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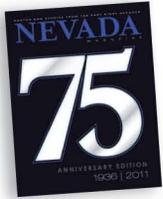
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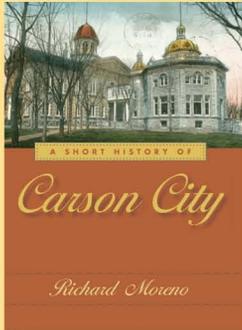
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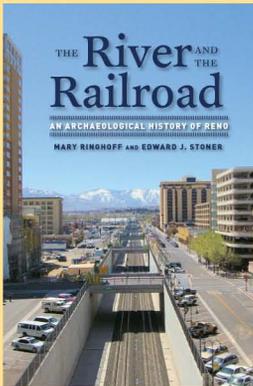
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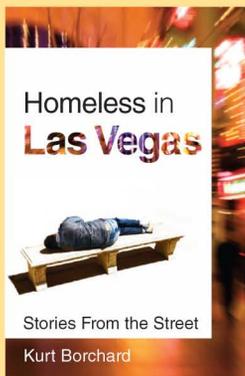


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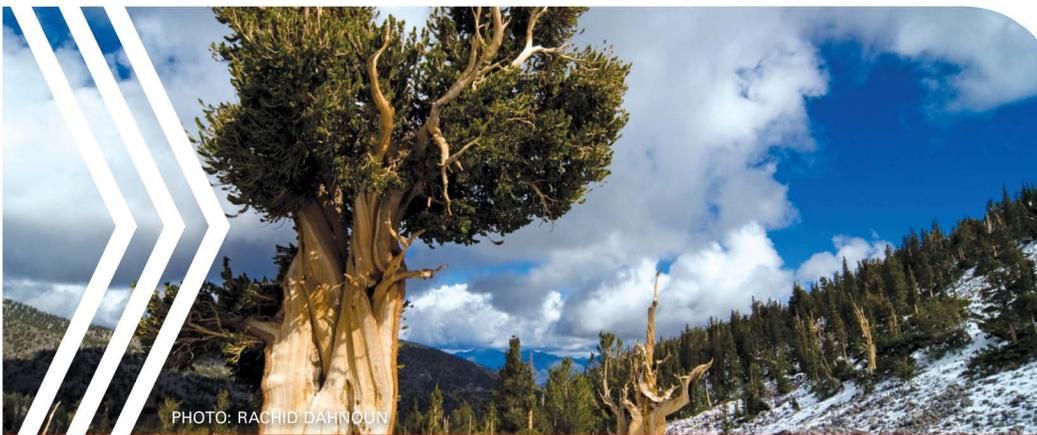


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## NEVADAMAGAZINE.COM

- ▶ There are few natural gems more iconic of Nevada and the Great Basin than the **bristlecone pine** (above), considered the oldest living organism on the planet. Photos & Story By Rachid Dahoun
- ▶ Speaking of icons, late last year vandals cut down the **shoe tree** on U.S. Highway 50. We have compiled a number of comments about the beloved tree from residents and visitors.
- ▶ Nevada now claims the country's largest privately owned mint, **Northwest Territorial Mint** in Dayton. Read about our tour of the facilities and the minting of silver bullion and custom coins.
- ▶ It took Carson City's **Paul Sebesta** five years and 80,000 miles to see and document every **historical marker** in the Silver State.

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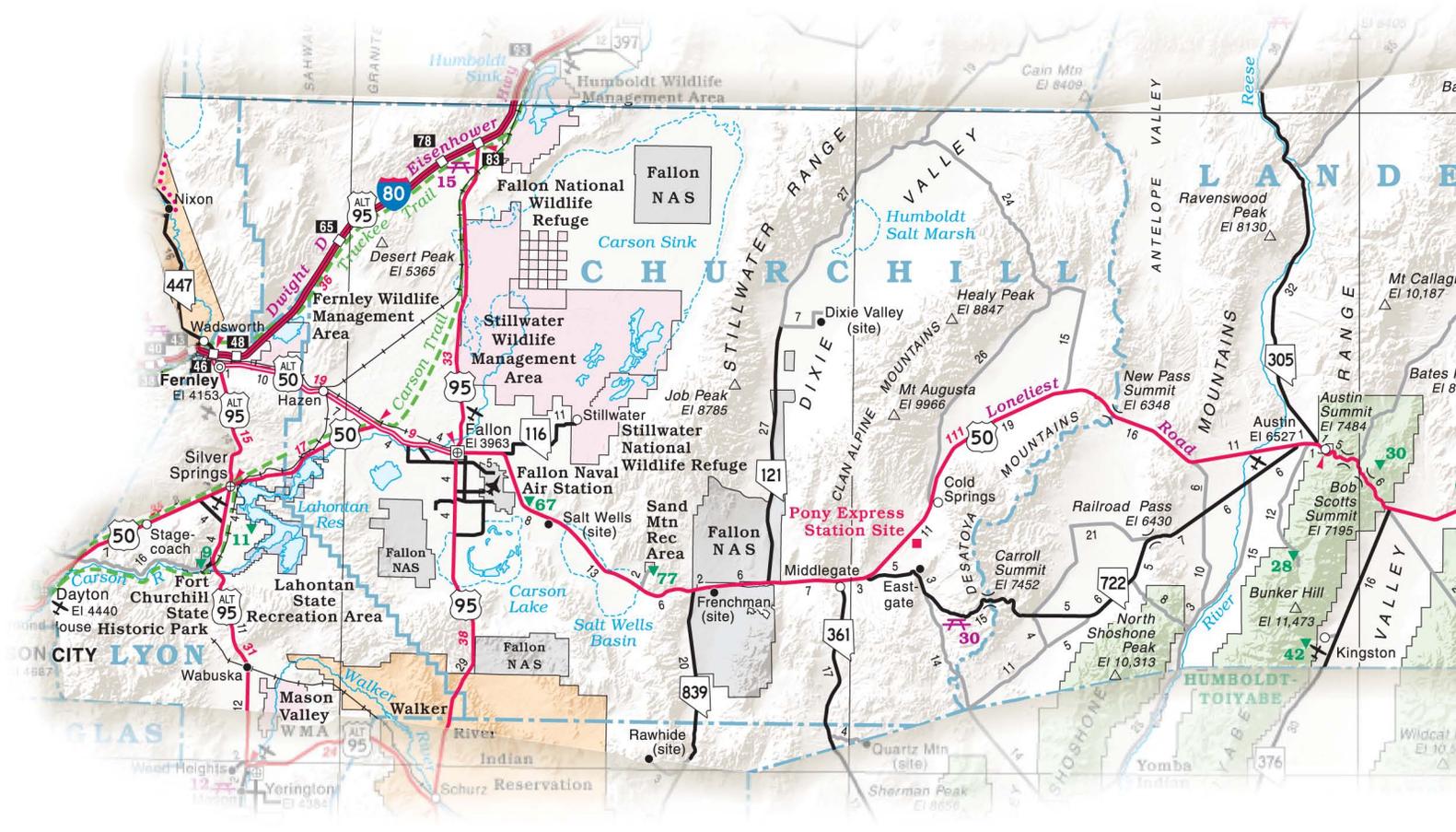
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## FEATURED VIDEO

**Nevada Ghost Towns:** Visit our YouTube page to see video and stills from our July 2010 tour of several blasts from the Silver State's mining past such as Belmont, Berlin, Candelaria, Hamilton, Lone, Manhattan, and Tybo.



editor's note

# we salute the shoe tree

On New Year's Eve, most of us find ourselves singing and humming along to "Auld Lang Syne." The first line of the melody—"Should old acquaintance be forgot..."—is the most recognizable.

I couldn't help but think of those five words when I heard the sad news upon returning to my office from the holiday break on January 3. A few days earlier, before the New Year, vandals cut down the beloved U.S. Highway 50 landmark, the shoe tree. At the time we sent this issue to press, the Churchill County sheriff's office was still investigating the vandalism.

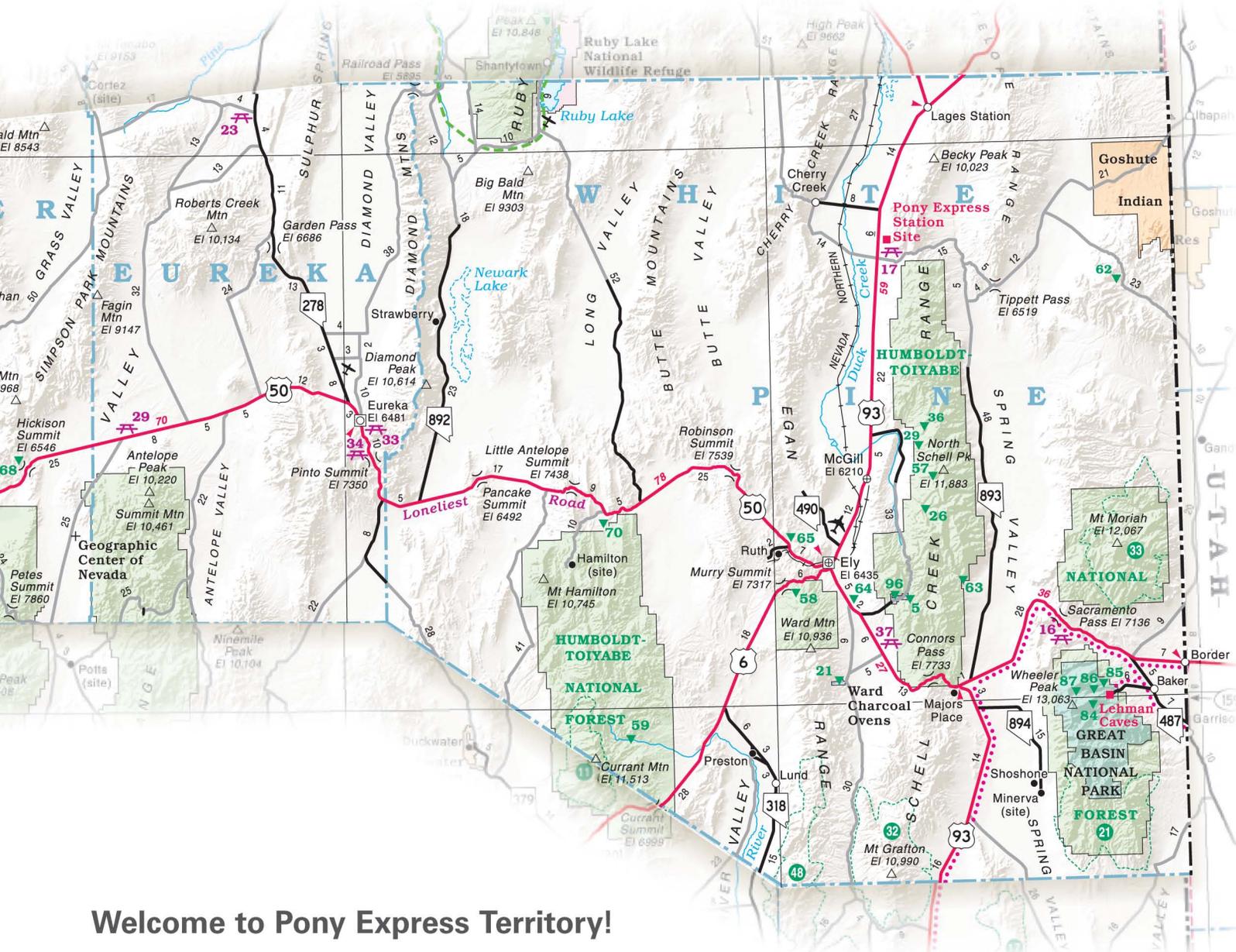
In general, the news hurt, but it was a double stomach-punch on the eve of this, our Pony Express Territory Special Edition. To pay tribute to the felled tree, we dedicate this issue's "Your Nevada" (page 80) to its memory. Also, you can find a number of public comments about the tree, compiled from Facebook and other social-media sites, on our website by clicking on "Web Extras." You will discover—if you haven't already—how important the tree was to some residents and visitors (for the record, we do understand the sentiments of those who viewed footwear hanging from a tree as distasteful).

With respect to an old acquaintance, please enjoy this homage to Nevada's Pony Express Territory, a continuation of our 75th-anniversary celebration of 2011. Look for "Reflections" in most stories, and remember that you can order our 75th-Anniversary Edition at [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com), or by calling 775-687-0603.

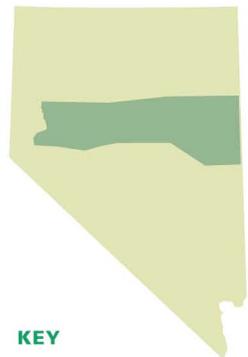


RURAL ROUNDUP (2008)

Matthew B. Brown, Editor



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## Welcome to Pony Express Territory!

This edition of *Nevada Magazine* focuses on the Pony Express Territory, our 17-million-acre, Old West history and high-desert museum that follows U.S. Highway 50, the east-west corridor through the heart of Nevada, paralleling the route brave Pony Express riders took through the state to deliver mail from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento from 1860 to 1861.

Highway 50 is “The Loneliest Road in America” and offers one of the best ways to experience Nevada, its high-desert scenery, and the fascinating people and places that define the Silver State.

In addition to historic towns such as Dayton, Fernley, Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Ely, and Baker, travelers’ rewards include unique dining, historical lodging, boutique shopping, rock art, ghost towns, and Great Basin National Park, home to the oldest living organism on earth: the bristlecone pine.

Visit [ponyexpressnevada.com](http://ponyexpressnevada.com) to plan your trip. Pick up *The Official Highway 50 Survival Guide*, have it stamped in communities along the way, and receive an “I Survived the Loneliest Road in America” certificate from the Nevada Commission on Tourism. I think you’ll find a visit to the Pony Express Territory memorable and fun, and not at all lonely!

Warm Regards,

**Rick Gray**

Pony Express Territory Chair

Note: Read this issue’s Letters to the Editor at [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).



◆ In February, Dolce Hotels & Resorts opened **Ravella at Lake Las Vegas** at the site of the former Ritz-Carlton. The Tuscan-inspired resort includes the 30,000-square-foot Spa at Ravella, Medici Café and Terrace, Firenze Lobby Lounge, and more than 300 upscale rooms and suites. [ravellavegas.com](http://ravellavegas.com), 888-810-0440

◆ A Las Vegas-area teenager known by the nickname “Pee Wee” was charged in January for vandalizing ancient rock art in **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**. Federal authorities are charging the tagger under the U.S. Archaeological Resources Protection Act, a felony that carries a penalty of up to \$100,000 and five years in prison. [redrockcanyonlv.org](http://redrockcanyonlv.org)

◆ The U.S. Department of the Interior recently approved the **Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project** in Nye County near Tonopah. The 110-megawatt SolarReserve LLC plant will generate about 450 jobs, and construction is expected to start around the middle of the year. [solarreserve.com](http://solarreserve.com)

#### LYON COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL

◆ 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of Lyon County, which includes storied Pony Express Territory towns such as Dayton and Fernley. One of the original Nevada counties created in 1861, it was named for General Nathaniel Lyon, a Civil War casualty. The county will celebrate the occasion throughout the year during such events as the Carson & Colorado Railroad Depot Jamboree, April 30-May 1. Yerington will soon celebrate a milestone of its own—100 years ago in May, it was named the Lyon County Seat. [lyon-county.org](http://lyon-county.org), 775-463-6531



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#### ADVENTURE

### Go West (or East) on the American Discovery Trail



From the Pony Express Trail and Overland Stage Route to the Lincoln Highway and “The Loneliest Road in America,” crossing the wild expanses of central Nevada has become a national obsession and literal rite of passage. In a throwback to the earliest paths across the region, Nevada’s portion of the American Discovery Trail—a 6,000-mile-plus path that traverses the United States coast-to-coast from California to Delaware—follows dirt paths over terrain that typifies the Great Basin.

According to Ted Oxborrow, the ADT’s Nevada Coordinator, many who have completed the entire route praise Nevada’s section as the most enjoyable miles of the trip. The trail, originally conceived in 1989 and developed gradually since, is intended for hikers, horseback riders, and cyclists, and portions of the route can be traveled on cross-country skis or snowshoes during winter months.

A handful of events this summer aim to take advantage of the trail through Nevada. In July, ultramarathon runner Brian Stark will attempt to run the entire Nevada section from east to west; in August, 20-plus horsemen and women will attempt to cross Nevada via the ADT; and a seniors hike across the state and trans-Nevada motorcycle expedition are planned. [discoverytrail.org](http://discoverytrail.org), 800-663-2387

In keeping with the fascination in routes through the central section of the state, a handful of diehard Nevada enthusiasts have made and continue to make their own tracks across the Silver State via mountain bike. Later this year (September 10-20), in cooperation with the ADT and state and federal agencies, Mountain Bike Nevada is taking 50 adventurers on an 11-day, nearly 500-mile expedition. The American Discovery Trail Bike Route, which follows much of the ADT’s Nevada section, crosses through six state parks and over 16 of Nevada’s most picturesque mountain ranges. The fully supported ride starts on Lake Tahoe’s famed Flume Trail and concludes near Great Basin National Park in the town of Baker. [mtbikenevada.com](http://mtbikenevada.com)

#### WILDLIFE

### Go Fish

The Nevada Department of Wildlife recently finalized its fish-stocking numbers for 2011 and 2012. In the next two years, almost 2.4 million fish will be stocked in Nevada’s lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and streams. The fish species being released include brown, Lahontan cutthroat, tiger, and rainbow trout and bowcutts.

NDOW, which operates three hatcheries statewide, recently closed its Lake Mead Hatchery due to the lake’s infestation by quagga mussels and record drought conditions. Due to pressure put on other hatcheries by the closure, NDOW will stop stocking Lakes Mead and Mohave beginning in fall 2011, but it hopes to bring the closed hatchery back online in 2012 with a new system that will provide cooler water and a filtration system to remove the mussels. [ndow.org](http://ndow.org), 775-688-1500

CONSERVATION

## Nevada Gets By with a Little Help from Its Friends

Since its founding in 1984, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has been instrumental in helping preserve more than 3 million acres of wilderness in the Silver State. The nonprofit organization aids Nevada's public lands through outreach and educational programs and wilderness stewardship such as restoration and monitoring the state's wild places.

In 2010, Friends of Nevada Wilderness recruited more than 1,000 volunteers to complete more than 100 restoration and monitoring projects and was awarded the Golden Pinecone award for outstanding nonprofit organization. In 2008, the Forest Service awarded Friends of Nevada Wilderness the Bob Marshall Group Champion of Wilderness Stewardship Award, one of the agency's most prestigious honors. Friends of Nevada Wilderness also produces an annual "Wild Nevada" calendar. [nevadawilderness.org](http://nevadawilderness.org), 775-324-7667

RESORT

## Facelift for Genoa's David Walley's Hot Springs

David Walley's Hot Springs Resort & Spa is a Carson Valley staple. Founded in 1862, the destination is the oldest resort in Nevada. In 2010, the property was purchased by Summerwinds Resort Services of Branson, Missouri. The first changes brought about by the new ownership are already being enjoyed in the recently renovated David Walley's Restaurant and Saloon, which now features maple-wood floors, leather seating, and a new menu with Wagyu beef and more exotic fare such as bison and rattlesnake. Future plans for the resort include renovating existing timeshare and rental units and the construction of up to 100 new units. The hot springs themselves are slated for a new roof at the spa and new plumbing throughout. [davidwalleysresort.com](http://davidwalleysresort.com), 775-782-8155; [summerwindsresorts.com](http://summerwindsresorts.com), 800-699-3250



THE DISTINCTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 50 THROUGH NEVADA AS "THE LONELIEST ROAD IN AMERICA" IS TRULY A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE, AS TRAFFIC VARIES DRASTICALLY ALONG THE ROUTE. ACCORDING TO THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN 2009, A SCANT

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MOTORISTS PLIED THE HIGHWAY DAILY IN SOUTH CARSON CITY.

CASINOS

## Not Your Typical Vending Machine

In January, the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas debuted the Gold to go ATM. The vending machine dispenses 24-karat gold bars in weights ranging from one gram to one ounce and coins pressed with the Golden Nugget logo. Prices are updated every 10 minutes to reflect the most current value of gold. The gold ATM is the second such machine in the country; the other is in Boca Raton, Florida. [goldennugget.com](http://goldennugget.com), 800-634-3454

# NEVADA news

◆ The nonprofit **Las Vegas Marching Arts** is a group dedicated to supporting youth-based music programs in Southern Nevada with an emphasis on brass, percussion, vocal, and dance. LVMA aims to “fill the gaps in music education left by budget cuts in the Clark County School District Secondary Fine Arts programs.” A unique funding source of LVMA is Firetruck Rentals LV—a firetruck that can be rented in Las Vegas for special events—owned and operated by Joseph Manore and Randy Warner. [lasvegasmarchingarts.org/firetruck.htm](http://lasvegasmarchingarts.org/firetruck.htm), 928-767-4895

◆ Caesars Entertainment Las Vegas Resorts have expanded their dog-friendly **PetStay program** to include eight resorts: Caesars Palace, Imperial Palace, Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, Paris Las Vegas, Harrah’s Las Vegas, Bally’s Las Vegas, and Flamingo Las Vegas. The program includes treats, food and water dishes, pet mats, maps of dog-walking routes, and on-site designated relief areas. [petstaylasvegas.com](http://petstaylasvegas.com), 800-427-7247

◆ Las Vegas’ iconic **Stratosphere** Casino, Hotel, and Tower recently completed a more-than-\$20-million renovation. Guests will notice the changes immediately upon arrival at the remodeled hotel entrance with a new VIP lounge. The casino floor has received new carpeting and a facelift, and redesigned rooms provide the best in affordable luxury. Resort restaurants such as the Buffet, Roxy’s Diner, and Top of the World have also been reinvented under the leadership of a new executive chef. [stratospherehotel.com](http://stratospherehotel.com), 800-998-6937

## EVENTS

### Silver State Goes Emerald on St. Patrick’s Day

Few states know how to party quite like Nevada, and few parties draw revelers quite like St. Patrick’s Day. And the two go together like corned beef and cabbage. Green beer and not-so-convincing Irish brogues abound in festivities around the Silver State, from city pubs and street festivals to rural parades.

Las Vegas’ newest homage to the Emerald Isle, **Rí Rá Irish Pub** inside The Shoppes at Mandalay Place, opens its doors March 17. Visitors to the authentic Irish pub are greeted by an 8-foot-tall, 500-pound statue of St. Patrick dating to 1850, an authentic 1880s Victorian bar, and other 19th-century artifacts, all imported from Ireland. The pub features live entertainment seven nights a week and traditional Irish fare with American influences served for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. [rira.com](http://rira.com)



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last into the evening. [jwlasvegasresort.com](http://jwlasvegasresort.com), 702-869-7725

March 17-20 at the Henderson Events Plaza, the City of Henderson hosts the 45th annual Southern Nevada Sons of Erin St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Festival. The parade starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19, and the family-friendly festival features a carnival, rides, two stages with live entertainment, and a car show. [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 877-775-5252

Not to be outdone, Northern Nevada is awash with green-hued spirit as well after the ides of March. Foley’s Irish Pub (775-829-8500) in Reno features drink specials and merriment, and Rapscaillon Seafood House & Bar, also in Reno, hosts a popular St. Patrick’s Day street festival. [rapscallion.com](http://rapscallion.com), 775-323-1211

Perhaps the most unique March 17th celebration in Nevada takes place in Virginia City, where a St. Patrick’s Day Parade coincides with the annual Mountain Oyster Fry—for the uninitiated, mountain oysters are sheep testicles. [visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com), 800-718-7587

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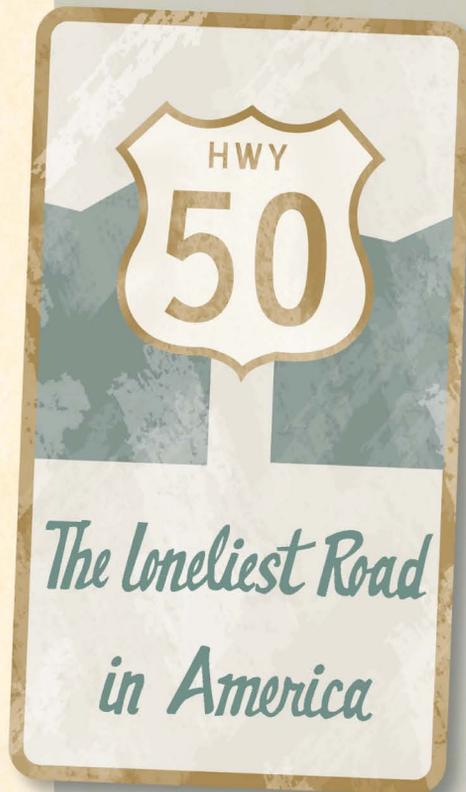
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# "LONELY" PERSPECTIVES

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## HOW DID IT BECOME SO "LONELY"?

