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The Desert Cross Comes Home

By Rachel Dahl

The Desert Cross, or as it is referred to locally, “The Mason Cross,” is an impressive piece of artwork and community treasure. It was gifted to the community in the 1960s by artist John Mason, who grew up in Fallon and became a world-renowned artist. According to the Frank Lloyd Gallery, Mason was “a major figure in ceramic sculpture.”

At a recent Board of Regents meeting, the ownership of the Desert Cross was officially conveyed to the City of Fallon, guaranteeing that this local piece of art by a local Fallon boy would remain in the community for residents and visitors to enjoy.

“This is an interesting Nevada story,” said former governor and current University of Nevada President Brian Sandoval during the Regents’ meeting, recommending that the board approve the official return of the cross to the community.

“It was interesting circumstances that the university came into possession of the John Mason sculpture, and the desire is to return it to Fallon,” he said.

Recently appraised at a value of \$450,000, the cross is believed to have been created in 1963 by Mason, who originally donated it to the community in 1964, where it was displayed at the Churchill County Library in honor of the state centennial celebrations.

“I remember seeing that cross at the library when I was a boy,” said Sandoval, who also lived in Fallon during his younger years.



The Desert Cross sits on a pedestal framed in an alcove in the main front gallery of the Arts Council building at Oats Park. Photo credit Val Swirczek.

In 1979, the cross was transferred to the university, where it was located in the Sheppard Gallery, now the Lilley Museum of Art, but it was never officially made part of the collection. When the Churchill Arts Council opened the Art Center at the Oats Park school in 2005, the University loaned the Desert Cross to the fledgling organization, where it remained until 2023.

In May 2023, the cross was returned to the university during a dismantling of the vast collection of artwork at the Arts Center. Shortly after the art disappeared, the City of Fallon requested that the cross be returned, and it was loaned back to the city for two years in February 2024.

“We believe the intent of the artist was that the cross be displayed and held in the City of Fallon,” said Sandoval as he recommended conveying ownership of the Desert Cross to the City of Fallon, to be kept and maintained and preserved in museum quality condition.

The university maintains the first right of refusal to reacquire it at no cost should the city decide to dispose of the cross.

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Mayor of Fallon Ken Tedford also spoke during the regent’s meeting, saying, “We should never limit the potential of a great artist to come from a small place.”

According to Tedford, Mason grew up in Fallon and graduated from Churchill County High School. “I’m reminded of his ties to the community every time I drive by Mason Road in Hazen.”

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Port of Nevada

Direct Rail Line Connection with Port of Oakland

By Leanna Lehman

Fallon has long been striving to improve Churchill County’s economy further. Those efforts include working with businesses that seek to operate along the Union Pacific rail line. The goal has been to expand transport options, and the Port of Nevada (PoN) is now helping make that goal a reality.

In recent history, Omaha Track was among the first to establish itself along the line by installing its railroad tie facility in Hazen. In 2021, Western Nevada Transload followed suit, located just west of Hazen near Bench Road and US Highway 50. For those unfamiliar, Western Nevada Transload is situated at what is called the Port of Nevada, an inland port



Port of Nevada in Hazen at the Lyon/Churchill line. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

operation and intermodal ramp that straddles the Churchill and Lyon County lines.

Developed by Industrial Realty Group (IRG), the port lies along the Union Pacific Railway line and essentially serves Fallon and Fernley. Last week, the Port of Nevada and the Port of Oakland announced collaborative efforts that have resulted in direct services between the ports, providing direct rail service and container offloading. This development will significantly increase rail transportation

options for area businesses.

One of the most noted benefits of rail transportation is cost savings. According to the Port of Nevada, they can offer larger-scale transportation opportunities for area shippers and receivers by bringing in double-stacked shipping containers that can be offloaded and hauled to their destination via truck. Not only is the potential for lower transportation costs possible, but the port has also increased the amount of cargo that can be shipped.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

It Takes a Village

By Rachel Dahl

We had a history lesson last night at The Fallon Post as we worked on getting the paper ready for you. Actually, it went on all day and evolved into a huge crew of help as we tried to caption one little photo for the paper this week.

And it reminded me of the importance of history and records and good memories.

We stole the photo/graphic the museum posted on social media earlier in the week to advertise their Ice Cream Social so we could put that on the Announcement page (see page 4) and make sure you all know about their event. Someone had started asking who the guys were in the photo, and the only one identified was Elmo Dericco.

The other two looked super familiar, and I should have been able to figure it out, but when they actually looked like the photo, I would have been only three.

So, we went into research mode.

I had sent the photo in a text early in the day to a friend who I was sure would know. He didn't but said he would ask another friend and get back to me. When that didn't work, I thought to confer with the keeper of all Lahontan Valley history, the one person who will always know – Bunny Corkill. But she was stuck in a meeting, and none of the crew had her phone number.

We then started reaching out to other friends who may know, who passed it on to other friends. Eventually, Virginia and Morena got Cyril Schank on the left, confirmed by Ernie. A bunch of us thought the guy on the right was Jim Regan, but some others didn't think so. Eventually, the majority won, and we made the pink shirt Jim, finally confirmed by Berney.

Interestingly, it came back through two separate channels that the original version of this picture also included to the right of Jim Regan, another gentleman, Rene Daguerre, who served on City Council and was the owner of the Woolgrowers restaurant, which was located for a long time in the old Lahontan Valley News building where La Fiesta is now.

This idea of community history also came up earlier in the week, visiting with one of my friends sitting in the hallway in the county office building while we waited for the Election Results to come in. One of my favorite authors, Robert Louis Stevenson said, "The secret to a good life is a short memory," but the key to successfully documenting a community is keeping in touch with those of us with very good recollection.

It made me realize yet again how important it is what we're doing here. And how fun it is that the whole community participates. We just could not do this without all of you, and we wouldn't want to. You all make this so much fun.

So, while we make sure we've got all the names right and think of a new challenge for next week, we will be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach

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He said the cross was placed at the library and was "on display for an entire generation of this community. It is a reflection of this region, the genius of its creator, Mason, and a sense of unbound potential. It reminds us never to limit the potential of great artists and great art to come from unsuspecting places."

The cross has now been given "Pride of Place" in the Oats Park Art Center, in the special alcove built for it. "Thank you, President Sandoval and the Board of Regents. This is important to our town and means a lot to us," he said.

Jessica Rowe is the current Executive Director of the Arts Council and also appreciates the return of the artwork. "The Churchill Arts Council is deeply grateful for the return of the Mason Cross to the community of Fallon. We have restored the cross to its platform in the main foyer of the Oats Park Art Center. We are especially grateful to Mayor Ken Tedford and UNR President Brian Sandoval for their efforts in bringing the Desert Cross home to our community where it can reflect the historic creativity and the profound love that Fallon residents have for the Arts and for representing this beautiful region that we call our home."



