



CVTA NEWS

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NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNS INSTALLED ON THE FAY-LUTHER TRAIL

CVTA volunteers recently installed 11 interpretive signs on the Interpretive Loop of the Fay Luther Trail system. These signs provide trail users with information about flora and fauna, the Fay and Luther families, the Washoe Tribe, Snowshoe Thompson, surrounding natural forces, and the interaction of humans with the geography and ecosystems of the Carson Valley area. Sign fabrication was funded by the Nevada Recreational Trails Program, a grant program administered by the Nevada Division of State Parks.

More than 70 volunteers assisted with the planning, design, text, artwork, photographs, feedback and installation of these beautiful signs, which are designed to interest both adults and children. To view the new signs, start at the Fay-Luther Trailhead and follow signs to the Interpretive Loop. The roundtrip distance from the trailhead to the Interpretive Loop and back is approximately 2.4 miles. The Fay-Luther Trailhead is located on Foothill Road, 4.5 miles south of the Kingsbury Grade.

"CVTA thanks everyone involved with creating these signs and helping to provide an enjoyable, valuable and educational resource within the Carson Valley," said CVTA president, Kerstin Wolle. "These signs are a great addition to the Fay-Luther Trail system."

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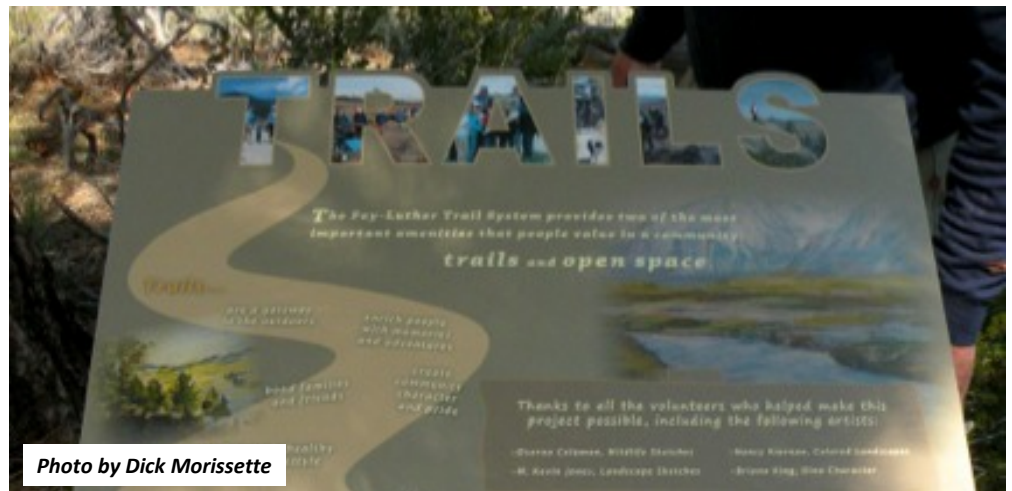


Photo by Dick Morissette

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kerstin Wolle

Volunteers are our heroes! They write, edit and take photographs for this newsletter. They recently planned and presented two very successful Hike for Health events – the Silent and Live Auction and the Trails Challenge, which brought in over \$26,800! They write and administer grants for new trails, meet with public and private landowners, and build and maintain our trails. Without our exceptional, dedicated volunteers, there would be no Carson Valley Trails Association.

You can help! Until we begin construction of the new Genoa Foothill Trail System, we do not have a trail building project here in the Carson Valley. However, the Tahoe Rim Trail Association is looking for volunteers to work on the Daggett Summit Trail System on Tuesdays and Saturdays, June through October. All ages are welcome; no experience is necessary. For details, call 775-298-0012 or visit the TRTA website: www.tahoerimtrail.org.

CVTA will be involved in several Carson Valley events over the next few months. On August 14, we will staff an information booth at the 2nd Annual Old Time Music Festival in Genoa. On September 11, we will staff a booth at the annual Sustainable Living and Renewable Energy Roundup at Lampe Park. On September 25 and 26, we will be in charge of keeping Genoa free of trash during the 90th Annual Genoa Candy Dance weekend – a valuable fundraising activity for CVTA.

In addition, we would welcome volunteers with an interest in serving on the CVTA board or joining one of our active committees. I invite you to be a part of our heroic efforts to build, maintain and sustain our grand Carson Valley trails system. For details, contact me at 775-265-3736...and thank you for volunteering!

I am pleased to announce that we have a new vice-president—and a president-elect! Bill Hay was elected to the position of vice-president at the May board meeting and has agreed to serve as president when my term ends later this year. Bill recently retired from the U.S. Forest Service. I would also like to welcome Gary Weigel to the board. Gary is a senior planner for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Finally, I would like to announce that former CVTA president and board member, Mary Bennington, recently became the new executive director of the Tahoe Rim Trail Association. Congratulations, Mary!