It was 25 years ago that *Life* magazine, in its July 1986 issue, designated U.S. Highway 50 across central Nevada "The Loneliest Road in America." An AAA representative said, "It's totally empty. There are no points of interest. We don't recommend it."

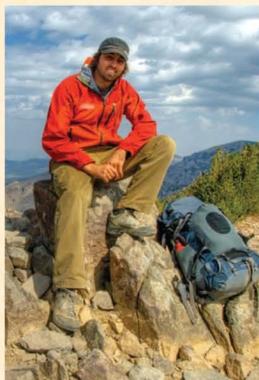
CYCLING



### HUGH QUALLS

"While doing the usual middle-aged guy thing of contemplating my existence and time remaining, I figured that a challenge was the answer," Qualls says. "A solo trip across Nevada became the goal."

DRIVING



### RACHID DAHNOUN

"Ultimately, my goal is—through my photos—to create a personal journal of life that takes us off the beaten path," says Dahnoun, a South Lake Tahoe resident who recently drove across U.S. Highway 50.

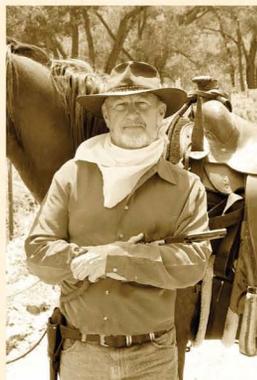
MOTORCYCLING



### BOB BECK

Beck and his wife, Nancy, from Enid, Oklahoma, completed their motorcycle ride across U.S. Highway 50 in summer 2009. "[Nevada's] loneliest road was a fun ride with many memories associated with it," he says.

HORSEBACK



### GARY C. RIDENOUR

"Few Nevadans can brag that they have carried the mail for the Pony Express. My friend, Ralph Michka, and I entered that elite group 150 years later," says Ridenour, who participated in the 2010 sesquicentennial re-ride.

WALKING



### JONATHON STALLS

"Since living in Ireland and visiting Honduras and swapping life stories with many travelers, I have craved an adventure that would challenge my daily activities, expectations, and priorities," says Stalls, who recently walked across the country.



U.S. Highway 50 (looking southwest toward Majors Place)

PHOTO: JERRY OSBORN

## CYCLING

BY HUGH QUALLS

A little more than 400 miles, 12 summit passes, and six days to do it. I would make it or die trying. In battling headwinds (as I would five of the six days), that death nearly came on the first day. My family and friends dropped me off near the Utah border, about a mile from the Border Inn on “The Loneliest Road in America,” U.S. Highway 50.

My pre-trip calculations made it all sound so easy: average 8 mph, and each day’s destination would be reached with minimal effort. Not considered in my faulty reasoning were the prevailing winds, almost always blowing from the west. Near the top of my first summit, Sacramento

Pass, I had my initial encounter with the angry wind god, as I came to know him.

### DAY 2

Good friends and a good night’s rest in Ely worked wonders. The next morning, Labor Day (September 6) 2010, I was up early and eager to pedal all the way to Eureka. Yesterday’s misery was forgotten—at least mentally. My back, legs, and hands were sore, but I hoped that would pass after a few minutes on the road. I figured the only way this trip would succeed was if I kept moving, working through the agony, discomfort, and pain.

Eureka turned out to be quite popular the evening I coasted in—no vacancies. I was too tired to put up my tent and wanted a long hot shower. The merciful proprietors of the Best Western must have

taken pity on me (no doubt I was pitiful looking) when they opened the historic Jackson House Hotel, built in 1877. Good food at the local Mexican restaurant and a few beers brightened my mood, and I slept well that night.

### DAY 3

After a quick breakfast provided by the pleasant hotel hosts, I was on the road early for the next leg to Austin, about 70 miles. Fall was two weeks away but certainly in the air. I put all my layers on and pedaled west, thinking about a moment of ugliness the previous day. As I was about to begin the long, steep climb up Pinto Summit, trying to avoid the shoulder rumble strip and soft sand just to its right, an old pickup passed by much too close. The truck slowed as it veered in front of

me. The passenger stuck his upper body out the window as he unloaded a tirade my direction. What I could understand, heavily sprinkled with profanity, was that I was a traffic hazard (my words) and to stay off the road. Believe me, I very much wanted to be off the road at that moment.

## DAY 4

I was coming off a good night's sleep in my ultra-light backpacker tent; my only neighbors the previous night at Bob Scott Campground were a few singing coyotes in the distance and a couple of bats darting about in the moonlight. The night started out clear, then clouded up—a sign of things to come this day. It was a warm morning due to the cloud cover, but, as I made coffee, it was certain that riding in the rain awaited.

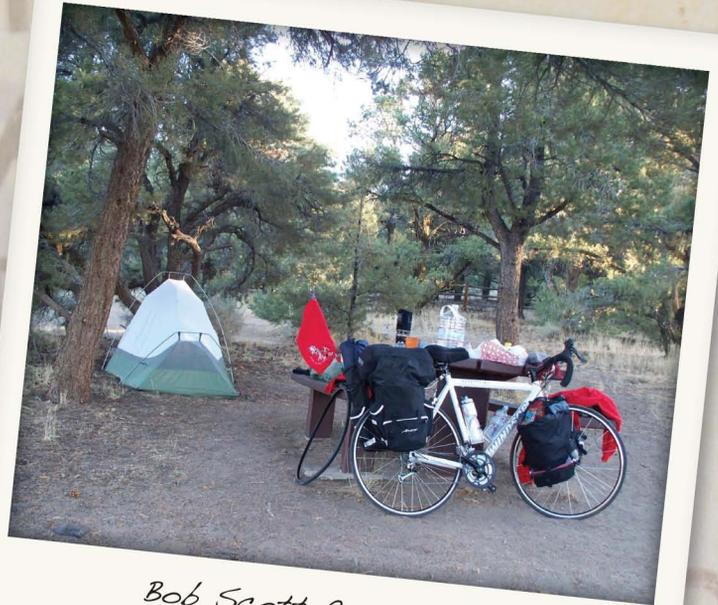
If you haven't been to the bar/restaurant/motel that is Middlegate, then you have lived only half a life. Pulling up to the hitching post rail in Spandex on a 27-speed bike loaded with panniers is probably not how you want to arrive (dually flatbed pickups with hay bales are the rides of choice around these parts).

I was greeted warmly nevertheless. This was my stop for the night, and with the rain, I rented one of the motel rooms. Given that I was the first guest of the evening, I was handed the keys to the "Middlegate Suite" at no extra charge. I quickly put my bike and gear inside the room and headed back to the bar for good company, a tasty meal (taco night special), and a few beers.

## DAY 5

By 6:30 a.m., I was pedaling up the long grade that is State Route 361, through Gabbs and over a couple of passes, then downhill to Luning and U.S. 95. An early start was required as 88 miles separated me from Hawthorne, my day's destination. Friends and family were expecting me in time for dinner at the pizza place in town, and I didn't want to disappoint them. My previous best had been 77 miles on Day 2.

Again, the wind. What should have been an easy 90 minutes into Hawthorne turned into 2.5 hours. I had no choice but to bear down and pedal until I was greeted by a long flat section alongside the Hawthorne Army Depot, as I made my way to the only stoplight on U.S. 95 between Fallon and Beatty. I dove into pepperoni and a pitcher of beer without guilt, in the back of my mind thinking about my final day of riding.



Bob Scott Campground  
September 2010

## DAY 6

"Do or do not; there is no try." Yoda's philosophical advice to Luke Skywalker had become my motto for this trip. I was 56 miles from finishing. The end was near, and like my ride in the rain with the wind at my back, the thought of this adventure coming to an end saddened me. What had hurt the day before hurt even more so today; I was exhausted in every way possible as I made the very long (27 miles) climb on State Route 359 to Anchorite Pass, near the California state line.

The end was in sight. I could see it draw closer with each rotation of the wheels, each turn of the pedals. I didn't want it to end but was elated nevertheless. It took a full two weeks for my tendons to return to normal; the outside two fingers of each hand are numb to this day.

Was it worth it? Without question, and I am already planning next year's trip.

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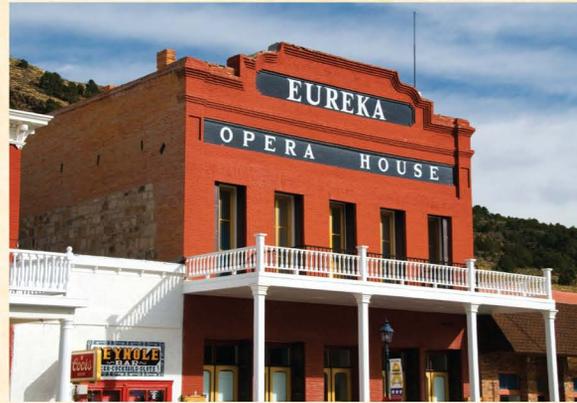
From Middlegate, Qualls took a southwesterly route.  
Anchorite Pass is on State Route 359.

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Sand Springs Station & Sand Mountain

PHOTOS: RACHID DAHNOUN



## DRIVING

BY RACHID DAHNOUN

Driving across the Silver State on Highway 50 is a spectacular and surreal experience. The wide-open spaces, coupled with the rich history of the route, make it a one-of-a-kind journey. Every time I make the drive, it's easy for me to picture a Pony Express rider blazing across the vast landscape or a group of settlers traveling

to their next camp. If you are looking to experience the Wild West, this is it.

My journey begins at my home in South Lake Tahoe. I pass through Stateline, Carson City, and make my way toward Fallon. Once Fallon is in my rearview, my adventure is truly underway. Heading east, it becomes clear why they call this "The Loneliest Road in America." It will be more than 100 miles until I reach the town of Austin; not to imply there is nothing to see along the way.

On the road to Austin I always stop and check out the 8,000-year-old petroglyphs at Grimes Point, the famous Sand Springs Pony Express Station near Sand Mountain, and my personal favorite, the shoe tree (a lone cottonwood adorned with hundreds of pairs of shoes from generations of Nevada travelers; the tree was cut down by vandals since Dahnoun wrote this). In addition, I consistently find myself pulling over to photograph the hundreds of beautiful vistas that perpetually appear before



Great Basin National Park & Wheeler Peak

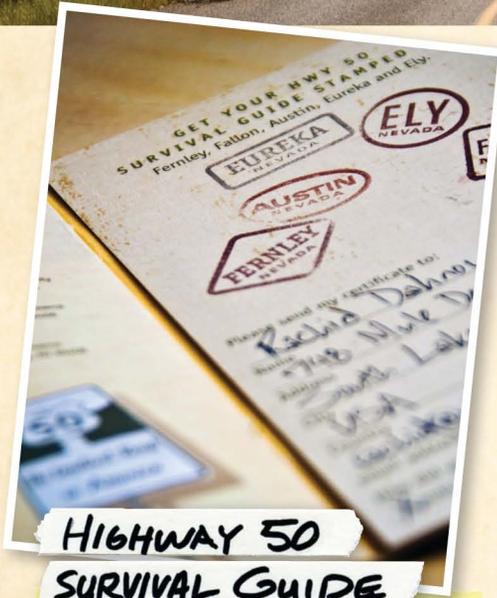
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## REFLECTIONS

*A couple of years ago, I was driving through a snowstorm on U.S. Highway 50 east of Austin and encountered an unusual sight. Parked to one side of the road was a small airplane. The pilot had encountered rough weather and landed on the highway to wait out the storm. No wonder it's called The Loneliest Road in America.*



*"America's Loneliest Road Trip"  
Nevada Magazine, February 2006*



### HIGHWAY 50 SURVIVAL GUIDE

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me. To stop on the side of a major road, look around at miles of open space, and not see or hear a single car or person makes it a wonderful place to clear your head.

Arriving in historic Austin, I typically enjoy lunch at the oldest hotel in Nevada, The International. The owner, Vic Antic, like many people living here, moved to Austin to get away from it all. He thoroughly enjoys the peace and quiet of small-town life.

Leaving Austin, my next stop is Eureka, home to the famous Eureka Opera House, the memorable Jackson House Hotel, and the Eureka Sentinel Museum. The museum is the former site of the *Eureka Sentinel* newspaper and features a complete pressroom from the late 1800s. Being a photographer and writer myself, it's a treat to see and learn about the old equipment that shaped our modern media.

Further down the road in Ely, I proceed to the Nevada Northern Railway Museum to see an authentic steam engine in action. Surrounded by towering mountain peaks, it feels like I'm on the set of a Hollywood

western. Tired from a long day of driving, I check in at the historic Hotel Nevada knowing that when I wake up, I'll be traveling to my most anticipated destination.

Great Basin National Park is the only national park located entirely within Nevada. Lehman Caves are the park's most popular attraction and well worth the \$10 entry fee (for a 90-minute tour). I also recommend taking the Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive to access the Bristlecone and Glacier Trail. This 4.6-mile roundtrip hike takes me to a large grove of Western bristlecone pines, considered the oldest living organisms on earth. At the trail's terminus, I gaze upon the only glacier in Nevada and stand in a massive cirque beneath Wheeler Peak, the second-tallest peak in the state at 13,063 feet.

Traveling The Loneliest Road in America is so much more than just a drive across Nevada. Every time I make the journey I am awestruck by the history, scenery, and people I meet along the way. With our world ever crowding and open space becoming more of a premium, this iconic American highway allows us a glimpse at a natural landscape virtually unaffected by man.

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## MOTORCYCLING

BY BOB BECK

My wife and I spent the majority of 2010 participating in a Harley-Davidson Owners Group (HOG) ABC's of Touring game, collecting points for visiting various states, Canadian provinces, cities, counties, various Harley-Davidson sites, and state HOG rallies. One of our planned rides was from our home in Enid, Oklahoma, to the Oregon HOG rally. We prefer to travel mostly on scenic highways, rather than interstates. During our research, we found the Nevada Commission on Tourism's *Highway 50 Survival Guide* and included it on our route to Welches, Oregon.

While cruising west on "The Loneliest

Road in America" from Ely to Eureka, we were about 30 miles east of Eureka when we passed a group of bikers headed the same direction. As is the biker custom, we waved as they passed. About three to four miles later, I noticed a biker pulling up next to me in my rearview.

Rather than pass, the biker pulled up next to me and stayed close on my left shoulder. As I looked over to see why the biker had not passed, there is this guy with a huge grin on his face. After a second, I recognized my co-worker and friend Terry Johnson.

We pulled off the road and talked for a bit, laughing the whole time. Terry, in a roundabout way, was returning from the Sturgis, South Dakota rally. He related

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that, when we passed each other, he recognized the color of my bike. What are the odds of something like that happening?

Almost 1,500 miles from home, we ran into each other on the loneliest section of road in America. The chance meeting has left my wife and me talking and smiling about it ever since.



Middlegate

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## HORSE BACK

BY GARY C. RIDENOUR

...June 9 (2010) found us waiting on the dusty Fort Churchill trail for the Pony Express re-riders to appear and put the mochila over our saddles and send us off. The mochila is a large piece of leather with a cutout in it to allow it to be placed over our saddles. The cantinas, or mail pouches, were sewn into the mochila. Two are in front of your legs, and two are behind them. I decided this was a good design to keep us in the saddle and would act as a slide in case we went sideways.

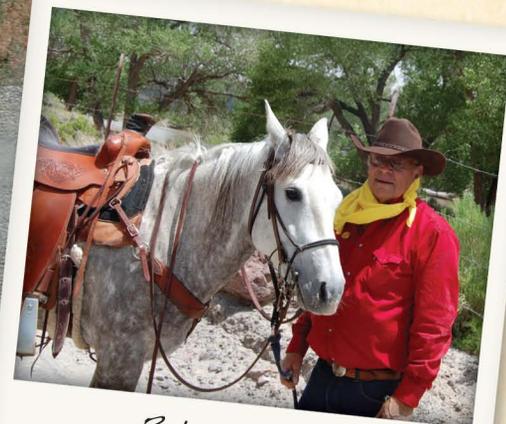
Re-ride participants wear a black or brown hat, a red shirt, and a yellow bandanna. Some still carry 1860-replica pistols. My friend and fellow re-ride participant Ralph Michka and I decided to skip the guns for fear they would bounce out—or we might shoot ourselves because we forgot to unload them.

Without any fanfare or a shot of Gabby Hayes yelling to The Duke, "They's a'comin' lickity split like the devil is a chasin' 'em!," Erika and her dad could be seen coming around the bend. We threw our cell phones and other personal items in our trucks. Behind the riders was an SUV followed by a caravan of trucks and trailers



At the Dixie Valley turnoff, re-rider Quinn Nuffer transfers the mochila.

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Ralph Michka  
June 2010

of previous riders, who would follow the rest to Fort Churchill. I held my horse's bridle as some people from the lead SUV transferred the mochila. I mounted and saw that Ralph was already down the trail. I got on my horse. Quietly, we began our trot into history.

Along the way we rode through a military tank test range. The chain-link fences and the old tires, rims, and various mechanical parts piled against it spooked the horses. We reached a small puddle across

the trail. The horses balked. We tried every trick. Frustrated, Ralph slid down the side of his horse and led the animal toward the puddle without difficulty.

I heard someone behind me. I turned to see a young man with unruly hair, dressed in the proper attire for the time period of 1860. He said, "They's spooked by the fences and now the puddle. Try and follow the other guy. His horse has it."

Ralph led his horse through. My horse jumped the puddle. I was sure the guy behind us spooked the horses into moving. Sometimes that works. There seems to be no solid rules for horse behavior.

I started to trot and looked back, but the stranger was gone. I rode up to Ralph and did my Slim Pickens impression: "What in the Wild, Wild World of Sports is a goin' on here?" Ralph shrugged. Proudly we rode into our exchange area smiling.

Later, at Fort Churchill, I asked Erika, "Who was the small, young guy that got out and forced the horses to move on?"

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She said she saw no one. A few days later, Erika and her father said they had asked around, and no one else saw the stranger.

Thanks, Pony Bob Haslam, if that was you, for lending a hand to a couple of old riders still carrying on the tradition.

Read Ridenour's full story at [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).

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## WALKING

BY JONATHON STALLS

The spirit of this place pushes against my chest as I reflect and remember its raw significance on my recent walk across the United States. I can still smell the blue sage, feel the heartbeat of wild horses, and relax to the many songs of distant mountain ranges and their purple silhouettes. Seeing Nevada at 3 mph on lonely Highway 50 was truly life changing. The terrain and soothing environment of the Silver State was far and away the most spectacular of all my 3,030 miles.

Following are a few journal entries from my westward walk to promote Kiva (a microfinance organization connecting people worldwide through microlending to help alleviate poverty):

Day 197 (between Ely & Eureka): My eyes and thoughts exist in pure, endless space. Blurred and unfinished paths speak to me as they lose themselves in the horizon. They tell me I am free. This gift of freedom is transforming. There is a unique language out here—in the stillness—that transcends the many limitations of words. It is very hard for my inner stress to exist here amongst the natural smells, naked landscapes, and wild air. As the Nevada sun went down, I picked an incredible bouquet of the wild flora—beautiful color, texture, and scent.

Day 201 (Austin): I can't believe I am already more than halfway across this magnificent state. It was 6:45 a.m. when I started walking up Austin Summit. My eyes were in constant awe of the shifting colors as early-morning mist and sun danced around the great Toiyabe Range. The sun slowly warmed my cold body after a restless night of camping in heavy rains on a cool mountain peak. The ever-changing views from the edge of Highway 50's curvy and tight summit road were outstanding. I finally made it to the summit and again was emotionally handicapped by the view of tiny Austin, nestled on the west side of this great mountain range. This weathered town was covered in character, history, and the many tired spirits of the past.

Day 206 (Middlegate): Stories of nomadic men and women seep through every crack at historic Middlegate Station. Walking here was such a treat. I have almost completed high-desert Nevada on foot, and this place of rest couldn't be better. Rugged smiles of curious locals mixed with a hot grill and cold beer made for perfect relaxation in this old wooden building. Camping is free in the backyard, motel rates are fair, and for \$10 I can sleep in the 'shack' on a used bunk bed.

My father (who is here for a couple weeks) and I have decided to maximize the experience and share the bunk bed shack for a night. It came with a double-knotted rope for a door lock and cartoon bed sheets. There are cowboys playing cards and guitar in the café in case I can't sleep and want to join.

Nevada is forever imprinted on my heart. This soul-cleansing environment will draw me back for years to come. When you walk into these wild places, into their quiet arms, you can feel it.

*Read more about Stalls' 241-day (eight months), 3,030-mile walk across the United States at [kivawalk.com](http://kivawalk.com).*

## TRAVELING 50

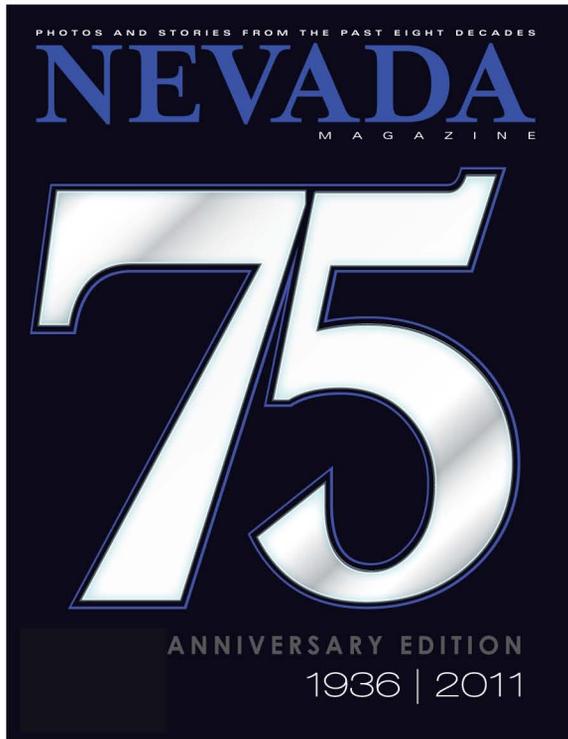
Nevada's \*409 miles of U.S. Highway 50 is a fair approximation of the distance traveled by east-west Silver State sojourners through the years. Following are approximate times it would take to cross the state, via 50, if one were to travel continuously without rest.

