



PEN PARK EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

By David Morrow

I'm always surprised at how little Nevada residents know about their state and thought it might be fun to test everyone's knowledge with the following trivia quiz:

1. In 1859, the richest known silver deposit was discovered and known as the Comstock Lode. What community sprung up overnight as a result?
2. When Nevada was admitted to the Union as the 36th state, who was president?
3. Prior to becoming a Territory, Nevada was part of what political subdivision?
4. Nevada State Route 375 in central Nevada is known by what unique name?
5. Which former U.S. First Lady was born in Nevada?
6. Which Nevada community is closest to the geographical center of the state?
7. What is the highest point in Nevada?
8. How many other states border Nevada?
9. Nevada has two state trees, what are they?
10. What is the state animal?

See answers on page 7.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (P&D)

By Mark Davis



We've added projects to the PEN that have been on the "Waiting on Funding" list. You'll find these changes at the appropriate locations in this article.

Shortly after the last PEN article, we received news Dion George was leaving us. Although the news was bad for us, it was good for him. Dion has chosen to take over a thriving business. While he was embarking on his new mission, he helped get his critical projects completed. We wish him well in his

new business venture. Dion's projects have been reassigned to our other project managers.

The State Public Works Board (SPWB) is requiring all projects be submitted to the State Public Works Division (SPWD) for plan review and inspection per their Nevada Revised Statute (NRS). This added step has increased the amount of time it takes to get a project completed and added cost to each project. We are working to minimize this.

Projects Completed

Cave Lake State Park Solar System Repairs:

The solar generation system repair and replacement is complete and operating well. Per our last conversation with park staff, it is saving substantial generator time. This project was run by **Dion George**. Regional maintenance and park staff did the lion's share of the physical work. Those participating on this project were **Steve Gray, Terry Ivins, Allen Woodridge, and Charlie Wells**. This project went well because of the teamwork by all and cost \$28,000.

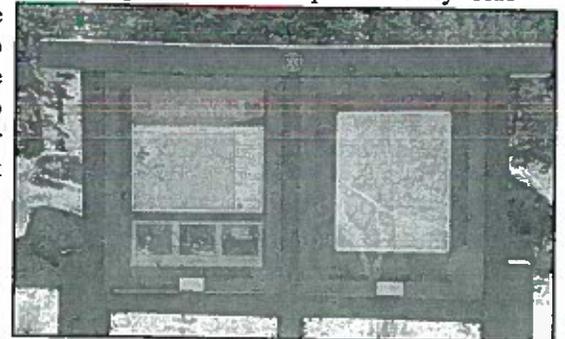
Lake Tahoe, Sand Harbor Divers Cove Walkway and Picnic Area Sidewalk projects:

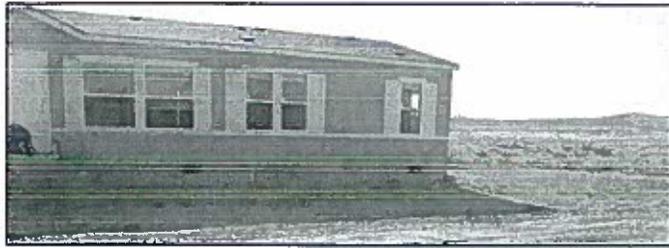


The scope of work was to replace paved walkways with concrete sidewalks. The project was awarded to the low bidder, **Impact Construction** and at about half of the anticipated cost. The work was performed with due diligence and sidewalks are already being used. **Joe Cyphers** was the project manager for design and construction. He worked with **Jay Howard** (and **Peter Maholland** before him). This project was funded through EIP and Lake Tahoe License Plate funds.

Lake Tahoe, Van Sickle Kiosk:

This project was taken on and funded by the **Rotary Club of South Lake Tahoe**. **John McDougall** of the Rotary Club contacted us about nine months ago with the money to build the kiosk. **Marc Lepire** designed the kiosk and assisted the Rotary Club with material lists and other input. **Jay Howard** and **Joe Fontaine** both pitched in to help the Rotary Club build it. We would like to thank the Rotary Club for their generous gift and time!



