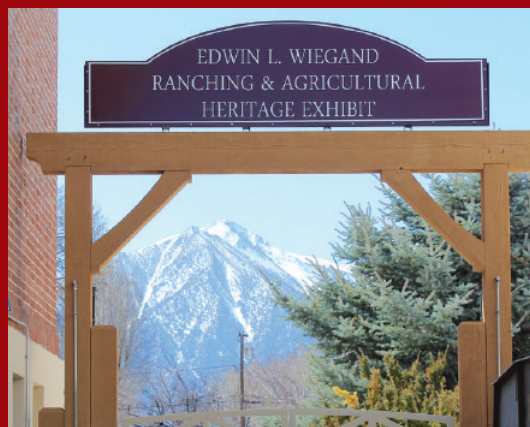


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*The Edwin L. Wiegand Ranching & Agricultural Heritage Exhibit frames Jobs Peak.*  
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*Cave Rock is a landmark at Lake Tahoe.*  
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Capt. Nicholas Eberling performs the High Alpha maneuver during the 2015 Aviation Roundup Airshow, Aug. 22, 2015, at Minden.

**U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO**

# Third time for Thunderbirds

*Air Force jet acrobatic team  
joins Aviation Roundup*

**O**ne of the biggest draws to Carson Valley this year will be the Minden-Tahoe Airport Aviation Roundup featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

This will be the third visit for the Thunderbirds. The squadron first performed in Minden in August 2015.

**STORY BY KURT HILDEBRAND**



Airport Manager Chris Johnson said the Oct. 3-4 show provides visitors with a close-up view of demonstrations, including the Thunderbirds and several other acts booked for the event.

An estimated 30,000 people turn out for the roundup, which occurs every other year in Carson Valley.

"Theoretically, there is a capacity to how many people we can fit out there, but it's probably 10 times more than we've had," he said in February.

This year, Johnson said, the airport is expanding the crowd line to provide more frontage from which people can watch the show.

"We're not worried about running out of people or running out of space," he said. "By Federal Aviation Administration regulation, we're allowed to have the centerline no closer than 1,500 feet from the crowd. We're right on that line. In Reno, it's probably around 3,500 feet."

While Minden's show has been compared favorably to the Reno Air Races, which are Sept. 16-20 this year, he said it is not competition for the event at Reno-Stead Airport.

*A skydiver parachutes with an American flag while the National Anthem is sung at the Aviation Roundup at the Minden-Tahoe Airport.*

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The Minden show will feature more than just flying acts, with 70 to 90 vendors participating. Johnson said vendor spots for veterans' organizations are free.

As it turns out, the Thunderbirds first visit to Minden-Tahoe Airport was relatively lucky.

Johnson said the airport had been trying to attract a military jet team for years when in December 2014 they heard from the Thunderbirds, who asked if airport staff would be willing to move their show to August to make the back-up list.

"Right about six months before the show, we're getting to the point where we have to decide whether to cut it off," he said. "That day they called us."

Anyone who attended that August 2015 event remembers how hot it was out on the tarmac, which is one of the reasons the Thunderbirds landed in Reno instead of Minden.

The high temperatures reduced lift, which meant that the F-16s flown by the Thunderbirds would have to brake quickly on landing. That would put additional stress on the aircraft's landing gear, and rather than take the chance, pilots chose to fly out of Reno.

"That show was so successful, they called the next year about coming back in 2017 for our show dates in October," he said. "They were able to land then because it was cooler."

Originally planned to be every other year, the show shifted to even years when officials heard from the Navy's Blue Angels.

"When the Blue Angels call and say 'we want to come to your show,' you say 'yes,'" he said.

Johnson said he hopes Blue Angels will return in 2022, but cautioned that plans for the show are literally "up in the air."

"You don't know for sure a jet team will come until they arrive," he said.

He said that there are a lot of rumors flying around the Valley about why the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels keep coming back, but the reality stems from two things.

"Quite honestly, they keep coming back because we put on a great air show," he said. "When they contact us and tell us they're coming, they give us a support manual."

Johnson said the manual shows everything airport staff have to do to prepare for the jet team.

**Below:**

*Maj. Scott 'Cheetah' Petz doing scouting work over the Minden-Tahoe Airport in preparation for the USAF Thunderbirds performance at the Aviation Roundup.*

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**Opposite:**

*Third generation airshow performer Kyle Franklin wows the crowd with his 'drunken' flying antics at the Minden-Tahoe Airport.*

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"If you follow those instructions, you will have a successful air show," he said. "You get that stuff done so the jet teams aren't having to scramble to find stuff, and they're not having to ask us for stuff. We can get it to them before they ask."

The second draw is the Carson Valley community. "Every time they come out here, the community has made them feel very welcome," Johnson said.

An aerial acrobatic team that has participated in every show, The Royal Canadian Air Force's Snowbirds, takes up residence in Genoa, and the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels enjoy hanging out in Minden and Gardnerville.

"The community makes the jet teams feel loved," he said. ■

**Below:**

*The Thunderbirds Delta Formation performs the delta roll maneuver during the 2015 Aviation Roundup Airshow.*

**U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO**







COD Casino in Minden rides the Seagraves Engine  
in the 2019 Carson Valley Days parade.

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# 10 great events in Carson Valley

*Parades, celebrations and fun through the year*

**T**ens of thousands of people visit Carson Valley every year drawn by a variety of events ranging from Candy Dance to Carson Valley Days to Eagles and Agriculture.

**STORY BY KURT HILDEBRAND**



## CARSON VALLEY DAYS

One of the Valley's oldest and biggest parties dominates the calendar in June.

The theme for this year's June 13 parade is "Proud of the Red, White & Blue."

The annual parade starts at Minden Park and heads up Esmeralda Avenue in Minden before reaching Highway 395, which is closed for the event.

The parade wraps up in Gardnerville's Lampe Park, where entertainment and games are conducted through the weekend. Carson Valley Days kicks off with a carnival in Lampe Park on June 11.

The first Carson Valley Day was June 11, 1910, and was designed to bring people into the new town of Minden to show off the Valley's agricultural bounty.

While the event evolved over the next few decades, by 1946 it took its present form, including the parade. It expanded to two days in 1954, and a carnival at Lampe Park was added in 2006.

You can visit [carsonvalley2030.com](http://carsonvalley2030.com) for more information.

## FOURTH OF JULY

While home fireworks are banned in the Sierra Front, Douglas County residents make plenty of noise to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The towns of Genoa, Gardnerville and Minden are responsible for most of the events, and other Douglas County communities also have Fourth of July celebrations.

And if you've got a hankering to enjoy fireworks, Stateline, located in the county's portion of the Lake Tahoe basin, is home to a nationally ranked fireworks show, Lights on the Lake.

Gardnerville's Fourth celebration leaves the gate first with its annual 5K run-walk at Heritage Park. Members of the Carson Valley Pops perform around lunchtime at the Gardnerville park, located on Gilman Avenue behind the Overland.

Genoans start their fun with a children and pets parade from Nixon Street through Mormon Station State Historic Park. The parade is the start of the annual Americana Festival, which culminates in a performance by the Carson City Symphony and Chorus.

Minden hosts a free feed for the town that has drawn upward of 900 people to Minden Park.

In addition to food, Minden's celebration features a bicycle parade and games for children as well as music.



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## HOT AUGUST NIGHTS POKER RUN

In August, one of the Western Nevada's biggest events spills over into Minden when Hot August Nights conducts its annual poker run.

The event draws classic cars from all over the West to Reno Aug. 1-9, but the annual Poker Run stops for lunch at Minden Park on Aug. 6, bringing hundreds of classic cars to the Douglas County seat.

Hot August Nights features around 6,000 classic vehicles, and as many as 500 of those make the trip down to Minden.

The celebration is sponsored by the Carson Valley Visitors Authority and the Town of Minden, and members of the Carson Valley Cruisers Car Club help direct traffic and park participating vehicles.

*Boy Scouts lead the annual Genoa Fourth of July Parade in 2019.*

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## CANDY DANCE

While technically not the senior event, Genoa's annual Candy Dance is both the largest and one of the most consistent over the past century.

Featuring a craft fair that draws more than 30,000 people, the annual fundraiser to support Nevada's oldest town is Sept. 26-27 this year.

Begun in 1919 to raise money for streetlights, Candy Dance was also a means to draw people back to the town after the county seat moved to Minden two years earlier.

Originally a dinner and dance where homemade candy was passed around, the event still features all of those elements, though the addition of a craft fair in the 1970s helped boost its fundraising.

Last year's centennial celebrated the volunteers who've made the Candy Dance a success and included unveiling a statue depicting one of its founders, Lillian Virgin Finnegan.


The dinner-dance is the evening of Sept. 26. Candy, including Genoa's famous homemade fudge, is on sale throughout the weekend.

The craft fair closes downtown Genoa to traffic, with parking and shuttles available to take shoppers into the historic town.



The annual crowds gathered for the 2019 Candy Dance.


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## NEVADA DAY AND HALLOWEEN

Nevada officially became a state on Halloween, and this year the annual Nevada Day Parade happens to coincide with the spooky holiday.

Because Nevada Day is officially celebrated with a day off on the last Friday of October and the parade on the following Saturday, it often drifts away from the actual date of Statehood.

Back before three-day weekend was approved, around the turn of the 21st century, Western Nevadans would hold trick-or-treat on Oct. 30.

That happened in Carson City in 2015, but Douglas County kept to the Oct. 31 date, including Trick or Treat Safety Street at the CVIC Hall in Minden. There is also a haunted house at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, and a variety of harvest festivals and events sponsored by Valley churches. The Main Street Fall Harvest, Scarecrow and Coffin races kick off the month on Oct. 3 in Heritage Park.

The Main Street Fall Festival combines both new and classic events, including scarecrow building, a harvest festival and the annual coffin races.

Teams gather with their homebuilt coffins and race down Slaughterhouse Lane. East Fork Gallery has been sponsoring scarecrow making, using old Record-Courier newspapers since the 1980s.

There is also a craft fair and performances by dance groups and gymnastic students.

## VETERANS DAY

According to the U.S. Census, about a tenth of Douglas County residents are veterans, and Carson Valley spends days thanking them for their service around Veterans Day.

Gardnerville Elementary and Sierra Lutheran hold assemblies for veterans in the days leading up to the day off, which is a Wednesday this year. Dresslerville celebrates its veterans with a community feast, while the Douglas County Community & Senior Center hosts a luncheon for veterans. For years, the Carson Valley Inn has hosted a free spaghetti feed for veterans on Nov. 11. Marine Corps veterans host an observance of the service's birthday on Nov. 10 at the Douglas County Judicial & Law Enforcement Center.

## LOOKING LIKE CHRISTMAS

Carson Valley battles December's dark nights with an outpouring of light for three days in December in honor of the season.

Gardnerville's annual Christmas Kickoff on Dec. 3 in Heritage Park has featured fireworks for several years. Also on the menu are cobbler and hot chocolate served by the town as



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residents enjoy the Sierra Bell Ringers, programs put on by the Valley's children and popcorn provided by the Gardnerville Water Co.

The party splits between Minden and Genoa on Dec. 4 with Minden hosting its gazebo lighting and a variety of events in Minden Park. Nevada's oldest town starts the evening off with Christmas carols in the town church followed by the lighting of the town's Christmas Tree.

The week wraps up on Saturday with the 25th annual Parade of Lights running from Gardnerville to Minden on Dec. 5. Around 50 illuminated floats make their way downtown, lighting the way to the holidays.

## EAGLES AND AGRICULTURE

Calving season in Carson Valley sounds the dinner gong for eagles, which enjoy the afterbirth left over when a calf is born.

Every January, Eagles and Agriculture sponsors tours of ranches and a chance to hear from the Valley's agriculturalists in person.

It doesn't take long for the tours to fill up for the event, which is typically in the second half of January.

Contact the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce at [www.carsonvalley.org](http://www.carsonvalley.org) to find out more, including signing up for the event and specific dates.

## BUSINESS SHOWCASE

The Business Showcase was canceled for 2020 due to the coronavirus. The annual event, typically the third Thursday of April, should be back April 15, 2021.

Around 1,200 people showed up for the event at the Carson Valley Community & Senior Center in Gardnerville last year.

Among the attractions are samples offered by Valley restaurants and swag from local businesses and even industries.

Sponsors for the event include Douglas County; The Record-Courier; Baker Hughes, a GE Company; Douglas County Sheriff's Office; East Fork Fire Protection District; Tahoe Production House; and Carson Valley Medical Center.

Doors open to the public at 3 p.m. in the gym side of the Community & Senior Center and overflow parking is available across the street at Lampe Park. Admission, tastings and the raffles are all free. ■

**Below:**

*Visitors flock to the 19th annual Business Showcase at the Douglas County Community & Senior Center. While this year's showcase was cancelled due to the coronavirus, it should return in April 2021.*

**BRAD COMAN**







*The Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center  
opened in the former Douglas County High School in 1995.*

# Museum celebrates 25 years

*Big agricultural exhibit space  
first big expansion in a quarter century*

**T**his year, the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center is showcasing its first big expansion in a quarter century.

Before the Gardnerville museum opened in the old Douglas County High School building 25 years ago, Historical Society President Glenn Logan told a reporter the guiding philosophy was to obtain and maintain artifacts and the historical heritage of Carson Valley — which would some day include a display of antique farm equipment.

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY KURT HILDEBRAND**





Work finally began on the new outdoor agriculture exhibit in July 2019, according to Project Manager Frank Dressel. "This is the biggest thing since we became a museum," Dressel said.

He proposes to have a spot where people can take selfies with the sign and Jobs Peak in the background.

"I'm hoping to get some shoes down here and paint (outlines) and have people do selfies," he said. "Then you get the advertising of the exhibit and 'Hey, where were you?'"

The Edwin L. Wiegand Ranching and Agricultural Heritage Exhibit got its first new large piece in February when a 1939 D2 Caterpillar donated by Bruce Park was set into place.

Moving a tractor weighing in at 9,000 pounds was a project in itself, ensuring it will be part of the exhibit into the future.

"He got this when he was a kid brand new," Dressel said.

**Opposite:**

A 1939 D2 Caterpillar tractor donated by Bruce Park was the first new exhibit in the Edwin L. Wiegand Agricultural Exhibit.

**Left:**

Bert Selkirk's Remington typewriter is in the newspaper display in the Museum's homage to Main Street.