Type of Travel	Speed (mph)	Time (hours)	Days
<b>Driving</b>	Posted Speed Limits	7.5	1
<b>Horseback</b>	**12	34	2
<b>Cycling</b>	10	41	2
<b>Running</b>	7	58.5	3
<b>Walking</b>	3	136.33	6
<b>Pogo Stick</b>	1.8	227.25	10

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# TOWNS



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BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

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The tough-as-nails riders of the Pony Express Trail would likely scoff at the moniker bestowed upon their route by *Time* magazine more than a century after they thundered across Nevada's hostile expanses. "The Loneliest Road in America," U.S. Highway 50 through the heart of the Silver State, travels approximately the same route as the fabled 1860-61 mail track through the territory named for it.

The path that was plagued by hellacious weather and violent bandits and natives more than 150 years ago is today beset by unique towns and friendly locals, making it feel like a pointedly un-lonely place. The name-sake is still apt, though, as the open expanses of Nevada wilderness between towns look largely the same as they did when the Pony rode.

## AUSTIN

Legend has it that the trail that lends its name to the Pony Express Territory was responsible for the birth of Austin when a mail carrier and stage agent, William Talcott, kicked over a rock, inadvertently revealing silver and kicking off—literally—a silver rush to the area. The town, named for Austin, Texas, was first settled in 1862, lending a bit of credence to the tale. By summer 1863, Austin—and the surrounding Reese River Mining District—had a population of more than 10,000 and was named the seat of Lander County. By 1880, the Nevada Central Railroad was built to connect the city to the transcontinental railroad at Battle Mountain. As was the case with all Nevada mining boomtowns, the mines eventually played out, and major silver production ended by 1887.

Today, the town of slightly more than 300 is one of the state's best-preserved examples of an early mining town. The Catholic and Methodist churches, both built in 1866, and Episcopal church (1878) are among Nevada's most impressive 19th-century houses of worship, and the International Hotel, originally built in Virginia City in 1859 and partially moved to Austin in 1863, still serves food and refreshments today.

While the silver rush is long dead, the area is renowned for the high-quality turquoise and variscite (a close cousin of turquoise) extracted from small locally owned mines, available in several shops in town. In addition to the unique gemstones, Austin is also popular for its proximity to abundant outdoor activities from mountain biking and ATV riding to hunting and fishing. Spencer Hot Springs, a short drive southeast of town, is a great place to soak away adventure-induced aches before retiring to dinner at one of Austin's friendly eateries and a good night's sleep in one of the comfortable motels or bed and breakfasts.

Events such as the Lincoln Highway Car Show (April), Gridley Days and 4th of July, and Lions Club Fly-In (August) are a great chance to see the town and mingle with locals and other visitors.

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## BAKER & BORDER

The town of Baker traces its origin to 1875 when Absalom Lehman—famous for the 1885 discovery of his namesake Lehman Caves—established a ranch there. By the 1890s, the

town grew as miners and more ranchers settled the area.

Today, the town of fewer than 400 is the gateway to Great Basin National Park and its popular Lehman Caves. In addition to housing the park's visitors center, Baker is a favorite stop for last-minute supplies before entering Great Basin. More than half of Baker's handful of motels, restaurants, and stores are open



PHOTO: CHRIS TALBOT

only seasonally—typically late spring through mid-October—but some provide food, gas, lodging, and supplies year-round.

One of Nevada's most aptly named towns, Border, straddles the Utah boundary on U.S. Highway 50 just north of Baker. More of a roadhouse than a town, Border is home to the Border Inn Restaurant and Motel, which includes a gas station and small grocery/souvenir store.

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## CHERRY CREEK

Silver discoveries in 1872 led to Cherry Creek's founding and growth. By late 1880, the town supported as many as 1,800 residents, a Wells Fargo agency, and even a horse track. Cherry Creek busted in 1883 but boomed again slightly from 1905 to 1908 and 1935 to 1940.



Odeon Hall & Saloon, Dayton

PHOTO: BRUCE RETTIG

Cherry Creek is still home to a handful of residents and numerous original buildings, including the log jailhouse—now converted into a private residence—and 1883 post office, which is now a saloon and Cherry Creek’s only business. The original school, built in 1872, still stands and now houses a museum.

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**DAYTON**

One of two towns that lays claim to the title of Nevada’s oldest settlement—the other is Genoa, and the debate continues—Dayton was first settled in 1851 following the 1849 discovery of gold in nearby Gold Canyon. The town was Lyon County’s first seat in 1861 and a stop along the fabled Pony Express Trail and Overland Stage Route. Following the bonanza of nearby Virginia City’s Comstock Lode, Dayton became an important milling site and center of commerce.

After the Lode busted, Dayton struggled but held on, due

in part to its place along the Carson River and resulting fertile soil that supported an agriculture industry. In the later decades of the 20th century, with its affordable housing prices Dayton grew as a bedroom community of nearby Carson City and the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area.

Today, Dayton supports a population of almost 8,500. The historic treasure-trove is awash with Nevada mining-era charm, from the nostalgic boarded sidewalks to historic buildings such as the Odeon Hall & Saloon, schoolhouse, and Union Hotel, all built between 1860 and 1870.

Dayton State Park offers camping and picnicking facilities along the Carson River and includes the remnants of the 1861 Rock Point Mill. In addition to the historical draws, Dayton’s Arnold Palmer-designed golf course and the Dayton Valley Golf and Country Club are major attractions.

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Unique among many Nevada towns, Ely's mining boom was not responsible for its creation but came along three decades after the town was founded as a stagecoach station and post office in 1870. When the boom did hit in the early 1900s, copper was the metal of focus. While Ely's copper mines have experienced times of prosperity and decline, they continue to produce today after more than 100 years and have been heavily responsible for the town avoiding the fate of many Nevada ghost towns and near-ghost towns. The city of more than 4,000 also owes its prosperity to its location at the confluence of U.S. Highways 6, 50, and 93.

Ely is a destination worthy of far greater attention than its modest size might suggest. From historically significant attractions in and around town to myriad outdoor recreation options in surrounding parks and wilderness areas, the seat of White Pine County (named so in 1887) offers something for virtually every visitor.

Hotel Nevada & Gambling Hall was the tallest building in the state when it opened in 1929, and the Ely Renaissance Village offers living-history demonstrations in a collection of historic buildings. The Nevada Northern Railway—which opened in the early 1900s to connect Ely's copper mines to the Southern Pacific Railroad—is perhaps one of the best salutes to trains in the country. Complete with rides on historic locomotives, tours of the railroad grounds, and the informative East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, the NNRY is a highlight of any Ely visit.

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Nearby Cave Lake State Park is a top fishing and camping destination and hosts unique events such as the Cocktails and Cannons Bath Tub Races (June) and White Pine Fire and Ice Show (January). Great Basin National Park and its many outdoor activities are an hour away, and Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park features six historic kilns, used to reduce wood to charcoal during early 19th-century mining booms.

### CONTACT

White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board

150 6th St., Ely  
elynevada.net  
800-496-9350

## REFLECTIONS

*These days Elyites look more and more to the area's heritage and natural wonders to boost the local economy. The new prison, the revitalized Nevada Northern Railway, and Great Basin National Park, whose early boosters were White Piners, all will help the cause. Thus Ely residents look ahead with optimism while celebrating the 100th birthday of their never-say-die town.*



“Ely Comes of Age”  
Nevada Magazine, June 1987

Ely





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## EUREKA

Many former mining towns across the country have names that indicate their founding impetus, but few do so with such enthusiasm as Eureka. The town was first settled in 1865, after prospectors from nearby Austin discovered silver in the area, and was named the seat of newly created Eureka County in 1873, a distinction it still holds today.

Eureka retains its historical character possibly better than any other Nevada town excluding Virginia City, a blessing owed, ironically, to natural and human-assisted disasters. Numerous fires and floods forced early residents to replace the typical

wooden buildings of mining boomtowns with brick structures, resulting in a city that stood more steadfastly against the elements than many of its neighbors.

Among those buildings are the 1879 courthouse, which boasts an original courtroom with original wainscoting, pressed tin ceiling, and chandeliers, and the beautifully restored Eureka Opera House, which hosts events, plays, and musical performances throughout the year. Another historical must-see is the Eureka Sentinel Museum. Housed in the former newspaper's original home, the museum contains original press equipment and other historical Eureka artifacts.

The self-guided walking tour is a great way to see these sites, and events such as the Utah Shakespeare Festival (March 18), Perdiz Fun Shoot (April 2), and Show What Ya Brung Car Show (May 13-14) provide plenty of entertainment when the walking is done.

### CONTACT

Eureka County  
co.eureka.nv.us  
775-237-6006



Lattin Farms, Fallon

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## FALLON

The self-proclaimed Oasis of Nevada owes its existence to the U.S. Geological Survey, which in 1890 determined that



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water from the Carson and Truckee Rivers could be diverted to the Lahontan Valley to irrigate land for farming. The fertile land of the new desert oasis created by the 1903 Newlands Project attracted farmers around the turn of the 20th century, and the City of Fallon was incorporated in 1908. In the 1920s, local farmers started growing the soon-to-be world famous Hearts O' Gold cantaloupes.

In 1942, Naval Auxiliary Air Station Fallon was commissioned to answer the threat of Japanese attack during WWII. Now called Naval Air Station Fallon, the base employs 3,000 military and non-military personnel, making it one of the largest employers in northwestern Nevada and one of the Navy's most important bases.

The city of almost 9,000 remains heavily focused on farming and ranching today and is responsible for some of Nevada's best produce, beef, and dairy. A favorite local eatery, The Slanted Porch, takes full advantage of such fruits of the Lahontan Valley and offers unparalleled fresh farm-to-table meals. Lattin Farms, a five-generation Fallon staple, provides much of the food served at the restaurant and sells produce directly to the public at the farm's produce stand and local farmers' markets. Events at Lattin Farms include the annual Fall Festival, with hayrides, a pumpkin patch, and an ever-popular corn maze. In addition to cantaloupes,

pumpkins, and everything else offered at Lattin Farms, the valley is also favorable for growing grapes, and that is where Churchill Vineyards comes in. One of only a handful of Nevada winemakers, they currently offer six varieties.

A multitude of interesting and entertaining parks, recreation areas, and other places of interest such as Fort Churchill State Historic Park, ancient petroglyphs at Grimes Point, Lake Lahontan State Recreation Area, and Sand Mountain surround Fallon. Bird watching at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and the annual Spring Wings Bird Festival (May 13-15) draw birders from around the country. Other popular Fallon events include Octane Fest (June 9-12) and Fallon Fights boxing (August 27).

## CONTACTS

### Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority

100 Campus Way, Fallon  
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866-432-5566

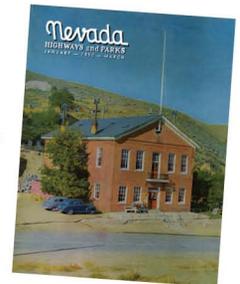
### City of Fallon

cityoffallon.com  
775-423-3040

## REFLECTIONS

*Fallon is not a large city, but the smallness of its size does not begin to indicate its importance and significance to the welfare and economy of western Nevada and in the region it serves. It has all the modern conveniences one finds in a metropolitan district, with the added advantage of plenty of elbow room to move around in... It is one of the most substantial and progressive little cities in the state.*

"Fallon's Lahontan Was First Western Reclamation Job"  
*Nevada Highways and Parks, January-March 1950*



## FERNLEY

Like its neighbor Fallon, Fernley was a major beneficiary of the 1903 Newlands Project irrigation and river diversion endeavor. The canal and fertile land, combined with the realignment of the Southern Pacific Railroad, heralded the beginning of settlement in what became Fernley. In the following decades, Fernley experienced modest growth until the construction of Interstate 80 spurred a boom. The population more than doubled between 1960 and 1970 and again by 1980. Today, almost 20,000 people call

Fernley home thanks largely to its proximity to the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area and affordable housing costs.

At the confluence of U.S. Highways 50 and 95 and I-80, some of northwestern Nevada's most visited attractions are a short drive from Fernley. Water sports destinations such as Lahontan Reservoir and Pyramid Lake are less than an hour away, and history buffs will enjoy the ruins of Fort Churchill State Historic Park. Local events such as the 4th of July Celebration and Show and Shine and Fernley Vaquero Days and Senior Pro Rodeo (both in September) are popular, and the Reno-Fernley Raceway offers events virtually every weekend from April through October.

#### CONTACTS

**Fernley Chamber of Commerce**  
70 N. West St., Fernley  
fernleychamber.org  
775-575-4459

**City of Fernley**  
595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley  
cityoffernley.org  
775-784-9800

## KINGSTON

The town of Kingston was born in 1864 during the mining boom that consumed the entire region surrounding Austin and Bunker Hill. Today, the town of about 300 is more or less passed through on the way to what has been called some of the best fishing in Nevada along Kingston Creek and in Groves Lake. For multi-day fishing outings, Kingston Campground has 12 sites, restrooms, and drinking water. For more sophisticated accommodations, Miles End Lodge Bed & Breakfast offers three rooms and hosted meals.

#### CONTACTS

**Lander County**  
landeropportunity.org  
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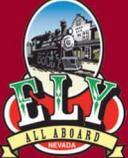
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## LUND

Mormon settlers founded Lund in 1898. The town was one of the last colonization efforts undertaken by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Today, the town of about 150 people is home to a handful of businesses and the White River Valley Museum, a tribute to the town's founders with relics from 19th-century Nevada and a vintage log cabin that visitors are welcome to explore.

Events in Lund, such as the Nevada Open Road Challenge (May) and Silver State Classic Challenge (September) races, take advantage of Nevada's open roads with participating drivers reaching speeds in excess of 180 mph.

### CONTACT

#### White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board

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## McGill

In 1906, the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company built a mill and smelter north of Ely in the Steptoe Valley to accommodate the large amounts of copper ore being produced in Ely mines. Two years later, the company built a town to house mill employees, and McGill was born. The Nevada Northern Railway extended a line to the town to carry ore to the mill and smelter. McGill prospered until the 1970s when the mines, mill, smelter, and railroad closed.

The town has survived the substantial blow of losing its primary industry, and today about 1,000 people call it home. The McGill Drugstore Museum—which opened the same year the town was founded—was a working drugstore until it closed in 1979 and remains today as a time capsule with many products from the time it closed and earlier still on the shelves.

The McGill Swimming Pool is a popular summer hangout, with a sandy beach, slides, and diving board.

### CONTACT

#### McGill Drugstore Museum

11 4th St., McGill  
mcgilldrugstoremuseum.org  
775-235-7276

## MIDDLEGATE

Another one of Nevada's towns that might be more accurately described as a roadhouse, Middlegate, on U.S. Highway 50 at the junction with State Route 361, is little more than Middlegate

Station, a restaurant and bar with a handful of motel rooms. A Pony Express Station occupied this general location during the mail route's short-lived existence. Middlegate is an ideal lunch stop for visitors traveling to Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, about 50 miles southeast.

A few miles away on S.R. 722 toward Carroll Summit, Eastgate is home to a few picturesque houses and ranches.

### CONTACT

Middlegate Station  
middlegatestation.net  
775-423-7134

## RUTH

Ruth was founded in the early 1900s to house workers of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company. By the late 1920s, Ruth boasted a population of about 2,200 people. In the 1950s, the rapid growth of the nearby open-pit copper mine required that the town be moved; about the same time, Ruth was turned over to White Pine County (read more in this issue's History story). Today, the bedroom community of Ely is home to about 500 people.



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## SILVER SPRINGS

The area that now includes the town of Silver Springs has long been a crossroads. California 49ers passed through here on their way to the gold fields, the Pony Express rode through the valley, and today U.S. Highway 50 connects Carson City and Fallon through the town of almost 5,000.

A casino, restaurants, gas stations, and convenience stores serve the town and visitors who often stock up on supplies en route to nearby Lake Lahontan State Recreation Area and Fort Churchill State Historic Park. On May 21-22, Silver Springs Airport hosts the Lyon County Fly-In. ▀

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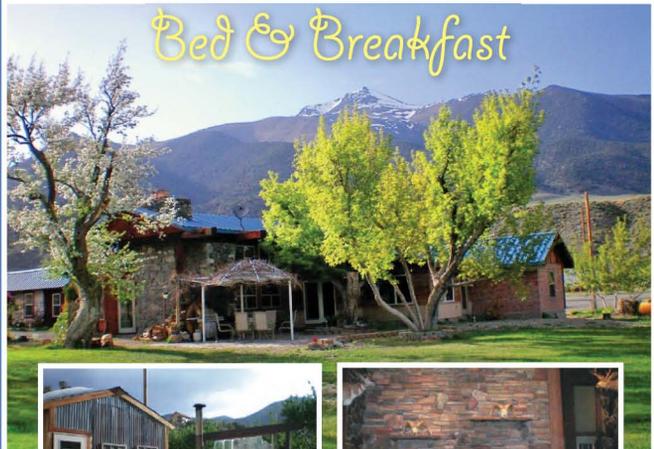
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## PARKS AND RECREATION

Lehman Caves (left) & Glacier Trail (above)

Nevada's U.S. Highway 50 corridor is dotted with a diverse arrangement of nationally and state-protected sites from Great Basin National Park and Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park in the east to Dayton State Park and Fallon and Stillwater National Wildlife Refuges in the west. Between them, they offer a multitude of recreational and educational treasures and preserve some of the state's most precious natural and historic gems.

### GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

Visitors familiar with the throngs of tourists found at such national parks as Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and Yosemite will be pleasantly surprised by what is lacking at Great Basin National Park. There are no long lines of tour buses, no traffic, and no need to make a camping reservation months in advance.

Among the least-visited national parks in the country, Great Basin is a picture of solitude and untouched natural beauty. Perched atop eastern Nevada's Snake Range at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 13,000 feet, the park is an homage to the region for which it is named and spotlights the multitude of geography, plant life, and animal life found therein.

Great Basin's top attraction is Lehman Caves. Discovered in 1885 by rancher Absalom Lehman and recognized as a national monument in 1922, the caves are home to some of the most ornate underground formations in the country, including more than 300 rare shield formations—shields consist of two parallel oval panels with a medial crack between them. Ranger-



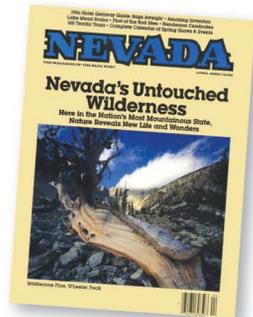
BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

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led tours of Lehman Caves are available daily and cost from \$4 to \$10. More than 40 additional caves exist in the park, eight of which can be explored by experienced cavers with park-issued permits.

Wheeler Peak, at 13,063 feet, is the second-tallest mountain in Nevada and another of the park's major attractions. Its summit can be reached via a strenuous hike, and its flanks are home to Nevada's only glacier and a grove of the oldest living organisms on earth, bristlecone pines. The trees have been known to live for nearly 5,000 years, and four groves exist in the park.

Lexington Arch, somewhat off-the-beaten-path in the southern part of the park, is an impressive stone arch that is well worth the side trip and 3.4-mile roundtrip hike. In addition to these attractions, the park is home to more than 60 miles of trails and numerous fishable streams. Four improved campgrounds offer vaulted toilets, picnic tables, tent pads, and campfire grills, and two primitive campgrounds have picnic tables and fire rings. Overnight visitors will delight in a tapestry of



## REFLECTIONS

*The South Snake Range, the home of Wheeler Peak and Lehman Caves, is known for its diversity of life and spectacular geology. Rising 8,000 feet above the surrounding valleys, these rugged mountains east of Ely have plenty to boast about—for-ests of rare bristlecone pines, blue cirque lakes, ice fields, herds of bighorn sheep and mule deer, Lehman's limestone caverns, and Wheeler itself.*

*"Nevada's Untouched Wilderness"  
Nevada Magazine, April 1986*

unbelievably bright and abundant stars, courtesy of the park's high-altitude location far away from major light pollution.

### CONTACT

**Great Basin National Park**  
nps.gov/grba  
775-234-7331

### CAVE LAKE STATE PARK

Nestled in a high canyon in eastern Nevada's Schell Creek Range about 15 miles south of Ely, Cave Lake State Park is a natural gem among the state's protected areas. The primary draw to the park, as the name suggests, is Cave Lake, where anglers drop their lines for brown and rainbow trout as well as crawdads. Ice fishing is popular in the coldest months of the year. The lake takes center stage during the annual Cocktails and Cannons event, June 25, and White Pine Fire & Ice Show, January 13-15, 2012.

Landlubbers can enjoy hiking and mountain biking on the system of trails that includes Cave Lake Overlook, Steptoe Creek, Twisted Pine, and more. Two campgrounds feature campfire grills, tables, restrooms, hot showers, and parking. For a unique camping experience, a Mongolian yurt is available with reservations.

### CONTACT

**Cave Lake State Park**  
parks.nv.gov/cl.htm  
775-867-3001

## DAYTON STATE PARK

An interesting trait of many Nevada points of interest is that they include natural and historical significance. This is so often the case because the state's earliest settlements were built near mineral deposits in Nevada's unique mountain ranges or near sources of water. Dayton State Park in Dayton owes its existence to both.

The park's main attraction, the ruins of the Rock Point Mill, is what's left of one of the largest stamp mills ever built in Nevada. The mill, on the bank of the Carson River, served Virginia City's Comstock Lode during its heyday.

The park also offers fishing and bird watching on the Carson River and camping and picnic facilities. Autumn, when the park's abundant cottonwood trees blaze bright yellow along the banks of the Carson River, is a great time to visit.

### CONTACT

**Dayton State Park**  
parks.nv.gov/dsp.htm  
775-687-5678

## FALLON AND STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Great Basin is unique in that none of its waterways drain to the ocean. Rather, they drain into landlocked lakes, wetlands, and underground aquifers, or simply evaporate off the desert floor. Carson Sink, north of Fallon, is the terminus of the Carson River and numerous streams. As a result, wetlands and desert scrub lands of the Carson Sink are home to a stunning array of waterfowl and other wildlife.

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, southeast of Fallon National Wildlife Refuge, is considered among the nation's and world's most important bird areas by the American Bird Conservancy, National Audubon Society, and Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network. The vital Pacific Flyway migration stop attracts about 350,000 waterfowl and shorebirds annually, and more than 280 species of birds have been sighted in the area. The annual Spring Wings Bird Festival, this year May 13-15, celebrates the diverse avian life found in the refuge.

Fallon National Wildlife Refuge is an important area for such animals as coyotes, kangaroo rats, kit foxes, mule deer, mountain lions, and many species of waterfowl. There are no access roads in the refuge, and visitors should contact the Stillwater Complex before attempting travel in the area.

### CONTACTS

**Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex**  
fws.gov/stillwater  
775-423-5128

## FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK

Veterans of travel in Nevada's outback can easily fathom a time when this land was a great, untamed frontier. At Fort Churchill State Historic Park, about 40 miles east of Carson City via U.S. Highway 50 and Alternate 95, even novice Nevada explorers can get a feel for what the Silver State was like when pioneers crossed its vast expanses (see photo on opposite page).

The former U.S. Army fort was built in 1861 to protect early settlers from the sometimes-hostile local Paiutes. Most of the original adobe buildings stand today, and interpretive signs inform visitors what roles the decaying ruins once played at the fort.

The park includes 20 campsites, a group camping area, and picnic sites along the Carson River. Across the river, Buckland Station was one of the earliest ranches in Nevada and a Pony Express and Overland Stage stop.