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Con't)**South Fork Manufactured Home Residences:**

This high paced project had fantastic support from both Northern Region's maintenance and park staff. Two modular homes were installed; the road, power and utilities were constructed. This short fused project required permits from the State Public Works Division, Manufactured Housing Division, State Fire Marshal and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). With **Impact Construction** as contractor (low bid), **Jeff McKovich** at South Fork and **Scott Payne** of Northern Region's maintenance crew support, **Bob Beck**, **Joe Cyphers**, **Marc Lepire** and **Dion George** all pitching in, the project was completed and received the Certificate of Occupancy. It was a perfect example of how a difficult project can be done with team effort. I thank them all. This project was funded 100% by Q1 bond money for \$411,885.

Projects Bidding**Valley of Fire, Fire Canyon Overlook:**

Improvements at the Fire Canyon Overlook will include paved parking, sidewalks, a comfort station and interpretive kiosks. Project design was managed by **Eric Nelson** with assistance from **Marc Lepire** and **Joe Cyphers**. It is funded with \$720,000 in Scenic Byways grant money through NDOT and \$206,000 in Q1 Bonds. Construction management will be performed by **Bob Beck**, supervised by **Joe Cyphers** and assisted by **Eric Nelson**. Bids for this project were opened on May 11. Due to multiple bid anomalies and SPWD plan review requirements, the project had to be re-bid. The bid opening date is July 31.

Projects Under Construction**Belmont Courthouse Roof Replacement:**

Many thanks go to Nye County Commissioners **Joni Eastley** and **Lorinda Wichman**, and various residents of Belmont (now members of the "Friends of the Belmont Courthouse" group) for funding the construction on this project.

The existing metal roof, installed in 1974/1975, needs replacing. This will include painting of the Cupola and re-pointing of the chimneys above the roof elevation. Bids opened on April 24 came in higher than expected, requiring an additional \$5,000 from Nye County for construction. Nye County approved the additional funding and **Bison Construction** was awarded the contract. We anticipate the work to commence prior to the printing of this PEN article. **Marc Lepire** is the project manager for design and construction administration. This project is funded by State

Parks Q1 bonds for \$7,000 and Nye County for construction in the amount of \$62,654.

Lake Tahoe, Sand Harbor Tahoe Transportation District, Shuttle Access Modifications:

This project was created in response to a public desire to reduce traffic and hazards near the Sand Harbor. It is funded with a grant through the Tahoe Transportation District for \$19,942.26, Q1 cash in the amount of \$505.67, and in-kind staff matches with a value of \$4,479.90. Managed by **Joe Cyphers**, the project includes fence modifications, motorized gate operators with pad controls and remote controls. This project was awarded to the low bidder, **Impact Construction**.

Lake Tahoe, Sand Harbor Tahoe Transportation District Bus Pullout:

Again in response to the public, a bus pullout is being made in front of the Visitor Center. This project is managed by **Joe Cyphers** and is funded by NDSP Q1 bond money for \$8,000. The bid was awarded to **Impact Construction**.

Lake Tahoe, Sand Harbor Kayak Launch:

In order to reduce traffic congestion due to manual launch time for kayaks, a curb cut and concrete ramp is being constructed to enable kayak and non-motorized watercraft to get their units to the beach in a timely manner. This project is funded by Lake Tahoe License Plate grant money in the amount of \$4,400 and is managed by **Joe Cyphers**.

**Design Projects****Cave Lake State Park Drainage, Comfort Station and Drainage Repairs:**

Serious drainage issues are being corrected along with water intrusion into the shop, office and generator building, and water penetration of the retaining wall. When **Dion George** left, the project was given to **Marc Lepire** and this caused some delay. Work will continue through next summer. Some repair work will be performed by region staff (**Scott Payne** & his crew as necessary), as well as park staff (**Terry Ivins** and **Steve Gray**), and some will be contracted.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Con't)**New Echo Canyon Campground:**

Design work is well underway by **Eric Nelson, Joe Cyphers** and **Marc Lepire**. The project was delayed by the emergent need for the South Fork residences and other high priority projects. We still hope to bid this project by late summer or early fall. It is funded with \$150,000 in Q1 bond and \$2,100,000 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) grant money.

Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Transportation District, Stateline to Stateline Bikeway, North Demonstration Project:

This project has multiple funding sources; none from State Parks. However, since the North Demonstration Project is on NDOT Right-of-Way and within Sand Harbor, we will be involved in the project. 50% of the design documents have been completed by a consultant hired by the Tahoe Transportation District. **Mark Davis, Jay Howard, Dale Connor** and other park staff are ensuring the improvements will meet State Parks needs and requirements.