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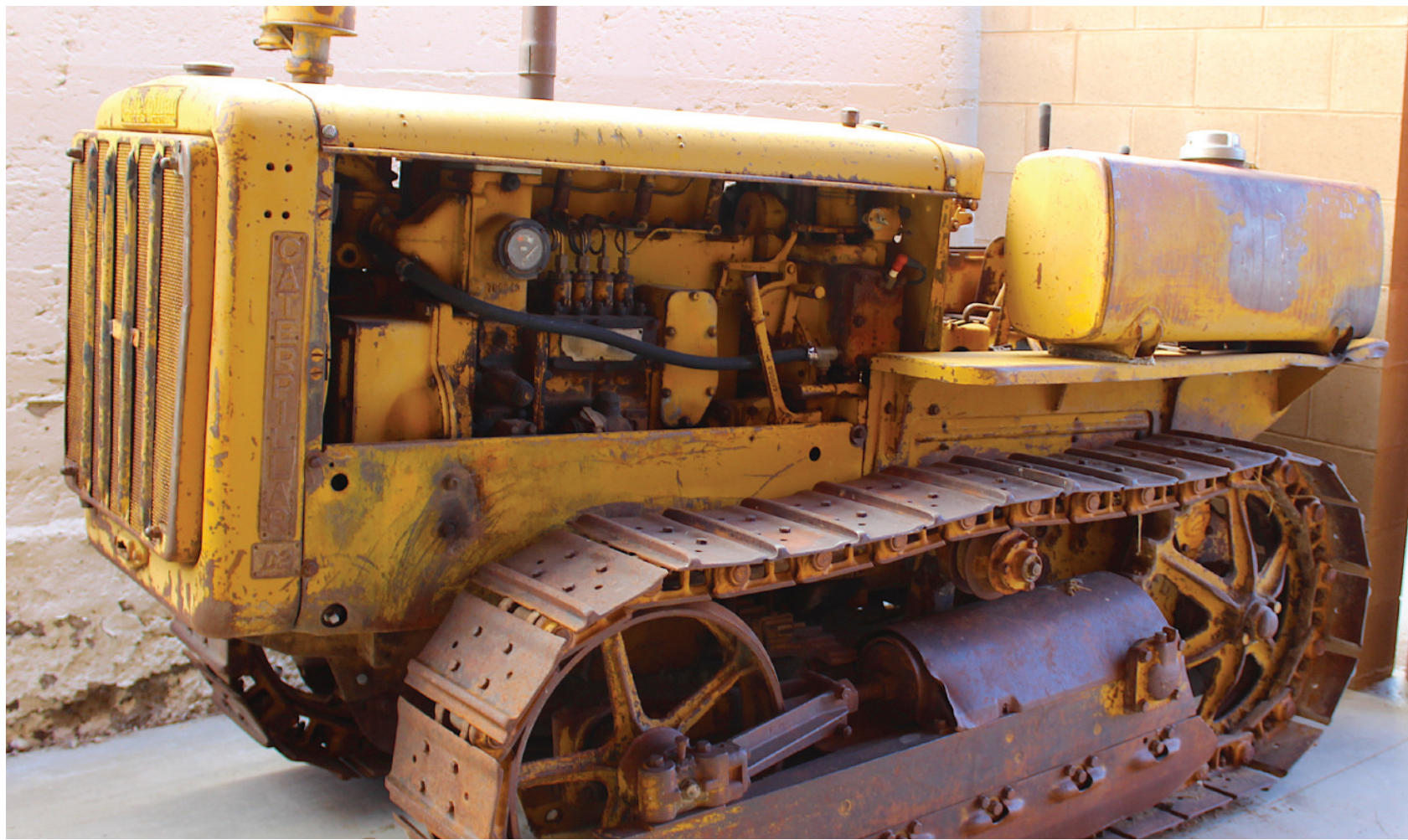
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The museum raised \$100,000 to qualify for a \$229,500 Edwin L. Wiegand Trust grant to construct the outdoor exhibit, built by Genoa Company.

The caterpillar joins some exhibits donated by Budd and Ruth Dressler back when the museum project was in its infancy.

In 1988, just months after announcing the society would renovate the old school, the Dresslers donated a 1920s era threshing machine, along with a horse-drawn mowing machine and an antique potato cultivator.

The thresher has resided between the museum and the Old Gym Playhouse for the last three decades, awaiting a worthy home.

Dressel said that as soon as the work on the agricultural exhibit is complete, the museum will bring out the dairy exhibits, including a life-sized replica cow, to join the equipment on display.

The 2,820-square-foot exhibit opens this year.

In honor of the opening of the agricultural display, the society focused its annual Women's Remembrance Project on women in agriculture.



*Some of the original denizens of the agricultural exhibit which opens this year.*



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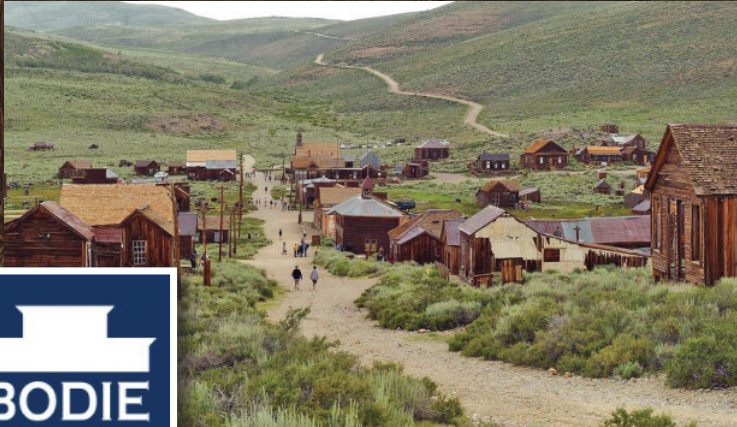


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**Bodie Foundation**





The Gardnerville museum opened Aug. 19, 1995, after seven years of planning and work.

It was the second time the society had converted a school to a museum; the first was the Genoa Courthouse Museum, which served as the Genoa school for longer than it had actually been a courthouse.

Built more than a century ago, the old high school served Carson Valley students for six decades before a new school was located in Minden in the 1970s.

In 1988, the Douglas County School Board leased the old school to the historical society for \$1 over the next century.

Historical society members began raising money in donations and grants to restore the building. Their goal was to raise \$500,000, but in the end the project cost at least twice that.

The new agricultural exhibit will help open up space in the school building. Dressel is putting together an exhibit detailing the V&T Railway's history in Minden in the main hall, after the buggy is moved to the new hall. ■

**Left:**

*The mercantile in the Main Street exhibit downstairs in the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center.*



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*Genoa resident Marian Vassar with a didgeridoo and a guitar at her home.*

**JOYCE HOLLISTER**

## Singing her way

*Genoa octogenarian reflects on a life of music, travel, church and community work*

**W**hen she was 84, Genoa resident Marian Vassar went bungee jumping and swam with white sharks on a trip to South Africa.

Marian has visited seven continents, 70 countries and took some 30 cruises. She crossed Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Mongolia and cruised on Lake Baikal, the "sister lake" to Lake Tahoe. Locals in the museum in the nearby town of Irkutsk, Russia, were very interested, she said, to meet someone who came from the Tahoe area.

**STORY BY JOYCE HOLLISTER**



"I feel so blessed," Marian said of her travels. Last year, she and her daughters cruised from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands, a trip that was on Marian's bucket list.

Born in 1930 in Minneapolis, she and her late husband, Kay Vassar, who worked in various capacities in nuclear energy research and development, lived with their three children in the West, Midwest, and Northeast as well as Portugal, Greece and Israel. Kay grew up in Genoa, and over the years the couple often visited friends and family here. They decided to return to his hometown when he retired in 1994.

In 1985 after their two daughters, Gayle and Erin — who now live in California and Washington state, respectively, and son David, who lives in the Jacks Valley area — had gone out on their own, Marian went to a Washington, D.C., travel school. She operated Genoa Travel Consultants for seven years.

"When we moved here, the plan was to actually use a room in Genoa and have a travel agency, but before we moved into our house, Kay was diagnosed with cancer," she said. The business dwindled after Kay died of the illness in 1999, and two years later, "I quit," she said.

Kay loved to go on trips with Marian, and he especially appreciated the travel agent perks, such as airplane upgrades. Now she travels with tour groups and family members.

## BLIND DATE

Reflecting on their life together, she likes to tell the story of how she left North Dakota for Montana where she met Kay. In the early 1950s, Marian was a teacher and had a boyfriend who lived in Washington state, but Kalispell, Mont., was the closest town where she could get a teaching job. After a few months, though, the boyfriend sent her a Dear Jane letter. Not long after, she met Kay on a blind date.

But you can't define Marian only as an indefatigable traveler. She has taught school and organized children's choruses. She still sings with community choral groups, including Tahoe Symphony and Chorus and the Carson Community Singers, as well as with the St. Gall Catholic

Church chorus — that is, if she's not out of town. She conducts choir practice for inmates at Nevada State Prison on Friday nights and does their music for Saturday morning services.

Last Christmas, she sang in five Messiah concerts. "That took the wind out of my sails with everything else I was doing," she said with her infectious laugh.

She doesn't have to travel far when she sings with the Carson City Symphony Chorus, an extension of the Carson Chamber Singers, which performs at the July 4th Genoa Americana Celebration at Mormon Station.

## MARIAN'S MUSICAL HERITAGE

"My dad was a Polish immigrant and my mother was the daughter of a North Dakota homesteader." Her father was a railroad station agent, she said, and the family lived above the ticket office.

Marian laughed as she described her upbringing. "Six kids. We lived in central Northern Dakota in depots with no central heating and no running water. In one depot there were four rooms, eight of us, 900 square feet, but we had a piano. My mother would play and we would stand around and sing."

That was what people did in tiny towns in rural areas, Marian explained. "And you didn't have music in school unless you had a teacher who liked music." She started school in a one-room schoolhouse.

"So that was my introduction to music, my mother and then my dad who drove us to the next town to church. He liked classical music," Marian said. "He would always turn this godawful classical music stuff on the radio. We had to listen to it all the way to church and all the way back. It was penance in itself." Another laugh.

"I didn't have any formal training," Marian said of her singing. "I sort of learned by myself." She did take one year of high school music and played the trumpet.

And she could read music. That skill gave her the ability to begin a long career in organizing young people's choirs and coordinating the music programs in churches in various

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communities where the Vassar family lived.

She led her first young people's church choir in 1962 in Greenwich, Conn. It was a brand-new parish without music, so Marian stepped in.

"I had children, so I wanted this for them. I did all the planning and all the training because I could read music," she said. In small towns not many people could read music or if they could, they didn't care to get involved.

"I don't mind. I think it's a need that we have in our community whether it is religious or secular, and it's something I can do because I'm not afraid to," she said.

"When we lived in San Jose (California, 1965 to 1973), I sang in the church choir, but there was not a children's choir, so I organized one," Marian said, always the person to volunteer to do something when no one else would.

"I put a notice in the church bulletin, and 42 kids came to my house with every sort of instrument," she related. "I had to teach myself to transpose the music to their instruments and write the music we needed for them. I bought a guitar and took lessons so I could learn to play the guitar with them."

In the decade from 1974 to 1984, Marian sang with the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 250-member chorus and made tours of Europe with the group.

The last time Marian played the trumpet was in 2002 when a runner carried the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics torch through Genoa and residents gathered to watch it go by. She mortified her family by playing "America the Beautiful" standing on the corner next to the Genoa Volunteer Department.

"My family stood on the other side of the street," she said. Another laugh. "A lot of people were impressed, but *they* weren't. They didn't want to own me."



*Vassar, front row second from left, sings with a choir.*

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## WHAT, NO CANDY?

Marian first came to Genoa in 1954 on her honeymoon to meet her in-laws, Libby and Ralph Crouse, and Kay's sister, Hope Falcke, and other friends and relatives of his family.

Marian's first brush with the annual Genoa Candy Dance came in the early 1950s while Kay was away doing military service and she lived in Reno with Kay's Aunt Ione Lerude.

"I was teaching in Sun Valley and came here over the weekend," she recalled. "My mother-in-law would hand me a 5-pound bag of sugar and say, 'Make candy.' So I would spend the weekend making candy for Candy Dance."

Nearly four decades later, Genoa Town Board chairman Steve Hollister called Marian to ask her if she would chair the candy-making committee for the Candy Dance because, he said, "There is no one else to do it. We'll have to buy candy for resale, otherwise we won't have any candy at all."

After she hung up the phone, Marian told herself, "You know, Marian, I think you just volunteered to take over, and you don't know a darned thing about it." And she was right on both counts.

### **Below:**

*Marian Vassar performs with the Carson City Symphony choir at the Genoa Americana Festival during a July Fourth celebration.*

### **SPECIAL TO THE R-C**

To complicate matters, she had already planned a trip and wouldn't be back until Labor Day, just three weeks before the huge annual event that is the town's primary source of funding. She studied old Genoa town meeting books and asked for help from experienced Candy Dance hands, and they pulled it off in Vassar style.

"It was trial and error, and I had a wonderful team. Just fabulous people worked for me," she said. She went on to chair the candy-making committee for 10 years, and she likes to point to the \$52,000 gross, \$42,000 net, as the team's biggest candy profit one year.

"I quit after my 80th birthday. I said, 'I've done this for 10 years. It's time,'" she remembered.

She still maintains a busy schedule, however. Marian is a member of the Genoa Historical Commission board and a book club. She plays bridge and facilitates a Bible study in addition to her prison ministries work. Because of a heart condition she has to keep physically active and works out on her treadmill. She sings every Sunday at St. Gall Church when she's home from her travels.

Marian turns 90 in August. Given her energy and fearlessness, one shouldn't be surprised at what she might find to do to celebrate.

After all, there could be a parachute jump on her bucket list. ■







Werner Christen mans the media booth  
at a Douglas Tiger basketball game.

**DAVE PRICE**

# More than a witness to history

*Whether keeping Douglas County's records or coaching basketball, Werner Christen's eye is on the ball*

**W**erner Christen has seen more than his share of Douglas County history, both in terms of service to government records management and as a coach touching young lives through athletics.

More important has been a treasure of memories accumulated from his work in the county recorder's office, 1975-2008, and as a basketball and soccer coach at Douglas High School, 1986-2019.

**STORY BY DAVE PRICE**



A chance conversation led to his first job with the county recorder's office after graduating from Whittell High School in 1975 and ultimately led to his election as county recorder in 2003.

"Pat Williams lived a couple of doors down, and she was county recorder at that time," Christen said. "I had just been let go from my summer job at the Round Hill Safeway, so Pat goes, 'Hey, I've got some stuff I need. Do you want to come down and work a couple of weeks?' Well, I went down for a couple of weeks and got that first paycheck, which was pretty nice. Then she said, 'You want to do a couple more weeks?' And so, two weeks turned into 33 years."

He was the first man to serve as recorder in Douglas County since Fred Klotz in 1918.

Christen explained that there was never any doubt about his calling in life.

"I wanted to be a coach," he said. "I wanted to get into elementary education or something like that. I didn't know if that was to be a P.E. teacher or whatever, but I wanted to be a coach."

Christen compiled a 333-250 record in 21 seasons as head coach of the Douglas varsity girls basketball team, with a region tournament championship and state runner-up finish in 2002. He was girls soccer coach from 2014 to 2016 with a 52-15-4 record, highlighted by a region championship in 2014.

Those numbers are incidental, though, because Christen never measured success in terms of wins, championships or personal accolades.

"I didn't win those games," he says. "The team did."

That was true when he coached the Zephyr Cove Broncos youth football team with former classmate, Shannon Wines. It was also true after another friend from Whittell called to ask if would like to join the Douglas boys basketball staff as freshman coach in 1986.

"Andy Hughes asked if I wanted to get involved," Christen recalled. "I said I would help with the Saturday morning youth league ... well, the rest is history."

Other highlights for Christen are memories of watching his daughters, Britney and Lisa, literally grow up with Douglas Tigers athletics.

"They took their first steps in this gym," he said, while watching a Douglas game in January.

"That's 100 percent true," Britney added. "There's a picture of me as a baby sitting in my dad's lap while he was coaching the freshman boys team."