Virgil Getto, Barbara Getto, Florence Mason, Andrea Getto, John Mason, and Hattie Brown. Photo courtesy City of Fallon

[Port of Nevada continued from page 1]

"Transporting by rail is also very efficient and cost-effective; approximately one ton of rail cargo can be transported 400 miles on just one gallon of diesel fuel," reports PoN, who claims that a train can travel around 15 to 20 times farther than a truck on one gallon of diesel. "For each freight truck and train, a train is approximately 3.5 times more efficient at hauling freight."

Rail transport also results in reduced fuel emissions, according to PoN. "Trains only account for 2% of all transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, while medium- and heavy-duty trucks account for nearly 25%." PoN estimates that from Long Beach, CA to Reno, a semi-truck will use more than three times the energy (kWh) than a train – and produces approximately three and a half times more tons of CO2 and SO2.

PoN also touts the environmental benefits of rail transport, which decrease shippers' carbon footprints and are less impacted by heavy traffic, poor road maintenance, trucking regulations, and California carbon emissions regulations. Additionally, the paramount consideration for Northern Nevada receivers is the frequent inability to get over the mountains during winter storms, delaying critical shipments of products and

animal feed commodities.

PoN boasts the rare distinction of being served by two Class I railroads, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and BNSF Railway. A mile of track improvement was completed in 2021, and the rail infrastructure was enhanced, including a 5,000-foot line extension. The site has 7,000 linear feet of track and can expand when needed.

While several animal feed commodities like cottonseed and canola are brought in from the Midwest, getting corn from California to Nevada is challenging in winter. Improved rail connections will provide a more stable supply of the critical feed ration ingredient that local dairy farmers rely on year-round. Other area shippers and receivers that trade in container-based products will also have expanded access through the Port of Nevada facility.

The new direct rail line connection between the Port of Nevada and the Port of Oakland can expand regional transport and spur economic growth for Churchill County and Northern Nevada. This collaboration promises cost savings and environmental benefits and ensures more reliable and efficient transportation for many area businesses.

FEATURES

Opioid Misuse Assessment Highlights

Local Challenges, Part I

By Leanna Lehman

In November 2023, Churchill County contracted with Winged Wolf Innovations to complete the required Opioid Misuse Needs Assessment, which is necessary to be eligible for further Opioid Settlement Funds.

In 2021, Nevada established NRS 433.712-433.744 to address the state's portion of opioid litigation recoveries. As a result, Churchill County, along with all other Nevada counties receiving settlement funds from litigation concerning the manufacturing, distribution, sale, or marketing of opioids, must conduct an Opioid Misuse Needs Assessment and submit the findings to the state, which will be included in the Fund a Resilient Nevada Statewide Plan.

Winged Wolf Innovations is a consulting firm that provides Administrative and General Management Consulting Services, offering solutions in Organization and Leadership Development, Systems Planning and Design, Strategic Planning, and Program Development.

Churchill County Social Services Director Shannon Ernest presented key findings from the assessment to the Board of Commissioners during their May 2 meeting.

General Opioid Use: The majority of Churchill County's opioid use was prescribed by physicians for pain management. Local prescription rates have been declining since 2017. However, they are still significant, especially compared to methadone and buprenorphine, a synthetic opioid developed in the late 1960s used to treat pain and opioid use disorders.

Dependency: White women appear to have the highest rate of opioid dependence, according to Banner Churchill Community Hospital data. Individuals who suffer from opioid dependence have significantly higher hospitalization rates than emergency department visits. However, overall inpatient visits for opioid dependency have been decreasing in the county. The Northern Nevada Behavioral Health Region (NNBHR), which in-

cludes Churchill County, has also seen a decrease in emergency visits since 2016. It should be noted that the region had the highest rate of inpatient visits for opioid dependency in Nevada from 2015 to 2020.

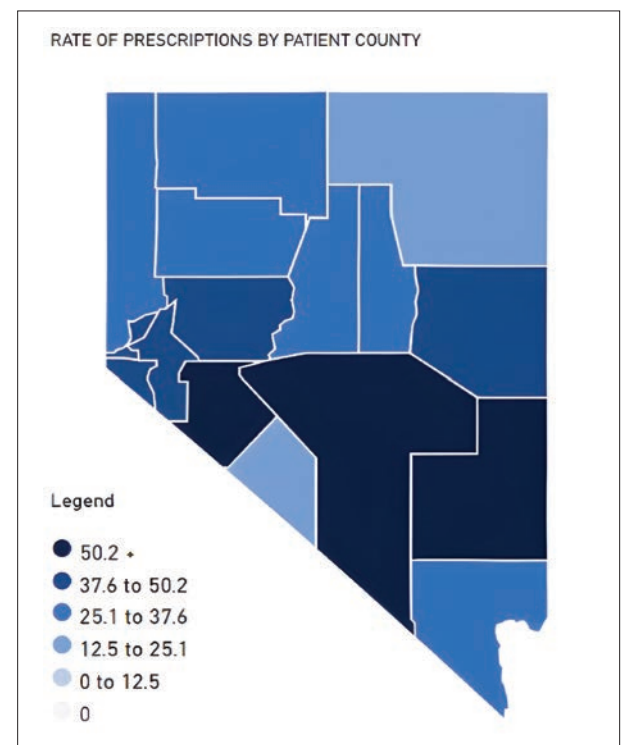
Overdoses: Last year, Churchill County had markedly higher suspected drug-related overdoses compared to the overall state average. Opioids are the highest contributor to substance-related deaths in the northern region. Overdoses, also referred to as "poisonings," have been consistently higher than other substances in both emergency rooms and inpatient visits. Men, particularly young white men, are more likely to suffer opioid poisoning in Churchill County; however, the northern region has an overall lower rate of inpatient visits for opioid poisoning in the state. Suspected drug overdoses in Churchill County exceed the state average.

Crime: The number of overdoses and crimes encountered in Churchill County has been rising. There is a need for improved surveillance, particularly in reporting, identifying risk factors, increasing naloxone availability, and creating a suspected street overdose response team.

There is limited engagement between law enforcement and the community regarding the opioid crisis, primarily due to a lack of resources for extensive community education. Arrests have been made for possessing and selling opioids; however, law enforcement faces many challenges in tracking specific data, such as opioid withdrawals in jails and the number of respondents obtaining high-dose prescriptions.

Deaths: Opioid-related deaths in Churchill County have remained relatively stable, but there was an anomalous spike in 2017. Opioids are the highest contributor to substance-related deaths in the Northern Behavioral Health Region.

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT): Assessment participants expressed feelings of humiliation, stigma, and fear associated with seeking treatment for opioid addiction.



MAT's stringent regulations and limited awareness of its effectiveness were listed as some of the barriers to securing treatment from providers. Despite this, 50% of participants agreed that MAT is very effective.

According to the assessment, there is a split opinion within the community regarding the critical nature of opioid use and misuse. Client focus groups unanimously agreed that opioid use results from mental illness and childhood trauma, with survey respondents, including providers, supporting this view. Respondents experienced several adverse effects of opioid use, including a decline in overall mental and physical health, legal concerns, strained relationships, and other challenging issues.

Despite the consequences, opioid use continues to cause far-reaching and damaging outcomes for both users and the community. Part II will be available in next week's edition of The Fallon Post and will include insights on student heroin use, drug diversion programs, restorative justice, and overall recommendations.