### CONTACT

**Fort Churchill State Historic Park**  
parks.nv.gov/fc.htm  
775-577-2345

## LAHONTAN STATE RECREATION AREA

In order to effectively turn the desert green and create an agricultural oasis in Churchill County, the Newlands Project of the early 1900s needed a means to store water for irrigation. Lahontan Dam was built in 1915, creating a reservoir with a storage capacity of 321,000 acre-feet. Lahontan Reservoir was named a State Recreation Area in 1971 and has since become a water-sports mecca. Two paved boat ramps at North Shore Marina and the Silver Springs day-use area provide access to the lake, and boaters



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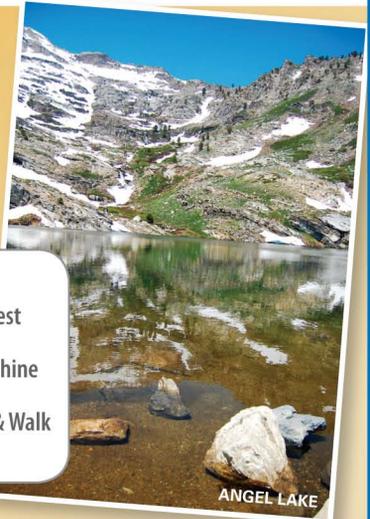
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In addition to water sports, the lake is popular among anglers for its catfish, trout, walleye, and white bass.

**CONTACT**

**Lahontan State Recreation Area**  
parks.nv.gov/lah.htm  
775-577-2235, 775-867-3500



**SAND MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA**

As the waters of ancient Lake Lahontan receded to expose the Lahontan Valley, the prevailing winds pushed much of the drying sand from its former shores and against the flanks of the Stillwater Range. The resulting Sand Mountain stretches two miles, is 600 feet tall, and has piqued the curiosity of humans for millennia. Ancient people feared the singing dune—wind passing over the sand and simply walking on it causes it to emit roaring and moaning sounds—but modern people embrace the unique mountain, speeding around it in off-road vehicles, hiking up it, sliding down it, and sandboarding on it.

Sand Mountain Recreation Area, about 25 miles east of Fallon, attracts more than 30,000 visitors annually and includes a dry campground (there is no water available) and restrooms. The nearby ruins of the Sand Springs Pony Express Station are among the best preserved from the more than 150-year-old mail route and well worth the short side trip.

**CONTACT**

**Sand Mountain Recreation Area**  
blm.gov/nv  
775-885-6000



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**WARD CHARCOAL OVENS STATE HISTORIC PARK**

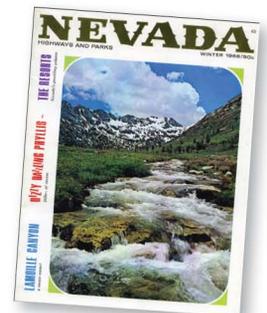
In the 1870s, silver was discovered in the Egan Range south of Ely. The ensuing boom was responsible for the growth of Ward, which at its height boasted 1,500 residents. The most significant remnants of the town are a unique set of six well-preserved ovens once used to make charcoal for smelting. While the beehive-shaped ovens are the impetus for and main attraction of Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park, the park also offers trails for hiking, mountain biking, and ATVing, and Willow Creek supports naturally reproducing brook, brown, and rainbow trout for fishing. Willow Creek campground has 14 sites, vaulted toilets, and drinking water from mid-May through September.

**CONTACT**

**Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park**  
parks.nv.gov/ww.htm  
775-289-1693

**REFLECTIONS**

*Most of the time just climbing up or down will bring out the mountain's song. As you reach the looser and slippery sand of the top of the hill you will become aware of a rumble under your feet at every sliding step. On the ridge every slightest movement starts the sand flowing downward like slow molasses, moaning softly as it slides.*

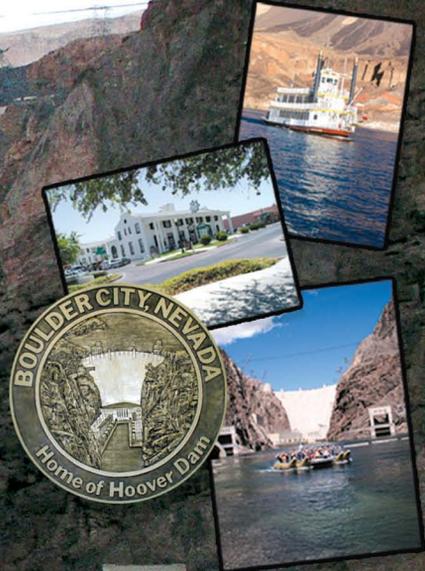


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As I traverse the western slope of central Nevada's French Peak along the Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail, the silence that has been my only companion for more than two days is shattered as a pair of jets from Naval Air Station Fallon crack past the sound barrier during aerial maneuvers. I stop and watch them zig, zag, and zip overhead, marveling as much at the skill of the pilots as at the fact that this is the closest thing to human contact I will experience over the trail's entire 72 miles.

If the words silence and solitude ever come up during your vacation planning, Nevada's Pony Express Territory and its off-the-beaten-path attractions, such as the Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail and Spencer Hot Springs, should be your next destination.

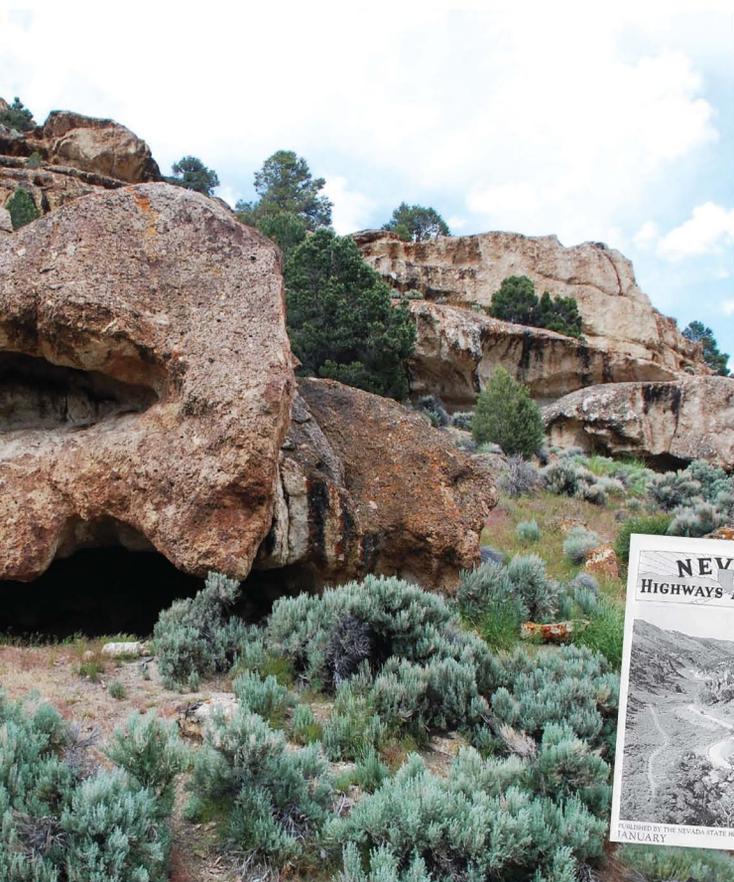


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Burton snapped this photo about one mile east of Carroll Summit on State Route 722.

## CARROLL SUMMIT—STATE ROUTE 722

When the original Lincoln Highway through Nevada was paved in the mid-1920s, its route crossed the almost 7,500-foot-high Carroll Summit over the Desatoya Mountains. Four decades later, the highway—renamed U.S. Highway 50 in the late '20s—was rerouted north to New Pass Summit. At less than 6,400 feet and with easier approaches from both directions, the route, although less scenic, was faster and more dependable in winter. The old road was changed to a State Route, mercifully saving it from falling into disrepair.

Today, S.R. 722 stands as an option for motorists and cyclists looking for more solitude than even The Loneliest Road in America provides. East of Carroll Summit, the highway passes numerous ranches and picturesque fields of alfalfa through the Smith Creek and Reese River Valleys, climbs Railroad Pass, and rejoins U.S. 50 just west of Austin.



## REFLECTIONS

*Our cover picture is a scene on Lincoln Highway, U.S. Route 50, and known as Carroll Summit. It shows a typical section of this modernized highway and is located between Fallon and Austin in central Nevada. Fallon is the center of a rich agricultural region, while Austin is noted for its mines.*

*Nevada Highways and Parks, January 1936*



Hickison Summit

PHOTO: JAY ALDRICH



## REFLECTIONS

Archaeologists are the scientists who sift through other people's garbage. They have probed and poked the garbage of 10,000 years in the deserts of Nevada, sometimes finding half-eaten meals, broken artifacts, and long-cold campfires. This is why archaeologist S. M. Wheeler was grinning as he carefully excavated the small cache pit deep inside Hidden Cave. Here was one pit that did not contain garbage; instead there were tools and artifacts which somebody, thousands of years ago, had considered valuable enough to hide away.

"The Secrets of Hidden Cave"  
Nevada Magazine, July/August 1980

## GRIMES POINT, HICKISON SUMMIT, HIDDEN CAVE, & TOQUIMA CAVE

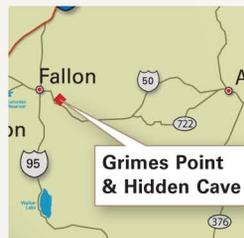
Thousands of years ago, Nevada's arid desert landscape wasn't so hostile—or so dry. Many of the state's parched valleys harbored vast shallow lakes, such as ancient Lake Lahontan. The state's earliest residents hunted, fished, and lived along the shores of these lakes. Little evidence of Nevada's first inhabitants remains today, which makes sites such as the petroglyphs at Grimes Point and Hickison Summit, artifact-rich Hidden Cave, and the pictographs at Toquima Cave so unique and precious.

The oldest and most easily accessed of central Nevada's ancient sites is Grimes Point Archaeological Area. About 10 miles east of Fallon on U.S. 50, an easy, self-guided interpretive trail meanders among hundreds of boulders etched with ancient rock art. The spot, situated near the foot of a low bluff overlooking Lahontan Valley, was once the shore of ancient Lake Lahontan. It is assumed that hunters who stalked game onto the then-peninsula left the markings. The adjacent parking area has restrooms and a picnic area.

Hidden Cave, a short distance east of Grimes Point, was carved out by the waters of ancient Lake Lahontan about 21,000 years ago. As many as 3,800 years ago, humans started to use the cave. In the 1920s, four Fallon boys rediscovered the cave. The arrangements of the cave's numerous artifacts have led experts to believe Hidden Cave's primary use was for storage rather than as a shelter. Roundtrip tours of the site are offered by the Churchill County Museum in Fallon on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

Hickison Summit, about 20 miles east of Austin on U.S. 50, is the access point for another of central Nevada's important prehistoric sites. A short dirt road leads to Hickison Petroglyphs Recreation Area, a collection of ancient carvings on rock faces along an easy, self-guided interpretive trail. The nearby campground has restrooms and 16 sites with picnic tables.

Toquima Cave is unique among central Nevada's prehistoric sites in that its rock art is in the form of pictographs—painted markings—and not petroglyphs—carved markings. The volcanic rock shelter, about 30 miles southeast of Austin via U.S. 50, State Route 376, and dirt roads, is home to more than 300 painted images in pigments derived from gypsum (white), hematite (red), goethite (yellow), and charcoal (black).



## CONTACTS

### Grimes Point & Hidden Cave

Bureau of Land Management  
Carson City District  
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### Hidden Cave Tours

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Cold Springs, the best-preserved Nevada Pony Express station, is located about halfway between Fallon and Austin.

## PONY EXPRESS MEMORIALS & STATIONS

The short-lived Pony Express Trail (1860-61) left an impression on the West and all of America far greater than its 18-month lifespan would allude to. In stark juxtaposition to the indelible stamp it left in the nation's collective memory, most of the stations that dotted the route have all but disappeared, dismantled by later settlers or reclaimed by the harsh environments they once occupied.

Some of the Pony Express's former stations are within Nevada's cities and towns—memorials in Carson City, Dayton, Stateline, and other communities commemorate the trail. Other former stations retain some of the original structures and provide an idea of what the rugged route might have looked like more than 150 years ago. Substantial rock walls stand at Sand Springs Station near Fallon, and the best-preserved station in Nevada, Cold Springs, about midway between Fallon and Austin, includes part of the original outpost and an interpretive center.

Some adobe and rock walls mark the site of Smith's Creek Station west of Austin, and plaques memorialize the former sites of Dry Creek Station (midway between Austin and Eureka north of U.S. 50) and Diamond Springs and Ruby Valley Stations (northeast of Eureka). The Schell Creek Station, north of Ely, is home to two log structures and other building ruins, but it is uncertain whether they were part of the original station.



### CONTACT

**National Pony Express Association**  
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## REFLECTIONS

*...the twisted truths and all-out fables of the Pony Express only add to its allure. Names like "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Sawed-off Jim" Combo, "Bronco Charlie" Miller, and "Cyclone Charlie" Thompson evoke images of horsemen as rugged as the trail they rode.*

"Pony Express"  
 Nevada Magazine,  
 March/April 2010

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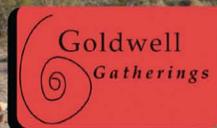
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## SPENCER HOT SPRINGS

If there's one thing that is a true treat to me, it's hot springs. There's something about soaking in natural mineral water that was heated below the Earth's crust that I love. Throw in the fact that getting there usually involves a weekend, good friends, and some outdoor enjoyment, and you can pretty much count me in on any hot-springs road trip.

When I first saw Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce's ad touting Spencer Hot Springs, I knew we would go. Having said that name practically a million times since November 2007 (our son Spencer's arrival), the springs and surrounding area seemed like a destination of destiny.

The pools are just outside of Austin, easy enough to find but remote enough to provide for privacy and a chance to take in the expansive views of central Nevada. As with most hot springs, you're likely to come across some interesting characters, and Spencer is no exception. In our case, it was a weary mineworker, coming to soak during his days off.

Located in the same general area as Toquima Cave, the steaming mineral dunk is well worth the drive. Be sure to bring the necessities, and don't forget to test the waters before getting in.—CARRIE ROUSSEL

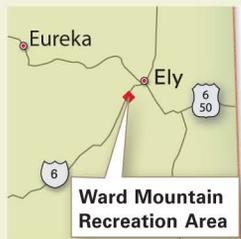


Spencer Hot Springs is a geothermal soaking hole located in the northern part of Big Smoky Valley, near Toquima Cave.

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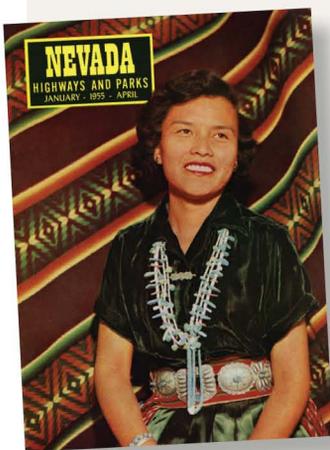


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1952 McGill (above) was bustling, mostly with employees of Kennecott Copper Corporation. In 1955, *Nevada Highways and Parks* described McGill as a “small, but modern, community built up around the project. Schools, churches, stores, and moderately sized, comfortable houses are available for hundreds of employees of the workings.” Kennecott officially shut down its McGill operations in 1983.

#### THE STORY

This story was originally published in the January-April 1955 edition of *Nevada Highways and Parks*, as were the images on pages 43-45. The cover image (below) is that of Miss Mary Ann Henderson, a Navajo Indian who, at the time, had just graduated from Carson City’s Stewart Indian School.



## Kennecott Copper Corporation & Consolidated Coppermines Company

### Five Deep Manmade Nevada Pits Yield Thousands of Tons of Copper Ore Each Day.

BY NEVADA HIGHWAYS  
AND PARKS  
JANUARY-APRIL 1955

Kennecott Copper Corporation and Consolidated Coppermines Company, two famous names in Nevada’s mining register, have been identified with the Ely district for decades, mining ore from deep pits and producing blister copper in enormous volume. From the looks of things, they will be busy in that vicinity poking drill holes into the ground, shoveling rock and dirt into railroad cars or motor trucks, building up huge dump piles of waste material, hauling to and milling ore at McGill, shipping blister copper out by the

ton, and handing out millions of dollars in payroll checks for a long, long time. The setup is enormous. It is recognized as Nevada’s greatest individual enterprise project involving hundreds of employees, hundreds of building units, thousands of pieces of mobile and stationary machinery, and investments running into millions of dollars.

White Pine County, particularly in the Ely-Ruth-Kimberly-McGill sectors, was greatly favored by nature with tremendously large copper ore deposits, disseminated sparingly in large masses of rock, of such an extent that one colossal hole wasn’t enough to mine it all. Four other pits, already of great size but incomplete—

like links in a monstrous chain—were necessary and came into being only a comparatively short time ago to adequately develop the ever-expanding potential of the area. Because both companies have learned, through years of wide experience and scientific application, how to successfully and efficiently handle these low-copper content rocks on a quantity production basis, the copper-mining business of eastern Nevada has grown from a puny beginning to one of stability and tremendous measurement even in this day and age when extraordinary things are commonplace.

When Indian John (that's the only name he was ever called), back in 1867, showed the then-desolate, almost forbidding, ground to a party of prospectors and displayed the mineralized pieces he found there, neither he nor the prospectors dreamed the site would develop into one of the world's largest copper-mining undertakings.

Originally, the gold content of the area, which is now salvaged as a byproduct, was the more attractive feature, and mining was conducted for recovery of this precious metal itself. Since early 1900, the gold extraction assumed a secondary import, when, through constant churn and core drilling, it was disclosed that the rocks, over a large area having some alternating barren patches, were impregnated with copper ores of a low grade but could be profitably recovered provided efficient methods were adopted in the process. This, Kennecott and Consolidated Coppermines have done.

The history begins with a site on the banks of Murry Creek, known as Murry Creek Station, the first settlement in the district and tied closely to the history of the Robinson mining district. The district was organized on March 16, 1868, and was named after Tom Robinson, who was a member of the party which Indian John befriended.

Within a year after the discovery, over 1,000 mining claims had been recorded. During the march of time, some of the earlier camps all but disappeared. A few have maintained their status and importance, such as Ely, Ruth, and Kimberly. To these, a little later, was added another unit—McGill, where a huge concentrator and smelter were placed in service to beneficiate the ore.

Ely seems to have been pinpointed as the center of activity when the county seat was transferred from the sensa-

economically feasible. Nevada Consolidated Copper Company started ore production in 1907 and began milling and smelting in 1908, using new methods originated by Daniel Cowan Jackling, one of the outstanding names connected with copper all over the world. Jackling evolved an efficient method for handling the low-grade copper ores, and then the Ely district started to unfold in earnest. Nevada Consolidated was later incorporated into the Kennecott Copper Corporation as the Nevada Mines Division.

Aside from a joint operation with Consolidated Coppermines Corporation, on one or two units, at the Copper Flat Pit and the Veteran Pit, Kennecott digs the holes, turns the wheels of the mill, fires the smelter, highballs the trains, and dispatches the trucks from the bottom of the pits to the processing plant at McGill, 20 miles distant. Waste material is piled up on huge dumps while the ore is sent to the mill.

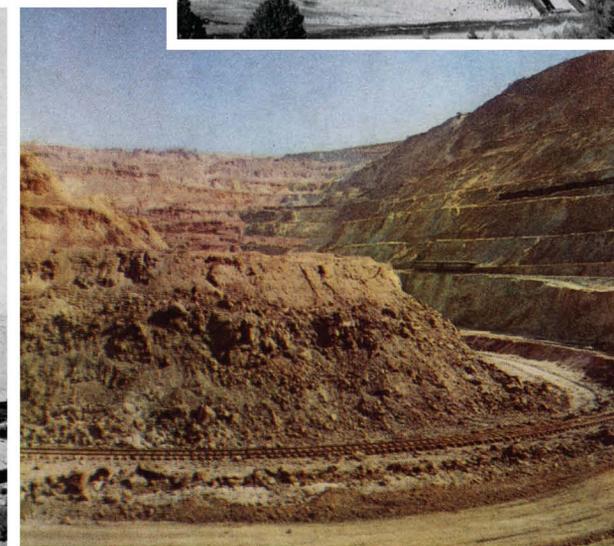
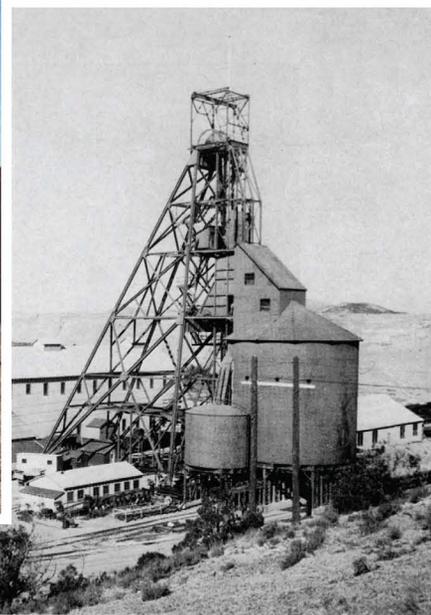
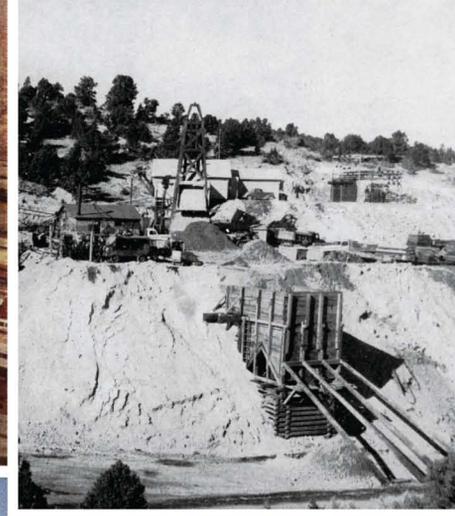
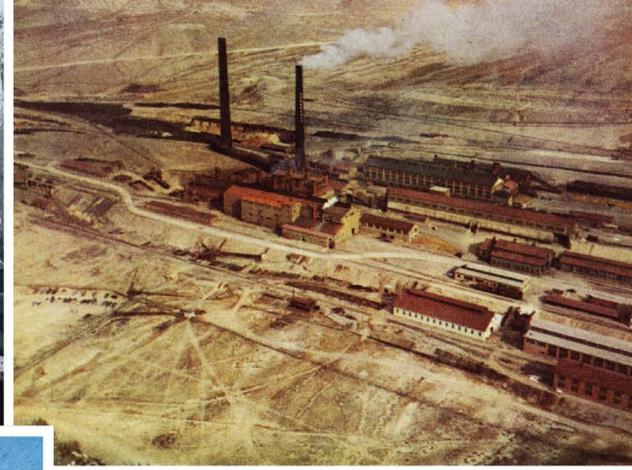
To give one an idea of what has happened in the Ely district, evidence shows that the known ore reserves in 1954 were substantially greater than they were in 1906, even though the Ruth and nearby mines and pits have produced approximately \$800 million in the form of 4 million tons of copper, 2 million ounces of gold, and 11 million ounces of silver.

The copper deposits at Ruth, or rather the Copper Flat Pit adjacent to both the old and the new town of Ruth, are the center of all the mining activities in the district. They moved the town of Ruth—houses, garages, business, and office buildings—to a new site around the corner from one of the biggest waste dumps in the state and called it "New Ruth." This was done so that mining could be conducted, through the block cave method, under the site where old Ruth stood. The entire fertile area of copper impregnation is localized in a



tional, but diminishing, silver camp of Hamilton, about 30 miles to the west, in 1887. The name Ely supposedly came from John Ely, a native of Illinois, who was active in the area during the early days.