## MOVE TO DOUGLAS

Wilbert (Bill) Christen, a 20-year U.S. Air Force veteran, was stationed at Buttonwood Air Force Base in England in 1957 when



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he and Josephine (Oma) welcomed the birth of their son. After retiring in 1965, Wilbert pulled up stakes in Southern California and moved his family to the mountains at a time when South Lake Tahoe had just become an incorporated city and only a few homes could be found scattered around the Douglas County side of the lake.

"I was going into third grade; and yeah, it was a huge change coming up here," he said, laughing. "I couldn't wait to shovel snow and all that stuff. But after a couple of times, I found out it wasn't much fun."

His father took on a new job as bartender at Harrah's. "He always said that time was like the heyday up there ... you'd see Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin and stars like that," Christen said.

Young Christen had by that time developed a love of sports that has endured. He loves baseball — "Saw my first game in 1962, Angels-Twins double header at Chavez Ravine" — and is a California Angels fan to this day (his father was from Minnesota and a Twins fan). Then there is his favorite European soccer team, FC Bayern in Germany — "I saw them play 1860 Munich when I was 7 and I've been a fan ever since. I watch them on TV almost every Saturday." There's also his passion for basketball, a sport he played at Whittell. And he remains active as part of the support staff at Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School (he helps coach, too).

Christen remembers Dick Brownfield, a teacher and coach at Whittell in the 1960s and early '70s, as one of his early inspirations to become a coach.

"Dick Brownfield is an amazing guy," Christen said. "He's the one who made me love the game; he was the reason I wanted to coach. It's just too bad, before my freshman year, he got the principal's job at Zephyr Cove Elementary School so I never got to play for him."

Inspiration also came from his mother, who was regularly seen at basketball and soccer games where her son and granddaughters were involved. Christen fondly remembers his youth when the family would go on vacation to her native Germany — Oma, by the way, is German for grandmother.

"She was everybody's grandmother," Christen said. "She'd bake cookies and all that, and she would always sit down at the end of our bench."

Her passing at age 87 in July 2014 came just as Christen was preparing to start a new job as girls soccer coach. His father passed away in 1990.

"I was so sad and heartbroken," Christen said. "It was a grind, but coaching made time fly by and kept my mind occupied."

## COUNTY SERVICE

Records management, where land transfer and marriage legal documents are kept, have come a long way since Williams offered Christen that temporary job filing stacks of index cards.

"I didn't know what a recorder's office was. Back in those days, it was auditor and recorder, so you wore two hats," Christen said.

Sue Beaudreau, Linda Slater and Williams were largely responsible for that enjoyable experience, in addition to being pretty good mentors.

"All three were amazing bosses," Christen said. "Pat was like a second grandmother to my girls. Linda and Sue, those two were a huge part of how I was able to start coaching, and they were the ones who got the ball rolling as far as preserving the historical records of Douglas County."

Slater, who retired as county recorder in 2002, acknowledged Christen's contribution to organize county records and promote the preservation of county history.

"It did take a lot of work, and Werner was pretty instrumental in putting it all together," she said. "He had the interest and the drive to nurture it all along."

She added that past Nevada State Archivist Guy Rocha and Archives Manager Jeff Kintop were vital contributors to the project.

"I think we were one of the first rural counties (in Nevada) to get a depository going," Slater said. "Now, future generations can come back — maybe they're looking for records of a wedding to complete the family history — and they're going to be able to find a record of it."

Christen attended classes at UCLA to learn about preserving records and how to transfer paper documents to microfilm.

"We had historical records all over the place. People had stored files in basements, back rooms or in drawers," he said. "We were able to get a central location that was temperature controlled to preserve the records."

A new records center — "It was a nondescript building; there were no signs or anything" — was completed in 1987 at the Douglas County School District bus yard next to Minden-Tahoe Airport. Needless to say, the records center has seen many changes.

"Today, everything is digital," Christen said. "I'd like to see what it's all like now."

He started as deputy recorder, became records manager in 1979 and succeeded Slater as recorder. He was unopposed in his 2006 re-election bid, then retired two years later after the Legislature passed a bill that removed nonstate public employees from the state's subsidized health care plan.

"I never was really a politician," Christen said. "I never worried about elections, I worried about doing my job correctly. Look at Lawrence Jacobsen (state senator from Minden); how many years was he in office? There was a guy who was focused on making Carson Valley better and helping the people he represented."



## COACH CHRISTEN

It wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say Christen remembers most of the games he ever coached, right up until he handed the reins of the basketball program to assistant coach Brian Mello last year.

"As coaches, we were always like a big family," he said. "We laughed a lot, but once you get between the lines, it was all business, and the kids were the same way. But the bottom line was, it was always about fun."

Christen joined the girls basketball program in 1996 when Randy Green became head coach. Green already knew about his assistant's enthusiasm.

"I put Werner in charge of substitutions," Green said, chuckling. "So when we played Reed, and they were like defending state champions, within the first couple of minutes he had already subbed everybody into the game. He was rolling them out there two and three at a time. We played them pretty well, too; we lost by 7 or 8 points."

That enthusiasm was evident in 2003 when Christen threw his trademark towel into the crowd after the Tigers staged a fourth quarter rally to pull out a 57-54 playoff win over top-seeded Reed.

"I always had my towel," he said, laughing. "I don't want to call it a security blanket. It just gave me something to do with my hands."

Christen makes sure to share the limelight with other coaches.

"I learned so much from all those guys," Christen said. "I always believed it was important to give the people you coach with responsibilities. I never referred to them as my staff, they were always the guys I coached with."

He would later enjoy watching his daughters play for playoff-caliber soccer teams in California: Britney at Lassen College and Lisa at American River College. Britney was a junior on the team that lost 76-74 in double overtime to Centennial in the 2002 state championship game at Lawlor Events Center in Reno and later helped her father coach soccer at Douglas.

"It really is special to coach with your dad; that doesn't happen very often," she said. "And we were fortunate to have great kids who were great athletes."

Lisa, who now lives in Las Vegas, feels fortunate to have been part of the ride.

"It's tough to have your dad as coach, but it was cool to grow up and see other kids looking up to him," Lisa said. "Everybody knows my dad. I don't always know who they are, but it's nice to see how people in this community respect and love him." ■

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*Controlled Burn performs at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City on Halloween.*

**SPECIAL TO THE R-C**

# Controlled Burn heats up events

*Members of this performance troupe  
prefer to fly near the flames*

**I**f you have to pick one organization that brings the heat whenever it performs, it's Controlled Burn.

At last year's Parade of Lights, the entry set store windows rattling every time it let loose with a shot of flame.

Jacks Valley resident Tami Matus has been participating in Controlled Burn for several years.

**STORY BY KURT HILDEBRAND**



Along the Sierra's Eastern Front fire is such a concern that fireworks are pretty much banned in four counties, including Douglas.

But in the right hands, fire can be beneficial and entertaining.

Enter Controlled Burn, a volunteer fire performance group beginning its 20th year astounding audiences with feats of flaming fortitude.

Founded in 2000, the group consists of a score of regular members who got their start dancing in the Great Circle at Burning Man.

While Matus and husband Eric were art car enthusiasts at Burning Man, that's not where she warmed up to Controlled Burn.

"They would always put Controlled Burn with the art cars at the end of the parade," she said. "There were people playing with fire, and here I was just riding on an art car."

As it turns out, Controlled Burn was practicing in Carson City at A to Zen, so it was convenient for her to participate. She and her daughter were looking for something to do together, and Controlled Burn provided the ticket. While the Carson rehearsals only lasted a year, she was hooked.

"We're a true nonprofit," she said. "We donate a lot of shows. Each year we do one for the Washoe County Boys & Girls Club. We've done three shows at the Governor's Mansion on Halloween and the Nevada Day Parade."

But it was the annual Parade of Lights that showed Controlled Burn in its best light.

"We love nighttime," she said. "We show up so much better, and it has a lot more oomph to it at night. We love doing the Nevada Day Parade, but you just don't get the same effects you do at night in the cold. It's awesome. You should hear it when all of the cannons are going, and it has additional cannons that can rotate. When we have that going at Burning Man, it's pretty darn fabulous."

Safety is critical to Controlled Burn's continued survival.

"I have a really healthy fear of fire, and it was beneficial

to join the group because safety is our No. 1 thing," she said. "Not only does every member over the age of 18 have to have a fire marshal card, if you're under 18 you can't do fire yourself."

The group undergoes annual training with ABC Fire, including working all the extinguishers. One lucky volunteer is set on fire and the group practices putting the person out.

"We put a lot of thought into that so everyone in our group knows the exact things they should be doing," she said. "You can't wear polyester, and we even demonstrate to people what happens when it catches fire and melts."

She said the group does indoor shows, but in or outside, the shows require extensive preparation to maintain safety.

"We have to figure out the best way we can make things work," she said. "It's all really mapped out."

While the group charges for shows, those fees help pay for its substantial liability insurance, said Matus.

The big show every year is Burning Man, which despite Controlled Burn's history, requires it to audition every time.

"We're going up against fire groups from all over the world," she said.

The annual Labor Day event in the Black Rock Desert requires two audition tapes before the group is allowed in the Great Circle.

"It's a real honor," she said. "They only allow about 3,000 people in the Great Circle. As it gets time for the Man to burn, they start clearing the people out."

Typically, Controlled Burn uses music for its choreography.

"We have to do things differently for Burning Man because it's so loud out there. Not every group can have its own music. We rely on drummers and everything is just counting the beat out. As we get ready, we stop playing music and start drumming."

**Opposite:**

*The Controlled Burn truck fires off one of its cannons at the Parade of Lights in Gardnerville in 2019.*

**KURT HILDEBRAND**

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While the Matus children are involved in Controlled Burn, they aren't allowed to go to Burning Man.

"Neither my daughter, Alison, nor my son, Walker, go to Burning Man," she said. "We enjoy being just adults and not parents while at Burning Man."

Both Matus and her husband perform at the event.

"In fact, this year we will be returning to Burning Man and volunteering our time again pre-event and during the event with two different groups involved in feeding those artists without camp support during build week and checking in fire performers and musicians from around the world at Fire Conclave," she said.

Matus' husband Eric joined the group after she did and worked safety until last year when he got his fire marshal's card, and now he blows fire.

She said he's using cornstarch instead of fuel. The cornstarch is flammable, but there's less chance of accidentally swallowing it.

"We've also gotten involved with some ubertools, like colander balls with Kevlar on them that we can dip in fuel and swing around like a chain," she said.

While the group hasn't experienced any major injuries while she was performing, Matus said her fans got so hot one time that she ended up with blisters on the back of her hands. While the heat occasionally reminds her of that instance, she said it has not cooled her enthusiasm.

Because it's an all-volunteer group, even high school students can join, though they aren't allowed to perform with fire.

"We're an inclusive group with people who are 14 years old and people in their 70s," she said. "It's a fun way to get out of your box."

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**Opposite:**

*The Matus family performs as part of Controlled Burn.*

*The entire Jacks Valley clan participates.*

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*The piñon pine provided a valuable source of food for the Washoe.*

**LISA GAVON**

# How the piñon has shaped local history

*Nevada's first state tree provided food  
and fuel through hard mountain winters*

**T**hey were starving on the snowy East Slope. An exploring party that included US topographical engineer John C. Frémont and guide Kit Carson were in the middle of a perilous winter crossing of the Sierra Nevada.

In an ironic twist of fate, it was a bag of pine nuts brought to the camp by an elderly Native American that saved their lives, according to author Ron Lambert.

**STORY BY LISA GAVON**



The year was 1844 and the maps, surveys and reports produced from Frémont's explorations made a significant contribution to the immense overland emigration taking place in the West. It was this huge influx of people that would forever change the delicate balance that had been maintained by the Washoe (or Wa She Shu: the People of this land) for uncounted generations.

The pine nuts that saved the explorers' lives would be seriously impacted by Frémont's work opening the way for settlement on traditional gathering lands.

Frémont collaborated with botanist John Torrey who initially described the pine during their journey. Remarkably, it is the only one-needled pine in the world, adding to its legend and mystery. It thrives in a broad-crowned open woodland that includes juniper, mountain mahogany, sagebrush, rabbitbrush and other small shrubs, herbs and grasses.

"Going into the pine nut hills continues to provide comfort and a sense of belonging," Melanie Smokey said.

"We visit just like we visit our relatives. The Wa She Shu have a creation story of how the Tagim (pine nut) came to our area. It has the most honor songs among the plants that our people depended upon."

After settlement, piñons were cut and removed for many different reasons. Since it has a high level of pitch, it was used extensively as a charcoal source, to build hot burning fires and for the smelting of silver ores during the mining era.

Some individuals considered it a threat to plants the cattle ate, and workers destroyed thousands of acres using old battleship chains dragged between two bulldozers. This practice was at its high point in the 1950s. The natural forests were then replaced with an artificial landscape of exotic grasses.

Today, the forests are being cut down as groups attempt to open more nonwooded acreage for sage grouse. It is remarkable that, even with all these dangers to their survival, some groves have survived and continued to thrive.

As always, people who respect the essential qualities and cultural significance of this pine continue work to protect and preserve these areas.

Smokey continued, "We respected people's gathering areas which were signified with poles stood up into the trees and campsites. We even had our own way of fire management in the hills. Families camped for a month at a time gathering enough pine nuts for the winter months."

The piñon grows from roughly 3,000 to 7,500 feet in elevation and has frosty green gray foliage. Its branches do not shed but come straight down to lay right against the earth's soil. A normal height is about 15 feet, though some can grow up to 50 under perfect conditions. Old-growth piñon can become twisted and wind-sculpted, somewhat like a bristlecone pine.

Single-leaf piñon is the most dry-adapted (or xeric) pine species on the North American continent. It typically grows on alluvial fans, rocky slopes and ridge-tops.

Douglas County has the honor of being home to a portion of the Pine Nut Range, mountains ideally suited for this species. The inner bark is a major food for porcupines, the mountain pine beetle and many other midges, bees, and sawflies. Pine nuts are enjoyed by chipmunks, mice, squirrels, deer, bear and bighorn sheep, along with humans.

Pine nuts are wingless, so the tree counts on the distribution of its seeds to the animals as well as birds. In particular, the piñon jay can fly as far as 5 miles with 40 nuts in its mouth. The scrub jay, Steller's jay and Clark's nutcrackers are other typical avians you will see among these pine forests. They create their own ecosystem.

*A 55-year-old piñon pine stands at the entrance to the Douglas County Courthouse.*

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**Left:**

*The piñon pine's seeds, also known as pine nuts, which give the range on the east side of Carson Valley its name.*

**LISA GAVON**

The Wa She Shu have a ceremony for the baby pinecone because it is of such importance. The young piñon will take root next to a sheltering sagebrush or a rock outcropping. This gives it added protection as it grows. You rarely see it in a nursery, since it is difficult to germinate. It grows slowly, taking anywhere from 40 to 100 years to start producing cones.

A typical lifespan is 400 years, but some trees have been documented to live up to 1,000 years. A human lifetime is a blip on the screen to this pine.

The piñon was chosen as the Nevada State Tree in 1953, showing that even then some people saw its importance to our geographic area and culture.

Historically, the Washoe in Alpine and Douglas Counties have harvested in the fall during "Pine Nut Season." It has been a reliable source of food and a cornerstone of the tribe's traditional diet. The gnarled cones start out heavy, tight and green, eventually drying and opening to reveal the delicacy known as "pine nuts." The nutritious seeds contain all 20 amino acids as well as several vitamins and substantial quantities of polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Families have their own groves where they have harvested over time. The nuts are collected in large baskets carried across the gatherers' backs and roasted in the ancestral fashion. A Pine Nut Festival of celebration is held each year before the rest of the harvest is cached during the fall.

