front desk.

The Churchill County Museum is located at 1050 South Maine Street, Fallon, NV. For additional information please call (775) 423-8677 or visit our website: ccmmuseum.org.
This past quarter the Photo Department said goodbye to our John Walker/Lehman Cave exhibit and opened a new photographic exhibit: Beware the Pogonip. This icy anomaly is absolutely amazing to those of us who were not raised in the West, or more specifically the Lahontan Valley. Three local photographers have charmed us with their unique photographs: Pogonip as seen through their lenses. We believe these images, combined with our new printer/technology that allows us to enlarge and enhance them, and with the imaginative display created from old window frames, will charm you, too. If you have not yet viewed the display, do stop by soon. Like all good things, it, too, will soon be gone.

We have also seen the completion of a major preservation projects: the Inman-Weaver photo collection donated by Carol and Louis Cote. Thanks to the financial support of Anita Falen, granddaughter of Beulah Weaver Inman, this collection has now been completely reviewed, scanned, identified where possible, and recorded in the museum software database – a process which will provide both access and preservation to the record of one family's time in the Lahontan Valley. Lead on this project has been Brianna Schwab, longtime volunteer and our newest CCMA staff member.

Understanding how, when and why our photo images have been and/or are currently being used is one of the focuses of this department. To that end, volunteer Judy Sherr has been diligently entering data into the museum’s software/database – and correcting entries as she goes. At some point, we expect to have a fully detailed report of the photographic collection use in personal, community, and countrywide events and publications.

The historic newspaper scanning/preservation project is moving forward again. This quarter we have been joined by volunteer Phil Harrison and his efforts have been monumental. Thanks to Phil, we have completed scans of Fallon newspapers for “The War Years, 1941-1945”. The next part of the process is creating an OCR/PDF version of the scans – in which researchers will be able to search for specific subjects and quickly locate them. This will be easily accomplished by what is known as a “string search” in which you type in your search term and tell the program to “find”. Voila. Results are at your fingertips. Genealogists will love this, as will historical researchers, but the real value is in our ability to provide both access and preservation. Each newspaper issue, once scanned, is placed in archival, acid free storage, and removed from continual use and abuse. These 50-100 year old newspapers will last well into another 100 years for future generations to enjoy.

Facebook continues to be of interest to many of our patrons – and is making new friends for the museum through social media. A new historical photograph is posted most days and seem to be popular with our Facebook friends. The community, both current and former Fallon residents, share their stories and knowledge through posts – to the enjoyment of all. These posts often leads to identification and/or correction of the museum’s information regarding past events and people. This has truly been a win-win-win proposition that extends the reach of the museum.

The Most Popular Facebook Post this Year, Maine Street, 1907
David Lumos, Nancy Sanders Stewart, and Yvonne Arciniega Sutherland have diligently continued researching the Fallon newspapers, CCHS Lahontan yearbooks and personal interviews—memories, to glean names, facts, and figures applying to CCHS athletes who might qualify for induction into the Greenwave Athletic Hall of Fame. Plans are underway to announce and honor the first class of inductees at the CCHS Football Homecoming game – 2017.

If you interested in learning more about the HoF and how to nominate an athlete to be recognized, 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. Please go to the HoF website … greenwavehalloffame.com … to get more details. Here at the Museum, Bunny can make you a copy of an official nomination form so you may nominate an individual athlete, a team, a coach, a contest official, or a contributor.

Congratulations to the 2017 CCHS Girls’ Basketball team for winning State! You will join the Hall of Fame in 2027!

**Save the Date: August 19, 2017**

**Fallon Churchill County Community Reunion**

The Fallon/Churchill All Community Reunion committee is compiling a list of addresses of members of the CCHS classes of 1947-1949. These graduates will receive a special invitation to attend the reunion and receive a certificate of recognition from the City of Fallon.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the following graduates, please contact Bunny at 775-423-3677:

- Reed Robinson – Fresno, CA
- Margaret Sharkey Leshikar – Battle Mountain, NV
- Coleen Barton Chapman – Farmerville, LA
- Veronica Cornu – Auburn, CA
- Coleen Conlan Dougherty – San Jose, CA
- Dayne Howard – Leeds, Utah
- Anita Mussi Eckman
- Charles Junior Palmquist
- Mildred Prouty Faupel – San Jose, CA
- Jack Ricord – Grand Junction, CO
- Jim Wilson – Carson City, NV
- Jean Crook Lance – Gilroy, CA
- Tom Karren – Bend, OR
- Jim Lilly – Orangevale, CA
Mamie Garrison Buhlig will be contacting the members of the classes of 1950 – 1952. The class of 1957 is making plans for their 60th reunion. They will host a “Meet-greet-rest” area at the Museum, with tables and chairs, for all reunion participants.

Research Requests:

George Nolte of Grass Valley, California, came to visit and to learn how to go about recording Oral Histories. His dream is to visit Nevada ranching families and record “Great Basin” ranching histories and legends of the “out – back.”