Primary Election Results

Local Races Decided Early

By Rachel Dahl

Primary Election results are final after the Churchill County Clerk has finished counting the early votes, the Election Day votes cast on June 11, and the last allowable mail-in ballots. Out of 17,195 registered voters in Churchill County, a total of 5,100 votes were cast for a dismal 29.66% turnout.

According to the Churchill County Clerk, 3,543 Republicans voted out of 8,541 registered, and 863 Democrats of 2,048 registered voted. No Democrat candidates were running in the County Commission races, so Democrats and registered non-partisans voted in the congressional and non-partisan races including the Board of Regents, State Board of Education, Justice of the Peace, School Board, and the mayor race.

The total number of votes cast in the mayoral race was 1,391. Only voters living within the City of Fallon's limits voted for mayor.

The County Commissioners will canvass the votes to validate and finalize the results on June 20 at their regular meeting. The new commissioners will be sworn in and take office in January at the first meeting of the new year.

Matt Hyde won County Commission District 1 with 2,254 votes, over Julie Guerrero-Goetsch, who received 1,137 votes.

Hyde credits his community commitment to his handy win. "I always have shown my commitment to this community since I've become an adult, from coaching youth sports to serving ten years on the school board. It's all about the community for me. I took advice, and I knocked doors, people really seem to like that. It's humbling to get this kind of support. I'm grateful for the people who believe in me to be an honest person and a hard-working servant of the constituents. I will continue to be that."

County Commission District 3 saw Eric Blakey garner 1,412 votes to Rusty Jardine's 1,164.

Blakey issued a statement thanking the community for their support and encouragement. "I am looking forward to serving all citizens of Churchill County during my term as County Commissioner District 3. Thank you to the other candidates vying for the seat, as it shows the strength of our community and willingness to provide selfless leadership to our county. Communication avenues

will always be open to discuss issues or concerns with all citizens. Hopefully, they will be more complimentary than conflicting. As we move forward into the future, effective government leadership will be achieved by treating all citizens fair, consistent, honest, and equal."



The three-way Justice of the Peace race ended with Judge Ben Trotter winning his bid for re-election with 3,101 votes to Brenda Ingram's 1,265 and Stuart Richardson's 648.

Trotter said he visited 7,618 homes beginning on February 6. He is committed to this method of campaigning, which has seen him through each of his elections, first for Sheriff and then for judge, and has given him 61% of the vote in this race.

He said he believes in keeping a clean campaign "and always stay[ing] above board in my comments, and the response was very positive." He is in discussions about the possibility of establishing a veteran's court and looking forward to what comes next. "Change comes our way at the court whether we like it or not." He is also appreciative of the community. "I have been humbled every time I get these results. It's exhausting the way I do it. I consider it a job interview with my bosses, and it's very humbling when they approve of your work."

Mayor Ken Tedford was re-elected with 1,066 votes to Jacob Robertson's 247 and Luai Ababneh, who received 78 votes. City elections across the state have been traditionally held in the off-years during June, but the Nevada Legislature recently moved municipal elections to coincide with the regular election cycle.

Tedford believes in serving the city with the eyes of a businessman with the concept that local businesses are the beating heart of the community. "I am very grateful to the citizens, and I am humbled by their overwhelming support. I will continue, with great energy, my efforts towards serving the people first and foremost, and look forward to a great four years together."

Only three candidates filed for the three open seats on the School Board: Wendy Bullock, who was recently appointed to fill a vacant seat, and incumbents Gregg Malkovich and Kathryn Whitaker, who were both re-elected, receiving 3,004, 2,717, and 2,793 votes, respectively.

Congressional candidates will join the Presidential candidates on November 5 for the general elections, during which the last remaining local race for Mosquito Abatement will also be decided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cyril Schank, Elmo Dericco, Jim Regan

Join the fun at the Museum's Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social on June 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy free ice cream, a young Chautauqua performance, the 40-year return of Shadow Catchers, a vintage exhibit of local photography and the director's report on this year's achievements and the exciting 2024-25 plans.

Sierra Hickox Named to Spring 2024 Dean's List

South Dakota State University announces Sierra Hickox of Fallon, Nevada, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester for her work as a student in their College of Natural Sciences.

Sierra Hickox is among the elite group of more than 3,300 students who were named to the dean's list for their outstanding academic performance over the spring 2024 semester at South Dakota State.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed at least 12 credits and earned a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with F, I, U, RI, or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. This report includes courses taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pre-general education courses may still qualify if the student has 12 other credits that fall within the 100-699 range.

Overall, 3,378 students from 40 states and 37 foreign nations are on the list. More than 1,400 students received a 4.0 GPA, indicated with an asterisk.

Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution and its largest, most comprehensive school of higher education. SDSU confers degrees from seven different colleges representing 230 majors, minors, and specializations. The institution also offers 39 master's degree programs, 16 Ph.D. programs, and two professional programs.

The university's work is carried out on a residential campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre, and Rapid City, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across the state. SDSU's research expenditures for the 2023 fiscal year were more than \$74 million.



Photo courtesy State Parks

Lahontan Reservoir Blooming

Nevada State Parks has placed Lahontan Reservoir under a Watch Advisory due to an active Harmful Algae Bloom. A recent water test produced low algal toxin concentrations and has been backed up by visual indicators and satellite imagery. These toxic algae can cause serious health issues for humans and animals. If you see water that looks discolored or smells bad, stay away. Pets should be kept away from all water bodies under a HAB advisory.



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MEETINGS

June 24-28, 2024

<p>Tues., Jun. 25, 10 a.m. Local Emergency Planning 507 S. Maine St.</p> <p>Tues., Jun. 25, 6:30 p.m. Planning Commission Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p> <p>Wed., Jun 26, 5:30 p.m. Board of School Trustees District Office 690 S. Maine St.</p>	<p>Thurs., Jun. 27, 9 a.m. Fallon City Council Special Meeting Council Chambers 55 W. Williams Ave.</p> <p>Thurs., Jun. 27, 3 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p>
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WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken June 18, 2024, at 5:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	297800 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	781 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	84.9 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	11.1 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	474 cfs

2024	2023	2022
298,554 acre feet	252,607 acre feet	149,556 acre feet

Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
Af - Acre Feet
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Summer Programming Going Strong
Library programs are free and open to the public

Summer programming is up and running at the Churchill County Library for June and July. Enjoy a variety of free events and programming. Please note that the library will be closed on June 19 for the Juneteenth holiday and on July 4 to observe Independence Day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Reading Program kicked off June 1 with the touch-a-truck event in the north lot thanks to the donation of time and trucks from the Fallon Police Department, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, the Nevada Donor Network, and NAS Fallon.

The last day to log reading activities is July 31 with a grand prize drawing on August 2. Paper reading logs are available at the library, or you can track your reading in Beanstack, an online app you can use on your phone or computer.

Additional Summer Reading Program activities include:

- The Nevada Department of Wildlife will

- make a presentation on June 25 at 2 p.m.
Reading with Rover on July 11 at 3:30 p.m.
Presentation by local 4-H kids on July 16 at 2 p.m.
The Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival performers present a showcase on July 30 at 2 p.m.