This storage food was crucial to make it through the lean months of winter. Smokey added that it was also used as a trading food for acorns from the Maidu people over the mountains. The sap and the green needles are said to have medicinal properties when they are prepared correctly, adding yet another reason why it is such an important tree.

Those of you who have spent time in the piñon pine woodlands know there is no other forest quite like it. The piñon is hearty and full of character, surviving as it does in a harsher, drier landscape than most could bear.

This pine does not like crowding but gives each seedling its own space to grow to maturity and become part of the wonderful magic in its own way. There is a subtlety to the beauty that must be acknowledged: each season highlighting a different aspect.

The sky is as much a part of this diverse and complex community as is the earth, with the piñon itself joining the two. ■

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*The first tunnel was blown through Cave Rock in 1931.*  
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# Cave Rock has a winding history

*Geologic feature offers dramatic  
break in Tahoe's landscape*

**O**n Lake Tahoe's East Shore, a craggy rock formation juts out from the shoreline, looming some 300 feet above the blue waters. Cave Rock is arguably the most prominent geological feature on Big Blue — and it has an interesting history that matches its hulking presence.

**STORY BY CLAIRE MCARTHUR, TAHOE MAGAZINE**





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Cave Rock was once part of a volcanic vent that existed about 5 million years ago. The rock's namesake caves were carved out by waves 70,000 to 120,000 years ago during the glacial periods when the lake's level was hundreds of feet higher.

For Lake Tahoe's original "locals," the Washoe Tribe, Cave Rock is a sacred site charged with spiritual energy. The tribe believes that only shamans should visit the rock, which was once the site of religious ceremonies.

A trail used by the Washoe traversed the mountain slope behind the rock, and later, a wagon trail was made along that same path as well as along the outside of the rock, which was established during the Gold Rush and used by Pony Express riders.

Despite these primitive roads, Cave Rock remained an impediment to early travel, so in the 1860s, a wooden trestle bridge, supported by stone buttresses, was constructed around the outside of the rock.

"When the trucks couldn't get over the Sierra because the trestle bridge was there, the decision was made to put a road through the rock," explains Beth Smith, lead archeologist for the Nevada Department of Transportation.

In 1931, the first tunnel was blasted through the rock and a one-lane highway was constructed. The trestle bridge remained in operation for pedestrians until 1964, when it was removed for safety reasons. The second tunnel, along with the boat ramp, was built in 1957 to accommodate increasing traffic pressure.



*Above:*

*The trestle bridge around Cave Rock remained open to pedestrians until 1964.*

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*Opposite:*

*Cave Rock is the remnant of a former volcano that belched lava around 5 million years ago.*

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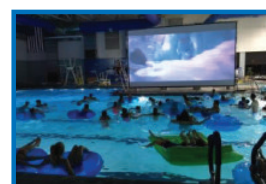
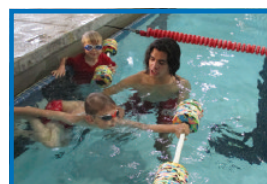
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It wasn't until 2016 when the tunnels were widened and additional safety features were enacted due to rock fall.

The creation of the tunnels through the sacred rock came as a great shock to the Washoe Tribe. But in 2003, the Tribe celebrated a victory when recreational climbing was prohibited by the U.S. Forest Service on the immensely popular climbing site, an activity the tribe deemed disrespectful.

The first permanent bolted climbing route on Cave Rock was established in 1987, and it grew to nearly 50 bolts over the years.

Climbers, who argued that they helped tend the area with garbage cleanup from those using the location as a party spot, appealed the decision in a lawsuit spearheaded by the Access Fund, a nonprofit group dedicated to protecting recreational climbing areas. Ultimately, courts upheld the climbing ban in 2007.

What's more, Cave Rock was designated a Traditional Cultural Property and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

Today, visitors can enjoy Cave Rock from below at the State Park and boat ramp or by hiking the 0.8-mile out-and-back trek to the top of the rock. Though the hike is short, the final stretch is steep and rocky and not suitable for all skill levels. The result, however, is an unparalleled, sweeping view of the lake.

But remember, Cave Rock is steeped in history, spirituality — and a little bit of controversy — so tread lightly. ■

**Left:**

*Before the first tunnel was blasted through Cave Rock, there was a dirt road going around the structure and over a trestle bridge.*

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**Opposite:**

*The boring of tunnels through Cave Rock came as a shock to the Washoe Tribe, who consider the formation a sacred place.*

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*Participants in the annual Turkey Trot run down Esmeralda Avenue in Minden on Thanksgiving 2019.*

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Due to the coronavirus outbreak in the middle of March, some of the events included in the calendar may be cancelled.

## **MAY**

### **Sweep the Town**

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. May 2 at Heritage park. Bring own broom, work gloves and sun hat. Sponsored by Main Street Gardnerville. Information, [mainstreetgardnerville.org](http://mainstreetgardnerville.org)

### **Spring Art & Wine on the Green**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2-3 at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, 1477 Main St., Gardnerville. Information, [historicnv.org](http://historicnv.org)

### **Kiwanis Spring into Wine**

5:30 p.m. May 2 at Genoa Lakes Supper Club. Information, 775-339-8882.

### **16th annual**

### **Molly Youth Awards Banquet**

6 p.m. May 4 at Carson Valley Inn. Information [www.mefiyi.org](http://www.mefiyi.org)

### **Library Spring Book Sale**

May 9-10 at the CVIC Hall in Minden. Information, 782-9841 or [douglas.lib.nv.us](http://douglas.lib.nv.us)

### **Arts Council Concert**

Tom Rigney & Flambeau performs 7-9 p.m. May 15 at the CVIC Hall, 1602 Esmeralda Ave, Minden. Information, [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com).

### **Esmeralda Farmers Market**

opens 4 p.m. May 19 in downtown Minden and continues every Tuesday through September. Information, 782-2444.

### **Third Thursday Wine Walk**

4:30-7:30 p.m. May 21 in downtown Gardnerville. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com)

### **Main St. Farmer's Market**

opens 8 a.m. May 27 at Heritage Park in Gardnerville and continues through September. Information, [www.sierrachef.com](http://www.sierrachef.com)

### **Summer Family Concert Series**

features Hot Buttered Rum May 29 in Minden Park.

## **JUNE**

### **Pony Express re-ride**

travels 1,966 miles over 10 days along what's now the Pony Express National Historic Trail. The re-ride is expected to arrive June 4 at the Genoa Courthouse Museum, 2304 Main St., Genoa. Information, [nationalponyexpress.org](http://nationalponyexpress.org)

### **Carson Valley Quilt Show**

June 6-7 at the Douglas County Community and Senior Center featuring door prizes and raffles, heritage exhibit, a lecture from Velda Newman and more. Information, [www.quiltshow.cvqg.com](http://www.quiltshow.cvqg.com)

### **Annual Kids Fishing Derby**

June 6-7 Lampe Park, various times available. Ages 3-12. Registration forms available at the Douglas County Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Carson Valley Days**

June 11-14. Sponsored by the Carson Valley Active 20-30 No. 85. Carnival begins 5 p.m. Thursday. Carson Valley Day parade, 9 a.m. Saturday. Crafts, vendors, food and more. Live music 5-9 p.m. Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Information, [www.carsonvalley2030.com](http://www.carsonvalley2030.com)

### **Third Thursday Wine Walk**

4:30-7:30 p.m. June 18 in downtown Gardnerville. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com)

### **Summer Family Concert Series**

features Double Trouble Tribute: Tom Petty and Bob Seger June 19 in Minden Park.

### **Big Mama's Car Show**

is June 20 in Lampe Park. Information, [www.douglascountynv.gov/96/Recreation](http://www.douglascountynv.gov/96/Recreation)



## Movies in the Park

'The Lion King' June 26 at dusk in Heritage Park, Gilman Avenue, Gardnerville. Information, [www.townofgardnerville.com](http://www.townofgardnerville.com)

## JULY

### Freedom 5K Run

7-9 a.m. July 4 at Heritage Park, 1447 Courthouse Alley, Gardnerville. Information, [mainstreetgardnerville.org](http://mainstreetgardnerville.org)

### Genoa Americana Celebration and chicken barbecue

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 4 with the Carson Symphony Orchestra. Information, [genoanevada.org](http://genoanevada.org)

### Minden July 4 Celebration

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Minden Park. Information, 782-5976.

### Summer Family Concert Series

features Tod Morgan & The Emblems July 10 in Minden Park.

### Death Ride

#### Endurance Cycling Event

July 11 in Alpine County, starting in Markleeville. Information, [www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com)

## Movies in the Park

'Thor The Dark World' July 17 at dusk in Heritage Park, Gilman Avenue, Gardnerville. Information, [www.townofgardnerville.com](http://www.townofgardnerville.com)

### Third Thursday Wine Walk

4:30-7:30 p.m. July 16 in downtown Gardnerville. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com)

## Movies in the Park

'Frozen II' July 31 at dusk in Heritage Park, Gilman Avenue, Gardnerville. Information, [www.townofgardnerville.com](http://www.townofgardnerville.com)

## AUGUST

### Carson Valley Museum Anniversary

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 1477 Highway 395, Gardnerville. Information, <http://historicnv.org>

### Hot August Nights Poker Run

Aug. 6 in Minden Park, part of Aug. 1-9 event in Reno. Information, [www.hotaugustnights.net](http://www.hotaugustnights.net)

### Summer Family Concert Series

features Jelly Bread Aug. 7 in Minden Park.

## Movies in the Park

'Doolittle' Aug. 14 at dusk in Heritage Park, Gilman Avenue, Gardnerville. Information, [www.townofgardnerville.com](http://www.townofgardnerville.com)

### Third Thursday Wine Walk

4:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 in downtown Gardnerville. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com)

### Summer Family Concert Series

features Mumbo Gumbo Aug. 28 in Minden Park.

## SEPTEMBER

### Great Reno Balloon Race

Sept. 11-13, Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. Information, [www.renoballoon.com](http://www.renoballoon.com)

### Sertoma Oktoberfest

is noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 13 at Heritage Park in Gardnerville. Information, [www.carsonvalleysertoma.org](http://www.carsonvalleysertoma.org)

### National Championship Air Races

Sept. 16-20 in Stead. Information, [www.airrace.org](http://www.airrace.org)

### Third Thursday Wine Walk

4:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in downtown Gardnerville. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com)

### Genoa Candy Dance

Arts & Crafts Faire 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 26-27 with a dinner and dance 4-10 p.m. Sept. 26. Information and dinner tickets, [genoanevada.org](http://genoanevada.org).

## OCTOBER

### Main Street Fall Fest

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 3 at Heritage Park and gardens, Gardnerville. Family activities. Information, Main Street Gardnerville, 782-8027.

### Aviation Roundup

features the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds at the 2020 Aviation Roundup Air show Oct. 3-4 at Minden-Tahoe Airport. Information, [www.aviationroundup.com](http://www.aviationroundup.com)

### Nevada Day & Parade

Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 are observed for Nevada Day. The Nevada Day parade is in Carson City 9 a.m. Saturday.

## Douglas County Sheriff's Office Trick or Treat Safety Street

3:30-8 p.m. Oct. 31 at the CVIC Hall, Minden. Information, 775-782-9941.

## NOVEMBER

### Carson Valley Turkey Trot

7 a.m. Nov. 26 in Minden Park. 5K fun run-walk begins at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

### Small Business Saturday

Nov. 28. A day dedicated to encouraging consumers to support local businesses. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com).

## DECEMBER

### Carson Valley Christmas Kick-off

4:30-7 p.m. Dec. 3 at Heritage Park, sponsored by the Town of Gardnerville. Information, 775-782-7134.

### Lighting of the Minden Gazebo and Tree

4 p.m. Dec. 4. Live music and a very special visitor. Information, 775-782-2444.

### Elks Spaghetti Feed and Christmas Tree Bingo

Dec. 4 in the CVIC Hall, 1602 Esmeralda Drive, Minden NV 89423.

### Christmas in Genoa

5 p.m. Dec. 4, caroling 6:15 p.m. Christmas tree lighting, Santa visit and refreshments. Information, 775-782-8696.

### Breakfast with Santa

in the Genoa Community Center, sittings starting at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 5. Information, 775-782-8696.

## Holiday Gala Gallery of Trees & Cookie Walk

The Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center's annual Gala featuring gingerbread houses 4 p.m. Dec. 5. Information, 775-782-2555.

### Parade of Lights

Dec. 5 Highway 395 from Gardnerville to Minden. Sponsored by the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce. Information, 775-782-8144.

### Artisan Reception

noon Dec. 16 at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, Gardnerville.

### Wreaths Across America

in the Garden Cemetery 9 a.m. Dec. 19. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com)

### New Year's Eve

#### Candlelight Labyrinth Walk

6-9 p.m. Dec. 31 at Heritage Park, Gardnerville. Walk off 2020 and walk in 2021 by candlelight. Information, 775-782-8027 or [www.mainstreetgardnerville.com](http://www.mainstreetgardnerville.com).

## JANUARY

### Eagles & Agriculture

Jan. 28-31 in Carson Valley. Tours of Valley ranches and eagle spotting. Information, [www.carsonvalley.org](http://www.carsonvalley.org)

*The crowd claps for Mumbo Gumbo during Concerts in the Park.*

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**782-9083, fax**

Call this office for information about employment with the county. Applications can be submitted by fax or e-mail with hard copy to follow.

## Animal Services

921 Dump Road  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-9061**  
**782-9059, fax**  
**communityservices.douglascountynv.gov/animal\_services**

The Animal Control Shelter is located at 921 Pinenut Road, across from the Douglas County Fairgrounds off Highway 395 south of Gardnerville. Current rabies vaccination certificates are necessary to process the license. Dog licenses are available at all of the sheriff's substations. One-year licenses are \$25 for unaltered dogs and \$8 for altered dogs. Two and three-year licenses are available (be sure to provide rabies and sterilization certificates). Shelter hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Closed on major holidays. Aluminum cans are collected all year as a fundraiser.

## Assessor

Douglas County Administration Building  
1616 Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 218  
Minden 89423  
**782-9830**  
**782-9884, fax**  
**<http://assessor.co.douglas.nv.us/>**  
**Assessor: Trent Tholen**

Contact the assessor's office to register airplanes and mobile homes, to report business assets, to file exemptions for senior citizens, agriculture, open space, veterans' widows, orphans and the blind, and to obtain information about assessor's parcel numbers, assessor's maps, legal descriptions and property appraisals on real property. The assessor is an elected official.

## County Commissioners

County Office  
**782-9821**  
**782-6255, fax**  
**Dave Nelson, District 1,**  
690-2979 or  
[dnelson@douglasnv.us](mailto:dnelson@douglasnv.us)  
**John Engels, District 2,**  
546-3171 or  
[jengels@douglasnv.us](mailto:jengels@douglasnv.us)  
**Larry Walsh, District 3, vice chairman,**  
450-9414 or  
[lwalsh@douglasnv.us](mailto:lwalsh@douglasnv.us)  
**Wesley Rice, District 4,**  
546-3170 or  
[wrice@douglasnv.us](mailto:wrice@douglasnv.us)  
**Barry Penzel, District 5, chairman,**  
781-6075 or  
[wpenzel@douglasnv.us](mailto:wpenzel@douglasnv.us)

Commissioners are elected at large to a four-year term. Each commissioner represents one of five voting districts. To take an issue before the Douglas County commission, contact the county manager's office at 782-9821.