TRAILS UPDATE by Jeremy Vican

Genoa Foothill Trail System: Construction of this trail system is expected to begin in 2011. Trail sections should be open to the public in 2012. Completion of the Adams Canyon Trailhead is expected this year and will be open for use as soon as the connecting trail is built. We continue to get closer to meeting our funding requirements and greatly appreciate the ongoing donations to finish this great addition to the Carson Valley trail system.

Construction of the nearby Clear Creek/Jacks Valley Trail System is expected to occur within the same general time frame as the Genoa Foothill Trail System. Both projects are being managed simultaneously to efficiently manage financial costs and streamline the planning and construction process. Together, these two trail systems in the west and northwest part of the Carson Valley will add approximately 40 miles of new trail. The latest maps and project information will be available on our website later this year as more project details are completed with our federal, state and private partners.

Bently-Kirman Tract Trail: This new trail leading to the Carson River opened in April. View and print a map of this trail system from the CVTA website. Early mornings or late evenings are comfortable times to enjoy this trail during the summer months.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE by Joyce Richardson

The CVTA trail maintenance committee is almost fully staffed, with a volunteer for every day except the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Recruiting alternate volunteers to help with cleanup on the Fay-Luther and Jobs Peak Ranch trails when a regular volunteer is unable to work on a scheduled day is an ongoing task. Just an hour of your time, once in a while, will make a huge contribution to a valuable trails beautification activity.



When you're on the trails, you can help by "gently reminding" dog-owner trail users to clean up after their dogs when it appears they aren't planning to do so.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Joyce Richardson at 775-783-8462 or jlrnev@charter.net.

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A few Hike for Health 2010 photos...

Photos by Dick Morissette, Chic Moxley & Barb Wilson

HIKE FOR HEALTH 2010

The 4th annual Hike for Health fundraiser, which kicked off on April 22 with the Silent and Live Auction at the Genoa Town Hall, continued with the month-long Trails Challenge and concluded with a family Barbecue at Lampe Park on May 23, was a huge success. The fundraising activities brought over \$26,800, which will be used to fund the construction of more trails for you to enjoy within the Carson Valley.

Many volunteers contributed to the success of the two Hike for Health fundraising events. **Nancy Downey** and **Melissa Granat** co-chaired the planning committee for the auction, which brought in over \$22,000. The Trails Challenge, co-chaired by **Chic & Sue Moxley**, gave participants the opportunity to learn more about area trails through weekly guided trail activities and brought in over \$4800. CVTA thanks all of the volunteers, donors and participants who contributed to the success of the 2010 Hike for Health. The list of individuals and businesses to thank would fill this entire newsletter! The list of the 2010 Hike for Health donors and Trails Challenge Participants is posted on the CVTA website.

DOUGLAS COUNTY LANDS BILL by Dan Aynesworth

Douglas County is preparing a federal lands bill to be submitted to our legislators for language formulation and introduction later this summer. This bill will be important for the county from a number of perspectives, including flood control/mitigation, preservation of open space and agricultural lands, trail building and trailheads, and general recreation and conservation. The county has hired Legacy Land and Water as consultants to facilitate the bill formulation process between all parties concerned.

CVTA has been an active partner along the way as Douglas County's organization that actually does trails planning and construction per the Douglas County Comprehensive Trails Plan. We've met with all of the agencies and many interested parties during the last year in order to explain our long-term goals and objectives and to react to others' suggestions and concerns. We'll continue to stay connected and help work toward a bill that will, hopefully, satisfy everyone.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

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IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR CVTA MEMBERSHIP?

If you are currently a CVTA member, your renewal date is printed on the mailing label for this issue of CVTA NEWS. If it's time to renew your membership, visit the CVTA website to download and print a membership application. If you have membership questions, contact Nick Pchelkin at 775-782-6406 or npchelkin@pyramid.net.



Join the CVTA Volunteer Team!

CVTA has many opportunities for volunteer involvement, whether you have a little or a lot of time to donate. All that CVTA has accomplished is the result of people like YOU getting involved. Here are some specific areas where your involvement would be welcomed:

- **Saturday, August 14:** CVTA information booth at the Old Time Music Festival, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Genoa Town Park. Contact Barb Wilson at 782-6859 or barbntot@charter.net for information.
- **Saturday, September 11:** CVTA information booth at the Sustainable Living and Renewable Energy Roundup, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Lampe Park, Gardnerville.
- **Saturday & Sunday, September 25-26:** CVTA volunteers will assist with trash removal during the 90th Annual Genoa Candy Dance weekend.
- **Trail Clean-up:** Volunteers are needed to help with ongoing trail clean-up on the Fay-Luther and Jobs Peak Ranch Trails. Contact Joyce Richardson at 783-8462 for details about this vital trails beautification work.
- **Join the CVTA board:** Serving on the board is a good way to learn more about CVTA and find out where your volunteer involvement will make a difference.

For more information, contact CVTA president, Kerstin Wolle at 775-265-3736, or info@carsonvalleytrails.org.

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