

# THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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## The Snitch

“I knew I was in trouble when I saw my lawyer laughing with the prosecutor.”

## BOARD:

On Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Southwest Gas Corporation donated \$2,500 to NSPPS as part of their grant program. Maurice White accepted their check then took the SWG executives on a tour of the prison.



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## **TOURS / EVENTS:**

May 18 was the F.I.S.H. fundraiser at NSP. There were just over 100 attendees, which was well short of the 650 that F.I.S.H. estimated would attend. Despite this there were no major issues with the event. However, there were things that could have been done better and the lessons learned will be incorporated into our planning and actions required of organizations for future events of this type.

Department of Public Safety refresher training for commissioned Troopers was carried out on Wed. 5.22.24, and 6.13.24 at the prison. The instructors are familiar enough with the prison and our requirements that they can conduct their training with a minimum of guidance from us. This leaves our monitors with a full day for preservation activities at NSP.



**SHOOTER IS DOWN**

Lee and Glen hosted two days of training for The Bureau of Indian Affairs Officers. Officers came from Nevada Montana, and Arizona. Twelve officers were in training and the process was a little different than the DPS training as they had five youngsters acting as role players. June 11, 12

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**Our first big tour week on Memorial Day was very smooth. Our tours continue to sell out. We were even able to add in some unscheduled tourists due to some 'no-shows.**

**We have been informed that the Live Action Role Play event will not be conducted this year. We knew from the beginning that this event would sundown at some point, as the shooting location would become stale for the participants. Two years of events were a good money maker for NSPPS.**

## **PROJECTS:**

**The request for the repair of the stairs to the cellhouse has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office. This is our second attempt to get approval for this project. It was revised based on the recommendations of SHPO on our first request. We have also applied for a grant to pay for this project. Lee has arranged with Newt Concrete to begin this project on July 29<sup>th</sup> if our SHPO request is approved.**

**The roofing project is underway for the Admin Building and the North Wing! This is an important project as leaky roofs are the biggest culprit in the degradation of historic [read old] buildings. This project is financed by the \$1 million dollars we got from the State.**

**[THANK YOU PK O'NEILL]. Lee is working on pricing to reroof the four-story cell house. We did some testing with the manufacturer for material testing for this roof. This was not part of the original project, but the state money may be enough to extend to the repair of this roof. If this comes to fruition the roofs will not have to be looked at till after we are long gone. We are also planning to repair the three guard shacks on the roof with this change order.**

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**WORKERS DON'T RIDE THE LIFT; THEY CLIMB A 4-STORY LADDER**



**REMOVING THE CONCRETE PAVERS IN THE HEAT**

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One element of the roof project that is complete is the repair of the maintenance access. This small structure was dilapidated with the original stucco falling off, causing the open style bricks that made up the structure to deteriorate. Our original request to the State Historic Preservation Office was to rebuild the entire structure using prison stone. This would have made its appearance consistent with the rest of the prison. This was not approved, and our request was to return it to its original, if somewhat inconsistent, appearance.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Lee completed the AC start up for Museum on June 7th using Western Air as the contractor. The store volunteers will really appreciate this. To stay on good terms with the State Fire Marshal the yearly fire extinguisher certifications have been completed. Lee installed several fire alarms, one in Warden's office, and one in Museum

90% of electrical preparation for the Frances Melhop inmate art exhibition has been completed. All that's left is the need to change a few bulbs and add lights. We were able to fire up some of the electrical in the culinary. Joe Kinsley and Bill Humphrey spent four days cleaning the infirmary in preparation for the Melhop "Far Beyond the Walls," art exhibit. The place is spotless.



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**“Far Beyond the Walls,” will be an exhibition inside NSP. Frances will hold her opening reception on June 22. The show includes 22 artists from the U.S. and beyond, 7 solo exhibitions and 2 group shows taking place within the cell blocks, medical and culinary spaces. The intention of this exhibition is to move public awareness towards an understanding of the issues surrounding incarceration in the US, both historically and currently. The regular tours of the exhibit will be held across June to September 2024. These tours will not interfere with NSPPS’ activities. Frances is scheduling tours at <https://www.melhopgallery.com/exhibi.../far-beyond-the-walls>.**

**Terry and Lee opened a new account at Home Depot. They are giving us a military discount as well as a non-profit sales tax exemption. With this new account they purchased a tractor/mower with a trailer. This is going to help the yard labor crew as they will be able to mow more of the property, in less time, with less effort. This is great considering the average age of the crew.**



## **MUSEUM:**

**At the first tour date of the May 11, a person delivered the carved rock pictured below. We have quired the Board regarding who this person was, but no one seems to know. It’s a well-done carving and is recent as it memorializes the full 150 years of NSP operations. If you know who this person is, please let us know so we can properly acknowledge them.**

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Susan Bernard arranged the donation of a Blackjack table from George Alm, owner of the new Carson Antiques & Collectables Mall. This is a classic table with a green felt cover advertising the Nevada Club. Of course, this attribution would not have been on the Bullpen Casino table, so Glen Whorton rustled up an old, stained inmate blanket and cut it to lay over the table. He also fabricated some suitably crude legs to stand the table up in the museum. He also spread some antique “Aviator” brand cards and two distressed tin cups.



BEFORE



AFTER

## HISTORY Nevada State Journal 6-10-1895

The Great Escape of 1871 is a gift story to 19<sup>th</sup> century journalists that just keeps on giving. Here's a story of an escaping surfacing, so to speak, over 13 years after the event.

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#### The Pine Nut Skeleton.

A skeleton of a man was found at Pine Nut Valley recently, and many guesses have been made as to who the person was. It is thought by some people that the remains are those of a convict named Jones who escaped from the Nevada State prison in the great break of 1871. It will be remembered that several escaped convicts killed young Poor, a mail carrier between Carson City and Aurora. Jones was one of the murderers. The murder was committed while other convicts of the party were away digging potatoes, and when they returned to the place where they were camped and learned of the murder Burke, one of the party who had been digging potatoes, had a quarrel with Jones over the murder, but peace between them was finally declared. A few days after the murder Burke and Jones separated from the other convicts and went off together on a foraging expedition. Burke returned alone and Jones has never been heard of since. Burke was captured and returned to prison and admitted that Jones was dead, but nothing more would he tell. It has always been supposed that the two convicts renewed their quarrel and that Burke killed Jones. Perhaps the skeleton found at Pine Nut is all that is left of Convict Jones.

A review of Jone's orange card reveals that he was never recaptured. Maybe it was him. Makes one wonder where he was buried.

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NAME Chas. Jones. Received Mar. 11, 1870. No. 33-N  
Aliases Discharged  
Crime Murder, 2d deg. Paroled Escaped Color White  
Term 10 years Pardoned  
County White Pine Parole Revoked Age 21  
Finger-print Returned  
Classification ###

CRIMINAL RECORD

| Prison                            | Name | Number | Crime | Received | Term |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|-------|----------|------|
| Sept. 17, 1871:-Escaped in Break. |      |        |       |          |      |

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