## County Manager

1594 Esmeralda Ave. (Minden Inn)  
P.O. Box 218  
Minden 89423  
**782-9821**  
**782-6255, fax**  
**County Manager: Patrick Cates**

This department assists the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. The county manager is responsible for the county's overall budget as well as the values, growth and development of the organization and is an informational resource for the community, addressing citizens' concerns and issues.

## Carson Valley Swim Center

1600 Highway 88  
Minden 89423  
**782-8840**  
**Director: Shannon Harris**  
**<http://cvswim.com>**  
The East Fork Swimming Pool District operates the Carson Valley Swim Center. The facility has four indoor pools with a waterslide and activity toys (slide pool kept at 86 degrees), which are open year-round, and two outdoor pools, which are open May-October.



**Clerk-Treasurer**

1616 Eighth St., 2nd floor  
Minden 89423

**782-9014 clerk**

**782-9017 treasurer**

**cltr.co.douglas.nv.us**

**Clerk-Treasurer: Kathy Lewis**

This is an elected position.  
Clerk-Treasurer's office is divided as follows:

**Civil Clerk's office**

1616 Eighth St.

**782-9020**

**782-9016, fax**

This office provides the following services and documents: notary bonds, passports, marriage licenses, voter registration, dog licenses, filing for fictitious firm names, elections department and the county commissioner's clerk.

**Treasurer's Office**

Douglas County Administration Building  
1616 Eighth St., Minden

**782-9017**

**782-9888, fax**

This office collects property taxes and water fees, invests county monies and maintains county utility billings.

**Court Clerks**

Ninth Judicial District Court  
Judicial & Law Enforcement Building  
1038 Buckeye Road  
Minden 89423

**782-9820**

**782-9954, fax**

Court clerks are responsible for district court functions, such as filing and collecting fees for estates, civil and criminal matters, jury trials and jury duty summons.

**Tahoe General Services**

Douglas County Administration Building (Lake Tahoe)  
175 Highway 50 (Kingsbury)  
Stateline 89449

**586-7290,**

**marriage license information**

**586-7226, general information**

**566-7227, fax**

This office performs general county functions such as issuing dog licenses, notary bonds, passports, marriage licenses, voter registration, fictitious firm names, motor vehicle registration, fingerprinting, taxes and special assessments collected, water district fees collected, juvenile probation restitution and fines collected.

**Voter Registration**

1616 Eighth St., Second Floor  
Minden 89423

**782-9023**

Contact this office if you would like to register to vote, if you need to change your physical or mailing address or if you need to change your name on your voter registration.

**Community Development**

1594 Esmeralda Ave. (Minden Inn)  
Minden 89423

**Administration: 782-6230**

**Planning: 782-6217**

**Engineering: 782-6421**

**Building: 782-6224**

**Code enforcement: 782-6214**

**Roads: 782-9035**

This department includes planning, building, engineering, regional streets and highways, road maintenance, water monitoring, zoning, code enforcement. The staff provides information about building and land development codes and other land and property information, as well as background information about the county. The office issues building permits, reviews building plans for health and safety requirements, schedules inspections for buildings in progress and provides zoning and subdivision information. All development-related applications and processing go through this office.

**District Attorney**

Judicial and Law Enforcement Center  
1038 Buckeye Road  
Minden 89423

**782-9800, Criminal**

**782-9803, Civil**

**782-9807, fax**

**District Attorney: Mark Jackson**

Douglas County  
Administration Building  
175 Highway 50 (Kingsbury Grade)  
Stateline 89449

**586-7215**

**586-7217, fax**

**782-9881, Child support**

**782-9880, fax**

The district attorney is a licensed attorney and an elected official. This officer serves as the county's public prosecutor for criminal and juvenile matters. The office represents county commissioners and other county or township officials in civil matters. By state law, the district attorney is also responsible for collection of child support payments. The district attorney cannot represent private citizens in civil matters.

**Fire Protection:**

**East Fork Fire District**

**Emergencies: 911**

1694 County Road

P.O. Box 218

Minden 89423

**Business: 782-9040**

**782-9043, fax**

**www.eastforkfire.org**

**Fire Chief: Tod Carlini, 782-9040**

**Deputy Chief - Operations:**

**Dave Fogerson, 782-9096**

**Deputy Chief - Fire Marshal:**

**Steve Eisele, 782-9041**

**Ambulance billing office: 782-9044**

This fire district oversees the fire departments, which provide 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, complete fire protection. Call the main office for information on burning permits. The paramedic district administers the 24-hour advanced life-support

paramedic service. The paramedics offer cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses and emergency medical technician classes once a year.

**Volunteer departments:**

**Minden Station 1**

1606 Highway 395

**783-6448**

**Gardnerville Station 2**

1255 Douglas Ave.

**782-2003**

**Genoa Station 3**

2289 Main St.

**782-4575**

**Topaz Ranch Estates Station 4**

1476 Albite Dr.

**266-3780**

**Topaz Station 5**

1990 Austin St.

**266-3377**

**Johnson Lane Station 6**

1450 Stephanie Way

**267-2675**

**Ranchos Fire/Rescue Station 7**

940 Mitch Drive

**783-6470**

**Sheridan Station 8**

980 Sheridan Lane

**265-4590**

**Fish Springs Station 9**

2249 Fish Springs Road

**782-4344**

**Ruhenstroth Station 10**

2008 Pinto Circle

Gardnerville 89410

**265-4828**

**Sunridge Station 12**

3620 N. Sunridge Drive

**267-4914**

**267-3004**

**Paramedic Station 14**

1699 County Road

Minden 89423

**783-6440**

**Tahoe-Douglas**

**Fire Protection District**

193 Elk Point Road and Highway 50

P.O. Box 919

Zephyr Cove 89448

**Emergencies: 911**

**Business: 588-3591**

**www.tahoe-fire.com**

**Fire Chief: Scott Baker**

This district covers the Lake Tahoe area of Douglas County, from Daggett Summit to Stateline and Glenbrook areas. Fire suppression, paramedic ambulance. Call for information about CPR training, children's fire prevention programs, burning permits.

**Gardnerville Ranchos General Improvement District**

931 Mitch Drive  
Gardnerville 89460

**265-2048**

**265-9688, fax**

**www.grgid.com**

Meetings held first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the district office.

**Indian Hills**

**General Improvement District**

3394 James Lee Park Road, No. A  
Carson City 89705

**267-2805**

**267-3510, fax**

**www.indianhillsnevada.com**

Meets third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Topaz Ranch Estates**

**General Improvement District**

3924 Carter Way

Wellington 89444

**266-3000 or 266-3212**

**266-1036, fax**

Meets second Wednesday at 7 p.m., at the Topaz Ranch Estates Park building.

**Justice Courts:**

**East Fork Township**

Carson Valley Judicial and Law Enforcement Center

1625 Eighth Street

Minden 89423

**782-9955**

**Justice of the Peace: Cassandra Jones**

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**775.783.7606**

**1667 Lucerne Dr., Suite B, Minden**

**775.267.3396**

**931 Mica Dr., Suite 1, Carson City**

**775.901.0963**

**2299 Hwy 208, Smith, NV**

**www.bodywisetherapyfitness.com**



Small claims and civil actions are instituted through this court and appointments for marriage are scheduled with the J.P.'s clerk.

#### **Tahoe Township**

Douglas County Administration Building  
175 Highway 50 (Kingsbury Grade)  
Steline 89449

**586-7200**

#### **Justice of the Peace: Richard Glasson**

Small claims and civil actions are instituted through this court and appointments for marriage are scheduled with the J.P.'s clerk. The two justices of the peace are elected.

#### **Juvenile Probation Department**

Carson Valley Judicial and Law Enforcement Center  
1625 Eighth Street  
Minden 89423

**782-9811**

#### **Lake Tahoe**

Douglas County Administration Building  
175 Highway 50 (Kingsbury Grade)  
Steline 89449

**586-7210**

#### **Juvenile Detention Center**

175 Highway 50  
Steline 89449

**586-7220**

#### **Chief Probation Officer: Scott Schick**

The department, under jurisdiction of the Ninth Judicial District Court, handles juveniles on probation. This office can be contacted about problem children in the neighborhood or those who commit criminal acts. Parents with children having problems at school, home or in the community can contact this office for help and information.

#### **Minden-Tahoe Airport**

1146 Airport Road  
Minden 89423

**782-9871**

**782-9872, fax**

**www.mindentahoeairport.com**

**Operational Services Director**

**Airport Manager: Chris Johnson**

The Minden-Tahoe Airport is located east of Highway 395 on Airport Road. Residents may call for information about tie-downs and hangar rentals. For fuel, call Hutt Aviation at 782-8277.

#### **Ninth Judicial District Court**

Judicial and Law Enforcement Center  
P.O. Box 218  
1625 Eighth Street  
Minden 89423

#### **Department 1**

**Judge Tod Young**

**782-9961**

#### **Department 2**

**Judge: Tom Gregory**

**782-9951**

Call for information regarding jury duty summons or for general information about the court system. The judges are elected to their positions.

#### **Douglas County Public Library**

**Library Director: Amy Dodson**

#### **Main Library**

1625 Library Lane, Minden 89423

**782-9841**

**782-5754, fax**

**Web site: <http://douglas.lib.nv.us/>**

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday.

Storytime: Toddler Storytime\*, ages 18 mos. to 3 yrs, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Minden Library. Preschool Storytime\*, Ages 3 to 5 years, Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. in the Minden Library. Family Storytime\* for ages 3 years and up at 10 a.m. in Lampe Park near the Farmers' Market from June through August.

\*All storytime programs are seasonal; please contact the library for detailed information.

#### **Lake Tahoe Branch Library**

233 Warrior Way  
Zephyr Cove

**Phone: 588-6411**

**Fax: 588-6464**

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; closed Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday.

Storytime: Stories at Kahle Park; please call the library for details.

Both libraries offer reading and reference services to the residents of Douglas County. They have computers for word processing and Internet access in addition to copy machines and typewriters for public use. Wireless Internet is available at both branches during regular library hours. Meeting rooms are available to the public; arrangements may be made by calling the library. The Minden library has a self-service machine for sending faxes; a credit card is required.

#### **Book return locations**

##### **South County**

1550 S. Hwy 395 (directly west of Holbrook Junction intersection). The library book return is located just outside the entrance to the building.

##### **North County**

3620 N. Sunridge Drive  
(south end of Fire Station #12)

The library kiosk is located inside the lobby at the south end of the building. A computer terminal is available for searching the library catalog and online reference tools. A magazine and paperback exchange rack is also located inside the lobby.

A library book return is located at the south end of the building, just outside the entrance to the lobby.

#### **Parks & Recreation Department**

Lampe Park  
1329 Waterloo Lane  
Gardnerville 89410

**Director: Scott Morgan**

**782-5500**

**782-9844, fax**

#### **Recreation Division**

**Recreation Superintendent:**

**Brian Fitzgerald**

The department serves the community's recreational needs for the residents of the county. Offered are over 300 classes for all age groups. Call 782-9828 for information about activities and the recreation division's brochure.

#### **Adult Volleyball League**

Douglas County  
Parks & Recreation Department

**Scott Doerr – 782-5500**

**www.dcprrsports.com**

#### **Adult Softball League**

Douglas County  
Parks & Recreation Department

**www.dcprrsports.com**

#### **Adult Flag Football League**

Douglas County  
Parks & Recreation Department

**www.dcprrsports.com**

#### **Kahle Park Community Center**

**(775) 586-7271**

236 Kingsbury Grade

Steline 89449

The Kahle Park Community Center offers a 1,500-square-foot weight room with hours of operation. The community center has a preschool and a Kids Club Program; a large variety of tot, youth and adult classes; and room rentals.

#### **Parks Division**

**782-9835**

This department oversees the county park facilities. The Douglas County Fairgrounds is managed by the parks division and includes an 81-acre complex with rodeo arenas, an indoor pavilion, 1,500-seat grandstand with announcer's booth. For information regarding reservations of any park facility, contact the recreation division at 782-9828.

#### **Recorder**

Douglas County Administration Building  
1616 Eighth Street  
Minden 89423

**782-9025**

**Recorder: Karen Ellison**

The recorder's office is separated into two offices, with the recorder as an elected official. The recorder's office is responsible for recording all documents relating to land, such as deeds, deeds of trust, liens, maps, etc. Call the recorder's office for more information. Open Monday- Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### **Sheriff's Offices:**

Carson Valley Judicial and Law Enforcement Building  
1038 Buckeye Road  
Minden 89423

**Sheriff: Dan Coverley**

**Emergencies: 911**

**Administrative: 782-9900**

**Nonemergency: 782-5126**

**Records: 782-9933**

**Public/media information: 782-9931**

#### **Lake Tahoe**

Douglas County Administrative Building  
175 Highway 50

**Steline 89449**

**Emergencies: 911**

**Administrative: 586-7250**

**Undersheriff: Ron Elges**

**Road conditions: (877) 687-6237**

For licensing, liquor, gaming and to request a property check on a residence while owners are out of town, call 782-9933. For information on DARE, call 783-6441; for the Neighborhood Watch program and information, 782-9931.

#### **Substations:**

##### **North Valley Substation**

3587 North Sunridge Drive

**267-3692**

##### **Gardnerville Ranchos**

1281-9 Kimmerling Road

**265-7091**

##### **South County Substation**

1476 Albite Drive

**266-1028**

#### **Social Services**

Douglas County

1133 Spruce St., Gardnerville 89410

**782-9825**

This department handles the county's welfare assistance programs and emergency assistance for Douglas County indigents. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### **Town Offices:**

##### **Gardnerville**

1407 Highway 395  
Gardnerville 89410

**782-7134**

782-7135, fax

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

##### **Genoa**

2289 Main St., P.O. Box 14  
Genoa 89411

**Town office: 782-8696**

**782-2779, fax**

**E-mail: [genoa@co.douglas.nv.us](mailto:genoa@co.douglas.nv.us)**

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

##### **Minden**

1604 Esmeralda Ave. (CVIC Hall)

**782-5976**

**782-5287, fax**

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **State Legislators:**

**James Settelmeyer, Senator**

Home, 2388 Hwy 395, Minden 89423

**265-7739**

**[jsettelmeyer@sen.state.nv.us](mailto:jsettelmeyer@sen.state.nv.us)**

**Jim Wheeler, Assemblyman**

**775-684-8843**

**[jim.wheeler@asm.state.nv.us](mailto:jim.wheeler@asm.state.nv.us)**

#### **National Legislators:**

**Senators:**

**Jacky Rosen**

G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

**(202) 224-6244, office**

**<http://www.rosen.senate.gov>**



**Catherine Cortez Masto**  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
**(202) 224-3542**  
**(775) 686-5750**  
**(775) 686-5757, fax**  
**www.cortezmastosenate.gov**

**House of Representatives:**

**Mark Amodei**  
332 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
**(202) 225-6155**  
**(202) 225-5679, fax**  
**https://amodei.house.gov**  
**(775) 686-5760**  
**(775) 686-5711, fax**

**Post offices:**

Douglas County:  
**Gardnerville**  
Meadowdale Shopping Center  
1267 Highway 395 89410  
**Gardnerville Ranchos**  
1271 Kimmerling Road,  
Gardnerville, 89460  
**Genoa**  
2244 Main Street (Foothill Road) 89411  
**Minden**  
1640 Highway 395, 89423  
Lyon County:  
**Wellington**  
2818 Highway 208, 89444

**California Post Offices:**

Alpine County  
**Markleeville**  
14845 State Route 88, 96120  
**Mono County-Coleville**  
111747 Highway 395, 96107

**Northern Mono County Offices,**

Bridgeport, Calif.  
Board of Supervisors  
**Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder**  
**(760) 932-5537**  
**Administrative Officer**  
**(760) 932-5410**  
**John Peters, Mono County**  
**Supervisor, District 4**  
**(760) 671-7126**  
**Ingrid Braun,**  
**Mono County Sheriff, Bridgeport**  
**(760) 932-5279**  
**www.monocounty.ca.gov**

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Carson Valley Medical Center**  
Emergency Department/Urgent  
Care/Family Medicine  
1107 Highway 395  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-1500**  
**782-1600 for emergencies**  
**www.carsonvalleymedicalcenter.com**

The center houses primary care and infusion center for chemotherapy, a diabetes center, specialty physicians, and an emergency department.

