



## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### *Ibex Hardpan*



Driving across the stretches of Great Basin Desert, visitors often comment that “there’s nothing here.” Of course, those of us who live in this remote frontier enjoy the nothingness; no traffic, no crowds, and no bumps in the cement-like salt flats like the Ibex Hard Pan in Millard County, Utah. This dry lakebed is ideal for bike riding, kite flying, camping and plane fly-ins. The Ibex Crags, located just south of the hard pan, boast some of the best bouldering in Utah. It was also a filming location in the 2012 sci-fi movie *John Carter*.

**DIRECTIONS:** To explore this area take Tule Valley Road, located on the south side of U.S Highway 6/50 between mile markers 39 and 40 (about 50 miles west of Delta, Utah). From the turn-off, continue south four miles. There are no facilities, so be prepared for the desert environment with water, snacks, a hat, and sunscreen. Cell service is minimal, so don’t depend on it. And when you get there and find *nothing*, remember that sometimes nothing is just what the doctor ordered!

## PARTNERS’ CORNER

### *White Pine Public Museum Plans for Future*

The White Pine Public Museum wants to ensure it will be here serving the community for many years to come. The Board of Directors—which recently grew from four to twelve members—along with representatives from community groups, businesses, and government gathered over two weekends in May and June to plan for the future.

Museum specialist Art Wolf led the group through the critical stages of strategic planning. Together the participants contemplated the museum’s mission and envisioned what the museum could be five, ten, or fifteen years from now. Throughout the discussions, the museum’s role in Education was emphasized as critical, as was the desire to do more than display artifacts. Split into several small groups, participants also tackled the challenges the museum faces, such as managing its extensive collection.

Now that so many great ideas have been hatched, the hard work of turning dreams into reality begins. The Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership is proud to be supporting this effort through our grants program. To learn more about the White Pine Public Museum, visit [www.wpmuseum.org](http://www.wpmuseum.org).



Posing with the new Cave Bear painting: (L to R) Laura Rainey, Connie Odgers (museum manager), Minnis Alderman, Sally Locke, Carol Beager, Janann Herbst, Joyce Christensen, Bill Wilson, Melody VanCamp, Randal Burns and Tony Martin.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 24-26	<b>Duckwater Shoshone Festival</b> <a href="http://www.duckwatertribe.org">www.duckwatertribe.org</a>	Duckwater, Nevada
July 16	<b>Lehman Caves Historic Photography Exhibit &amp; Mural</b> Lehman Caves Mural Unveiling 3:00 Gallery Reception 4:00-7:00 pm	Ely Art Bank Ely, Nevada
July 29-31	<b>Ely Shoshone Fandango</b> <a href="http://www.elynevada.net/events/shoshone.html">www.elynevada.net/events/shoshone.html</a>	Ely Shoshone Reservation Ely, Nevada
July 23	<b>Ely Renaissance Village Art &amp; Wine Walk</b> <a href="http://www.ruralnevadanews.com">www.ruralnevadanews.com</a>	Ely Renaissance Village Ely, Nevada
July 24	<b>Pioneer Day Parades and Celebrations</b> <a href="http://www.millardcounty.com">www.millardcounty.com</a> (under "events" tab)	Communities throughout Millard County, Utah
August 5-6	<b>Goshute Contest Pow Wow</b> 435-234-1138	Goshute Reservation Ibapah, Utah
August 25	<b>Great Basin Observatory First Light &amp; NPS Centennial</b> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/grba">www.nps.gov/grba</a> ; <a href="http://www.greatbasinobservatory.org">www.greatbasinobservatory.org</a>	Great Basin National Park Baker, Nevada
September 7-10	<b>Old Capitol Arts &amp; Living History Festival</b> <a href="http://www.oldcapitolartsandlivinghistoryfestival.org">www.oldcapitolartsandlivinghistoryfestival.org</a>	Territorial Statehouse Fillmore, Utah
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1	<b>Great Basin Astronomy Festival</b> <a href="http://www.bestnightsky.com">www.bestnightsky.com</a>	Great Basin National Park Baker, Nevada

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Astronomy Programs &amp; Lehman Caves Tours</b>	Great Basin National Park <a href="http://www.nps.gov/grba">www.nps.gov/grba</a> ; 775-234-7331	Baker, NV
<b>Cove Fort Guided Tours</b>	<a href="http://www.lds.org/locations/cove-fort-historic-site">www.lds.org/locations/cove-fort-historic-site</a>	Cove Fort, UT
<b>Great Basin Museum</b>	<a href="http://www.greatbasinmuseum.com">www.greatbasinmuseum.com</a>	Delta, UT
<b>Nevada Northern Railway</b> National Historic Landmark	<a href="http://www.nnry.com">www.nnry.com</a> ; 775-289-2085	Ely, NV
<b>Territorial Statehouse State Park</b>	<a href="http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/territorial-statehouse">stateparks.utah.gov/parks/territorial-statehouse</a>	Fillmore, UT
<b>Topaz Museum</b>	<a href="http://www.topazmuseum.org">www.topazmuseum.org</a>	Delta, UT
<b>White Pine Public Museum</b>	<a href="http://www.wpmuseum.org">www.wpmuseum.org</a>	Ely, NV

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