Senator Rosen's office representative will be at the library on July 11 at 1 p.m. for "office hours." Stop by and let the Senator's staff know what is on your mind.

Book discussion group for adults continues on July 25 at 6 p.m. in the library annex. Light refreshments served.

Elementary Book Club meets July 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Annex at 3 p.m. for those in grades 3 through 5. Reserve your

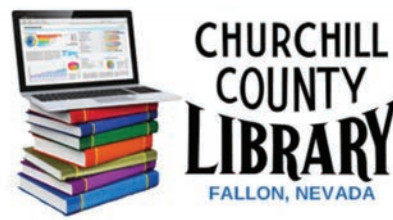
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HOURS OF OPERATION

The library's hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and it is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and major holidays.

Call 775-423-7581 for more information on any of the activities above. The Churchill County Library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon.

Programming is subject to change, so keep current at www.churchillcountylibrary.org.



Library Board Brings Carol Back

By Rachel Dahl



Jenni Jeffers of the Nevada Department of Wildlife with a beautiful owl presentation. Don't miss the next NDOW Nevada Animals presentation on June 25 at 2 p.m.

The Library Board of Directors met last week to approve temporarily returning the retired Churchill County Library Director Carol Lloyd to the position. Lloyd will assist the county with hiring staff and rebuilding services after former Library Director C.L. Quillen was terminated.

Quillen was hired in April 2023 to replace Lloyd when she retired but came under fire after five of six-and-a-half library staff resigned or quit over four months. Because of staffing issues, Quillen could not keep the library open for regular hours, affecting local patrons' access to library services.

Chris Spross, the county human resources director, presented a report at the meeting, explaining that county leadership had reached out to Lloyd to see if she may consider returning to fill the position and assist with restoring programs, hiring staff, and working to fill the Library Director position.

"Carol did submit a letter in writing confirming her interest and willingness to assist, so you know it's just not Chris saying this," said Spross.

During their last meeting, the county commission declared the library director post a "critical need" position, which allows hiring a retired public employee without affecting their

retirement benefits. The approval is at Lloyd's previous pre-retirement level at Step 13, which was approved for two years; however, Spross said in discussions with Lloyd that the thinking is to shoot for six months to "right the ship."

He also explained that interviews for replacing the retired adult services librarian are set for June 21. Museum Director and current Acting Library Director Mel Glover will sit with Lloyd and county staff on that interview panel. In addition, 61 applications have been received for the Library Assistant position, and interviews will be scheduled soon.

Glover spoke during public comment at the board meeting, reporting that when the library reopened June 4 after being closed the previous week, "there was a line outside the door. There is a rising tide of people coming in cheerful and happy, and I can report the library staff is excited and morale is high."

So far, there have been 275 sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program, and already, 60 patrons have returned their first reading logs.

Additionally, the Nevada Division of Wildlife brought a barn owl to exhibit last week, not expecting the crowd of 121 attendees.

"Patrons are relieved we are open again, and I can report great support for the library," said Glover.

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Summer Food Service Program Offers Free Meals to Local Children

By Leanna Lehman

Last Thursday, Churchill County School District’s Food Services provider, Chartwells, worked hard to assemble and distribute boxed breakfasts and lunches for local CCSD students. CCSD Chartwells Food Services Director Amber Scholl reported that 1210 meals—605 boxed breakfasts and 605 boxed lunches—were made and assembled into weekly meal kits. All of the kits were distributed to students.

These student meal boxes are available on Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Churchill County Middle School campus from June 3 to 27 and July 8 to August 2. Meals and meal kits are available to all children and youth 18 years and younger



and are not limited to CCSD students. In addition to weekly meal kits, which offer five daily breakfasts and lunches, meals are provided at CCSD and community locations and served onsite.

MEALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

- Northside Early Learning Center breakfast and lunch: July 8 – 25 from 8-8:30 a.m. and 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Churchill County Middle School breakfast and lunch: June 3 – 27, July 8 – August 2 from 8-8:30 a.m. and 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Churchill County High School breakfast and lunch: June 3 – 27 from 8-8:30 a.m. and 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Fallon Youth Club breakfast and dinner: June 3 – August 2, 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 – 5:30 p.m., at 324 Pennington Cir.
- SUMFUN/Cottage School (C.A.R.E) lunch: June 3 – August 2, 12-12:15 p.m., at 255 E. Stillwater Ave.
- Oats Park lunch and snack, Mondays through Thursdays, June 3 – August 2, 12:30 – 1 p.m., at 151 E. Park St.
- Venturacci Park/Skate Park lunch and snack, June 3 – August 2, 12:25 – 12:45 p.m. and 3:30 - 4 p.m., at 341 Venturacci Ln.
- Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe lunch and snack, June 3 – August 2, 12 – 12:30 p.m., located at 8955 Mission Road.

The 2024 Summer Food Service Program is funded through the US Department of Agriculture’s Summer Nutrition Program to help ensure local children have access to meals during the summer months, free of charge.

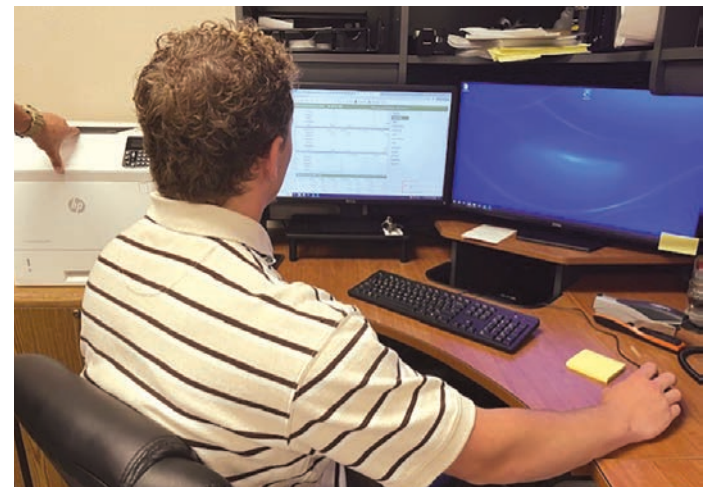


AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION!
This is Ellie Mae (D-447). We were told that she is a 6.5 year old-Lab/Queensland/ Chow Chow mix. Ellie Mae is looking for a calm quiet house to relax in. She is described as an affectionate couch potato, who is a fan of car rides, and going on walks. Ellie Mae would do best as an only animal, where she doesn’t have to share her human. If you think she would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call, or come check her out.

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CCHS Student Intern Update

Churchill County High School is proud to announce this week’s intern is our class of 2023 graduate Troy Shelton. Troy aspired to go into real estate; however, since his internship with Western Nevada Title, he has decided to wait to take his Real Estate license and continue working with his mentor, Craig Chacon, Director of Operations for Western Nevada Title Company. Dr. Segura was so impressed with Mr. Chacon’s business skills that she asked him to present to the district’s interns on June 26. The Topic will be “Winning the Job Hunt Game.”