**Douglas County Sheriff's Search & Rescue**  
Judicial and Law Enforcement Center  
1038 Buckeye Road, first floor  
P.O. Box 1306, Minden 89423  
**Information: 782-9930**  
**www.douglassar.org/**

DCSSAR is a nonprofit volunteer organization responsible for locating and rescuing people lost, stranded or injured in the county's back country. The group operates under the auspices of the sheriff's office. Members, who are graduates of the DCSAR Academy, train monthly in areas such as mountaineering, tracking, swiftwater, technical ropes, search operations, emergency ropes and emergency medical treatment. The team is always looking for new members who have a desire to help the community and who enjoy learning new skills. General meetings are held the fourth Thursday.

**Douglas Mental Health Clinic**

1538 Highway 395  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-3671 (Emergencies also)**  
**782-6639, fax**

Mental health services are provided for children, adolescents and their families. Also served are persons with severe emotional problems who need psychotherapy, case management or psychiatric consultation. Counseling is also available for adults and couples. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for appointments.

**Minden Emergency-Urgent Care**

925 Ironwood Drive, Suite 110  
Minden 89423  
**783-7800**

The facility, a service of Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center, is located in the Minden Medical Center. The hours of the urgent care center are 8 a.m.- 8 p.m., seven days a week. The center provides walk-in emergency and urgent care services, as well as physicals — including sports, general health, pre-employment and occupational.

**Public Utilities Commission of Nevada**

Division of Consumer Complaint  
Resolution Capitol Complex  
1150 E. William St.  
Carson City 89701  
**684-6100**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**Carson Tahoe Support Groups**  
**775-445-7500**  
**(877) 284-2627, toll free**

Cancer support groups for members to gain strength from sharing similar experiences. Meetings are at the Cancer Resource Center, 1535 Medical Parkway, Carson City. Sponsored by the Carson Douglas Medical Alliance.

**Al Anon Family Groups**  
1375 Centerville Lane  
Gardnerville 89410  
**Contact: 790-4394 (Wed)**  
**781-6645 (Fri)**  
Meets: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays,  
7:30 a.m. Fridays, Carson Valley  
United Methodist Church office, 1375  
Centerville Lane, Gardnerville.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Minden/Gardnerville group  
1276 Pit Road, No. 4  
Gardnerville 89410  
**775-335-1151**

Hotline and for information on meeting times and place.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Topaz area  
Meets: Sunday, 7 p.m.; Monday and  
Thursday, 8 p.m., at the park building at  
the end of Carter Way in Topaz Ranch  
Estates.

**Alpine County Tobacco Education**

Alpine County Health and Human  
Services Agency  
75 B Diamond Valley Road  
Markleeville, Calif. 96120  
**(530) 694-2146**  
**(530) 694-2544, fax**  
Alpine County Tobacco Education  
Program is dedicated to educating  
Alpine County residents of all ages to the  
dangers of tobacco use and the benefits  
of living a healthy, tobacco-free lifestyle.  
For information, contact the Alpine  
Health and Human Services at (530)  
694-2146.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
**(775)786-8061**

Meets: Second Thursday, 2 p.m.  
Coventry Cross Episcopal Church,  
1631 Esmeralda Place.

**American Red Cross**

Northern Nevada Chapter  
Emergency Services  
Serving Carson Valley, Carson City and  
nine northwestern Nevada counties.  
**(775) 856-1000**  
**(775) 856-3030, fax**  
**www.nevada.redcross.org**

Emergency services; health and  
safety classes offered in Carson Valley.  
Volunteers welcome.

**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
**267-4308**

Meets: First Tuesday, noon Carson  
Valley Medical Center, 1107 Highway 395

**Carson Valley Community Food Closet**  
P.O. Box 2911  
1251 Waterloo Lane  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-3711**  
**Director: Sarah Sanchez**

The food closet, a nonprofit  
organization, provides emergency food  
supplies to families who qualify through  
Douglas County social services. This  
service is provided year-round to families  
as needed. Contributions of food or  
financial support are welcome. Open  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Fridays, 12:30-4 p.m. [www.thefoodcloset.org](http://www.thefoodcloset.org).

**Codependents Anonymous**  
**230-1507**

Meets noon every Friday, at Carson  
Valley United Methodist Church, 1375  
Centerville Lane, in Gardnerville. For  
men, women and teens who desire  
healthy relationships.

**Douglas Animal Welfare Group**

P.O. Box 1850  
Gardnerville 89410  
**www.dawgrescue.com**  
**267-7325**

The purpose of DAWG is to better  
the lives of the Douglas County animals  
by improving their adoptability and  
thereby increasing the adoption rate  
while at the Douglas County Animal  
Shelter, educating the community about  
responsible pet ownership and engaging  
in other projects and activities that will  
yield positive benefits to the animals,  
owners and citizens.

**Family Support Council**  
**of Douglas County**

A Family Resource Center  
1255 Waterloo Lane, Suite A  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-8692**

**782-1942, fax**  
**www.family-support.org**

The Family Support Council is a  
family resource center that serves the  
needs of Douglas County residents. The  
mission of the Family Support Council  
is to provide Education, Prevention,  
and Intervention services to support  
the growth and development of healthy  
families.

**Domestic Violence Program**

A 24-hour crisis telephone line, crisis  
intervention services for victims, therapy  
services, advocacy (including court)  
and Temporary Protection Order (TPO)  
applications. Therapy services include  
a weekly Women's Support Group and  
individual sessions. Family Support  
Council also offers an emergency shelter  
program.

**Educational Program**

A family-enhancement program  
which provides office and home based  
parenting skills for parents with children  
ages 0-18.

**Supervised Visitation/Exchange**

An office based program that  
provides an impartial 3rd party to safely  
monitor visits between children and their  
non-custodial parent.



**Friends in Service Helping Thrift Store**  
1561 Highway 395, Minden  
**783-3474**

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**Kids & Horses Inc.**

2869 Esaw St., Minden 89423  
**267-1775**  
**267-1775, fax**

A Premier Accredited Center of North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Therapeutic riding, interactive faulting and hypotherapy (by a licensed physical therapist) for physically and mentally challenged persons aged two years and older are provided.

**Partnership Douglas County**

1625 Highway 88  
Minden 89423  
**782-8611**  
**www.pdcnv.org**

Partnership Douglas County is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1992 by a group of social service providers to facilitate networking and the exchange of information between existing agencies and reduce duplication of services in the community. The partnership focuses on prevention advocacy and encourages youth to join prevention clubs sponsored by the partnership and other agencies: Students Taking On Prevention: Prevention of underage drinking with clubs active at middle and high schools. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Control: Douglas High School

In addition, the partnership collaborates with the school district and juvenile probation to offer Insight Douglas as a student assistance program group at middle schools and a community-based project called Community and Parents Against Substance Abuse for high school-aged students.

**Project Santa Claus**

P.O. Box 3031  
Gardnerville 89410  
**775-339-8882**

A nonprofit group under the Kiwanis Club of Carson Valley, which provides Christmas gifts for children of families who qualify in Douglas County. Angel trees with gift requests appear in late November in locations in Carson Valley. Contributions of either gifts or financial support are welcome.

**Project School Days**

P.O. Box 3052  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-4931**

The purpose and goal of Project School Days, a nonprofit, ongoing program, is to make sure all Douglas County children have all the school supplies they need at home and for special projects. The program provides materials to the teachers so they can confidentially give these materials to children in need.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group**

1702 Highway 88, Suite B  
Minden 89423  
**782-1510**  
Meets first Thursday 6-7 p.m. All family, friends or coworkers are invited. Sponsored by the Suicide Prevention Network of Douglas County. For crisis lines, call 775-784-8090 or toll-free 800-992-5757.

**University of Nevada, Reno  
Cooperative Extension**

1325 Waterloo Lane  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-9960**  
Hours: 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.  
**Extension Educator:**  
**Lindsay Chichester**  
The Douglas County office of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is an off-campus teaching arm of the university.

**USDA Offices**

1702 County Road Suite 1A  
Minden 89423  
**782-3661**  
**782-3547, fax**  
**Farm Service Agency**

The Farm Service Agency administers many of the farm subsidy programs available under the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The office serves the counties of Douglas, Carson City, Alpine, Inyo and Mono.

**Natural Resources  
Conservation Service**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is a federal agency working with private landowners to help them protect their natural resources. NRCS provides engineering, grazing management, water uses, soils information, erosion control and wildlife conservation assistance.

**Carson Valley/Alpine/Mono County  
Conservation District**

The Carson Valley Conservation District has seven appointed/elected directors from the Douglas County/Carson City areas. The board of directors sets water and soil conservation goals for private land management in the Carson Valley area.

**SENIOR SERVICES**

**Douglas County  
Community and Senior Center**

Services Senior Center  
1329 Waterloo Lane  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-5500**

Services open to those 60 years of age or older. The senior services center provides meals Monday through Friday at noon. Services for seniors include homebound meals for Carson Valley residents, homemaker services and transportation to the center for meals. Health services include medical, dental, audiology testing and blood pressure checks. Professional services available to seniors include Medicaid assistance, monthly legal assistance and income tax services.

**Young at Heart  
Senior Citizens Club Inc.**

P.O. Box 1042  
Gardnerville 89410  
**www.youngatheartcarsonvalleynv.org**

Board meets: Second Monday, 9:30 a.m., at the Douglas County Senior Center, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville. A variety of programs and activities are available to seniors through Young at Heart. These include bingo, potluck social and game days, bus trips, ceramics, craft fairs, gift shop, special occasion fun events and fundraisers.

**Washoe Tribe Senior Citizens**

801 Wa She Shu Street, Dresslerville  
**265-6426**

This program, directed by the Washoe Tribe, welcomes elders of Native American descent 55 years and older and non-Native Americans over 60 to participate in the lunch program. In addition to beading and basket-making classes, the seniors take part in programs that promote cultural and traditional heritage. Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and lunch reservations are required for two or more people. Contact the tribe or senior citizen's center for information.

**CULTURAL GROUPS**

**Carson Valley Art Association**

P.O. Box 2048  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-8035**

**Contact: Beth Bosmans**

Meets: 1:30 p.m. fourth Friday of the month at the Minden Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden.

The association encourages participation in and appreciation of the visual fine arts. It sponsors two major art shows each year at the CVIC Hall in Minden, one during Carson Valley Days and the other later in the year to raise funds for scholarships for deserving Douglas High School senior art students. Both shows are open to artists of Nevada and adjacent California counties. In addition, the group sponsors demonstrations and occasional field trips.

**Carson Valley Arts Council**

1572 Highway 395  
Minden 89423  
**782-8207**

**Contact: Sharon Schlegel**  
**www.cvartscouncil.com**

Meets: The second Thursday of each month at the Copeland Cultural Arts Center. The CVAC is a nonprofit organization working to develop, support and encourage the performing and visual arts. Their purpose is to present and promote cultural events and provide educational and experiential opportunities in the visual, literary, music, dance and performance disciplines. An online calendar is at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com). Submit events at [info@cvartscouncil.com](mailto:info@cvartscouncil.com).

**Carson Valley Pops Orchestra**

P.O. Box 512  
Minden 89423  
**cvpops@hotmail.com**

Meets: Meets and rehearses most Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the CVIC Hall in Minden. The Pops welcomes new members.

**Douglas County Historical Society**

1477 Highway 395  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-2555**

Meets: The third Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. The society, formed to preserve the history of Douglas County, operates the Genoa Courthouse Museum and the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center in Gardnerville. The museums contain artifacts that illustrate the history of the county. The society hosts programs year-round.

**East Fork Gallery**

1503 Highway 395  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-7629, gallery**  
**eastforkgallery.com**

The gallery, an artists' cooperative, is located in The Record-Courier Center. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call for more information. The artists' works, including paintings, graphics, photographs and pottery, porcelain and seasonal gifts, are for sale.

**Friends of the**

**Carson Valley Youth Orchestra**  
**267-3495**

**Contact: John or Nelle O'Neill**

This nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation was formed to support the Carson Valley Sinfonia, an ensemble of advanced student and adult string players and the Intermediate String Orchestra for younger students. These two groups are open to qualified members of the community without charge and give several performances throughout the year. A featured event for the past two years has been participation with the Reno Philharmonic Youth Symphony Orchestra at Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School in the fall.



## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Carson Valley Active 20-30 Club

P.O. Box 2030  
Gardnerville 89410

**www.carsonvalley2030.com**

Meets: Every 7 p.m. Wednesday in the old jail building behind the French Hotel in Gardnerville. The club organizes the annual Carson Valley Days the second weekend in June, sponsors youth activities and raises money for other community projects. The club holds an annual Easter Egg Hunt and a Pedro tournament in February. Members are men aged 21 to 45.

### Aglow International of Gardnerville-Minden

P.O. Box 2927  
Gardnerville 89410

### Gardnerville-Minden Aglow on Facebook

Meets: 10 a.m. first Saturday at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Aglow is a dynamic global organization made up of women and men with a single purpose; to see God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven through prayer, local groups, events and outreaches.

### Antique Automobile Club of America

**https://aacarsontahoeregion.shutterfly.com/**

The AACA is the largest and oldest automotive historical society in the U.S. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. The meetings are held at 5 p.m.

### Back Country Horsemen of Nevada

High Sierra Chapter

**www.bchnv.com**

**info@bchnv.com**

Group works with the park service, Bureau of Land Management and Division of Forestry to help maintain trails and educate the public on safe horse and back country usage and Leave No Trace. Group meets 7 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Black Bear Diner in Reno.

### Battle Born Mounted Posse

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Posse activities include emergency livestock evacuation, parade riding, security at special events, support of community service entities in Douglas County and support of the sheriff's department with mounted personnel whenever needed.

Information, 775-790-3311

### Carson Valley Men's Golf Club

265-3181

This organization assists and encourages its members to hone skills through regular competitive play, thereby achieving the ability to play a better game of golf. Adult memberships, 18 and over. The group plays Sundays at Carson Valley Golf Course March through November. Members are also entered into the Northern Nevada Golfing Association where they play in various tournaments and establish handicaps. Call the Carson Valley Pro Shop for more information, 265-3181.

### Carson Valley Photo Club

775-901-2502

Meets: Second Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at Carson Valley United Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane.