Valley of Fire Roof, Mechanical and Mechanical Screen Replacement:

Commencing in December 2012 and completion before the peak season returns, this project will replace the leaking roof, aged vision screen (which blocks the view of the roof mounted mechanical equipment) and the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment for the building. **Marc Lepire** will be managing this project with support from **Mark Davis**. SPWB hired an architectural consultant, **Domingo Cambiero Corporation**, to design the project. 50% construction documents are complete.

Valley of Fire East and West Entrance Pay Kiosks:

Development is continuing to explore the feasibility of an automated attendant in lieu of a full contact station and possibly expand the project to include the west entrance. We are determining if power and communication can be provided from local utilities, in lieu of solar power and wireless technology. If successful, it will reduce the operating costs for these kiosks. This project is currently funded with 50% Q1 bond and 50% LWCF funds, for a total project value of \$146,574.00. It is now being managed by **Marc Lepire** with the assistance of **Joe Cyphers**.

Washoe Lake Campground Improvements:

This project will be funded with 50% Q1 bond and 50% LWCF for an estimated cost of \$386,654. **Eric Nelson, Marc Lepire** and **Joe Cyphers** will be working on the design and **Bob Beck** will be the construction manager. The plan is to convert some sites for pull-through, which will be helpful for larger RV's and equestrian campers. Design is underway, but progress is still set back due to higher priority projects.

Q1 FUNDED PROJECTS, PENDING APPROVAL OF MATCHING BOATING ACCESS GRANT FUNDS (The following projects cannot begin design unless the Boating Access Grants are approved.)

Big Bend Erosion Mitigation and Shoreline Improvements Phase II (Design through Construction):

This project includes shoreline stabilization adjacent to waterfront shade ramadas and day use parking area using a combination of sheet piling, rip-rap, vegetation groynes (see example picture above) or other means. This project will be designed and managed by **Joe Cyphers** with support from **Bob Beck**. This project is funded with Q1 Cash Match at \$86,827.50, Park staff in-kind match at \$72,000 and, if approved, a Boating Access Grant match of \$613,710, for a total of \$772,537.50

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Cave Rock Improvements Phase I (Design through Permitting):

This project involves sidewalk and curbing replacements with several small overlooks along the west sidewalk with railings and barrier to keep vehicles off of sidewalks; partial reconfiguration of parking to allow for longer boat trailers; a fish cleaning station; removal of the old boat ramp at south end; re-vegetation or other slope protection; small group ramada (4 tables); water quality treatment and landscaping to include shore zone vegetative screening; signage and interpretive displays. This project is funded with Q1 and Lake Tahoe License Plate match at \$125,000.00 (already matched by the Sand Harbor capacity study), Park staff in-kind match at \$79,723 and, if approved, a Boating Access match at \$614,169.00, for a total of \$818,892.

Sand Harbor Boat Launch Plate Extension (Design through Construction):

We need to install an angled steel plate at the base of the concrete ramp to resolve issues at the caused by boat prop wash. This project is funded with Q1 Cash Match at \$15,502, Park staff in-kind match at \$12,001, and if approved, a Boating Access match of \$82,508, for a total of \$110,011.

South Fork Southwest Shoreline Improvements Phase II (Design through Construction):

This project will include rehabilitation of the boat parking base, delineation of the perimeter of the lot with logs, add a restroom at Southwest Shoreline, widen the shoreline access road, extend the bottom of the boat ramp, a ramp break over, and adjust grades at the Southwest Shoreline for boating access. The boat ramp extension portion of this project is a fast track element as installation must start in the fall when the water is lowest. This project is funded with Q1 match at \$55,000, Park staff in-kind match at \$12,000, and if approved, Boating Access match of \$168,830, for a total of \$235,830.

Removed from the Drawing Board

Due to new code requirements requiring fire sprinklers in residential type structures, the following were removed from the drawing boards: Three Cabins at Wild Horse and Two Cabins at Berlin-Ichthyosaur. We are looking into alternative means to provide fire sprinklers that will allow us to construct them at a reasonable cost.

By Alyce Cloutier



We welcomed **Dana Dapolito** on July 16, who replaced Peter Maholland, as our representative on the Tahoe Resource Team.