Craig Chacon giving Troy Shelton pointers. Photo by Sue Segura.



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Tuesday, June 25

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Mixed Fruit Cup

Wednesday, June 26

Spaghetti with Meatballs
Zucchini
Colorful Salad
FF Italian Dressing
WW Bread Orange
Mango Cup

Thursday, June 27

Mediterranean Shrimp Salad
Cannellini Beans
Fresh Orange Slices
Fruit Jello
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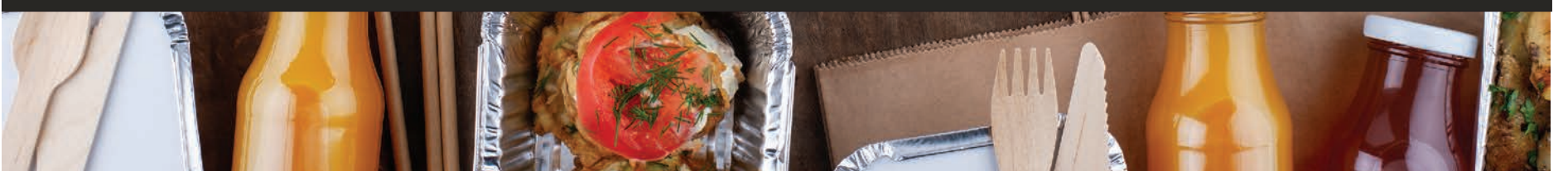
Thursday, June 27

Taco Night
Beans and Rice

Monday, July 1

Baked Fish and Rice

All are Welcome!



COMMUNITY



Hot Air Balloon

By Caesar Ababneh

Recently, I had the pleasure of taking my first hot air balloon ride. I have always had something of an interest in airships, thermal or otherwise—and I think riding in one is a great experience that everyone should give a try at least once. Watching the process of how the balloon is set up for take-off was quite interesting, and I will try to explain it to the best of my ability here. Please keep in mind that I am by no means an expert; the details listed here are just what I understood based on what I saw. A few things might be off. First, the basket was unloaded off of a truck, and a very large tarp was laid out on the ground. The tarp is important because the balloon itself—called the envelope—is made out of a thin and fragile material. The tarp is used to keep the balloon off the ground so it doesn't get any tears from friction against it.

After the tarp is spread out to its maximum area, the envelope is pulled out along the length of the tarp, and the basket is placed on its side. The envelope is then very carefully unwound and pulled out horizontally—so it can hold air. A fan is then used to inflate it so it is a large enough size that it may capture the hot air, which makes it rise. This is why the basket was put on its side. The source of the heat is a pair of propane-powered coil jets called burners. These are used to put the hot air into the envelope once it reaches a substantial volume. They also make a comically large fireball when ignited. When the envelope begins to float, the

basket is turned upright and then it is stabilized so the passengers and pilot can get in.

There are various sensors installed inside the envelope to monitor its state and there is a navigation computer kept on board in order to track the airship's movement. The whole process of flying a hot-air balloon isn't nearly as antiquated as most fiction would have you believe, and it is quite an advanced operation. During the ride, our pilot informed us that the top of the envelope was actually about 210°F. While we were in the air, we were able to see a portion of Lake Tahoe over the ridges of the Sierras. I also took a very good panorama photo of the Carson Valley. In the air, it is a most tranquil feeling to float gently across the sky and view the earth below in all its beauty. Everything is quiet except for the occasional roar of the burners. When you are up there, it really puts everything into scale. The idea of being that far from the ground seems a little frightening, but when you experience it—it isn't nearly that bad. The basket felt secure, and there wasn't a worry in my mind. As we took off, I saw all the cars and buildings shrink as they fell away. It was one of the most peaceful things I had ever experienced. The man-



Photos by Caesar Ababneh.

made things that look monumental become the models they actually are and the real monuments of nature become apparent as viewed in their entirety. The mountains and the horizon are borderline invisible when on the ground, but when you zoom out a bit, it is then that their true value can be appreciated.

Just you and the world below.

UNR Alumni Golf Tournament

It was a beautiful day, Saturday, June 15, for the UNR Alumni Fallon Chapter Golf Tournament. Several local UNR alums competed in the tournament, helping raise money for continuing education in Nevada. All proceeds earned go to graduating seniors from Churchill County High School and Oasis Academy College Prep who will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno. Congratulations to this year's tournament winners, Andrew Palmer and Mary Williams.



UNR Alumni Golf Tournament Winners, Andrew Palmer and Mary Williams with Brenda Boone. Photo by Cheryl Venturacci.

MOVIES & MORE - JUNE 21 & 22, 2024

Your Locally Owned and Operated Fallon Theatre

By Kelli Perez

This weekend, the theatre is showing two fantastic film selections, both of which are free, as always.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we have "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," rated PG-13. In this 2003 fantasy adventure, blacksmith Will Turner teams up with eccentric pirate Captain Jack Sparrow to save Elizabeth Swann, the governor's daughter, and his love from Jack's former pirate allies, who are now undead. The runtime is 2 hours and 23 minutes.

Our second film rounds out Peter Jackson's Hobbit Trilogy with "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," showing Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. In this final chapter, Bilbo Baggins and company are forced to engage in a war against an array of combatants and keep the Lonely Mountain from falling into the hands of rising darkness. The runtime is 2 hours and 24 minutes.

Next week, on Wednesday, June 26, The De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash is sponsoring a special event movie at 7 p.m.: "The Cowboy Way," from 1994, starring Woody Harrelson and Kiefer Sutherland. This sponsored movie precedes De Golyer's 10th annual event on June 29, so be sure to check it out. The film is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour and 42 minutes.

On July 20, we'll host Acid Box, a Fallon-local band that blends hard rock, heavy



metal, and punk with a blues influence. They'll be joined by additional local talent, Anabelle and the Desert Scrubs. Check them out at 7 p.m., with a \$10 cover charge.

On August 24, don't miss our annual summer fundraising 5K fun run/walk—The Cantaloupe Canter. This traditional event begins in front of the Indoor Pool, 333 Sheckler Rd, and helps celebrate the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, which will be held August 23 through 25. Early registration and sponsorship forms can be found on our website.

For more information on your local, nonprofit community theatre, please visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/fallontheatre, or our website, www.fallontheatre.com. If you want to rent the theatre for a party or event, please email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com. Lastly, you are welcome to leave us a message at 775-423-6210.

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BUSINESS

RCH Wellness Offers Affordable Labs and Weight Loss Solutions

By Christy Lattin

RCH Wellness is a stand-alone specialty clinic in Fallon offering low-cost lab work and weight loss solutions for Fallon and surrounding communities. It was started last year by Matt West, PA-C, and Justin Heath, MD, to provide a cash-pay clinic for patients who may not have insurance-covered care. Patients may pay by cash, check, credit card, or through a health savings account.

West said the clinic started as a walk-in urgent care clinic but now focuses more on weight loss and labs for bloodwork. He explained that patients who need blood work are financially challenged if the hospital or their insurance doesn't cover the labs. RCH Wellness can perform a complete blood count lab for \$100, a much lower cost than other providers, West said. Additional blood tests for thyroid, vitamin testing, and testosterone can be added for just \$25 each.