### Carson Valley Quilt Guild

P.O. Box 2541

Minden 89423

530-693-0500

**www.cvqg.com**

Meets: Fourth Monday, Carson Valley United Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Ln, Gardnerville, NV. 6 pm social hour, meeting at 6:30 pm. See website for workshops, national speakers, high school/college scholarships, quilts to families in need and other general information. Quilt Show - June 6-7, 2020, quiltshow.cvqg.com

### Carson Valley Sertoma Club

P.O. Box 1546

Minden 89423

**Membership: donnaschehl@gmail.com**

**Contact: Pat Smith (775) 265-5332**

**www.carsonvalleysertoma.org**

Meets: Every Friday at 7 a.m., C.O.D. Casino, Minden. The motto of this international organization is "Service to Mankind." The local chapter, one of the largest service clubs in the Valley, raises money through community events to help support youth scholarships and programs, civic and charitable causes and especially to provide speech and hearing services to those needing aid.

### Carson Valley Toastmasters

781-5491

**www.toastmasters.org**

Meets: 6:30-7:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Please call for location or more information. Want to make more money? Improve your skills to become a convincing speaker, a perceptive listener, an effective leader.

### Carson Valley Trails Association

P.O. Box 222

Minden, NV 89423

**www.carsonvalleytrails.org**

The Carson Valley Trails Association is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization working to provide access to public lands through a recreational trail system.

### Civil Air Patrol, Douglas County Composition Squadron

Minden-Tahoe Airport Squadron building

Minden-Tahoe Airport

1144 Airport Road

Minden 89423

358-3700

**www.nvwcg.cap.gov/units/dccs.htm**

Meets: Second Thursdays, 7 p.m. Cadets meet at 6 p.m. every Tuesday. The Civil Air Patrol performs three missions: aerospace education, emergency services and cadet programs, which are open to youths aged 12-21. Interested people are welcome to join or attend meetings.

### Daughters of the American Revolution

John C. Fremont Chapter

267-9911

Meets: Third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Coventry Cross Church, Minden. Call for more information. On a national level, DAR owns and operates two schools for underprivileged children, one in South Carolina and one in Alabama. Membership is limited to descendants of those who contributed in any way to the success of the American Revolution.

### Douglas County Genealogy Group

790-9253

The Douglas County Genealogy Group meets 1 p.m. the first and third Thursday September through May at Carson Valley United Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane.

### Fleet Reserve Association

Sierra Tahoe Branch 137

P.O. Box 1342

Minden 89423

901-2684

**Ladies Auxiliary**

265-4784

Meets: Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Second and Curry streets, Carson City. The Fleet Reserve Association is a congressionally chartered organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance quality of life programs for members of the Sea Services and their families. U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard enlisted personnel, active duty, retired or former service members are eligible to join.

### Friends of the Douglas County Library

P.O. Box 337, Minden 89423

782-9841 (main library)

782-5754, fax

**douglascounty.nv.gov**

**Contact: Librarian Amy Dodson**

The friends promote use of the library, encourage and support library services and bring together those who are interested in library programs and services.

### GreenACTnv

PO Box 824, Minden 89423

**www.greenactnv.org**

**jkw@gbis.com or 267-0539**

**Contact: Katherine Winans**

A volunteer-run, educational non-profit promoting sustainable practices, renewable energy, and environmental responsibility in the way we work, play and live by hosting the GreenBIG business award program and community events, such as locavore dinners, field trips, programs, and movie nights.

### Sierra Nevada Chapter of Good Sam Club

267-0335

Meets: First Wednesday of the month during winter at 1 p.m. Call for more information. The club promotes RV camping Tuesday through Friday from May through October.

### High Sierra Fly Casters

P.O. Box 3121

Gardnerville 89410

265-3121

**Contact: Jim Norton**

**www.hsfcs.us**

Meets: 7 p.m. third Wednesday of the month at Warren Reed Insurance, 1521 Main St. Gardnerville.

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**International Footprint Association,**  
Carson Valley Chapter No. 72  
P.O. Box 2242  
Minden 89423  
**267-4355**  
**www.cvfootprint.org**

The International Footprint Association holds a dinner meeting, followed with a guest speaker, on the third Thursday of each month except for July and December. In July the group has a family picnic and in December a holiday party. The dinner meetings are held at various locations throughout Carson Valley. The goal of International Footprint Association chapters is to promote cooperation between all law enforcement agencies, business people and private citizens.

**Kiwanis Club of Carson Valley**  
P.O. Box 892  
Gardnerville 89410

**339-8882**  
Meets: Thursday at 6:30 am C.O.D  
Casino, Minden.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Carson Valley is a snapshot of the community, with members from all walks of life and at every step of the career ladder. They are unified in their belief that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved individuals who give a little of their time and talents to make Carson Valley a better place in which to live and work. Our Mission "Service to Community While Enjoying Fun and Fellowship." Follow us on Facebook - Kiwanis Club of Carson Valley

**Knights of Columbus Immaculate Heart of Mary Council No. 12845**  
**782-2852**

Meets: Second Wednesday.  
Formed by the St. Gall Catholic Community in Gardnerville. The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization, is dedicated to serving both the church and the community. Membership is open to male practicing Catholics 18 years and older. Call for membership or information.

**Lions Club**  
P.O. Box 314  
Minden 89423  
**315-2354**

Meets: First and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jethro's, 1281 Kimmerling, Gardnerville. The Lions Club fundraises for sight and hearing projects. The club is involved in the national eyeglass donation project and provides exams and glasses for young and old; club also raises money for scholarships and community projects.

**Masonic Lodges**  
**Carson Valley Lodge 33, F&AM**  
P.O. Box 2  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-1292**

Meets: Third Tuesday, 7 p.m.,  
Masonic Hall on Highway 395 in  
Gardnerville (over Cheshire Antiques).  
**Douglas Lodge No. 12, F&AM**  
**Lodge:** Main St., Genoa  
**782-1292**

Meets: Second Wednesday of each  
month at 7 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

**Ancient and Accepted**  
**Scottish Rite of Freemasonry**  
P.O. Box 2068  
Reno, NV 89505  
**322-1933, lodge office**

The group sponsors clinics in Carson City and Reno for patients of aphasia and dyslexia at no charge to the patients.

**Minden Fortnightly**  
P.O. Box 543  
Minden 89423  
**790-3297**

**Contact: Dana Reed**  
**Reedx6@charter.net**

Meets: October through April, first and third Tuesday, 7 p.m., CVIC Hall, Minden. The oldest, continuous women's club established in 1910, raises money to contribute toward the upkeep of the CVIC Hall, for community activities and scholarships. The organization also sponsors girls for Girls' State, as well as contributing to various community projects.

**Minden Rotary Club**  
P.O. Box 284  
Minden 89423  
**Facebook: Rotary Club of Minden**

Meets: Every Tuesday 11:30 at Carson Valley Inn. Rotary offers numerous community affairs and supports many area youth groups. Rotary sponsors the Rotarian International Student Exchange program and awards scholarships to Douglas High School seniors each year.

**Miss Douglas County & Miss Carson City Scholarship Organization**  
**missdouglasnv@yahoo.com,**  
**Tiffany Kenison**

An officially licensed franchise of the Miss America Organization, the group's purpose is to promote educational and career achievement through scholarships to young women between the ages of 17 and 24 who also meet other eligibility criteria. The national organization is the largest single source of scholarships for young women in the world.

**National Active and Retired Federal Employees**  
MIN-GARD Chapter 2167  
P.O. Box 2928, Minden 89423  
**265-9500, Contact: John Palen**

Meets: Fourth Tuesday (except July and August; November and December meetings vary due to Thanksgiving and Christmas), 2-4 p.m. at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville.

**National Pony Express Association**  
**State Headquarters**  
**www.xphomestation.com**

This organization is a nonprofit educational association organized for the perpetuation and recognition of the authentic and historical running of the Pony Express. Its aim is to preserve the marking and honoring of the route and its historical events now that the U.S. Congress has designated it a National Historic Trail. New members welcome.

**Nevada Wandering Wheels**  
**Motorcycle Club**  
1698 Bob White Lane  
Gardnerville, 89410  
**782-5802**

**Contact: Norbert Monohan**

Meets: Second Thursday at Jethro's, 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. fourth Saturday. Motorcycle owners are welcome.

**Northern Nevada Pond Club**  
**267-0336**  
**Contact: Sharon Dunk**

Meets: Third Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
New members welcome to learn about home pond management. Call for meeting locations.

**Senior Men's Club of Empire Ranch**  
Empire Ranch Road, Carson City  
**885-2100**

**Contact: The Pro Shop**

Senior men ages 55 and over meet every Wednesday morning, March through October, at Empire Ranch Golf Course. All levels of play. Call the golf club for details.

**Sheridan Volunteer Fire Dept.**  
P.O. Box 1901  
Gardnerville 89410  
**265-4590**

Meets: Every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Centerville and Sheridan Way.

**Sierra Intermountain**  
**Emergency Radio Association**  
P.O. Box 2348  
Minden 89423

Meets: First Saturday 1 p.m. At Carson Valley United Methodist Church. A social breakfast is fourth Saturday 8 a.m. At Tail Dragger Café in Minden.

**Tahoe Douglas Elks Lodge No. 2670**  
Mailing: P.O. Box 143, Minden 89423  
Physical: 1227 Kimmerling Road, Gardnerville Ranchos  
**Office: 265-4523**

The Elks is a fraternal organization that works together on national and local levels to provide scholarships and other activities for youth, senior citizens, community services, veterans and the military, patriotic and drug awareness programs.

**Topaz Sagehens**  
**266-4013**  
**Contact: Janet Bryant**

Meets: Third Wednesday September through May, 1 p.m., at the Topaz Ranch Estates Park building. The goal and purpose of the group is to promote an educational program that improves home, community and rural life.

**TOPS Nv. No. 141**  
**783-7620**  
**Contact: Marsha Kaster**  
**267-9471**  
**Contact: Juanita Coyle**

Meets: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m., at Douglas County Community and Senior Center, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a nonprofit weight loss support group. Weekly weigh-ins and incentives for reaching weight-loss goals.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8583**  
P.O. Box 1606  
Minden 89423  
**720-9962**  
**Contact: John Stevens**

Meets: Second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 1276 Pit Road in Gardnerville. American veterans of all armed conflicts are welcome.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
Post 8583 Ladies Auxiliary  
**450-2387**

Meets: 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Carson Valley United Methodist Church. Blue Star and Gold Star Moms welcome.

**Welcome All Veterans Everywhere**  
**775-781-4849**

**Contact: Carl Schnock**  
Meets: The second Monday of the month at the Douglas County Community and Senior Center, Gardnerville.

## CHURCHES

**Berean Bible Church**  
1516 Highway 395  
Gardnerville, 89410  
**782-3931**  
**carsonvalleybiblechurch.com**  
**Pastor: Luke Wartgow**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Calvary Chapel of Carson Valley**  
1004 Dresslerville Road  
Gardnerville 89460  
**265-3259**  
(Office open 9 a.m.to 12:30 p.m.)  
**Pastor: Joey Crandall**  
**cvalvarychapel.org**

Sunday School and Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Evening worship 6 p.m.; Men's Bible Study, Sat. 8 a.m.; Bible Study, Tues. 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7 p.m.; Child care available Sunday morning services



**Corpus Christi Catholic Church**

3597 N. Sunridge Drive

Carson City

**267-3200****www.ccchurchcc.org****Pastor: Rev. Father James J. Setelik Jr.**

Mass times: 4 p.m. Saturday; English  
9 a.m. Sunday; Spanish 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday; 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday;  
12:10 p.m. Friday. Confession 3 p.m.  
Saturday.

**Carson Valley****United Methodist Church**

1375 Centerville Lane

Gardnerville 89410

**782-4600****Pastor: Tony Hoefner****www.carsonvalleyumc.com, Facebook**

Early worship, Sunday, 8:30 a.m.;  
Traditional worship, 10:30 a.m. Call for  
information on choir and youth groups.

**Carson Valley House of Praise**

1270 Bolivia

Gardnerville 89460

**265-3866****Pastor: George Whorley**

Services, Sunday, 10 a.m. Bible study  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Christ Presbyterian Church**

1528 Highway 395, Suite 130

Gardnerville 89410

**782-3781****Pastor: Carl Dahlen****www.cvcpc.org**

Sunday worship (including  
Children's Church and child care) 9:30  
a.m.; Communion Worship Service  
first Sunday of each month. Wednesday  
evening is choir practice. Call for  
information and times of monthly  
fellowship activities.

**Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints**

Minden Meetinghouse

891 Mahogany Drive

**Carson Valley Ward**

Spruce and Deseret streets

Minden 89423

**First Ward****782-5872****Bishop: David Haws****Second Ward****782-7890****Bishop: Robert Hook****Third Ward****782-3885****Bishop: Bo Jackson**

Call for information, service times.

**Coventry Cross Episcopal Church**

1631 Esmeralda Ave.

P.O. Box 518

Minden 89423

**www.coventrycross.org****782-4161 Church Office****Priest: Rev. Elizabeth Tattersall**

Worship service 10 a.m. Sunday Services.

**Crossroads Nazarene**

1788 Pinenut Road

Gardnerville

**www.cvcrossroads.com****782-4498**

Traditional service 8 a.m.;  
contemporary service 10:15 a.m. Sunday  
school, youth and small groups.

**First Baptist Church****of Topaz Ranch Estates**

1441 Agate Road

Wellington 89444

**266-3309**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. worship,  
11 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 5 p.m.  
Prayer Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Call for  
additional information.

**The Fountainhead Foursquare Church**

3690 Highway 395

P.O. Box 2775

Carson City 89702

**www.ffccarson.org****267-4488 office****Pastor: Chris White**

Sunday morning services at 9:30  
a.m.; youth group gatherings: middle and  
high school students, Thursday 6:30 to  
8:10 p.m. Call for more information.

**Genoa Community Church**

182 Nixon St.

Genoa 89411

**www.genoacommunitychurch.com**

Sunday service 10 a.m. Rev. Patrick  
Jolly. Nondenominational, speakers and  
musicians.

**Grace Community Church**

2320 Heybourne Road

Minden 89423

**782-6516****Pastor: John MacArthur****www.gracechurch.org**

Services, Sunday School, 9 a.m.;  
morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday  
afternoon worship, 1:15 p.m. Nursery  
available for all services. Adult Bible  
study, youth discipleship and Kids  
Desiring God, Wednesday. Call for  
information on other activities.

**High Sierra Fellowship**

1701 Lucerne St.

P.O. Box 279

Minden 89423

**782-7486****Pastor: Rich Lammay****www.hsffellowship.org**

Worship services, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
11:05 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Hilltop Community Church**

3588 Romans Road

Carson City 89705

**267-3020 church****www.hilltopchurch.net****Teaching Pastors: Joel Berger****and P.J. Lewis**

Sunday traditional service, 8:30 and  
10 a.m., 4:15 p.m. Call for information.

**Johnson Lane Baptist Church**

1581 Johnson Lane

Minden 89423

**267-9590****Pastor: Rick South****www.jlbchurch.org**

Sunday service, 11 a.m. Sunday  
school 9:45 a.m. Call for more  
information.

*The Dangberg Historic Home  
Ranch Park in Minden is operated  
by the Friends of the Dangberg  
Home Ranch.*

**KURT HILDEBRAND****LifePoint Church**

1095 Stephanie Way

Minden 89423

**267-0151****www.lifepointnv.com**

Sunday service, 8:30, 10 and 11:30  
a.m. Home groups, special services.  
Call for information.