This is her first employment with the State of Nevada. Dana worked for civil service with the State of California for eight years

and worked for the California Tahoe Conservancy Land Management Division.

Dana will be working on 50% Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) coordination and 50% statewide resource and recreation project planning and implementation within Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park.

NORTHERN REGION

BERLIN-ICHTHYOSAUR STATE PARK

By Karsen Case

After waking to 20 inches of snow on Memorial Day and surviving the winds of early June, the heat has arrived and summer is in full swing. Continuing a trend of the last several years, Berlin has and will be hosting a number of groups ranging from several Boy Scout Troops to the yearly visit by the Modesto Junior College's geology department. With the help of new seasonal **Todd Wheeler** and returning seasonal **Karsen Case**, we have been able to accommodate all groups with tours and clean facilities.



With our endless skies and great views, Berlin was a popular destination for those who look to the sky with wonder. The solar eclipse of early June had our campground resembling an astronomer's paradise replete with solar telescopes and photography equipment designed to handle the intense light. We welcomed many of the same

visitors back to view Venus' transcendence of the Sun two weeks later. If you are a fan of viewing the sky, day or night, Berlin is a top notch location.

The new Berlin Town Guides are a hit with our visitors. The guides are a great addition to the ghost town and offer detailed information about the remaining structures, the people who inhabited them and their life in a mining town at the turn of the century. Thanks again to the **Willhelm Hoppe Foundation** for their generosity.

Ranger **Robin Riggs** is once again "wowing" minds, old and young, with his tours of the Ichthyosaur fossils and our

seasonals have made the Diana Mine Tour an enjoyable look into the past for our visitors. We wish everyone a safe and productive summer and encourage you to visit.

FT. CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK

By Kim Clawson

Things have slowed down a little after an extremely busy April and May, but there is still plenty of work to go around. Campground visitors have been less than normal, but visitation is up at Scout Camp and Buckland Station. School groups are done for the season. Park Technician **Tony Calmese** and Park Aid **Ray Poteete** have been occupied with keeping the park clean and in excellent shape. **Trina Wren** is working on re-painting the museum, cannon shelter and bulletin boards.

Mike Dinauer has worked hard holding the place together as we wait for Park Supervisor **Scott Egy** to arrive the first week of August. **Mike** has been busy directing park operations and brilliantly choreographing the movement of staff for maximum efficiency. Watching **Mike** work is inspiring. He is an artist and park operations are his medium.

Memorial Day weekend was very slow at the park. The campground was $\frac{3}{4}$ full, but the weather was so bad that everyone stayed inside. Even the Civil War volunteers left early, as their tent started to blow away.

The Pony Express re-ride took place on June 14 and brought in about 35 people, some dressed in period costume. After the mail exchange took place, park staff delivered a history talk, cannon firing and National Pony Express Association members described the history of the Pony Express. The Civil War volunteers were scheduled to set up camp, but they never showed up. They did arrive on June 15, one day late. The soldiers formed a firing squad on the lawn at Buckland Station and "executed" the responsible party.



Former Park Supervisor **Paul Schmidt** attended the star party on June 23 along with about 40 other people who braved high winds and cool temperatures for a close-up view of the night sky. The wind finally died down around 11 p.m. and the astronomers were out until 2 a.m. with their 2' diameter homemade telescope.

FT. CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK

(Con't)

After rescheduling twice, **Governor Brian Sandoval** visited Fort Churchill and Buckland Station on July 17. I did a history talk for the group and let the Governor fire the cannon. They walked through the museum and **Eric Johnson** led them through the ruins.



He toured Buckland Station, where **Mike**, dressed as Samuel Buckland, greeted him and showed him around. **LaDonna** presented him with Nevada-themed cake pops and they all had lunch at Scout Camp.

Buckland Station is now open five days a week thanks to our volunteers and **Trina**. Tours of Buckland Station have gone up 195% since last year. Other interpretive programs have been well-attended. On July 4, we had historical demonstrations of cannon firing, adobe brick-making and candle making. Samuel Buckland (**Mike**) even made an appearance over at Buckland Station! Full moon hikes have been popular; 51 on the first hike and 33 on the second.

Anita Watson performed a Chautauqua on July 21 as Mary Oxborrow, a pioneer midwife and healer. We may even be lucky enough to host Samuel Buckland again at Buckland Station! There are two full moon hikes, a lecture from **Doris Dwyer** about women on the Overland Trail and a public history talk and cannon firing scheduled in August.