"We've got the lowest lab prices in northern Nevada," West said. "Our prices are rock bottom."

On Mondays and Fridays, trained phlebotomists perform the blood draws, which are couriered to the Quest lab in Reno for analysis. West said patients can utilize a Quest online account to view lab results and have them sent to their primary care physicians for future follow-up.

An initial weight loss screening includes assessing a patient's history, their current state, and the goals they wish to achieve. West said he spends time with each patient to ensure he prescribes the correct medicine for them. The typical weight loss medications offered at RCH Wellness include phentermine, phendimetrazine, and semaglutide. They also offer Numetra food supplements, a low-calorie meal substitute with protein and vitamins that dieting patients may otherwise miss. Labs are taken at the initial consultation, with



Matt West, RCH Wellness. Photo by Christy Lattin.

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The clinic also offers Cryoskin treatment with a specialty facial rejuvenation and slimming machine. It works by freezing the fat cells, West explained. He also performs trigger point injections for patients experiencing knots in their muscles.

RCH Wellness is managed by West, with Dr. Heath serving as the supervising doctor. West, who grew up in Hawthorne, has served as a paramedic, worked in the local emergency room, and worked at an urgent care clinic in Fallon before branching out independently. He enjoys the new clinic's freedom and looks forward to offering more services. He is a certified Health and Life Coach from the Health Coach Institute and utilizes the Clarity Catalyst mindfulness program. He's taken his life coaching skills into schools and offers one-on-one coaching to patients who need that support.

West also has a contract with a local manufacturer to provide on-site workers' compensation medical visits, an agreement that saves the company money in the long run. But he is passionate about providing those low-cost blood draws.

"Those labs are a huge service for this community," he said.

RCH Wellness performs labs on Mondays and Wednesdays and holds weight loss appointments on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The clinic is located at 50 Commercial Way; call 775-455-4254.

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District Court June 11

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened on Tuesday, June 11, with Judge James Shirley presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Amanda Marie Todd, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Assault on an Officer, which is punishable by 1-4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. The factual basis stated that Todd willfully and intentionally placed an officer in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm by kicking him in the right leg. Judge Shirley ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for August 13.

Dominick Scott Burttt pleaded guilty to two charges. Count I: the wobbler charge of Attempt to Possess a Stolen Vehicle, which can be sentenced as either a Gross Misdemeanor, carrying a potential penalty of 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000, or as a Category D Felony, punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a potential fine of up to \$5,000. Count II: the Category D Felony of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, specifically for failing to register a change of address, which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Shirley ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for August 13.

Christopher Paul Zimmer pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Non-Support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or a Child, which is punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. According to the factual basis for the charge, Zimmer owes over \$11,000 in arrears on his ordered child support payments. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Judge Shirley scheduled sentencing for July 15, 2025, giving Zimmer 13 months to get current on his payments. Judge Shirley set the condition that if Zimmer makes full payments for the next twelve months, the charge will be reduced to a Gross Misdemeanor.

Star Joi Penola, in custody, admitted to sentencing violations concerning reporting, financial obligations, employment, and obtaining a substance abuse evaluation. Both the state and the defense asked that Penola's probation be revoked and for the underlying sentence to be imposed. Judge Shirley consented, revoking Penola's probation and ordering her to serve 210 days in the Churchill County Jail, with credit given for time served.

Amy Nicole Greene appeared for a hearing regarding her competency to stand trial. Judge Shirley stated that Greene canceled her scheduled competency evaluations. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court they have tried to schedule several times. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker also reported



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

several attempts to schedule evaluations with Greene, and she has either canceled or failed to show up for the appointment. Baker asked that Greene be returned to custody. Judge Shirley ordered Greene returned to custody until she gets her psychological evaluation, which was followed by an enraged outburst in which Greene yelled in the courtroom, "You cannot put me in jail! I am not going to jail for four weeks! Get off me! Don't touch me! Don't you ever roll your eyes at me again!" Greene was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for the imposition of the sentence. A status hearing was set for July 16.

FAILURES TO APPEAR

Latorence Hoskins was not present for his scheduled arraignment. Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel told the Court that he has no idea of his client's whereabouts. The Court Services Director reported Hoskins has not checked in since May 31. Judge Shirley issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Joseph Terrell Libbee was not present for arraignment. Public Defender Wright Noel told the court that Libbee bailed out without his knowledge. To his understanding, Libbee was unaware of his scheduled arraignment. The arraignment continued to June 18.

Local Man Charged with Attempted Murder

By Leanna Lehman

Last month, Kayden John Kelly of Fallon was charged with attempted murder, preventing a victim from reporting the crime and concealing evidence.

According to the First Amended Criminal Complaint filed in Fallon's New River Township Churchill Justice Court, Count I alleges that on May 6, 2024, Kayden John Kelly "willfully and unlawfully, with malice and aforethought, deliberately and with premeditation, attempt to kill Robin Aguiar," who is over 60. The complaint states that with the use of a deadly weapon, specifically a box cutter and/or knife, Kelly did cut her throat, constituting a charge of Attempt to Commit Murder with Use of a Deadly Weapon Against a Person 60 Years of Age or Older, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-20 years in prison. Kelli could receive a sentence enhancement of up to 20 additional years if convicted due to the victim's age.

Count II charges Kelly with Preventing or Dissuading Victim, Person Acting on Behalf of Victim, or Witness from Reporting Crime, Commencing Prosecution, or Causing Arrest, a Category D Felony punishable by 1-4 years. The complaint alleges that on the same day, Kelly intimidated or threatened the victim to prevent or dissuade her from reporting the crime by hindering or delaying her attempt to report by taking her cell phone from her.

Count III charges Kelly with Destroying or Concealing Evidence, a Gross Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in the Churchill County Jail. The allegations state that on May 6, Kelly also, with the intent to conceal the commission of any felony to delay or hinder prosecution, willfully destroyed, altered, erased, obliterated, or concealed the box cutter and/or knife used to cut his grandmother's throat.

Information from the Justice Court is pending and will be released as soon as it becomes available.



Kayden John Kelly. Photo courtesy of CCSO.



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EDUCATION

Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy

ALUMNUS BARRENCHEA WORKING WITH NDOW



Taryn Barrenchea with fish.

Oasis Academy 2021 graduate Taryn Barrenchea has spent her last two summers hiking in Northern Nevada, working with the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

“I’ve been working with the Nevada Department of Wildlife under the Fisheries Division,” Barrenchea said. “This is my second summer working this seasonal position, and I absolutely fell in love with it.”

The position has given Barrenchea a wide variety of hands-on field experience.

“I have conducted stream surveys in the Ruby Mountains,

conducted electrofishing surveys for estimating the population of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, taken DNA (EDNA) samples, stocked local reservoirs, done angler surveys, and I’ve participated in kids fishing derbies and free fishing day,” she said.

“Surveys for the Lahontan Cutthroat trout have involved taking fin clips to look at fish genetics along with measurements to assess the health and conditions of the trout,” she added.