**Living Word Fellowship**

824 Pba'ul (Dark Brush, near Long Valley  
and Dresslerville roads)

Gardnerville 89460

**Pastor: Gene Holman****265-3235, church**

Sunday service, 10 a.m. and  
children's church; child care during  
service.

**St. Gall Catholic Church**

1343 Centerville Lane

Gardnerville 89410

**782-2852****782-2622 fax****www.saintgall.org****Parish administrator:****Father Paul McCollum**

Mass services, Saturday at 4 p.m. in  
English and 6 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday  
at 8 and 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.; Tuesday and  
Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.; Wednesday  
and Friday 8 a.m. Sacrament of  
Reconciliation, Saturday 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
and any time upon request. Confessions  
are 2:30-3:30 p.m. Call for information  
about preschool through high school  
religious education, 782-3784.





**Shadow Mountain**  
1311 Centerville Lane  
Gardnerville, 89410  
782-5513  
**www.smchurch.net**  
**Pastor: Larry Webb**

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., traditional worship services, 10:30 a.m. Call for further information.

**Shepherd of the Sierra Lutheran Church**  
3680 Highway 395  
North of Jacks Valley Road (near Target)  
**267-3680**  
**Pastor: Norman Milz**  
**www.shepherdofthesierralutheran.org**  
Church service and Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 8:30 a.m. Children's program during service.

**Smith Valley Baptist Church**  
888 Hudson Way, Smith  
**(775) 465-9399 church**  
**Pastor: Travis Walker**  
**www.smithvalleybaptist.com**  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday services, 11 a.m.; Sunday youth services, 5 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday 6 p.m.

**Smith Valley Community United Methodist Church**  
44 Rivers Road  
Smith 89430  
**(775) 465-2452**  
**Pastor: Bart Welsh**  
Sunday services 10 a.m.; adult Bible study 9 a.m. Friday. Women's Bible study 10 a.m. Monday and 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

**Topaz Community Open Bible Church**  
3777 Granite Way  
Wellington 89444  
**266-0020**  
**Pastor: Ron and Nanci Carter**  
Sunday services; Prayers, 9 a.m., morning worship, 10 a.m. Meets at the Topaz Ranch Estates Community Building at the end of Carter Way.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
1480 Douglas Ave.  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-8153**  
**782-8154 fax**  
**Pastor: Jim Beilstein**  
**Director of Child Care Center: Laura Edmonds**  
**www.trinitylutherangv.com**  
Sunday services, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School and adult Bible classes, 9:30 a.m. (Child care available). Thursday Bible study, 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., preschool and childcare center, call 782-KIDS (782-5437) for more information.

**Valley Christian Fellowship**  
Office  
1681 Lucerne St.  
Minden  
**265-4100**  
**Pastor: Leo Kruger**  
**www.valleycf.org**  
Worship services, Sunday 10 a.m. and Wednesday 6:45 p.m.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Douglas County School District Office**  
P.O. Box 1888  
751 Mono Ave.  
Minden, 89423  
**782-5134**  
**782-3162 fax**

**High Schools:**  
**Aspire Academy**  
1680 Bently Parkway, Minden  
**392-1475**  
**Principal: Marty Swisher**  
**https://aspire.dcsd.net**  
Grades 9-12

**Douglas High School**  
1670 Highway 88,  
P.O. Box 1888  
Minden 89423  
**782-5136**  
**Principal: Joe Girdner**  
**Assistant Principals: Mike Rechs, Sarah Russell**  
**https://dhs.dcsd.net**  
Grades 10-12, Music, sports and after-school occupational and alternative educational programs are offered.

**Whittell High School**  
240 Warrior Way, P.O. Box 677  
Zephyr Cove 89448  
**588-2446**  
**Principal: Shawn Lear**  
**https://whs.dcsd.net**

**Middle Schools:**  
**Carson Valley Middle School**  
1477 Highway 395, P.O. Box 157  
Gardnerville 89410  
**782-2265**  
**Principal: Nancy White**  
**https://cvms.dcsd.net**

**Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School**  
701 Long Valley Road,  
P.O.Box 157  
Gardnerville 89460  
**265-6100**

**Principal: Guy Olguin**  
**Vice Principal: Adam Dedmon**  
**https://pwl.dcsd.net**

**Elementary Schools:**  
**Meneley Elementary**  
1446 Muir Drive, P.O. Box 1150  
Gardnerville 89460  
**265-3154**  
**Principal: Blaine Spires**  
**Vice Principal: Cade Baligad**  
**https://cmes.dcsd.net**

**Jacks Valley Elementary**  
701 Jacks Valley Road  
P.O. Box 1888  
Minden 89423  
**267-3267**  
**Principal: Pam Gilmartin**  
**https://jves.dcsd.net**

**Minden Elementary**  
1170 Baler St., P.O. Box 1888  
Minden 89423  
**782-5510**  
**Principal: Ken Stoll**  
**https://mes.dcsd.net**

**Gardnerville Elementary**  
1290 Toler Ave., P.O. Box 1090  
Gardnerville 89410  
**265-3154**  
**Principal: Shannon Brown**  
**https://ges.dcsd.net**

**Piñon Hills Elementary**  
1479 Stephanie Way, P.O. Box 1888  
Minden 89423  
**267-3622**  
**Principal: Jason Reid**  
**https://phes.dcsd.net**

**Scarselli Elementary**  
699 Long Valley Road, P.O. Box 1120  
Gardnerville 89460  
**265-2222**  
**Principal: Susan McNeall**  
**https://ses.dcsd.net**

**Zephyr Cove Elementary**  
226 Warrior Way, P.O. Box 7  
Zephyr Cove 89448  
**(775) 588-4574**  
**Principal: Shawn Lear**  
**https://zces.dcsd.net**

**Western Nevada College, Douglas Campus**  
1680 Bently Parkway  
Minden 89423  
**782-2413; 782-2415, fax**

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

**Faith Christian Academy**  
Calvary Chapel of Carson Valley  
1101 Dresslerville Road  
Gardnerville 89460  
**265-0688** Grades K-8  
**www.cvalvarychapel.org**

**Sierra Lutheran High School**  
3601 Romans Road  
Carson City, 89705  
**www.sierralhhs.com**  
**782-0060**  
Grades 9-12

## YOUTH GROUPS

**Adventure Camp**  
Ages 5-12  
Douglas County Parks  
& Recreation Department  
**782-5500**  
**www.douglascountynv.gov**

**American Youth Soccer Organization**  
P.O. Box 2409  
Minden 89423  
**www.cvayso.org**  
Season starts in August and ends in October. Registration, April, May and June.

**Carson Valley Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts**  
**884-0838**  
There are various active Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scouts, Explorer Posts and Venturing Crews in Douglas County. Scouts are boys in the first grade through 21 years old.

**Carson Valley Girl Scouts**  
Sierra Nevada Council  
(800) 222-5406 (Council office)  
The Carson Valley Girl Scouts are part of the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada Council. They sell calendars and cookies to raise funds for these activities.

**Carson Valley Girls Softball**  
P.O. Box 2142  
Minden 89423  
**265-6447**  
**Contact: Patti Snyder**

Ages 5 to 18. Season is April 1 to July 1 with signups in February and March. All girls are welcome. Everyone plays.

**Carson Valley Soccer Club**  
**267-4545**  
**carsonvalleysoccerclub.com**  
Spring season; plays competitively in the area as well as out of state.

**Co-ed Youth Basketball**  
Douglas County Recreation Department  
**782-5500**  
The basketball season for third through eighth graders is December through March, with signups in the month of November.

**Douglas County 4-H Youth Development Program**  
P.O. Box 338, Minden 89423  
1329 Waterloo Lane,, Gardnerville  
**782-9960**  
**Contact: Shannon Montana**  
4-H, one of America's oldest youth organizations, helps prepare kids for the future. Friendships, self-esteem and personal development make 4-H an experience all youths can benefit from. The program is open to young people aged 5-19 with no dues or initial fees (although there may be costs associated with individual projects).

**Douglas Dolphins Swim Team**  
**782-8840**  
**www.ddst.org**  
Boys and girls compete separately in age groups. Team is open to children age 5-18. Program accommodates all levels from novice to champion.

**Douglas Ski Clubs**  
**Valley Saturday Club**  
**782-3543**  
**Valley Sunday Club**  
**Sandy Cooke, 841-3339**  
Ski clubs in the Valley operate Saturdays as well as Sundays. Signups are in early winter. All Douglas County students welcome. Children must provide their own equipment and be at least 8.

*Anglers on Topaz Lake  
drop a line on Jan. 1, 2020,  
for Opening Day of fishing.*  
**JOHN FLAHERTY**



**Explorers Post 2105**

Douglas County Sheriff's Office  
Youth Services Office  
**782-6441**

**Contact: Deputy Teresa Duffy**

The Douglas County Sheriff's Post is open to boys and girls, 14-21 years old, who wish to receive training in law enforcement. Meetings held 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Law Enforcement Center in Minden.

**MeFiYi Foundation**

Amateur athletic programs  
**783-9598 or 782-9828**

The MeFiYi Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports amateur athletics and recreation programs in Northern Nevada and organizes youth sports camps throughout the year to help youths improve their skills in several sports.

**Silver State Pony Club**

**781-9644**

**Contact: Denise Beronio**

The group is an affiliate of the U.S. Pony Club and follows all of its rules and regulations; this is an English riding club for youths ages 8-21 years. Ride locations vary. Club offers instruction, competition, friendship.

**Young Chautauquans**

Douglas County Historical Society  
1477 Highway 395  
Gardnerville 89410  
**392-1772**

The Douglas County Young Chautauquans season is January through June. Members research historic personages and give public presentations in character.

**Youth Basketball League**

Douglas County Parks  
& Recreation Department  
**Scott Doerr – 782-5500**  
**www.dcprrsports.com**

**Youth Volleyball League**

Douglas County Parks  
& Recreation Department  
**Scott Doerr – 782-5500**  
**www.dcprrsports.com**

**Youth Flag Football League**

Douglas County Parks  
& Recreation Department  
**Scott Doerr – 782-5500**  
**www.dcprrsports.com**

**PARKS****Genoa Town Park, 782-8696**

Nixon Street in historic Genoa across from the Community Church. Public rest rooms.

**Heritage Park, 782-7134**

Gilman Avenue just north of downtown Gardnerville. Public restrooms.

**Minden Park, 782-5976**

Esmeralda Avenue in central Minden. Public restrooms.

**Mormon Station State Historic Park  
782-2590 or 687-4379**

Programs planned for summer season; call for schedule. Open May to October, the Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa offers picnic tables, museum and large grassy area for dayuse visitors.

**Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park  
dangberg.org.**

Located just west of Minden at 1450 Hwy 88, the Home Ranch house museum and park preserves the home of a prominent ranching family, with outdoor concerts, Chautauqua and more during the Dangberg Summer Festival, May-September. Guided house tours are by appointment, 775-783-9417.

**Grover Hot Springs****California State Park**

**(530) 694-2249**

**(800) 444-PARK for reservations**

Four miles west of Markleeville, Calif.; open year-round except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. Call for schedules and fees.

**BUSINESS GROUPS****Alpine County Chamber of Commerce**

Markleeville  
P.O. Box 265, No. 3 Webster St.  
Markleeville, Calif. 96120  
**(530) 694-2475**  
**(530) 694-2478, fax**  
**Executive director:**  
**Becky DeForest-Hanson**  
**www.alpinecounty.com**  
**info@alpinecounty.com**

**Business Council of Douglas County**

P.O. Box 2886  
Minden 89423  
1513 Highway 395, Suite 2  
Gardnerville 89410  
**E-mail: BizcouncilDC@aol.com**  
**782-6715**  
**782-6716, fax**  
**Executive Director: Renea Louie**

The Business Council of Douglas County is a nonprofit corporation committed to economic diversification and prudent fiscal policies for Douglas County.

**Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce**

1477 Highway 395 North, Suite A  
Gardnerville 89410

**782-8144**

**782-1025, fax**

**(800) 727-7677**

**Executive director: Alicia Main**

**www.carsonvalleynv.org**

**Info@carsonvalleynv.org**

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information for tourism, relocation, business and industry.

**Carson Valley Visitor's Authority**

1477 Highway 395 North  
Gardnerville 89410

**www.visitcarsonvalley.org**

**Executive director: Jan Vandermade**

**Lake Tahoe South Shore  
Chamber of Commerce**

169 Highway 50  
Stateline, NV 89449  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 7139  
Stateline 89449  
**588-1728**

**CEO: Steve Teshara**

**www.tahoechamber.org**

**E-mail: info@tahoechamber.org**

Office is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, year round. Visitors' center, open seven days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., during winter; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., during summer. Entrance foyer open seven days a week with brochures and displays.





# About Douglas County

**D**ouglas isn't just one of Nevada's original counties, it is the Silver State's birthplace. That it bears a vague resemblance to the state is just geographical gravity.

The county is home to Genoa, Nevada's oldest settlement and the place where pioneers originally conceived the notion that they should have their own state.

The town was founded in 1851 as Mormon Station, and in 1854 was designated the seat of Carson County, Utah Territory. It remained the seat of government in Western Nevada until 1861, when the Utah Legislature moved it to Carson City just days before the creation of the Nevada Territory. Genoa would serve as Douglas County seat from 1861 until Jan. 1, 1916, when it was moved to the 10-year-old town of Minden.

Located in the western corner of Nevada, Douglas County stretches from the middle of Lake Tahoe in the west, across the Sierra Nevada's Carson Range and into the Pine Nut Mountains in the east.

East Peak in the Carson Range is the tallest mountain in the county with an elevation of 9,500 feet. The lowest point is in Carson Valley at 4,625 feet. Temperatures range on average from near 0 for a few weeks in winter to near 100 for a few days in summer.

An average of 8.5 inches of precipitation falls during the year, sometimes as snow during December, January and February, though it varies wildly from one year to the next.

The county occupies 738 square miles and shares boundaries with Carson City on the north and Lyon County to the east.

Three major highways pass through Douglas County. Highway 395 winds from Southern California to Canada and is the main thoroughfare for north-south traffic through Carson Valley. Highway 50 runs along the edge of Lake Tahoe on its way across Nevada to Utah. Highway 88 connects Minden to Stockton across the High Sierra.

The county's population is divided into three major areas, Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley and Topaz Ranch Estates. Most of the county's population lives in Carson Valley, named for Western scout Kit Carson. The joined towns of Gardnerville and Minden occupy the center of the Valley. Gardnerville was founded in 1879, while Minden was founded in 1906.

All of Douglas County outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin is included in the East Fork Township, named after the portion of the Carson River that enters the Valley near Highway 395 and travels northwest along the edge of Gardnerville and Minden on its way to join with the West Fork, just south of the Genoa Lane Bridge.

Douglas County is home to 48,467 people, according to the 2018 Census estimate. Carson Valley's three unincorporated towns are home to slightly more than a fifth of that population. The largest community in the county is the Gardnerville Ranchos, which is home to nearly 12,000 people.

The county is governed by five commissioners, who are elected at-large, but must live in the district they represent. The county's political life is dominated by Republicans, who hold a 2-1 margin in registered voters over Democrats. Nevada has a closed primary in June where candidates for partisan office are determined by their party.

The Douglas County School District covers the entire county and is home to three high schools, two middle schools and seven elementary schools. ■

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