In 1906, Mark Requa, another name frequently identified with the progressive upbuilding of the West, guided the construction of the Nevada Northern Railroad, which runs from Ely to Coburn in Elko County, to connect with the main line of the Southern Pacific. After this railroad was completed, it made large-scale mining in the Ely district



PHOTOS: ADRIAN ATWATER & IRWIN FEHR

\*Clockwise From Top Left: Big power shovels moved a lot of dirt in one day at the copper deposits. The large smelter from the great copper operation in White Pine County. The Kellinski shaft connected underground with the Deep Ruth shaft (shown bottom center). A view from the bottom of the huge Copper Flat Pit. The Veteran Pit was farthest west in the copper ore zone.

*\*Captions are from original story*

zone which runs roughly east and west for about seven miles and is about a mile wide.

In this overall area, at the present time, five separate pits are in the process of excavation and development, and each day each hole gets a little deeper and a little bigger. All of the work is integrated so that it is all just one big job.

These huge cavities are the Veteran Pit, the Morris Pit, the Brooks Pit, the Copper Flat Pit (the granddaddy of them all), and the Kimbley Pit in their sequential occurrence from west to east. In addition, two other working units of major size, the Deep Ruth shaft and the Kellinski shaft, about a mile apart, will be connected underground to facilitate block cave mining beneath

the site of old Ruth of 25 million tons of copper ore in the subsurface ground. Production from this area is expected some time early in 1956.

The Veteran Pit, farthest west of the five, was started in October 1953, and then the dirt flew. Between that date and December 31, 1953, a three-month time lapse, 4 million tons of waste material had been moved. The pit, when fully developed, will be 2,500 feet long, 1,500 feet wide, and about 600 feet deep, and will yield approximately 20 million tons of copper ore with 40 million tons of waste material removed. That in itself is a major undertaking and reflects the progress which has been made since the pick-and-shovel days because, now, 30-ton carry-alls, high-powered diesel bulldozers, and

5-cubic-yard power shovels get rid of the dirt in a hurry.

The Morris Pit and the Brooks Pit, next-door neighbors across the road, farther east from the Veteran Pit, already have reached large-scale size with the removal of additional millions of tons of waste material. Eventually, these two pits will reach the size of the Veteran Pit and contribute their share of the colossal tonnage of recoverable copper ore. The Morris Pit already looks like a big hole headed for China.

The king-size cavity nearest the city of Ely is the Kimbley Pit, and, like the other three, so much waste material is moved at the same time that 70 cars of ore are made available for shipment to the mill daily. This Kimbley Pit eventually will reach dimensions like

this: 1,000 feet long, 1,500 feet wide, and 300 feet deep. This pit is considered the smallest of the group.

To do the big job of excavating and hauling, one of the largest contracting firms in Nevada, the Isbell Construction Company of Reno, was called in to help.

But these four pit operations, at present, are really “small potatoes,” as big as they are, when compared with the colossal hole at Copper Flat, sometimes called the Liberty Pit. That cavity has been in the making for 46 years, and, naturally, you’d expect to see a very big hole in the ground. You won’t be disappointed; we can assure you.

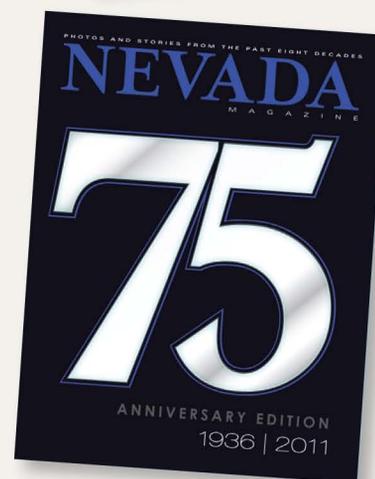
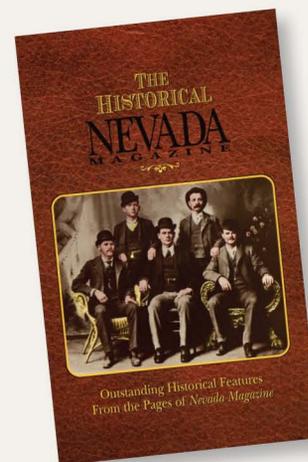
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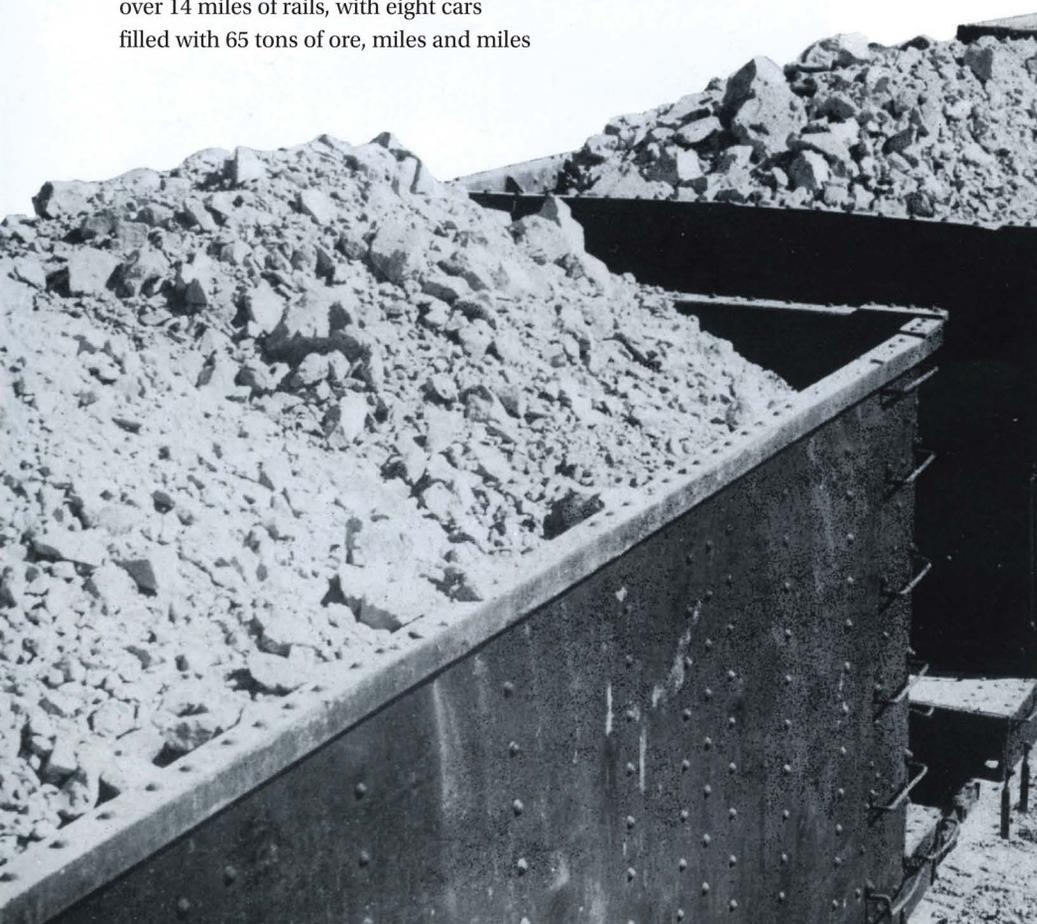
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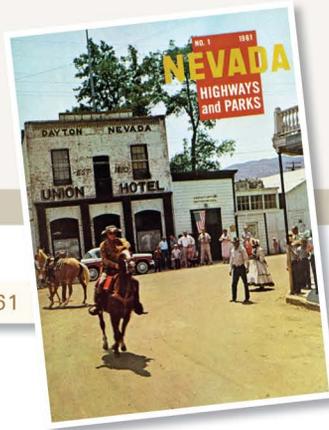
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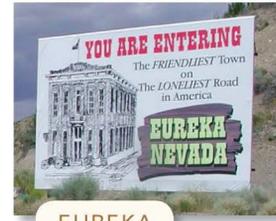
**1, 1873** - Eureka County is created with Eureka, settled eight years prior, as its county seat.

**1, 1951** - The former installation known as Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Fallon is reactivated as an Auxiliary Landing Field after a five-year hiatus.

**2, 1869** - White Pine County is established with Hamilton as its county seat. Ely is named the seat in 1887, a designation it still holds.

**23, 1906** - *White Pine News* reports that Thomas Watkins made a gold strike more than a month before; the camp came to be known as Black Horse, near Osceola.

**25, 1981** - The Lahontan Dam is added to the National Register of Historic Places. The dam—which created Lahontan Reservoir—was completed in 1915 as part of the Newlands Project.



EUREKA



FALLON AUXILIARY LANDING



LAHONTAN DAM

## APRIL

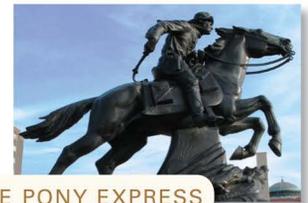
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**15, 1908** - The first train load of copper ore from the Kimberly mines rolls down Robinson Canyon and through Ely on its way to the concentrating mill at McGill.

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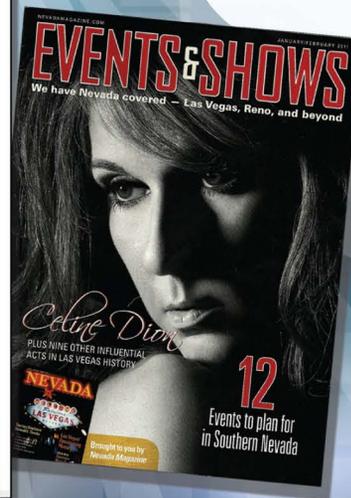
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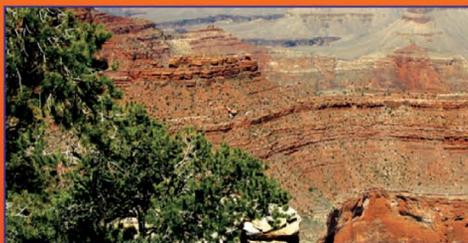
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The 10th annual **Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational** makes its Las Vegas debut, March 31-April 3, at Shadow Creek Golf Course, giving fans the opportunity to watch the biggest names in sports and entertainment. The tournament has created a special "Bring the Kids for Free" offer, providing access for youth 16 and younger when accompanied by a general-admission-ticketed adult.

There is nothing like a good ol'-fashioned **Easter Egg Hunt**, and you can find several around Nevada starting April 16 at Elko's Northeastern Nevada Museum. You can also partake in the tradition April 23 in Virginia City, and the next day in nearby Genoa. Be sure to scan listings for other Nevada Easter celebrations.

*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](mailto:editor@nevadamagazine.com).*

## WHAT'S NEW



"Aussie Improv Comedy Explosion" and "Piano! Las Vegas" recently opened at V Theater inside Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood.



Greg London, voted Best Entertainer by readers of *Nevada Magazine* in 2009, recently moved his show, "Impressions That Rock!," to the Las Vegas Hilton.



"Only In America with Larry The Cable Guy" debuted on the HISTORY channel in February. Tune in on March 8, 22, and 29 to laugh out loud at Larry's Las Vegas experiences.



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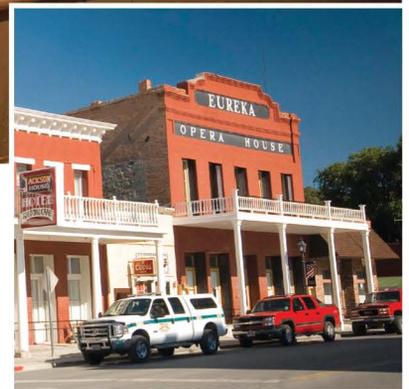
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# nevada's grand ol' opries

Take in a show and more at these historic restored stages in Eureka and Fallon.

BY BETHANY DRYSDALE

## EUREKA OPERA HOUSE

The Eureka Opera House, dating to 1880, is one place that may have been torn down had it been located in any state other than Nevada.

“The historic buildings in [our] community have been owned by—in many cases—the same family for years and years, and that’s why they’ve been kept in good shape,” says Wally Cuchine, retired longtime director of the Eureka Opera House. “It [restoration] has literally made us what I tout as the best-preserved historic mining camp in this part of Nevada...because the buildings that the county has restored are being used for public uses, like the opera house and the courthouse. It gives people a reason to stop and spend more time in Eureka. Hopefully they’ll want to have a little

lunch and go see the cemeteries, too.”

When Eureka was populated with wealthy gold barons and railroad magnates, the opera house was the epicenter of society. When it closed in 1958, one could have wagered that it would become just another pile of rubble, ruins of the old Eureka. And for nearly three decades, that seemed to be its fate.

Then Eureka County bought the building in 1990 and began a three-year restoration project. “The Grand Hall was restored to be like it was in 1880,” Cuchine says. “The ground floor of the opera house, when the building was privately owned, was businesses, so we of course changed that.”

The Eureka Opera House reopened in 1993 with authentic pieces, such as the original hand-painted Oleo stage curtain, mixed in with modern conveniences, such as a full kitchen and audio/visual capabilities. Visitors can tour

the opera house and see the signatures of performers on the walls backstage, “historical graffiti” via the traveling musicians who have left their mark and legacy on the stage. Cuchine says the oldest signature is from 1897.

The ground floor of the opera house has been turned into an art gallery, showcasing primarily Nevada artists. Perhaps it’s the serenity of the high desert or the loneliness of one-street towns, but Nevada produces a lot of artists, and their work can often be found in unexpected galleries, displayed with surprising sophistication and pride. Visitors can always tour the art collection, and of course explore the opera house and Courthouse Gallery across the street. “We’re booked with cultural events through September,” Cuchine says.

The Eureka Opera House hosts traveling performers and rotating art exhibits. The 2011 season has already welcomed

“Men of Worth,” an Irish and Scottish folk music group. The Utah Shakespeare Festival performs “Macbeth” on March 18, and Ralph Cuda & The Dixieland Boys will take the stage in April, followed by several notable cowboy poets in May, June, and July.

## OATS PARK ART CENTER

A few hours west on U.S. Highway 50, in Fallon, is another unexpected venue dedicated to the arts. The Oats Park Art Center, formerly an elementary school, presents live music, film series, art exhibits, and interactive lectures by performers. It’s another example of the old-turned-new along the Loneliest Road.

Famed architect Frederic DeLongchamps designed the Oats Park School in 1914. In his day, DeLongchamps was Nevada’s most prolific architect, and while the mining engineer had no formal training in building design, he orchestrated nine county courthouses in Nevada and California and many state buildings during his short tenure as the official Nevada state architect.

The unassuming schoolhouse in Fallon is typical of DeLongchamps’ style—classic and functional. It was closed in the 1970s, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990, and in the early 1990s began a \$5.5-million renovation and expansion, which continues.

Interestingly, the Churchill Arts Council found DeLongchamps’ original plans, which included a theater that was deferred in the original construction. The site reopened in 2003 as the Oats Park Art Center with the 350-seat Barkley Theater and three art galleries.

Rick Gray, executive director of the Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority, says the quality of the center helps attract high-caliber performers to the rural town. It was built with unobstructed views of the stage and near-perfect acoustics. “It’s a unique space, and for that reason a lot of artists choose to perform there,” he says. “The arts are thriving here in Fallon.” Indeed, Oats Park Art Center brings a full calendar of cultural events and musical performances to Fallon and gives visitors a reason to explore the agricultural town. “I think a third, if

not more, of the audience is out-of-area visitors,” Gray adds.

The Churchill Arts Council owns and operates the art center and theater, and Gray credits the Council with choosing performers that appeal to a wide range of audiences. The 2010/2011 season started with a bang with the Cajun band Feufollet, followed by Americana, Celtic, and country bands. The December show, the Tommy Castro Band, sold out, and in May, Sierra Leone’s Refugee All-Stars will bring songs of survival and hope to the Fallon stage.

Valerie Serpa, executive director of the Churchill Arts Council, has been involved with the arts council from the beginning, and she says that while 35 to 40 percent of the audience for any given show is from out of town, it’s the locals who reap the rewards of the historic building coming to life with every performance. “It’s fabulous for the community that benefits from it, [and it] has emotional ties in the community. My family went to school there, lots of local families went to school there...it has a nice residual energy.”



Barkley Theater, Oats Park Art Center

### CONTACT

**Eureka Opera House**  
31 S. Main St., Eureka  
co.eureka.nv.us  
775-237-6006

### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:

“Macbeth,” Utah Shakespeare Festival, Mar. 18  
Ralph Cuda & The Dixieland Boys, Apr. 8

### CONTACT

**Oats Park Art Center**  
151 E. Park St., Fallon  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

25th Annual “An Evening with the Arts,” Mar. 5  
*Robert Morrison: A Survey*, Mar. 28-May 24  
“A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Aquila Theatre Company, Apr. 2  
*Robert Morrison, on A Survey*, Apr. 9  
Corrinne Clegg Hales & Gailmarie Pahmeier Poetry Reading, Apr. 30

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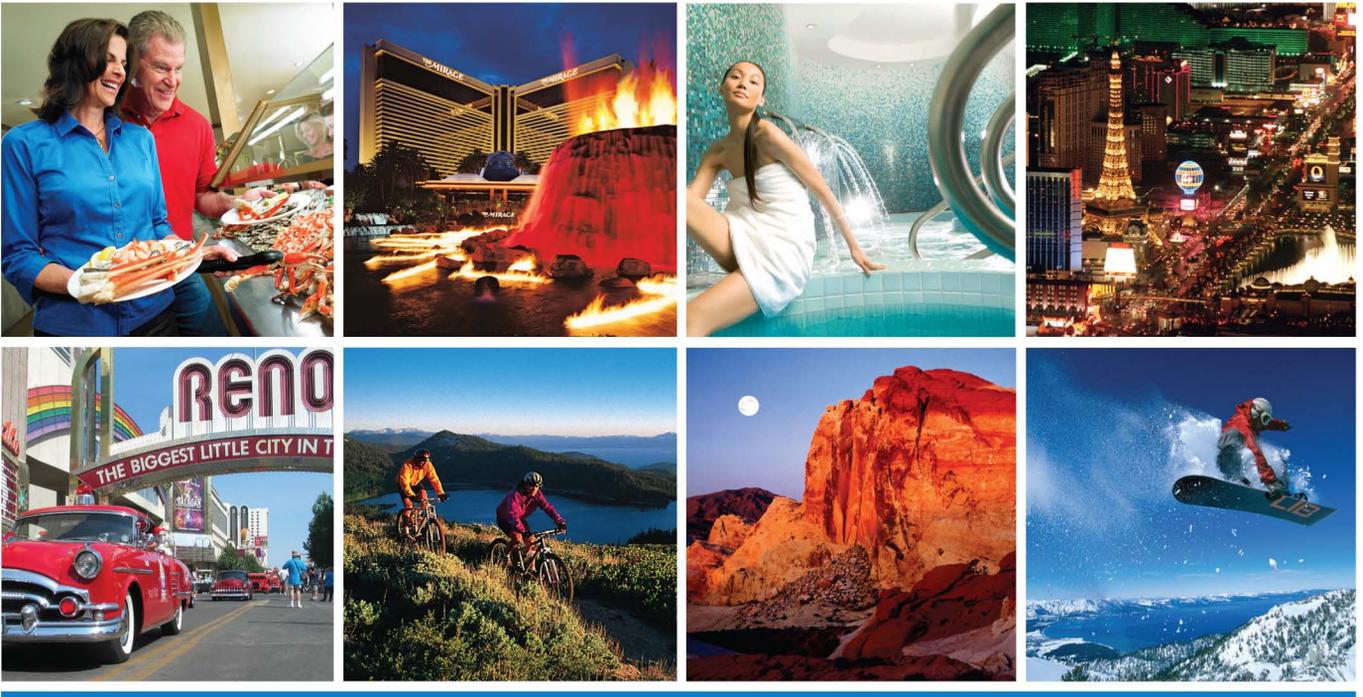


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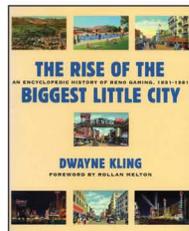
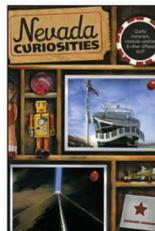
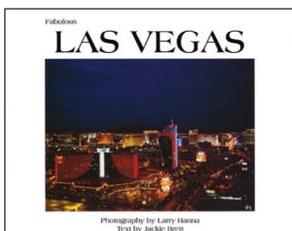
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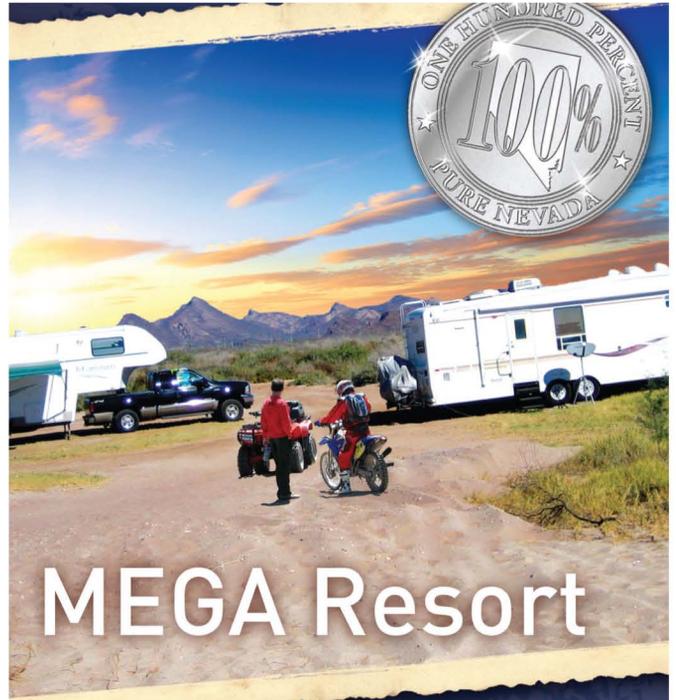
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 Las Vegas Little Theatre  
 lvlt.org  
 702-362-7996

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**\$60,000 Bingo Extravaganza**  
 Gold Coast  
[goldcoastcasino.com](http://goldcoastcasino.com)  
 800-331-5334

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**(1-6)**  
**Mel Tillis**  
 Laughlin  
 Riverside  
[riversideresort.com](http://riversideresort.com)  
 800-227-3849

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**Julieta Venegas**  
 Rio  
[riolasvegas.com](http://riolasvegas.com)  
 888-746-7784

**Women's Leadership Luncheon**  
 Caesars Palace  
[uwsn.org](http://uwsn.org)  
 702-892-2319

**(2-4)**  
**\$100,000 Blackjack Tournament**  
 Hilton  
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**(2-6)**  
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**(3-4)**  
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[treasureisland.com](http://treasureisland.com)  
 800-392-1999

**(3-5)**  
**Long Drivers of America Qualifying**  
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 Sports & Event Complex  
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 888-233-4654

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**The Alan Parsons Project**  
 Boulder Station  
[boulderstation.com](http://boulderstation.com)  
 866-264-1818

**(4-5)**  
**Fan Halen—Tribute to Van Halen**  
 North Las Vegas Cannery  
[cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com)  
 866-999-4899

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**Michael Waltrip Comedy Garage**  
 Mirage  
[mirage.com](http://mirage.com)  
 800-963-9634

**(4-5)**  
**Ronnie Rose**  
 Rampart Casino

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 866-999-4899

**(4-5)**  
**Ultimate Bass Team Tour Fishing Contest**  
 Boulder City  
 Callville Bay  
[visitbouldercity.com](http://visitbouldercity.com)  
 435-586-2746

**(4, 6)**  
**Marvelous Musical & Opulent Operetta**  
 Doc Rando Recital Hall  
[pac.unlv.edu](http://pac.unlv.edu)  
 702-895-2787

**(4-6)**  
**Desert Quilters of Nevada Quilt Show**  
 Henderson  
 Convention Center  
[desertquiltersofnevada.org](http://desertquiltersofnevada.org)  
 702-617-4912