RYE PATCH STATE RECREATION AREA

By Josh Ivins

Rye Patch in the summer consists of boating, camping and enjoying the finer things in life. So far it has been a pretty busy summer here. Our summer season started as early as April, reaching around 100 degrees for a couple of days, which called visitors who were suffering from "cabin fever" to come out and have a good time.

We started out the summer with extremely high water levels of only three feet below the top of the spillway gates, but with no snow pack to help replenish what is needed for the agriculture in Lovelock, the level has been going down quickly. We watch this in hopes that it would congregate the schools of fish and make for good fishing during the last part of summer, and so far, it seems to be helping. We also had some pretty hot weather, with highs around 108-109 degrees, making a dip in the 75 degree reservoir water a nice treat.



We had some fun projects done in the park recently. A new display was built and installed on the lower campground comfort station that includes artifacts and their history from

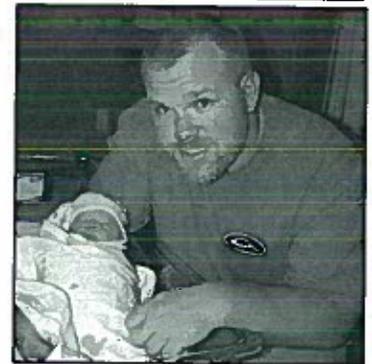
the surrounding area. We have some partially fossilized camel bones that were identified and found in the park and marked to correspond with a drawing of a camel skeleton. We also included old bottles, crystals, and an ox shoe which will show visitors a little about the history of the area. We even had a couple of park visitors donate artifacts, including fossils and some very nice pieces of fossilized wood all found in Pershing County. We hope to build another display case for the upper campground.



We have been planting new trees throughout the park and installing new drip irrigation. We did some mortar work on a large barbeque grill in our River Bend group site, which seems to be getting a lot of use. We hope to do a couple of more mortar jobs within the park in the coming months. We're looking forward to a good ending to a busy summer, and toward fall and winter when we can complete some fun projects we have planned.

WARD CHARCOAL OVENS STATE HISTORIC PARK

Allen and Shauna welcomed their baby boy, Patrick Allen Wooldridge into the world on 7/9/12 at about 8:30 p.m. He was a healthy 6 pounds and 20 inches long. Congratulations to the Wooldridge family!



WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

By Park Staff

The wildfire season started really early at Washoe Lake! On January 18, at approximately 12:30 in the afternoon a wildfire started in a residential area of Washoe City. Due to winds gusting 80 miles per hour and an unseasonably dry winter and very dry vegetation, the fire quickly spread and burned into our state park at Little Washoe Lake. Over 2/3 of the vegetation and numerous signs were burned. Although the fire burned over our restrooms none of them were lost in the fire, because they are made of precast concrete. Within a month after the fire, the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) and local boy scouts started the reseeded process. It is beginning to come back to life now with new vegetation sprouting every day. When you have a fire of this magnitude in an area which was previously covered with thick sagebrush you can probably imagine what was revealed when all the vegetation is gone. Yes, thousands upon thousands of cans, bottles and other litter. Some of the "litter" was from the early 1900's even (Old Prince Albert cans, etc.!) We have fenced off a large section of Little Washoe to prevent vehicles from driving on the reseeded section. The main parking lot and the northern most section of Little Washoe will remain open to park visitors.



WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK (Con't)

With most of the winter having little precipitation, we were lucky to see a few rain showers in April, which helped keep Washoe Lake at pre-winter levels for awhile. In May, we had an unusual hot spell, which started water levels to drop and dry up all the spring wildflowers (right before our scheduled wildflower program of course). We had a nice walk anyway and on the walk back, a well fed great basin rattlesnake took its own sweet time crossing the trail in front of us. A real beauty!



We've had some interpretive programs and are getting ready to have more programs on bats, astronomy, learning to cook in a Dutch oven, building bird feeders, and a kid carp fishing derby. The derby was held on July 14. What a great program it turned out to be! Our staff teamed up with Department of Wildlife to hold this derby at Little Washoe Lake. Exited participants put line to water and youngsters were quite successful catching fish from the shore. The largest carp caught for measurement was almost 12 pounds. There was a story of the one that got away and was estimated at almost 17 pounds. No one went away empty handed since many prizes were donated from local merchants and Department of Wildlife gave out lots of "freebies."