Lauri Dickinson of Rocklin, California, requested information on her grandparents, Ida and Alf Stenerson, and her father Alfred W. Stenerson. Alf operated a saloon on Maine Street and Ida worked in a bakery. After Alf passed away, Ida married a former Fallonite, Jim Ahern, and lived out her life in Reno. Lauri mentioned that a family friend, Ken Fox, who she said graduated from local schools, is 90 years old and doing well.

Kevin Coate of Port Ludlow, Washington, son of former Fallon resident, Alice Facha Coate, requested copies of obituaries pertaining to his Facha family – Alfred Ventura [1887-1972], Anna [1896-1994] and Freddy [1927 – 2009]. Alice, who lives in Bonney Lake, WA, is a member of the CCHS Class of 1949 but will be unable to attend the All-Community reunion.

In Memorium:

Ernest William Blair, son of Ernie and Minnie Blair passed away 14 December 2016 in Pasadena, CA. A native of Tonopah, Bill grew up in Fallon. Following his graduation from CCHS Bill served in the military, married his sweetheart, Margaret Crehore, and moved on to a life of many accomplishments. A man of a million interests, he packed two average lifetimes of adventures into his ninety-four years. Bill’s mother, Minnie, owned the Atlasta Ranch turkey enterprise and later, with her daughter Helen Millward, the Spudnut restaurant.

It is with tears in my eyes, gratitude on my lips, and love in my heart, that I remember our dear friend, Jack Scheuermann, who left us 21 February 2017 for a higher realm.

Twenty-nine years ago, John Henry “Jack” and Georgine Scheuermann pulled up their California roots and moved to Fallon to begin a new chapter in their lives. St. John’s Lutheran Church became their spiritual home. Here they formed a close friendship with Dan and Jennie Luke, dedicated museum volunteers. Shortly, at Dan’s encouragement, Jack became an indispensable member of the museum family.

He served on the Board of Directors, was a member of the Accessions Committee and an “all-around handy-fix-it-man.” Through his expertise from having worked for years in the glass industry and his love for automobiles, his advice and opinions were highly regarded. We have lost count of the number of items, in varying degrees of disrepair, that he took home and after performing his magic, returned them in displayable condition. We so admired his devotion to his work and his many talents.

For a number of years, Georgine graciously served the public as a museum hostess and as a couple they have faithfully supported the museum financially, physically and spiritually. They came to Fallon for “the clean air and small community life.” Thank you, Jack and Georgine, you have given this town more than you could possibly have received in return!
**Become a Member**  
**or**  
**Renew your Membership**  
**to the Churchill County Museum**

Your memberships help the Churchill County Museum Association by providing funds to publish this newsletter, aid in artifact and archival preservation and help expand the historical and interpretive programs for our community.

**Membership Benefits**

- Receive Four Newsletter per year
- 10% discount on most items in the Museum Store (20% during our annual sale in November & December)
- Invitations and special notice to Museum events

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In the Dodge Fitz Gallery

Don't Miss this Exhibit
Before it Melts Away!

Beware the Pogonip

Photos by
Paulie Alles
Wes Hodges
Ginger Urquhart

Photo by Wes Hodges
Upcoming Events

MARCH
March 11 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum
March 15 Block of the Month Quilting Lunch
March 25 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum
March 28 Spring Lecture Series 6:30 pm

APRIL
April 4 Spring Lecture Series 6:30 pm
April 8 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum
April 11 Spring Lecture Series 6:30 pm
April 18 Spring Lecture Series 6:30 pm
April 19 Block of the Month Lunch
April 22 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum

MAY
May 7 The 12th Annual Ladies Luncheon 1:00 pm
May 17 Block of the Month Lunch
May 12 Opening Reception: Beautiful Churchill County and Beyond
    Photos by Light and Shadow Photographers 7pm
May 13 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum

JUNE
June 10 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum
June 10 CCMA Annual Meeting 6:30 pm
June 21 Block of the Month Lunch
June 24 Hidden Cave Tour begin 9:30 am at the Museum

THE GREY, THE BLUE...THE WOMEN
WOMEN SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Mark your Calendar
for the
12th Annual
Churchill County Museum
Ladies Luncheon
Sunday May 7th 2017 1:30pm
Tickets: $25
Available only in advance at the
Churchill County Museum
1050 S. Maine St.
Fallon NV 89406

Frances Louisa Clayton
“Jack Williams”

CCMA Board member, Jennie Mader will speak on women soldiers of the Civil War. It is thought that over 4,000 women dressed as men and became soldiers. Jennie will introduce some of these heroic women to you. Tickets available at the Museum. Seating Limited.
Santa and his elves set up shop in the lobby of the museum for our Holiday open house. They were joined by the Tintabulations who rang in the holiday season at the museum.
**Museum Hours**

**March 1st-November 31**
- Tuesday- Saturday 10am-5pm
- Sunday 10am-3pm
- Closed Mondays

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