**(4-6)**  
**NASCAR Weekend**  
 Las Vegas Motor Speedway & citywide  
[lvms.com](http://lvms.com)  
 800-644-4444

**(4-6)**  
**Race Jam**  
 Fremont Street Experience  
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**(4-6)**  
**Spring Series—Nevada Ballet Theatre**  
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 702-895-2787

**(4-6, 10-13)**  
**Summers of Fear**  
 Judy Bayley Theatre  
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 702-895-2787

**(4-7)**  
**West Coast Conference Basketball Championship**  
 The Orleans  
[orleanscasino.com](http://orleanscasino.com)  
 800-675-3267

5 SATURDAY

**Brass Roots Quintet Concert**  
 Charleston Heights Arts Center  
[artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org)  
 702-229-3515

**Clark County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner**  
 The Venetian  
[clarkgop.org](http://clarkgop.org)

**Eric Clapton w/ Los Lobos**  
 MGM Grand  
[mgmgrand.com](http://mgmgrand.com)  
 800-929-1111

**John Popper & The Duskray Troubadours**  
 Red Rock  
[redrocklasvegas.com](http://redrocklasvegas.com)  
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 Eastside Cannery  
[eastsidecannery.com](http://eastsidecannery.com)  
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 Golden Nugget  
[goldennugget.com](http://goldennugget.com)  
 866-946-5336

**Mesquite Madness Fundraising Dinner**  
 Mesquite  
 CasaBlanca  
[mesquitenv.com](http://mesquitenv.com)  
 702-345-4244

**MMA**  
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**Snoop Dogg**  
 Primm  
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[primmvalleyresorts.com](http://primmvalleyresorts.com)  
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**Leave No Trace Trainers Course**  
 Valley of Fire State Park  
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 702-397-2088

**(5-6)**  
**Marshall Tucker Band**  
 The Orleans  
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**7****Anne of Green Gables**

Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**(7-9)****Bullhead City Spring Senior Softball Tournament**

Laughlin/Bullhead City  
aquariuscasinoresort.com  
800-662-5825

**8****(8-12)****Mountain West Conference Basketball Championship**

Thomas & Mack Center  
unlvtickets.com  
866-388-3267

**(8-13)****Kevin Skinner**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

**9****Irina Kulikova**

Doc Rando Recital Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**(9-12)****Western Athletic Conference Basketball Championship**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

**10****(10-12)****Soccer Champions Coaches' Clinic**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**11****Off the Shore Spring Break Weekend**

Paris  
chateauclublv.com  
702-776-7777

**(11-12)****Irish Days Festival**

Laughlin  
Colorado Belle  
coloradobelle.com  
866-352-3553

**(11-12)****Legends of Motown Old School Tribute Show**

North Las Vegas  
Cannery  
cannerycasino.com  
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**(11-12)****Wanda Sykes**

Mirage  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**(11-13)****The Lettermen**

South Point  
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**(11-13)****Nevada Striper Club Fishing Contest**

Boulder City  
Las Vegas Bay  
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com  
702-564-8025

**(11-17)****St. Patrick's Day Party**

J.C. Wooloughan  
Irish Pub  
jwlasvegasresort.com  
702-869-7725

**(11, 18-19)****"Out of Sight Out of Murder"**

Mesquite  
Community Theatre  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-6670

**12****SATURDAY****Astronomy in the Park**

Spring Mountain  
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parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  
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**Brews Best Village Beer Fest**

Henderson  
Lake Las Vegas  
montelagovillage.com  
702-564-4700

**Brubeck Brothers Quartet**

Historic Fifth  
Street School  
artslasvegas.org  
702-229-3515

**Cotto vs. Mayorga**

Boxing  
MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
877-880-0880

**Disturbed & Korn**

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hardrockhotel.com  
800-HRD-ROCK

**Huey Lewis & The News**

Henderson  
Green Valley Ranch  
greenvalleyranchresort.com  
866-264-1818

**Los Tucanes de Tijuana**

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-386-7867

**Opole, Philharmonic of Poland, w/ Evgeni Mikhailov, Piano**

Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Reba McEntire**

Laughlin  
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**The Strokes**

The Cosmopolitan  
thecosmopolitanlasvegas.com  
877-551-7778

**Vertical Horizon**

Red Rock  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**(12-13)****Big League Weekend**

Cashman Field  
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Cubs vs. Dodgers, Sun.  
lv51.com  
702-798-7825

**(12-13)****Crossroads of the West Gun Show**

Cashman Center  
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801-544-9125

**★ ONGOING****The Amazing Johnathan**

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

**Anthony Cools**

Paris  
Dark Mon. & Wed.  
parislavegas.com  
877-374-7469

**The Aussie Improv Comedy Explosion**

Variety Theater  
Dark Wed.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**The Australian Bee Gees Show**

Excalibur  
Dark Mon. & Apr. 5-10  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**Barry Manilow**

Paris  
Mar. 18-20, 25-27  
manilowparis.com  
800-745-3000

**"The Beatles LOVE," by Cirque du Soleil**

Mirage  
Dark Tues. & Wed.  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**"BeatleShow!"**

Variety Theater  
Nightly  
varietytheater.com  
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**"Bite"**

Stratosphere  
Dark Thurs.  
stratospherehotel.com  
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**Blue Man Group**

The Venetian  
Nightly

venetian.com  
800-BLUE-MAN

**Bobby Slayton: The Pitbull of Comedy**

Hooters  
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hooterscasinohotel.com  
866-584-6687

**"Burlesque—The Show"**

Topless revue  
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Dark Wed.  
burlesqueshowlv.com  
702-946-8986

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Luxor  
Dark Tues.  
luxor.com  
702-262-4400

**Celine Dion**

Caesars Palace  
Mar. 15-16,  
19-20, 22-23, 25-26  
Apr. 1-3, 6-7, 9-10,  
12-13, 15-17  
caesarspalace.com  
800-745-3000

**Chippendales**

Male revue  
Rio  
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**Country Superstars Tribute**

Golden Nugget  
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goldennugget.com  
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**"Crazy Girls"**

Topless revue  
Riviera  
Dark Tues.  
rivierahotel.com  
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**"Crazy Horse Paris"**

Topless revue  
MGM Grand  
Dark Tues.  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**"CRISS ANGEL Believe"**

by Cirque du Soleil  
Luxor  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
luxor.com  
702-262-4400

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**“DAO—The Asian Celebration”**

Riviera  
Dark Tues.  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

**David Copperfield**

MGM Grand  
Thru Mar. 9  
Mar. 17-Apr. 29  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**David Spade**

The Venetian  
Mar. 18-19  
venetian.com  
866-641-7469

**“Defending the Caveman”**

Harrah’s  
Nightly  
harrahslasvegas.com  
702-369-5223

**Dirk Arthur’s “Wild Magic”**

O’Sheas  
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harrahs.com/osheas  
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**The Dirty Joke Show**

Hooters  
Dark Fri.  
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866-584-6687

**“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

**The Fab**

Beatles tribute  
Eastside Cannery  
Tues.  
eastsidecannery.com  
702-856-5470

**“Fantasy”**

Topless revue  
Luxor  
Nightly  
luxor.com  
702-262-4400

**First Friday Art Celebration**

Downtown Arts District  
First Fri. of the month  
firstfriday-lasvegas.org  
702-384-0092

**“Fitz of Laughter”**

Fitzgeralds  
Nightly  
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com  
702-752-7000

**Frank Caliendo**

Monte Carlo  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
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montecarlo.com  
877-386-8224

**Frank Marino’s “Divas Las Vegas”**

Imperial Palace  
Dark Fri.  
imperialpalace.com  
888-777-7664

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Henderson  
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fresh52.com  
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**Garth Brooks**

Wynn Las Vegas  
Mar. 25-26  
Apr. 8-9  
wynnlasvegas.com  
702-770-1000

**“Greg London—Impressions That Rock!”**

Hilton  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
lvhilton.com  
800-222-5361

**Henderson Farmers Market**

Henderson  
Water Street District  
Thurs.  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

(12-13)

**Richard Marx**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

(12, 19)

**“King Arthur’s Quest”  
Missoula Children’s Theatre**

Henderson  
Convention Center  
mctinc.org  
702-267-2171

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**Alesana**

Area 702  
smashmagazine.com

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(15-20)

**Dance of Desire...  
The New Beginning**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

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(17-18)

**Lucky Leprechaun Slot Tournament**

Laughlin  
Pioneer  
pioneerlaughlin.com  
800-634-3469

(17-20)

**PT River Run**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
ptriverrun.com  
800-227-3849

(17-20)

**Silver Dollar Circuit AQHA Horse Show**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

(17-20)

**St. Patrick’s Parade & Festival**

Henderson  
Events Plaza & downtown  
Car show: Mar. 19  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

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**Al Stewart**

Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

**Flogging Molly**

Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7800

**Folk Unlimited Concert**

Lloyd D. George  
U. S. Federal Courthouse  
artslasvegas.org  
702-229-3515

**Juanes**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-HRD-ROCK

**Mesquite Goes Green Fundraiser**

Mesquite  
Eureka Casino  
mesquitenv.com  
702-345-4088

(18-19)

**Knight Rider Festival & St. Patrick’s Day Festival**

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
800-VEGAS-4U

(18-19)

**Red Mountain Choir Concert**

Boulder City  
College of Southern Nevada Campus  
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com  
702-293-5455

(18-20)

**The Anderson’s American Indian Shows**

Henderson  
Convention Center  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

(18-20)

**Art Vargas**

Rampart Casino  
rampartcasino.com  
866-999-4899

(18-20)

**Red Rock Rendezvous Climbing Festival**

Red Rock Canyon NCA  
mountaingear.com/rrr  
800-829-2009

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**Sha Na Na**

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southpointcasino.com  
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**Bon Jovi**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**Chili Cook-Off**

Laughlin  
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coloradobelle.com  
866-352-3553

**Fling into Spring Craft Show**

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Planet Hollywood  
planethollywoodresort.com  
877-333-9474

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Red Rock  
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Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
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suncoastcasino.com  
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(22-27)

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riversideresort.com  
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**Lights— Tribute to Journey**  
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**Monster Jam World Finals**  
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unlvtickets.com  
866-388-3267

(25-27)

**Boulder City Renaissance Faire**  
Boulder City  
Veteran's Memorial Park  
bcrenfaire.org  
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**Coin, Currency, Jewelry & Stamp Expo**  
Rio  
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**Peter Noone**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
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**Spring Wine Fest**  
Golden Nugget  
goldennugget.com  
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Desert Breeze Park  
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Dark Fri.  
imperialpalace.com  
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**"Hypnosis  
Unleashed"**

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Comedy Club**

Harrah's Las Vegas  
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**Jay Leno**

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Apr. 1-2  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**"Jersey Boys"**

The Palazzo  
Dark Wed.  
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**"KÀ"**

by Cirque du Soleil  
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Dark Sun. & Mon.  
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**"The King" starring**

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Dark Tues.  
lvhilton.com  
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**Las Vegas  
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Orleans Arena  
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**Las Vegas 51s**

Triple-A Baseball  
Cashman Field  
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**"Legends  
in Concert"**

Harrah's  
Dark Thurs.  
harrahslasvegas.com  
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**Steven Wright**

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**Henderson Symphony  
Orchestra**

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Experience**

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**Thomas Friedman—  
Hot, Flat, & Crowded:  
Why We Need a  
Green Revolution**

Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
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(29-31)

**Ricochet**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
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**Michael Jordan  
Celebrity Invitational  
Golf Tournament**

Shadow Creek  
mjcigolf.com  
877-253-5847

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"Winter Greens Tour"  
House of Blues  
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(1-2)

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Rampart Casino  
rampartcasino.com  
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(1-3, 6-10)

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(1-3, 7-10)

**"Metamorphosis"**

Rainbow Company Youth  
Theatre  
Reed Whipple  
Cultural Center  
artslasvegas.org  
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(1-17)

**"Jeffrey"**

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702-797-7777

**Ice Cube**

House of Blues  
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323-769-4600

**Paul Rodgers**

Eastside Cannery  
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**Swingin' & Stringin'  
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Charleston Heights  
Arts Center  
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**Tony Award-Winning  
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Greatest Musicals**

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**Ultimate Bass Fishing Tournament**

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unlvino.com  
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**VW Car Show & Community Garage Sale**

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702-812-6449

**(2-3)****Madame Butterfly**

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**3****SUNDAY****Academy of Country Music Awards**

MGM Grand  
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800-929-1111

**Academy of Country Music Fan Jam**

Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
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**4****Superstar Women of Country**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**5****(5-10)****The Australian Bee Gees**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

**6****(6-8)****Rural Roundup Tourism Conference**

Mesquite  
CasaBlanca  
ruralroundup.com  
800-NEVADA-8

**7****(7-10)****Clark County Fair & Rodeo**

Logandale  
Clark County Fairgrounds  
ccfair.com  
888-876-3247

**8****Bill Engvall**

Treasure Island  
treasureisland.com  
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**The Rascals & Mitch Ryder**

North Las Vegas  
Aliante  
aliantecasino.com  
877-477-7627

**Saucy Jack**

North Las Vegas  
Cannery  
cannerycasino.com  
866-999-4899

**(8-9)****Early Clover**

Rampart Casino  
rampartcasino.com  
866-999-4899

**(8-10)****Dennis Miller**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
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**(8-10)****Gary Puckett**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**9****SATURDAY****Art in the Yard Sale**

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**Astronomy in the Park**

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
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Sunset Station  
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**(9-10)****Legends Over the Colorado Fly-In**

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International Airport  
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Henderson  
Lake Las Vegas  
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**12****(11-17)****World Mini Grand Prix**

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Motocross Park  
mesquitenv.com  
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**12****(12-17)****Connie Stevens**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
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**13****All-Time Low**

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**"MÜS.I.C.,"**

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Planet Hollywood  
Dark Wed.  
planethollywoodresort  
.com  
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riolasvegas.com  
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**"Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular"**

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Dark Sun.  
venetian.com  
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**Piano! Las Vegas**

Variety Theater  
Dark Fri.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**The Platters, The Cornell Gunter Coasters, & The Marvelettes**

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Nightly  
thecrownvegas.com  
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**Playboy Comedy**

Palms  
Fri. & Sat.  
palms.com  
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Dark Sun. & Mon.  
ballyslasvegas.com  
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Clark County Museum  
Thru June 3  
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Hooters  
Thurs.-Sun.  
hooterscasino.com  
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Plaza Hotel  
Nightly  
ratpackisback.com  
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mirage.com  
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luxor.com  
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Wed.-Sun.  
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**CSI: The Experience**

MGM Grand  
Daily  
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Stratosphere  
Thru Apr. 29  
stratospherehotel.com  
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702-679-7433

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Daily  
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Daily  
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Community Theater  
mesquitenv.com  
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Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
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**The Fab—Tribute to The Beatles**

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cannerycasino.com  
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**Gabriel Ayala Concert Lloyd D. George U. S. Federal Courthouse**

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702-229-3515

**(15-16)**

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Thomas & Mack Center  
unlvtickets.com  
866-388-3267

**(15-17)**

**Frankie Randall & Pete Barbutti**

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rampartcasino.com  
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**(15-17)**

**Whitney Cummings**

South Point  
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**Bruce Hornsby**

Red Rock  
redrocklasvegas.com  
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Laughlin  
Harrah's  
harrahslaughlin.com  
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Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  
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**Henderson Heritage Parade & Festival**

Henderson  
Events Plaza & downtown  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**Masterworks IV**

Las Vegas Philharmonic  
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Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
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**Professional Bull Riders**

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mandalaybay.com  
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**Project Dinner Table**

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Hard Rock  
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**(16-17)**

**Boulder City Fine Arts Festival**

Boulder City  
Bicentennial Park  
bcfineartsfestival.com  
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The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

**(16-17)**

**Xtreme Bulls**

Laughlin  
rodeolaughlin.com  
800-227-5245

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Area 702  
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**(19-24)**

**Burns & Poe**

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Riverside  
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**(20-21)**

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Golf Course  
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**The Wild Week of Weirdos Tour**

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**Wonder Years**

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**(22-23)**

**Janet Jackson**

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caesarspalace.com  
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rampartcasino.com  
866-999-4899

(22-24)

**Blues & Brews Festival**

Laughlin  
Colorado Belle  
coloradobelle.com  
866-352-3553

(22-24)

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South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
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**Alter Bridge**

House of Blues  
houseofblues.com  
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**Cowboy Mouth**

Red Rock  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**"Fiesta!"—****Nevada Pops**

Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Little River Band**

North Las Vegas  
Cannery  
cannerycasino.com  
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**Walk With Me**

Benefits Easter Seals  
Southern Nevada  
W. Wayne Bunker  
Family Park  
walkwithme.org/lasvegas  
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## SUNDAY

**Easter Egg Hunt at the Ranch**

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
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702-875-4141

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**Enigma**

Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

(26-28)

**Kitchen & Bath Industry Show**

Las Vegas Convention  
Center  
kbis.com  
800-933-8735

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**Concert on the Grass**

Mesquite  
City Hall Amphitheater  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-5966

**UNLV Jazz Ensemble II & III**

Black Box Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

(27-May 1)

**Laughlin River Run**

Laughlin  
laughlinriverrun.com  
949-502-3434

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**Concert Singers Grand Finale**

Doc Rando Recital Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Jesse Cook**

Henderson  
Henderson Pavilion  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-4849

(28-30)

**Spring Blend**

Dance Studio One  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

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**Cheech & Chong**

Laughlin  
Harrah's  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-4600

**Darius Rucker**

Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

**Foreigner**

Henderson  
Green Valley Ranch  
greenvalleyranchresort.com  
866-264-1818

**MOCCA**

North Las Vegas  
Cannery  
cannerycasino.com  
866-999-4899

(29-30)

**Steve Martin & The Steep Canyon Rangers**

Mirage  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

(29-May 1)

**Super Chevy Show**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

(29-May 1, 5-8)

**Noises Off**

Judy Bayley Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

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## SATURDAY

**George Thorogood & The Destroyers**

North Las Vegas  
Texas Station  
texasstation.com  
866-264-1818

**Great White**

Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

**Leon Russell**

Red Rock  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**The O'Jays**

North Las Vegas  
Cannery  
cannerycasino.com  
866-999-4899

**Ricky Martin**

Caesars Palace  
ticketmaster.com  
800-745-3000

**Spring Concert**

Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Young Men's Conference**

West Las Vegas  
Arts Center  
artslasvegas.org  
702-229-4800

(30-May 1)

**Spring Jamboree**

Boulder City  
springjamboree.com  
702-293-2034

## ★ ONGOING

**Rita Rudner**

The Venetian  
Mon., Wed., & Sat.  
venetian.com  
866-641-7469

**"Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show"**

Riviera  
Dark Sun.  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

**"Shades of Sinatra"**

Clarion  
Tues. & Thurs.  
wolftheaterlasvegas.com  
702-990-1524

**"Sideswipe"**

Tropicana  
Daily  
troplv.com  
800-829-9034

**"Sinatra Dance With Me"**

Wynn  
Dark Sun., thru Apr. 2  
wynnlasvegas.com  
702-770-9966

**"Sirens of TI"**

Treasure Island  
Nightly  
treasureisland.com  
702-894-7111

**Striptease****The Show**

Topless Revue  
Sahara  
Nightly  
saharavegas.com  
702-737-2515

**Supernatural****Santana—A Trip Through the Hits**

Hard Rock  
Apr. 20, 22-24, 27,  
29-May 1 (final shows)  
supernaturalsantana.com  
702-693-5583

**Terry Fator**

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

**"Thunder From Down Under"**

Male revue  
Excalibur  
Nightly  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**Tiësto**

Hard Rock  
Mar. 5  
Apr. 2  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-HRD-ROCK

**Tim Allen**

The Venetian  
Mar. 4-5, 11-12  
Apr. 1-2, 8-9  
venetian.com  
866-641-7469

**"Tony n' Tina's Wedding"**

Variety Theater  
Dark Thurs.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"Tournament of Kings"**

Excalibur  
Dark Tues.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**"Triumph"**

Hilton  
Six shows per week  
lvhilton.com  
800-222-5361

**"V—The Ultimate Variety Show"**

Variety Theater  
Nightly  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"Viva ELVIS" by Cirque du Soleil**

Aria Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
arialasvegas.com  
877-25-ELVIS

**"X" Burlesque**

Topless revue  
Flamingo  
Nightly  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**Yesterday****The Beatles Tribute**

Tropicana  
Dark Mon.  
troplv.com  
800-829-9034

**"ZUMANITY, the Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil"**

New York-New York  
Dark Mon. & Thurs.  
nynyhotelcasino.com  
866-606-7111



Lincoln Highway Car Show, Austin

PHOTO: BUSCHANDBUSCH.COM



White Pine Fire & Ice Show, Cave Lake State Park

PHOTO: BRUCE RETTIG

# central nevada by the dozen

Discover 12 Pony Express Territory events you don't want to miss in 2011.

## MARCH

### RATTLESNAKE HILL TRAIL RUN

Runners and fitness enthusiasts should mark their calendars for **Fallon's** first Rattlesnake Hill Trail Run on **March 12**. Registration for the three-mile race is \$20 and \$15 for participants 55 and older. The post-race activities include awards for overall winners and age divisions. [churchillcounty.org](http://churchillcounty.org), 775-423-7733

## APRIL

### LINCOLN HIGHWAY CAR SHOW

The words "Lincoln Highway" conjure thoughts of a time when taking to the open road and watching the miles tick away was more of a privilege than a chore. **Austin's** Lincoln Highway Car Show, **April 16**, brings that feeling to life with classic cars, hot rods, and custom vehicles. [austinnevada.com](http://austinnevada.com), 775-964-2200

## MAY

### NEVADA OPEN ROAD CHALLENGE

Many Nevadans fondly remember when the vast empty highways crisscrossing the state had no speed limits. Thanks to the Nevada Open Road Challenge, reliving those glory days won't land you in jail. The races have special permission to burn rubber on State Route 318 outside of **Lund** at speeds exceeding 200 mph, and race

classes for the event, **May 12-15**, range from 95 to 180 mph in 5-mph increments to include drivers of varying skill levels. [silverstateclassic.com](http://silverstateclassic.com), 702-451-1513

## MAY

### OODLES OF NOODLES

Since the first towns started popping up in the Nevada desert, the state has had robust populations of Chinese and Italian immigrants who brought with them rich cultures and delectable cuisines. Fittingly, one of the state's oldest towns, **Dayton**, hosts the annual Oodles of Noodles pasta cook-off, **May 14-15**, putting noodles of Asian and Mediterranean varieties to the taste test. Professional and amateur chefs compete for prizes in the event that regularly draws more than 9,000 hungry guests. [daytonnvchamber.org](http://daytonnvchamber.org), 775-246-7909



Nevada Open Road Challenge

## JUNE

### PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE

To honor the bravery and perseverance embodied by the Pony Express, more than 600 riders will take to the historic trail June 8-18 during the annual Pony Express Re-Ride. The mail passes east-to-west through **Nevada** on **June 14-17**, with stops at original Pony Express station locations such as Fort Churchill State Historic Park, Carson City, and Friday's Station (Stateline). [xphomestation.com](http://xphomestation.com), 916-332-8382

## JUNE

### COCKTAILS AND CANNONS

Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe aren't the only places in landlocked Nevada to find beach parties this summer. On **June 24-25**, **Cave Lake State Park** near Ely hosts the third annual Cocktails and Cannons. The popular and quirky bathtub boat race is a regional favorite and draws participants and spectators from around the state. The cocktail party starts at noon, ensuring onlookers are plenty entertained, and a dinner (tickets limited), fireworks, and floating bonfire round out the evening. Cave Lake takes center stage again **January 13-15, 2012**, during the annual ice-sculpting and fireworks event, the **White Pine Fire & Ice Show**. [elynevada.net](http://elynevada.net), 800-496-9350



Fourth of July, Ely

PHOTO: MIKE SEVON



Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival, Fallon

## JULY

## 4TH OF JULY

Parades and evening fireworks in Austin ([austinnevada.com](http://austinnevada.com), 775-964-2200), Eureka ([co.eureka.nv.us](http://co.eureka.nv.us), 775-237-6006), Ely ([elynevada.net](http://elynevada.net), 800-496-9350), Fallon ([fallontourism.com](http://fallontourism.com), 775-423-4556), and Fernley ([fernleychamber.org](http://fernleychamber.org), 775-575-4459) celebrate our nation's birth with traditional exuberance, while other events put their own spins on the festivities. The Fireworks Train and BBQ at the Nevada Northern Railway and Sagebrush Quilter's 4th of July Quilt Show offer unique ways to celebrate our independence in Ely, and "old-fashioned" celebrations in Austin and Eureka provide a touch of nostalgia. New in 2011, Austin combines its 4th of July celebration with the annual Gridley Days to celebrate the town and nation together. Fernley's celebrations engulf the entire town with myriad activities, and Fallon's Silver State International Rodeo, July 4-9, is six days of western fun to "boot."

