

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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The Snitch

“I’ve got lots of experience. It helps me recognize a mistake when I make it again.”

TOURS/EVENTS

Labor Day weekend tours were a success. We did have one instance of dehydration which was handled expertly by Karen Gedney. This incident is a reminder to all our guides and sweeps of the need for them to stay hydrated. Also, they should keep a close eye on the visitors for anyone who gets wobbly.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nsppsvolunteers?>

If you have any questions about volunteering you can contact Karen at: karendenning21@gmail.com
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This week we had the State Police in the prison for active shooter training. These were badged troopers and not cadets; 15 participants, more or less. These State training events don’t make us any money and the question has been rightly asked as to why we spend our time and effort to support them. Well... when some contrary higher-up in some branch of state government asks why NSP should remain open we will need all the friends we can get.

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PARANORMAL

Our paranormal committee is going to be featured on a Travel Channel episode that will be aired in October. The filming for this episode happened back in February 2023. Members Susan Bernard, Joe Kinsley, Chris Blohme, Chris Pitzer, and Tami Benjamin all contributed to the production. We will email everyone when we get the date of the airing.

Also, Susan Bernard and Joe Kinsley met with Samantha China who is with “Spirit of Nevada” out of Las Vegas televising what Nevada has to offer visitors. She took a tour with Joe for about 3 hours learning the history of NSP. Later that evening she met up with Susan to do some investigating and found that NSP is very haunted and will be airing the show on The CW channel in Reno. Spirit of Nevada has focused on Las Vegas in the past and they are moving north with episodes about NSP and Carson City.

YARD LABOR CREW & PROJECTS

Terry Hubert and Suzy McCurdy painted the office of the Warden’s Secretary two weeks ago. They did such a great job that we were laughing that it looked too good for the prison. We have the furniture for this office and the Warden’s office, so we hope to have these two spaces staged and ready for the Nevada Say weekend.



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Another space that has been upgrade has been the old, old visiting roomby the addition of stick-on carpet squares. This inexpensive project also look too got for prison.



MUSEUM

The most obvious addition to the Museum this month is a display of some of the dies used to make Nevada's license plates when they were embossed. This display only presents 33 of the hundreds of dies that were gifted to us by the Department of Motor Vehicles. All the dies are stored on three large carts that weigh literal tons each. Maybe someday we'll get enough bodies together that we can push one of the carts into the Museum.



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Our other addition to the museum was a board displaying the various types of restraints used at NSP. We have cuffs, leg irons, and belly chains. The only thing we're missing is an Oregon boot. These are really, rare. Anyone have one to donate?



CUFFS & CHAINS



RIGHT FOOT OR LEFT WILL DO

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HISTORY CARSON APPEAL 9-2-1871

Here is some information related to the September 1871 great escape that we were not previously aware of. Matt Pixley only became the owner of the Warm Springs Hotel in the same month that the escape occurred. This story, and the accompanying advertisement, from the Appeal was published only 15 days prior to his being killed in the escape. You will remember that when Matt heard the gunfire between the inmates and the guards, he grabbed his pistol from the bar and approached one of the windows at the front of the prison. Before he could fire, an inmate stuck a pistol out of the window and shot Matt in the eye, killing him instantly. Very sad.

WARM SPRINGS HOTEL.—Billy Wilson and Matt. Pixley have taken this well known and popular hotel, adjoining the State Prison. They will run the hotel and bar as first-class institutions, will keep the swimming baths of medicinal water in good condition, and will run a free carriage between this city and the Warm Springs every even hour from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily. Under the new management the Warm Springs Hotel is destined to become one of the most popular resorts in the State. See advertisement.

WARM SPRINGS HOTEL,
AT THE STATE PRISON,
WILSON & PIXLEY, - - Proprietors.
Free Carriage from Carson
At 8, 10 and 12 A. M., and 2 and 4 P. M.
BATHS, FIFTY CENTS EACH.
THE HOTEL
Will be run as a first-class institution in every particular, and the PRICES will be as low as the proprietors can afford as they do not expect to make a fortune the first year.
THE BAR
Will always be supplied with the purest and best
Wines, Liquors and Cigars.
Invalids suffering from rheumatic or scrofulous affections would do well to give the Warm Springs a trial.
WM. F. WILSON,
MATT. PIXLEY.

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