Barrenchea knows involving youth through fishing derbies and fishing days is vital to her job.

“They are both a fun way to be involved with the public and reach future generations,” she said.

During the school year, Barrenchea is attending the University of Nevada, Reno. She will graduate in December with her Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

“After graduation, I hope to continue my journey with NDOW as a fisheries biologist,” she said.

Barrenchea has a couple of teachers she would like to thank for their influence during her time at Oasis in the dual degree program.

“I’d like to thank Mr. Andy Lenon for always having his door open for when I needed a pep talk when school was getting stressful,” Barrenchea said.

She also wants to thank Western Nevada College Math Professor Eric York.

“Mr. York not only taught me math, but he also taught me about myself. The life lessons I took away from his classes can’t be found in a textbook,” she added.

Barrenchea’s advice for future students is to try anything.

“I would tell future students to try anything and everything. You never know what you’ll come across and maybe even find your passion. It could turn into your career,” Barrenchea closed.

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS



Summer school students.

Some students were back in the classrooms starting Tuesday, June 4, for summer school. Summer school allows students to increase their English and math skills.

Classes run three days a week for a couple of hours each day.

“This is a great chance for students to get extra support in a small group setting,” said Rochelle Tisdale, interim Chief Executive Officer.

As a reminder, the school will be closed on June 19 in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

CONSTRUCTION HAPPENING TO EXPAND MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES

The Oasis Academy’s main building is busy with construction sounds. Two new classrooms and a flex room are being built in what was the Makerspace area.

The build-out is to create classrooms for the growing middle school grades and accommodate critical life skills classroom needs.

As part of Oasis Academy’s slow growth model, the seventh-grade class will grow to 72 students this year.

“We have been planning for a couple of years, knowing that we are in need of additional space for our growing school. This build-out will accommodate our needs for the foreseeable future,” added Rochelle Tisdale, interim Chief Executive Officer.



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SPORTS

An Inspiration To Us All

By Nancy Chapman

Sam Richie has carried many monikers in his 86 years. He has worked for a rodeo stock contractor, as a truck driver, cowboy, self-described shepherd, and team roper. The one that he is most proud of is being on the heading end of team roping.

He was born in Alvin, Texas, in July 1938. His mother passed away when he was four, and his dad passed when he was 14 years old. That is when his life changed, and he began learning his life skills. Three weeks into seventh grade, he left school and went to work at the Pierce Estate Ranch in Pierce, Texas. This was the single largest ranch in Texas then, running 14,000 head of mother cows and 500 bulls, employing 12 single cowboys and three married cowboys with families. The ranch also used 35 cow dogs, not all at once. They were of all ages, and each had their purpose, and one of Sam's jobs was feeding the dogs each day.

After working there for five years, he left and went to work for T Diamond Rodeo Stock Contractor, which was different from what it is today. He would ride every bucking horse and bucking bull and rope all the calves being used in the calf roping event, now known as tie-down roping. Sam said team roping was not a rodeo event in those days, so he did not team rope competitively at that time. After several years of this life, he and his wife moved to Nevada, and he began driving trucks.

In 1972, he and his wife purchased property in Fernley and became neighbors with Wanda Cagalari. He drove gravel trucks for Sierra Rentals in Reno for 19 years and then Granite Construction for another seven before retiring.

It was not until 2004 that he began team roping competitively. He was working for Venturacci Ranches hauling cattle to Eureka and helping with the cows wherever they were being taken, along with the branding, doctoring, and sorting. His daughter was selling a team roping horse, and he bought the sorrel gelding. He and his new horse Lucky would start roping at Larry Miller's arena and begin attending the ACTRA (American Cowboy Team Roping Association) finals held each year in Winnemucca, Nevada. In 2006, he and his partner won their time bracket and would win money and saddles.

Sam and Lucky are still roping together each spring and through the summer. They go to Wednesday night practice and Saturday and



Photo by Nancy Chapman.

Sunday jackpot roping held at Tommy Lee's Livestock, getting himself and Lucky in shape and at the same time becoming qualified for the ACTRA finals. His goal is to win one more saddle before he quits roping competitively.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all the Barracuda Swim Team swimmers who earned several high-point awards and ribbons during their Bishop swim meet earlier this month. The Barracudas thank all the committed parents, coaches, and mini coaches for encouraging poolside.

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COLUMNS



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Allison's Book Report



Vacation Edition

I am still on the road this week, enjoying time with family and friends amongst the trees on the Northern California coast. The Redwoods are gorgeous as always - we have seen elk and their day-old calves, a big burly bear fresh from his nap and looking for a snack, and the banana slugs are bountiful. Have you ever seen a banana slug? They are gigantic and very slimy and, if I'm being honest, really gross...But the kids are obsessed with them, and the banana slug has become the unofficial mascot of this trip. Ew.

I promise that I will be back to reading and rambling next week, but for this week, here are a few pictures from our adventures. As always, pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, where I never take a break from books—even while I am lost in the forest amongst the banana slugs.

Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

Chopped Salad with Chickpeas and Avocado

By Kelli Kelly

Last week was momentous—a hearty congratulations to The Fallon Post Team on the new format. We are now a grown-up paper with a fold. Changes abound at The Post, leading to the notification that our contribution deadlines have shifted forward a few days. So here it is, 4:50 p.m. on a Friday, and I am rushing to complete my column to enjoy a work-free weekend. Fortunately, there was a whole second half to last week's article, and the recipe is so tasty that I want to ensure you get a chance to try it out.

Without further ado, enjoy Kelli's Kitchen v. 6.11.2024 part 2:

Here's another recipe that caught my eye for those evenings when standing over a stovetop ranks as the last thing you want to do. The ingredients in this recipe can be flexed to include whatever fresh veggies you have on hand (radishes, cherry tomatoes, salad turnips, etc).

Chopped Salad with Chickpeas and Avocado - by Lidey Heuck

DIRECTIONS:

1. If you are making your croutons, heat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the diced bread on a sheet pan, drizzle with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Toss, then bake for 10-12 minutes, until well toasted. Set aside to cool.
2. Place the romaine pieces in a large mixing bowl, along with the chickpeas, cucumber, olives, and scallions.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together 6 tbsp. olive oil with the vinegar, capers, shallots, mustard, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Pour enough dressing over the salad to moisten and toss. Add the avocado, feta, and herbs and toss gently, adding more dressing to taste. Top with the croutons and a generous sprinkle of herbs, and serve.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups small diced stale bread, buns, or pita (or pre-made croutons)
- 6 tbsp. olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 romaine heart, quartered lengthwise and sliced into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 can chickpeas, rinsed
- 1 medium English cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup pitted Castelvetrano olives, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced scallions
- 2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp. drained capers, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp. minced shallots
- 1/4 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 firm-ripe avocado, halved, pitted, and diced
- 3/4 cups feta cheese, diced or crumbled
- 1/4 cup fresh herbs, chopped (dill, basil, mint, or parsley), plus more for serving



