



# Communicating With the Community

## Spotlight on Non-Profit Genoa Courthouse Museum

The Courthouse Museum is one of Genoa's most popular tourist attractions, drawing visitors from virtually every state in the union and as far away as Europe. It is open May 1 through mid-September, from 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Located on Main Street, it was originally constructed in 1865 when Genoa was the county seat of Douglas County. The original structure burned down in 1910, was rebuilt, and continued to serve as a courthouse until the county seat moved to Minden in 1916. It was then converted into a one-room, grades 1-8 schoolhouse for the Town until 1956.

In 1961 a group of descendants of Carson Valley pioneers organized the Carson Valley Historical Society. They undertook an extensive restoration program, repairing the exterior and restoring the interior of the building and in 1969 the Genoa Courthouse, became the realization of the dream they had envisioned. The CVHS which now holds title to the property, maintains it and keeps it open seven days a week, six months a year with the help of volunteers.

The first floor is the site of the original two-cell jailhouse, and the second floor has been recreated to look as it did in the 1860s, containing much of the original oak furniture from the Genoa and Minden courthouse.

The museum houses several excellent exhibits, the prize of which may well be the Basket Room. Among the many varieties of baskets is one made by *Datsolalee*, which means "The Queen of Washoe Indian Basket Makers." Dat-So-La-Lee baskets are regarded by experts as among the finest examples of Native American basket weaving in the world.

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## GGBA's Community Donation Platform in the Park



During the past year, the Greater Genoa Business Association (GGBA) has raised over \$4,000 toward building a platform in Genoa Park. The new platform

will be used by the bands that play at Genoa's summer concert series. It also will provide shade for the musicians, their instruments and equipment. An additional benefit is the platform can be rented for weddings. Shown above are photos of GGBA volunteers digging the foundation and the platform as of the first week in May.

The volunteers who worked on this project included Roger Falcke, of the



Genoa Company, who led the team; Bill Brooks, serving as the lead electrician; plus Dave Biba, Bob Blakely, Bill Bowersock, Keith Corban, Jim Denison, Randy Falcke, Bill Hutchinson, Brian MacNeil, Dick Mattison, Tom Peters, Mike Turnipseed and Dan Walters.

Many thanks to GGBA and volunteers who contributed so generously to the Genoa Community. Thanks too to the ladies who kept them going with lunch and refreshments throughout the project—Lynne Bowersock, Suzanne Corban, Jane Falcke, Sheryl Gonzales, Sue Knight and Alix Peters.

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