Our North Ramp section of Washoe Lake is a hive of activity with wind surfers and kite boarders making great use of our famous "Washoe Zephyrs." The surfers can call our "wind talker" line to get the current wind speeds at the lake before they even come out to surf.

This season I guess you could say is the summer of "R" projects. We are recycling, refurbishing, reseeding, restoring, and renovating many areas of the park from the beaches to the campgrounds then the office and shop areas. Major overgrowth is being removed from the day use area, Deadman's Creek trail and the beach areas. We are in the middle of conducting a major cleanout and recycle of items in our shop, shop yard and bone yard. It is starting to look great! It is amazing what tools and supplies you can find when everything is organized.

We don't know if it is the dryer weather or what, but we are seeing more critters in the strangest places. Last week a skunk decided it wanted to nest in the trash can, inside the bathroom in our main day use area. How did we get him out you say,

without being sprayed? We carefully tipped the can on its side, stood back and hoped he would leave but nooooo he would not go. Now we try to tip the can so he will fall out but nooooo he will not go. Finally a few minutes later he vacates the can but where does he run? Right into one of the other bathroom stalls and hides under the toilet. At this point we decide we have tempted fate long enough and prop the bathroom door open, rope it off and put a large do not enter skunk in here sign up. We leave the skunk and hope he leaves. One hour later we return and one brave staff member carefully peers under the toilet to see if he's gone and hurrah he's moved on hopefully not to return. We have seen at least a hundred kangaroo rats in our shop yard this summer, a weasel hanging around the office and a doe with two fawns that has a taken a liking to the hundreds of apples on the tree right outside our main office door. Hope everyone has a great summer! Until next time...



WILD HORSE STATE RECREATION AREA

By Josh Dutra

This summer started off cold with the last snow in mid-June. Now the lake is dropping about a foot each week and many campers are disappointed since they are used to the overflowing lake of last year. Thanks to Park Tech Paula Ault, we may have found a new favorite campfire program this summer called campfire banana boats which is essentially a chocolate and Carmel stuffed banana cooked over a fire. Our returning programs were popular amongst the campers as well.



The first big project of the summer was to dig the trenches for power, water and sewage lines to our new camp host site and amphitheater. After building a water spigot, we are now ready to run the power and clear the new site of any brush. We have

mortared our last native rock to the parks welcoming sign. All that is left to do is some landscaping around the sign and to wash the rocks with an acidic solution to remove any excess mortar. By the time you read this we will have finished the camp host site and rock wall.



SOUTHERN REGION

BIG BEND OF THE COLORADO STATE RECREATION AREA

By Jonathan Brunjes

With temperatures regularly pushing 120 degrees this summer, it goes without saying that everyone is looking for a place to cool off. Boaters, swimmers, and sunbathers have been taking advantage of our facilities and we are enjoying the crowds. Camping this time of year is a little slow, but the beaches have been packed.



On June 9, we celebrated "National Get Outdoors Day." Activities for the day included a nature hike and a geo-cache demonstration for all to enjoy. Park Aid **Eli Jobe** led the way on the hike and educated participants on some of the flora and fauna found within the recreation area. Park Ranger **Steve Micklus** and Park Aid **Brian Tudor** provided a fishing demo as part of Nevada's Free Fishing Day. Several young and eager participants had a good time practicing their casting skills and by the time it ended they had some very impressed parents. The activities ended with some arts and crafts for the kids. Each kid painted their own "rock fish." All-in-all it was a fun event for everyone who participated.

Park Aid **Robert Pratt** has been hard at work refurbishing the trails. Battling the tamarisk and arrow weed is an ongoing challenge, but his hard work is paying off. We've been working on several maintenance projects and making small improvements to hopefully make everyone's stay more pleasant. **Mark Davis** has been working hard to find a solution to the erosion problems along the beaches and we have the photo to prove it (I really think he was looking for an excuse to cool off in the river). We appreciate all his help in making park improvements. Hopefully, we will find an effective way to slow down Mother Nature and maximize the beach space for more visitors to enjoy. We at Big Bend hope that everyone has a safe and busy summer and we look forward to some cooler weather!!!



VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

By Amber Heman

What can I say about the summer at Valley of Fire? Well it of course is hot, slower, and oh yes short staffed. With staff vacations, **Gaetano Corrado** leaving and returning the name Guy to its original owner, gift shop employee **Jenny England** leaving and being replaced by **Jenni Tobiasson**, and **Pete Gallegos** heading off to Texas, we all learned to fill in where

needed. Law enforcement staff even gets to work in the gift shop making them some of the most protected souvenir retail shops in the state.

We will all miss **Guy** who decided to leave us to pursue his teaching career back in Arizona and be closer to his wife's family. **Guy's** position has been traded with Spring Valley for a Park Ranger Tech III position, which will hopefully be filled before the publishing of this article, although no one can replace **Guy**. We will also miss **Jenny**, who decided to leave for California to start a family with her husband. While **Pete** was a regional employee, he and his three dogs will be missed, even the vehicles miss him with four broking down because they could not take it.

We also have a new employee, we refer to as "The Old Man," he is not very good though and we might have to let him go. The old man spends most of his time hanging out at Atlatl Rock Picnic area entertaining visitors, but occasionally harasses visitors for lunch. He also has not figured out how to get water from the water faucet without damaging it or asking for a visitor's assistance. Supervisors have tried to correct his behavior using the disciplinary action protocol from the Department of Personnel, but the only thing that seems to stop the bad behavior is to chase him away as far as possible, which corrects his behavior for a day or two. The only reason The Old Man has been kept on staff is that he is close to retirement, and this summer might be his last, but we fear we may have to remove him before that time comes.



Answers to Administrator's Trivia:

1. Virginia City.
2. Abraham Lincoln.
3. Utah Territory. On March 2, 1861, President Buchanan signed an Act of Congress making Nevada a Territory.
4. The Extraterrestrial Highway.
5. Pat Nixon, born Thelma Catherine Ryan in 1912 in Ely, Nevada.
6. Austin. The geographical center of Nevada is 26 miles southeast of Austin.
7. Boundary Peak at 13,140 feet is located in Esmeralda County near the California border.
8. Five: California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.
9. The bristlecone pine and the single-leaf pinion.
10. Desert bighorn sheep.



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PERSONNEL

By Anke Simpson

The following changes to our permanent staff shows I have been very busy with recruitments for the last few months and still have several positions to be filled. We are waiting for certified lists from the Division of Human Resource Management (formerly the Department of Personnel) for the Maintenance Repair Specialist II positions at Valley of Fire and at Lake Tahoe, the Park Ranger I position at Lahontan and the Park Ranger Tech III position at Valley of Fire. Interviews for the Project Manager I position at the division office and Equipment Mechanic III position at Valley of Fire are scheduled.

New Permanent Employees

Kandice Rollefson accepted the Accounting Assistant II position at Southern Region Headquarters on 5/16/12. **Dana Dapolito** started in the EIP Conservation Staff Specialist II position on 7/16/12. **Jamin Hunter** accepted a promotion to the Facility Supervisor III position for the Southern Region and transferred from the Department of Corrections on 8/6/12. **Jeremy Robinson** started in the Maintenance Repair Specialist II position at Spring Valley on 8/6/12. **Elizabeth Hewitt** accepted the non-commissioned Park Supervisor I position at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort on 8/7/12.

YOUR CAREER



Promotions

Andrew Porter accepted a promotion from his Park Ranger Tech III position at Spring Valley to the non-commissioned Park Supervisor I position at Kershaw Ryan on 6/25/12. **Robert Misiti** promoted from his commissioned Park Ranger II position at Lahontan to the commissioned Park Supervisor II position at South Fork on 7/9/12. **Scott Egy** promoted from the non-commissioned Park Supervisor I position at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort to the commissioned Park Supervisor II position at Fort Churchill on 7/23/12. **Mike Shipman** accepted a promotion from his Maintenance Repair Specialist II position at Lake Tahoe to a commissioned Park Ranger I position at Lahontan on 8/6/12.

Terminations

Kelly Kolhoss retired from his Facility Supervisor III position at the Southern Region on 4/27/12 with 27 years of State Park service. **Dion George** resigned from his Project Manager I position at the division office on 6/8/12 to start his own business. **Pete Gallegos** left his Equipment Mechanic II position on 6/22/12 and moved to Texas. **Gaetano Corrado** resigned from his non-commissioned Park Ranger II position at Valley of Fire on 7/8/12.