## SEPTEMBER

## HEARTS O' GOLD CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL

From its conception, **Fallon** has been an agricultural oasis, extracting unlikely fruits—and vegetables—from a once-arid expanse of desert. The town's famous Hearts O' Gold cantaloupes take center stage at the annual Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival, **September 2-5**, at the Churchill County Fairgrounds. Upwards of

14,000 visitors attend the Labor Day Weekend event, which includes a farmers' market, craft and food booths, beer garden, live music, petting zoo, rodeo, parade, and, of course, creative treats featuring the festival's namesake melon.

[fallontourism.com](http://fallontourism.com), 866-432-5566

## SEPTEMBER

## VAQUERO DAYS &amp; SENIOR PRO RODEO

Nevada and rodeo go together like boots and spurs—two cowboy essentials that are in abundance in **Fernley** during the town's annual Vaquero Days and Senior Pro Rodeo, **September 16-18**. In its 32nd year, the rodeo includes men's bareback and lady's bareback riding, barrel racing, bull riding, calf roping, ribbon roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, and team roping. More than 400 contestants rode in the 2010 event.

[fernleychamber.org](http://fernleychamber.org), 775-575-4459

## OCTOBER

## TRACTORS &amp; TRUFFLES

Back for a second year following a successful 2010 debut, **Fallon's** celebration of agriculture, fine arts, and fine food returns **October 15**. Tractors & Truffles spotlights Lahontan Valley's delectable array of farmed goods ranging from produce and dairy to meats and even local wines. The event starts with a tour and lunch at Lattin Farms followed by a tour and tasting at Churchill Vineyards. The fresh farm-to-table dinner is presented by award-win-

ning chef Steve Hernandez of The Slanted Porch. The evening ends with a musical performance at the Barkley Theater inside the Oats Park Art Center.

[tractorsandtruffles.com](http://tractorsandtruffles.com), 866-432-5566

## NOVEMBER

## THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT

Perdiz Sport Shooting in **Eureka** is well known for its clay shooting events that take place throughout the year. The Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, **November 12-13**, gives sport shooters the chance to bring home the bacon—rather, turkeys and Cornish game hens—just in time to put a bird on their dinner tables.

[co.eureka.nv.us](http://co.eureka.nv.us), 775-237-6006

## NOVEMBER &amp; DECEMBER SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SMELLS OF CHRISTMAS

Even before Thanksgiving dinner has had time to settle, the country typically falls into Christmas fever. **Ely** kicks off the holiday season with fervor during the week-long Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas, **November 25-December 3**. Christmas trees decorated by local businesses fill the Bristlecone Convention Center during the event, which includes craft vendors, photos with Santa, live music, and more. The Nevada Northern Railway's themed Polar Express Train is a favorite Ely Christmas tradition and runs from late November through December. [elynevada.net](http://elynevada.net), 800-496-9350; [nnry.com](http://nnry.com), 866-407-8326



NORTHERN NEVADA

march/april

All listings are in Reno 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 Northern Nevada happenings, visit [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com). To submit an event or show, e-mail [editor@nevadamagazine.com](mailto:editor@nevadamagazine.com).

MARCH

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**Dulce Vita**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
[devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com)  
775-831-0512

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**Drive-By Truckers**  
Knitting Factory  
[re.knittingfactory.com](http://re.knittingfactory.com)  
775-323-5648

**Governor's Arts Awards**  
Carson City  
Brewery Arts Center  
[nac.nevadaculture.org](http://nac.nevadaculture.org)  
775-687-6680

**Dulce Vita**  
Stateline  
MontBleu  
[montbleuresort.com](http://montbleuresort.com)  
888-829-7630

**To Speak of Wolves**  
Club Underground  
[clubunderground-reno.com](http://clubunderground-reno.com)  
775-786-2582

(2-3, 9-10, 16-17)  
**"The Dilettantes"**

**Dinner Show**  
Gold Hill  
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon  
[visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com)  
775-847-0111

(2-6)  
**"Fat Pig"**  
Redfield Studio Theatre  
[unr.edu/nevadarep](http://unr.edu/nevadarep)  
775-784-4444

(2-6)  
**Winnemucca Ranch Hand Rodeo**  
Winnemucca  
Events Complex  
[ranchrodeonv.com](http://ranchrodeonv.com)  
800-962-2638

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**OASIS 2011: Powering Nevada's Prosperity**  
Silver Legacy  
[nac.nevadaculture.org](http://nac.nevadaculture.org)  
775-687-6680

**"Rail Jam" w/ The Staxx Brothers**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
[devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com)  
775-831-0512

(3-6)  
**Elk Camp & Hunting/Fishing/Outdoor Expo**  
Reno-Sparks  
Convention Center  
[visitrenotahoe.com](http://visitrenotahoe.com)  
406-523-4500

(3-6)  
**North Face Masters**  
Kirkwood  
[kirkwood.com](http://kirkwood.com)  
209-258-6000

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**Boyz II Men**  
West Wendover  
[wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com)  
800-217-0049

**Kiwanis Sunrisers Crab Feed**  
Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
[tahoesouth.com](http://tahoesouth.com)  
530-314-9513

**Mardi Gras Party w/ Mumbo Gumbo**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
[devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com)  
775-831-0512

**Mattie Gras**  
Elko  
Matties Bar & Grill  
[exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com)  
775-753-3877

**Mistah F.A.B.**  
Club Underground  
[clubunderground-reno.com](http://clubunderground-reno.com)  
775-786-2582

(4-5)  
**The Rat Pack Tribute Show**  
Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
[ameristar.com](http://ameristar.com)  
800-821-1103

(4-6)  
**Celebrity Winterfest**  
Special Olympics fundraiser  
Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
[celebritywinterfest.com](http://celebritywinterfest.com)  
925-944-0594

(4-6, 11-13)  
**"Terra Nova"**  
Reno Little Theater  
[renolittletheater.org](http://renolittletheater.org)  
775-329-0661

(4-13)  
**Snowfest**  
North Lake Tahoe  
[tahoesnowfestival.com](http://tahoesnowfestival.com)  
530-583-7167

5 SATURDAY

**An Evening w/ the Arts**  
Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
[churchillarts.org](http://churchillarts.org)  
775-423-1440

**Big Bonanza Days**  
Virginia City  
[visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com)  
775-847-4386

**Easton Corbin**  
West Wendover  
[wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com)  
800-217-0049

**Late Night TV Shows**  
Brüka Theatre  
[bruka.org](http://bruka.org)  
775-323-3221

**Martis Peak Snowshoe Hike**  
Martis Peak Road  
[tahoerimtrail.org](http://tahoerimtrail.org)  
775-298-0012

**Pauly Shore**  
Grand Sierra  
[grandsierraresort.com](http://grandsierraresort.com)  
800-501-2651

**Physician's Spouses Rummage Sale**  
Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center  
[awcms.org](http://awcms.org)  
775-829-1303

**Robin Trower**  
Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
[harrahslaketahoe.com](http://harrahslaketahoe.com)  
800-786-8208

**Reno Hip Hop Awards**  
Club Underground  
[clubunderground-reno.com](http://clubunderground-reno.com)  
775-786-2582

**Sno Bowl Jr. Ski Lessons**  
Elko  
[exploreeelko.com](http://exploreeelko.com)  
775-777-7260

**Snowbomb Big Air Competition**  
Alpine Meadows  
[skialpine.com](http://skialpine.com)  
800-441-4423

**Snowshoe Thompson Cross-Country Ski Snowshoe Tour**  
Hope Valley  
[snowshoethompson.org](http://snowshoethompson.org)  
775-315-7777

**Tahoe Meadows Snowshoe Hike**  
Tahoe Meadows  
[tahoerimtrail.org](http://tahoerimtrail.org)  
775-298-0012

**Wanda Sykes**  
Silver Legacy  
[silverlegacyreno.com](http://silverlegacyreno.com)  
800-687-8733

6 SUNDAY

**The Great Ski Race**  
Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team fundraiser  
Tahoe City to Truckee  
[thegreatskirace.com](http://thegreatskirace.com)

**Learn to Ski & Ride**  
Squaw Valley USA  
[squaw.com](http://squaw.com)  
800-403-0206

**Polar Plungefest**  
Incline Village  
Hyatt Regency  
Lake Tahoe  
[polarplungefest.com](http://polarplungefest.com)  
925-944-0594

**USASA Slopestyle**  
Sierra-at-Tahoe  
[sierraattahoe.com](http://sierraattahoe.com)  
530-659-7453

(6, 8)  
**MasterClassics Five: Discover New Worlds**  
Reno Philharmonic Orchestra  
Pioneer Center  
[pioneercenter.com](http://pioneercenter.com)  
775-686-6600

(6-13)  
**Lake Tahoe WinterFest Gay & Lesbian Ski Week**  
South Lake Tahoe  
[laketahoewinterfest.com](http://laketahoewinterfest.com)  
775-720-9160

(6, 27)  
**Anderson Ridge Tour**  
Sugar Bowl  
[sugarbowl.com](http://sugarbowl.com)  
530-426-7000

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**Mike Gordon**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
[devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com)  
775-831-0512

(7-11)

**Jeremy Stern:**  
**"Following"**  
 Sheppard Fine  
 Arts Gallery  
 unrschoolofthearts.org  
 775-784-4ART

(7-11)

**Learn to Ski & Ride Week**  
 Incline Village  
 Diamond Peak  
 diamondpeak.com  
 775-832-1177

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**Escape the Fate**  
 Knitting Factory  
 re.knittingfactory.com  
 775-323-5648

**Stephan Jacobs w/ Lo Fi**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
 devildogshows.com  
 775-831-0512

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**The New Mastersounds**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
 devildogshows.com  
 775-831-0512

(9-13)

**Shooting the West**  
 Photography symposium  
 Winnemucca  
 shootingthewest.org  
 877-623-3501

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**Delhi 2 Dublin**  
 Club Underground  
 clubunderground-reno.com  
 775-786-2582

**Harvey Reid—Music at the Martin**  
 Winnemucca  
 winnemucca.nv.us  
 800-962-2638

**"Rail Jam" w/ Truth & Salvage Co.**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
 devildogshows.com  
 775-831-0512

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**Atticus**  
 Sparks  
 The Alley  
 thealleysparks.com  
 775-358-8891

**George Lopez**  
 West Wendover  
 wendoverfun.com  
 800-217-0049

**Keyser Soze**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
 devildogshows.com  
 775-831-0512

12  
 SATURDAY

**Billy Richards' Coasters**  
 Minden  
 Carson Valley Inn  
 carsonvalleyinn.com  
 800-321-6983

**Dummy Downhill**  
 Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe  
 mtrose.com  
 800-SKI-ROSE

**Eclipse—Tribute to Pink Floyd**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
 devildogshows.com  
 775-831-0512

**George Lopez**  
 Silver Legacy  
 silverlegacyreno.com  
 800-687-8733

**Health & Fitness Fair**  
 Elko  
 exploreelko.com  
 775-777-1196

**Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Poker Run**  
 Incline Village  
 Diamond Peak  
 diamondpeak.com  
 775-832-1177

**Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Tournament**  
 Sutcliffe  
 pyramidlake.us  
 888-225-2668

**Page Meadows Snowshoe Hike**  
 Tahoe City  
 tahoeimtrail.org  
 775-298-0012

**Rattlesnake Hill Trail Run**  
 Fallon  
 churchillcounty.org  
 775-423-7733

**The Scholastic Art Awards of 2011 Awards Ceremony**  
 Nevada Museum of Art  
 nevadaart.org  
 775-329-3333

**Sierra League Race**  
 Incline Village  
 Diamond Peak  
 diamondpeak.com  
 775-832-1177

**Ski w/ Jonny Moseley**  
 Squaw Valley USA  
 squaw.com  
 800-403-0206

**Snowboarder Magazine's One Hit Wonder**  
 Sierra-at-Tahoe  
 sierraattahoe.com  
 530-659-7453

**Super Diamond**  
 Stateline  
 Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
 harrahslaketahoe.com  
 800-786-8208

**St. Patrick's Day Parade & Mountain Oyster Fry**  
 Virginia City  
 visitvirginiacitynv.com  
 775-847-4386

**WAR**  
 Sparks  
 John Ascuaga's Nugget  
 janugget.com  
 800-648-1177

**4-H Dog Skillathon**  
 Reno-Sparks  
 Livestock Events  
 visitrenotahoe.com  
 775-784-4848

(12-13)

**Silver Belt Banzai Tour**  
 Sugar Bowl  
 sugarbowl.com  
 530-426-7000

**(12-13) Snow Camping 101**  
 Lake Tahoe  
 tahoeimtrail.org  
 775-298-0012

13  
 SUNDAY

**Sierra Crest Snowshoe**  
 Kirkwood  
 kirkwood.com  
 209-258-6000

★ ONGOING

**A Tribe of Artists: Costumes & Culture At Burning Man**  
 Elko  
 Western Folklife Center  
 Mar. 28-May 20  
 nac.nevadaculture.org  
 775-738-7508

**Advanced Ski Clinics**  
 Squaw Valley USA  
 Mar. 27-29  
 Apr. 8-10  
 squaw.com  
 800-403-0206

**Ansel Adams: Distance & Detail**  
 Nevada Museum of Art  
 Mar. 26-Aug. 14  
 nevadaart.org  
 775-329-3333

**Après Ski Music in The Village**  
 Squaw Valley USA  
 Sat.  
 squaw.com  
 800-403-0206

**Art Exhibit & Benefit Sponsored by Artists Co-op Gallery**  
 Caughlin Ranch Athletic Club  
 Thru Apr. 1  
 e-mail: ferrand@me.com  
 775-747-6006

**Bachelor of Fine Art Thesis Exhibition**  
 Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery  
 Apr. 4-8, 11-15, 18-22  
 unrschoolofthearts.org  
 775-784-4ART

**Beer Pong Tournament**  
 Club Cal Neva  
 Fri. & Sat.  
 clubcalneva.com  
 775-954-4185

**Beer Pong Tournament**  
 Harrah's  
 Fri. & Sat.  
 harrahsreno.com  
 775-788-2900

**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  
 5 nights a week  
 ticketmaster.com  
 800-683-8266

**Bill Harrah 1911-78: Legendary Collector**  
 National Automobile Museum  
 Thru Dec. 31  
 automuseum.org  
 775-333-9300

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

**"Buddy," the Buddy Holly Story**  
 Eldorado  
 Thru Apr. 3  
 eldoradoreno.com  
 800-648-5966

**Cabo Wabo Cantina Shows**  
 Stateline  
 Harveys  
 Nightly  
 harveystahoe.com  
 775-586-6648

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

**Chris Cady's "Get Hypnotized"**  
 Horizon  
 Mar. 4-5, 18-19  
 Apr. 1-2, 15-16, 29-30  
 renohypnotist.com  
 775-425-5847

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

★ ONGOING *continued*

**Country Dance Lessons**  
Grand Sierra  
Mustangs  
Thurs.  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-501-2651

**Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park Guided Tours**  
Minden  
Sat. & Sun.  
parks.nv.gov/hr.htm  
775-783-9417

**Downtown Wine Walk**  
Carson City  
Second Sat. of the month  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-883-2211

**Eat Well, Play Well**  
Elko  
Northeastern Nevada Museum  
Thru May 8  
museumelko.org  
775-738-3418

**Even in Africa—Paintings By Robert Cinkel**  
National Automobile Museum  
Thru Jan. 5, 2012  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Expressive Luminescence: Watercolors by Timothy J. Clark**  
Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Apr. 24  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Face to Face: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John**  
Harrah's  
Apr. 28-June 26  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2090

**"The Fantasticks"**  
Good Luck Macbeth  
Classic Theater Company  
GLM Theater  
Mar. 25-26  
Apr. 1-2, 8-9, 15-17, 21-23  
goodluckmacbeth.org  
775-322-3716

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

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

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

**Free Second Saturdays**  
Nevada Museum of Art  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Getting the Green—Slot Tournament Series**  
Harrah's  
Mar. 20  
May 1  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2090

**Great Basin Exteriors: A Photographic Survey**  
Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
Mar. 14-May 9  
nac.nevadaculture.org  
775-237-6006

**Herdsmen & Horsemen of the Hungarian Pusztá**  
Elko  
Western Folklife Center  
Ongoing  
westernfolklife.org  
775-738-7508

**Hidden Cave Tours**  
Fallon  
Churchill County Museum (round trip)  
Second & fourth Sat. of the month  
ccmuseum.org  
775-423-3677

**Village Ski Loft Demo Day**  
Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**14 Red Elvies**  
Sparks  
The Alley  
thealleysparks.com  
775-358-8891

**16 Banff Mountain Film Festival**  
Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
cityofsparks.us  
800-843-2427

**Umphrey's McGee**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
devildogshows.com  
775-831-0512

**17 Community Appreciation Day**  
Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**Lenny the Snowboarding Leprechaun**  
Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**St. Patrick's Day Potluck**  
Genoa  
Town Hall  
genoanevada.org  
775-782-8696

**(17-18) Moonlight Snowshoe Tour**  
Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstaratahое.com  
800-466-6784

**(17-18) Silver Lining Ski Camp**  
Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe  
mtrose.com  
800-SKI-ROSE

**18 Aaron Lewis of Stained**  
Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**Brazil's Hottest DJs**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
devildogshows.com  
775-831-0512

**Ghostland Observatory**  
Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
harrahslaketahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**Frog Jumping Contest**  
Elko  
Matties Bar & Grill  
exploreeelko.com  
775-753-3877

**Nordic Super Tour**  
Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstaratahое.com  
800-466-6784

**Roseanne Cash**  
West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**Snowshoe Cocktail Races**  
South Lake Tahoe  
Camp Richardson Resort  
tahoesouth.com  
530-541-0630

**Snowshoe Full Moon Hike to Snowflake Lodge**  
Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**Utah Shakespearean Festival—"Macbeth"**  
Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-6006

**(18-19) Guided Moonlight Snowshoe Tours**  
Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**(18-19) Nite at the Museum**  
Elko  
Northeastern Nevada Museum  
exploreeelko.com  
775-738-3418

**(18-19) Sawyer Brown**  
Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-821-1103

**(18-19) Tahoe South Winter Snow Blast**  
Stateline  
Harrah's & Heavenly  
Itsnowblast.com  
800-AT-TAHOE

**(18-20) Arenacross 2011**  
Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center  
arenacross.com  
630-566-6100

**(18-20) Mucker Madness Basketball Tournament**  
Virginia City  
Virginia City High School  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-0992

**(18-20) Take the Lake—Jumpline Competition**  
Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
800-441-4423

**(18-20) Youth Coed Basketball Tournament**  
Fallon  
Churchill County High School  
churchillcounty.org  
775-423-7733

**(18-27) All In Poker Series**  
Atlantis  
atlantiscasino.com  
775-954-4142

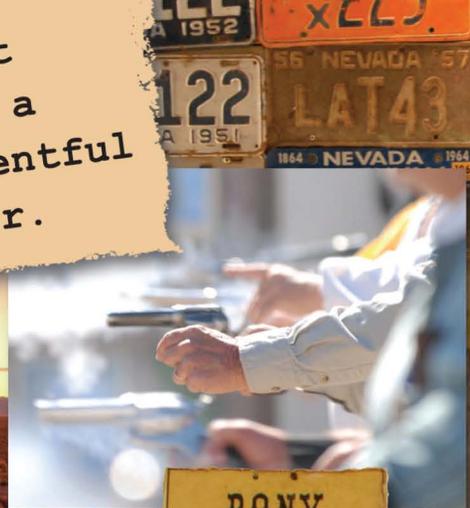
19 SATURDAY

**Butterbox Highest Ollie**  
Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstaratahое.com  
800-466-6784

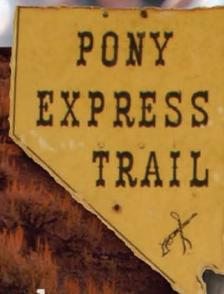
**Circuit Bending Workshop**  
Nevada Museum of Art  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Full Moon Ski & Snowshoe Hike**  
Royal Gorge  
royalgorge.com  
530-426-3871 x.103

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Road will be a  
little more eventful  
this summer.



[PonyExpressNevada.com](http://PonyExpressNevada.com)



**FERNLEY**

August  
American Traveling Shows Carnival  
September 16 - 18  
National Senior Pro Rodeo  
Call (775) 575-4459 or visit  
[FernleyChamber.org](http://FernleyChamber.org) for more information

**DAYTON**

April 30 - May 1  
Dayton Railroad Jamboree  
May 14 - 15  
The 9th Annual Oodles of Noodles  
August 27  
Dayton Area C.O.C.  
Golf Tournament  
September 17 - 18  
Dayton Valley Days  
Call (775) 246-7909 or visit  
[DaytonNvChamber.org](http://DaytonNvChamber.org) for  
more information

**FALLON**

May 13 - 15  
Spring Wings Bird Festival  
June 9 - 12  
Octane Fest  
August 5 - 7  
Oasis Stampede & Country Fair  
August 27  
Fallon Fights  
September - October  
Lattin Farms Nevada Maze  
September 2 - 5  
Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival

September 30 - October 2

World Cowboy  
Fast Draw Championship  
October 15  
Tractors & Truffles  
Call (866) 432-5566 or (775) 423-4556  
or visit [FallonTourism.com](http://FallonTourism.com) for  
more information

**AUSTIN**

April 16  
Lincoln Highway Car Show  
July 1 - 4  
Old Fashioned 4th of July  
and Gridley Days  
August 6  
KVFd Annual Picnic (Kingston)  
August 20  
Lions Club Fly-In (Austin Airport)  
Call (775) 964-2200 or visit  
[AustinNevada.com](http://AustinNevada.com) for more information

**EUREKA**

May 13 - 14  
4th Annual Show WhatYa Brung Car  
Show and Highway 50 Yard Sale  
June 24 - 25  
Don Edwards Original  
Cowboy Music  
July 29  
The Gillette Brothers: Traditional  
Cowboy & Roots Music  
Call (775) 237-5484 or visit  
[EurekaCounty.com](http://EurekaCounty.com) for more information

**ELY**

May 13 - 15  
Nevada Open Road Challenge  
Car Race  
May 28 - 30  
Nevada Northern Railway  
Open House (visit [nnry.com](http://nnry.com)  
for NNR event information)  
June 24 - 25  
Cocktails & Cannons at Cave Lake  
July 4  
4th of July Celebration  
August 6 - 7  
Arts in the Park  
August 12 - 13  
White Pine Rodder's Car Show  
August 20 - 21  
White Pine Horse Races  
and County Fair  
September 3 - 5  
Plein Air Art Show, NV N. Railway  
September 16 - 18  
Silver State Classic Challenge  
Car Race  
Call (800) 496-9350 or visit  
[ElyNevada.net](http://ElyNevada.net) for more information

**GREAT BASIN HERITAGE AREA**

June  
Snake Valley Festival  
September 3 - 5  
Snake Valley Reunion  
Call (775) 234-7171 or visit  
[GreatBasinHeritage.org](http://GreatBasinHeritage.org) for  
more information

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Fallon



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**Historical Lecture**

**Gardnerville**  
Carson Valley  
Museum &  
Cultural Center  
Second Thurs.  
of the month  
historicnevada.org  
775-782-2555

**“History Of America Abridged”**

Brüka Theatre  
Mar. 3-5, 10-13, 17-19  
bruka.org  
775-323-3221

**Honoring the Horse**

Mathewson-IGT  
Knowledge Center  
Ongoing  
knowledgecenter.  
.unr.edu  
775-682-5665

**Imperial Acrobats of China**

Circus Circus  
Dark Wed.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**The Improv at Harveys**

**Stateline**  
Harveys  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
harvestahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**Jacob Hashimoto: Here in Sleep, a World, Muted to a Whisper**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Dec. 31  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**JR Johns**

Pet show  
Circus Circus  
Dark Tues. & Thurs.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**Just for Women Ski Clinics**

**Squaw Valley USA**  
Mar. 9-11, 25  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**Last Tracks**

**Incline Village**  
Diamond Peak  
Sat., thru Apr. 9  
diamondpeak.com

877-468-4397

**Lehman Caves Tour**

**Great Basin National Park**  
Daily  
nps.gov/grba  
775-234-7331

**The Lingo of Our Calling**

Northwest Library  
Thru Mar. 24  
nac.nevadaculture.org  
775-787-4100

**Live Music**

**Sugar Bowl**  
Mar. 17, 19, 26  
Apr. 3, 9, 16  
sugarbowl.com  
530-426-7000

**Lyrical Poetry & Stories**

Nevada Historical Society  
Once a month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**Mile High Jazz Band**

**Carson City**  
Comma Coffee  
Second Tues.  
of the month  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**“Mr. Beiderman & The Firebugs”**

Brüka Theatre  
Apr. 8-9, 14-17,  
21-23, 28-30  
bruka.org  
775-323-3221

**Nevada Heritage Wall**

Artists Co-op Gallery  
Ongoing  
artistsco-opgallery  
reno.com  
775-322-8896

**Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides**

**Ely**  
Call or visit website  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

**Nevada Wolf Pack Baseball**

Peccole Park  
(home dates only)  
Mar. 1, 4-6, 11-13, 22  
Apr. 1-4, 8-10, 21-23  
nevadawolfpack.com  
775-348-7225

**JETS Big Mountain**

**Kirkwood**  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-6000

**Poetry Out Loud Nevada State Finals**

Knitting Factory  
nac.nevadaculture.org  
775-687-6680

**Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Dinner**

**Elko**  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-4091

**Sessions Log Jam**

**Boreal Mountain Resort**  
borealski.com  
530-426-3666

**Stateline Showdown**

**Heavenly Lake Tahoe**  
skiheavenly.com  
800-587-4430

**Tahoe Douglas Rotary’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration**

**Stateline**  
MontBleu  
tahoesouth.com  
775-588-1142

**Trace Adkins**

Peppermill  
peppermillreno.com  
866-821-9996

**Women’s Snowshoe Hike**

**Kingsbury Trailhead**  
tahoerimtrail.org  
775-298-0012

**Youth Art Month Festival**

Lake Mansion  
vsanevada.org  
775-826-6100 x.3

(19-20)

**Reno Chamber Orchestra**  
Nightingale Concert Hall  
renochamberorchestra.  
.org  
775-348-9413

20 SUNDAY

**California Gold Rush Race Series**

**Royal Gorge**  
royalgorge.com  
530-426-3871 x.103

**Community Concert—French Chamber Orchestra**

**Elko**  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-5475

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**EHS Band Concert**

**Elko**  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-4091

**Emcee Battle**

Club Underground  
clubunderground-reno.  
.com  
775-786-2582

(21-25)

**Andrea**

**Juillerat-Olvera: “The Unholy Trinity”**  
Sheppard Fine Arts  
Gallery  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
775-784-4ART

23

**Zach Deputy**

Club Underground  
clubunderground-  
reno.com  
775-786-2582

24

**DJ David Bobzien**

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

**Red Cross Radio-a-thon**

**Elko**  
exploreelko.com  
775-753-9600

**The Young Dubliners**

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

(24-26)

**Grimm’s III—Theatre for Children**

Brüka Theatre  
bruka.org  
775-323-3221

(24-27)

**FIS Sierra Crest Cup**

**Squaw Valley USA**  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

25

**Charlie Daniels Band**

West Wendover

wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**Halleck Bar Party**

**Elko**  
Northeastern  
Nevada Museum  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-3418

**Robert Mirabal**

**Minden**  
CVIC Hall  
cvarstscouncil.com  
775-782-8207

**St. Patrick’s Dance**

**South Lake Tahoe**  
Senior Center  
tahoesouth.com  
530-542-6094

(25-26)

**Comedy Night w/ Bob Zany & Ray Wagner**

**Jackpot**  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-821-1103

(25-26)

**Spring Fling Slot Tournament**

**Sands Regency**  
sandsregency.com  
800-233-4939

(25-27)

**All Season Outdoor Expo/Reno Off-Road Motorsports Expo/ Spring Home & Garden Show**

**Reno-Sparks**  
Convention Center  
lockettshows.com  
775-849-8000

(25-27)

**Disney’s “Cinderella”**

**Gardnerville**  
Pau-Wa-Lu Cafetorium  
toad.vpweb.com  
775-219-3577

26 SATURDAY

**Caboose Kickers Park Comp**

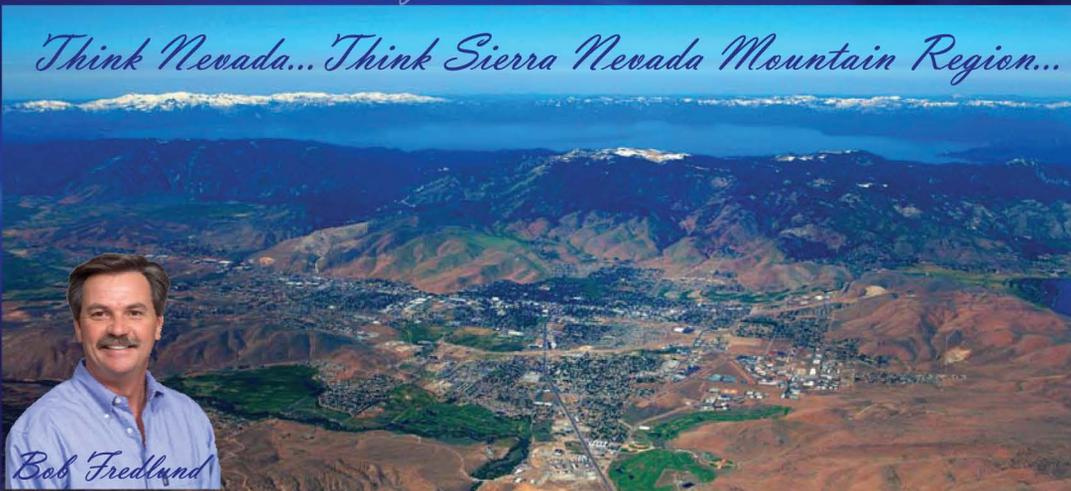
**Sugar Bowl**  
sugarbowl.com  
530-426-7000

**Elko Archery Club Indoor Safari Shoot**

**Spring Creek**  
Horse Palace  
springcreeknv.net  
775-753-6295

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**Nevada Wolf Pack Softball**

Christina Hixson  
Softball Park  
(home dates only)  
Mar. 4-6, 11-13, 18-20  
Apr. 1-2, 15-16, 29-30  
nevadawolfpack.com  
775-348-7225

**New Acquisition: Enchanted Forest by Kim Abeles**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Mar. 27  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**New York to Paris Automobile Race Exhibit**

Featuring 1907  
Thomas Flyer  
National Automobile Museum  
Thru Jan. 5, 2012  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Nike Run Club**

Sparks  
Legends at  
Sparks Marina  
Mon. & Sat.  
experiencelegends.com  
775-358-3800

**Nugget Jazz Night**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's  
Nugget  
Wed.  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**Party Poker Tournaments**

Harrah's  
Fri. & Sat.  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2900

**Painted Deserts**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
Thru Mar. 11  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Peaked Again with Erik Holland, Ten More Famous Nevada Peaks**

Artists Co-op Gallery  
Apr. 1-30  
artistsco-opgallery  
reno.com  
775-322-8896

**Philomena Musician Series**

Nevada Historical Society  
Once a month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**Quirky Rides**

National Automobile Museum  
Thru Oct. 17  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**The Radiant City**

Work by five  
Las Vegas artists  
Carson City  
CCAI Courthouse  
Gallery  
Thru May 6  
arts-initiative.org  
775-450-3842

**Rattlesnake Raceway**

Fallon  
Apr. 2, 16, 30  
rattlesnakeraceway.net  
775-287-5826

**Reno Aces**

Triple-A Baseball  
Aces Ballpark  
(home dates only)  
Apr. 5, 15-22, 28-30  
renoaces.com  
775-334-4700

**Reno Beer Crawl**

Fourth Sat.  
renobeercrawl.com  
775-996-1811

**Reno: Biggest Little City in the World**

Nevada Historical Society  
Wed.-Sat.  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**Reno Bighorns**

NBA D-League  
Basketball  
Reno Events Center  
(home dates only)  
Mar. 11, 12, 16, 29  
Apr. 1  
renobighorns.com  
775-284-2622

**Riverwalk District Art Walk**

First Thurs. of  
the month  
renoriver.org  
775-825-9255

**Nevada Urban Indians Diabetes Health Fair & Powwow**

Wooster High School  
nevadaurbanindians.org  
775-788-7600

**Red Bull Butter Cup**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstarattahoe.com  
800-466-6784

**Rob Schneider**

Stateline  
MontBleu  
montbleuresort.com  
888-829-7630

**Scheels FANatic 5K**

Sparks  
Scheels  
scheels.com/  
renosparksevents  
775-331-2700

**Taj Mahal**

Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
harrahslaketahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**The Underscore Orkestra**

Club Underground  
clubunderground-  
reno.com  
775-786-2582

**Zach Deputy**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
devildogshows.com  
775-831-0512

**(26-27) Head2Head—Series 3**

Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-6000

**(26-27) Tahoe League Race**

Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**(26-27) Telegrass Festival**

Sierra-at-Tahoe  
sierraattahoe.com  
530-659-7453

27 SUNDAY

**Coldstream Park Comp**

Sugar Bowl  
sugarbowl.com  
530-426-7000

**Galactic**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
devildogshows.com  
775-831-0512

**Asking Alexandria**

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

**Women's Camp**

Sierra-at-Tahoe  
sierraattahoe.com  
530-659-7453

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**(28-Apr. 1) Kim Musser: "Likely"**

Sheppard Fine  
Arts Gallery  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
775-784-4ART

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**KidScape Productions**

Spread Peace Café  
kidscapeproductions.com  
775-787-3900

APRIL

1

**"Watch Us Glow" Teen Art Night**

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

**(1-2) Disney's "Cinderella"**

Gardnerville  
Pau-Wa-Lu Cafetorium  
toad.vpweb.com  
775-219-3577

**(1, 3) Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro"**

Nevada Opera  
Association  
Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
775-686-6600

**(1-3) Fallon High School Rodeo**

Fallon  
Churchill County  
Fairgrounds  
fallontourism.com  
775-423-7733

**(1-3) Far West Ski Association Championships**

Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
800-441-4423

2 SATURDAY

**April Fun Shoot**

Eureka  
Perdiz Sport Shooting  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-7027

**Aquila Theatre Company: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**

Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
harrahslaketahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**Dummy Downhill**

Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**Lewis Black**

West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**Martin Short**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**Pond Skim**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe  
mtrose.com  
800-SKI-ROSE

**Red Bull Butter Cup**

Sierra-at-Tahoe  
sierraattahoe.com  
530-659-7453

**Saloon Shuffle**

Virginia City  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4386

**Snowbomb Sick 'n' Twisted Slopestyle**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
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Animal Ark  
animalark.org  
1-775-970-3111

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June 1 - 3, 2011 - National Senior Pro Rodeo

June 6 - 10, 2011 - 26th Annual Elko Mining Expo

June 17 - 19, 2011 - Elko Motorcycle Jamboree

June 19 - 25, 2011 - ATV Jamboree

July 7 - 9, 2011 - Silver State Stampede



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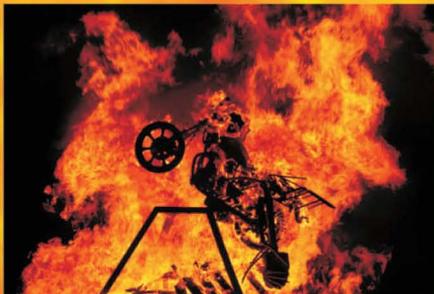
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# Winnemucca

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## Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally May 27-29, 2011



Michelle Hammond Urain

[www.Winnemucca.com](http://www.Winnemucca.com)  
or call 1-800-962-2638

### Upcoming Events

Tournament Charro ~ Mexican Rodeo  
April 30 - May 1, 2011

Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally  
May 27-29, 2011

Winnemucca Mule Races and Show  
June 3-5, 2011

Winnemucca Basque Festival  
June 11-12, 2011

Fifties Fever  
August 5-7, 2011

★ ONGOING continued

**Riverwalk District Wine Walk**

Third Sat. of the month  
renoriver.org  
775-825-9255

**Robert Morrison: A Survey**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
Mar. 28-May 24  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Rubber Biscuit's Rockin' Blues Revue**

Harrah's  
Thru Apr. 24  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2090

**The Scholastic Art Awards of 2011**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Mar. 12-Apr. 10  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Slot Machines: The Fey Collection**

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Wed.-Sat.  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

**"Spring Folies"**

Gold Hill  
Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon  
Mar. 25  
Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-0111

**Steak House Wine Tastings**

Harrah's  
Last Tues. of the month  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2929

**Student Art Show**

Sheppard  
Fine Arts Gallery  
Apr. 28-May 11  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
775-784-4ART

**Sunday Music Showcase**

Java Jungle  
javajunglevino.com  
775-329-4484

**Sundays Uncorked**

Wild River Grille  
renoriverroom.com  
775-284-7455

**Top Gun Raceway**

Fallon  
Mar. 19  
(season opener)  
Apr. 2, 16-17, 30  
topgunraceway.com  
775-423-0223

**Topaz Lodge Fishing Derby**

Topaz Lake  
Thru Apr. 10  
topazlodge.com  
800-962-0732

**USBC Open Championships**

National Bowling Stadium  
Mar. 4-July 2  
visitrenotahoe.com  
800-FOR-RENO

**What Continues the Dream: Contemporary Arts & Crafts From the Powwow Tradition**

Fallon  
Churchill County Museum  
Mar. 22-May 17  
nac.nevadaculture.org  
775-738-3418

**Will James—Museum Collection**

Elko  
Northeastern Nevada Museum  
Permanent display  
museumelko.org  
775-738-3418

**Wondrous Cold, An Antarctic Journey: Photographs by Joan Myers**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Apr. 3  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**"3" At Stremmel Gallery**

Catherine Coan,  
Joan Robey, &  
Nicholas Wilton  
Stremmel Gallery  
Thru Mar. 24  
stremmelgallery.com  
775-786-0558

**(2-3) Nevada Women's Expo**

Reno-Sparks  
Convention Center  
nevadawomensexpo.com  
775-750-0841

**(2-3) Peaks & Lagoons Spring Party Weekend**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**3 SUNDAY**

**Billy Dutton Uphill**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**Bridal Fair**

Elko  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-1240

**Community Benefit Day**

Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
800-441-4423

**(3-4) USSA FW Championships**

Sugar Bowl  
sugarbowl.com  
530-426-7000

**7**

**Dance Gavin Dance**

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

**(7-9) Reno Jazz Festival**

University of Nevada, Reno  
unr.edu/rjf  
775-784-4046

**8**

**Cold War Kids**

Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
harrahslaketahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**Ralph Cuda & The Dixieland Boys**

Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-6006

**Tesla**  
West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**(8-9) Tahoe South Winter Snow Blast**

Stateline  
Harrah's & Heavenly  
Itsnowblast.com  
800-AT-TAHOE

**(8-9) Terri Clark—Unplugged & Alone**

Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-821-1103

**9 SATURDAY**

**Billabong Flaunt It Girls Finals**

Sierra-at-Tahoe  
sierraattahoe.com  
530-659-7453

**Kirkwood Jammin'**

Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-6000

**REO Speedwagon**

West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**Robert Morrison, on A Survey**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Ruby Mountain Symphony**

Elko  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-4187

**Spring Fling Craft Fair**

Ely  
elynevada.net  
800-496-9350

**Stateline Showdown**

Heavenly Lake Tahoe  
skiheavenly.com  
800-587-4430

**Suzi Bock Memorial**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**"Viva la Space...in El Space-O!" Yuris Night**

Club Underground  
clubunderground-reno.com  
775-786-2582

**(9-10) Cal-Neva Rock Crawling**  
Virginia City Hills  
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**(9-10) Fallon Soroptimists Home & Garden Show**

Fallon  
fallontourism.com  
775-423-4556

**(9-10) IZSTYLE**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**(9-10) The Secret Garden**

**A.V.A. Ballet Theatre & Orchestra**  
Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
775-686-6600

**10 SUNDAY**

**Artown Presents Max Raabe & Palast Orchester**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-501-2651

**Dark Star Orchestra**

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

**Snowbomb Lil' Air Mountain Festival**

Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
800-441-4423

**11**

**Campus & Symphonic Bands**

Nightingale Concert Hall  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
775-784-4ART

**12**

**University Wind Ensemble**

Nightingale Concert Hall  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
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**13**

**Interpol**

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**14**

**3-Minute Film Screening**

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

**15**

**Argenta Trio**

Nightingale Concert Hall  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
775-784-4ART

**Become-A-Motorman Class**

Carson City  
Nevada State  
Railroad Museum  
museums.  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-6953

**Puddle of Mudd**

West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

(15-16)

**Blackjack Tournament**

Sands Regency  
sandsregency.com  
800-233-4939

(15-16, 21-23, 28-30,  
May 1)

**"A Midsummer's Night Dream"**

Redfield Proscenium  
Theatre  
unr.edu/nevadarep  
775-784-4444

**16**

SATURDAY

**Artown Presents Arlo Guthrie & The Burns Sisters**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-501-2651

**The Blasters**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Elko  
Northeastern  
Nevada Museum  
exploreeelko.com  
775-738-3418

**G. Love & Special Sauce**

Stateline

Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
harrahslaketahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**Lincoln Highway Car Show**

Austin  
austinnevada.com  
775-964-2200

**Puddle of Mudd**

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

**Retro Ski Day & Pool Party**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**Wayne Brady**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**The Word Alive**

Sparks  
The Alley  
thealleysparks.com  
775-358-8891

(16-17)

**Ranch Rodeo**

Spring Creek  
Horse Palace  
springcreeknv.net  
775-753-6295

(16-17)

**Wild West Rodeo**

Promoting public safety  
on Nevada's roads  
Sparks  
Victorian Square  
wildwestrodeo.com  
775-348-0400

(16, 23)

**Late Night TV Shows**

Brüka Theatre  
bruka.org  
775-323-3221

**17**

SUNDAY

**Ice Bar Spring Bash**

Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
800-441-4423

**Ski Sail Regatta**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

(17, 19)

**MasterClassics Six: Rivalry & Ritual**

Reno Philharmonic  
Orchestra

Pioneer Center

pioneercenter.com  
775-686-6600

**18**

**The Manscout Jamboree**

Sparks  
The Alley  
thealleysparks.com  
775-358-8891

(18-19)

**R/P/M Golf Scramble**

West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**20**

**MiMOSA**

Stateline  
MontBleu  
montbleuresort.com  
888-829-7630

**My Stroke of Insight w/ Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor**

Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
775-686-6600

**21**

(21-24)

**Chess Tournament**

Sands Regency  
sandsregency.com  
800-233-4939

**22**

**Horizon Hospice— Souper Bowl**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-778-0612

**Tot Egg Hunt**

Stateline  
Kahle Community Center  
Tahoesouth.com  
775-586-7271

(22-23)

**"The Magic Flute"**

Nevada Chamber Opera  
Nightingale Concert Hall  
unrschoolofthearts.org  
775-784-4ART

(22-23)

**The Rising—A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen**

Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-821-1103

(22-24)

**"Fiddler on the Roof"**

Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
775-686-6600

**23**

SATURDAY

**Air Supply**

Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
harrahslaketahoe.com  
800-786-8208

**Carson City Symphony**

Carson City  
Community Center  
ccsymphony.com  
775-883-4154

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Virginia City  
Miner's Park  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4386

**North Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Celebration**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**Slot Tournament**

Bonanza Casino  
bonanzacasino.com  
775-323-2724

**Spring Powwow**

University of  
Nevada, Reno  
unr.edu/cscd  
775-784-4936

**24**

SUNDAY

**Beacon & Eggs**

Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
800-441-4423

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Genoa  
Town Park  
genoanevada.org  
775-782-8696

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
800-403-0206

**26**

**KidScape Productions**

Studio on 4th  
kidscapeproductions.com  
775-787-3900

**27**

(27-28)

**Senior Classic Golf**

West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-217-0049

**29**

**Soroptimist Wine Tasting**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-397-3814

**30**

SATURDAY

**JDRF Vision Gala**

Reno Ballroom  
jdrf.org  
775-786-1881

**March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon**

Sparks  
Sparks Marina  
cityofsparks.us  
775-826-2166

**Poetry Reading w/ Corrinne Clegg Hales & Gailmarie Pahmeier**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Virginia City Grand Prix**

Virginia City  
State Route 341  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4386

(30-May 1)

**Cinco de Mayo Festival**

Grand Sierra  
cincodemayoreno.com  
775-856-4888

(30-May 1)

**Sertoma Chili & Craft Fair**

Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
775-265-5332

(30-May 1)

**Tournament Charro**

Winnemucca  
winnemucca.com  
800-962-2638

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Public outcry—a memorial for the tree was held in February—at the loss of this central Nevada icon is a strong indication that the site will be in some way commemorated or restored in the near future. [fallontourism.com](http://fallontourism.com), 866-432-5566



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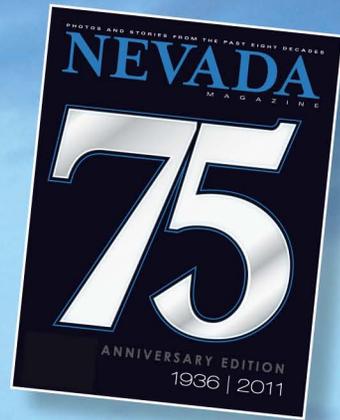
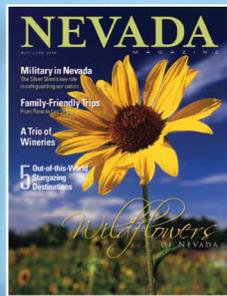
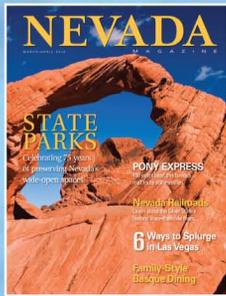
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