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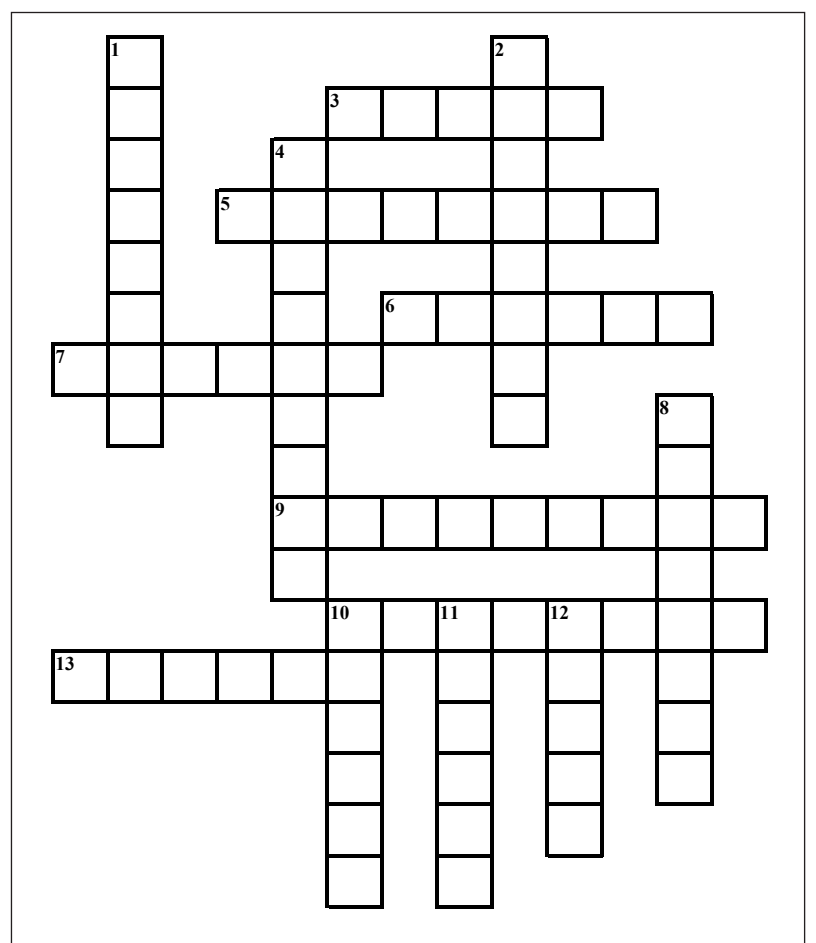
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1. 1939-1st US-London airline
5. 1843-Britain claimed island
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7. 1929-Authorized NV dam
9. 1993-Retired from Late Night
10. 1916-She signed \$1M film contract
13. 1978 -He premiered Evita

Down

1. 1947-Stole his 1st base
2. 1812-Russian invader
4. 1944-GI Bill signer
8. 2023-Succeeding Sajak
10. 1984-Released Purple Rain
11. 1876-Defeated at Little Bighorn
12. 1947-Her diary 1st published



COMMENTARY



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Nevada grazing lands

Nevada Livestock Grazing Laws - A Push for Change

By Doug Busselman, Nevada Farm Bureau

Over the past several years, an effort has been underway to update the boilerplate language in proposed Wilderness designation legislation.

Whenever Wilderness designations are discussed, and the conversation gets to livestock grazing on designated Wilderness, those who are promoting expanding Wilderness normally express that such a designation (whether the land was ever in a wilderness study area or only now was thought to have “wilderness characteristics”) won’t impact livestock grazing. We’re told that livestock grazing is allowed on Wilderness designated areas.

In Nevada, U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen’s proposed Wilderness bill, S. 3593 (also nicknamed the “Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act”), states that...“the grazing of livestock in a wilderness area managed by the Secretary, if established before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be allowed to continue, subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices.”

When the discussions first began in 2016 on what would become the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act, research uncovered the actual language of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 – H.R. 2570 and House Report No. 101-405 that went with that legislation. On February 21, 1990, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs agreed to the way that livestock grazing on the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 would be dealt with.

That language became the boilerplate wording that would accompany the Wilderness Acts from that point on. The language notes that it is the clear intent that livestock grazing “and activities and the necessary facilities to support a livestock grazing program will be permitted to continue...”

In order to make the requirements more transparent than being buried in references to a House Committee report that was adopted in 1990, the proposal that was made to Senator Rosen was to substitute the boilerplate language with language that explicitly restricted the curtailments of grazing in wilderness areas or National Conservation Areas. It also specified that wilderness or National Conservation designations should not be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly “phase out” grazing, and any adjustments in the numbers of livestock permitted to graze in wilderness areas should be made as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process, giving consideration to legal mandates, range condition, and the protection of the range resource from deterioration.

That language was not only not accepted but simply ignored without any discussion or response. Because the “Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act” also includes large swaths of National Conservation Area designations, the thought was to include the protections for livestock grazing and assurances to be able to continue with livestock grazing. There are more acres established as National Conservation Areas than Wilderness.

The unwillingness to consider the proposal as a compromise was a major reason for the Nevada Farm Bureau and other livestock grazing advocates to take a position of opposition to S. 3593. These reasons were communicated to the Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forest and Mining Committee on Energy and Natural Resources when the hearing on S. 3593 was held on June 12, 2024.

Another reason for opposition to the legislation was the inclusion of language in the bill that provided for the “voluntary donation of grazing permits and leases.”

In a separate section, the bill granted authority to the Secretary of Interior to accept valid existing leases or permits for livestock grazing on public lands of the Mosquito Valley and Horse Lake allotments.

Existing laws don’t allow for retirement or “voluntary donations” of existing grazing permits. If a permittee doesn’t want to continue with their grazing allotment, they can sell their permit or give it up to be reissued to someone else who would like to own the allotment.

There is a bit of a contention that the provisions of the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act are not very accepting of changes that would clarify positive recognition for livestock grazing on designated Wilderness or National Conservation Areas, but, oh, by the way, provides for an anti-livestock grazing owner to permanently delete livestock grazing on the allotments that they control.

Under ideal conditions, the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act will fail to gain adoption into law, and perhaps future Wilderness bills will be able to provide for the transparent authorization for livestock grazing and assurance for being able to carry out necessary maintenance and improvements to protect and enhance rangelands.

For more information on this legislation, visit www.nvfb.org.



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All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard. Prior to the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada and any comments so submitted will be considered by the City Council.

Sean Richardson
City Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF OPEN APPOINTEIVE POSITION

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking public-spirited citizens willing to serve as a member on the **Library Board of Trustees**. The Library Board is a governing board that meets once a month. This person will serve on a five (5) member board and act as Library Trustee for the public library. Applications are being considered for any mid-term or full-term openings that may be available. For more details, interested persons may talk to the County Manager's Office for additional information about the Library Board and what the position entails.

Interested persons may obtain an Application at Churchill County Human Resources, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 177, Fallon, Nevada 89406 or by downloading at: <https://nv-churchillcounty.civicplus.com/773/AdvisoryGoverning-Board-Openings>. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address **not later than 3:00 PM on June 26, 2024**.

Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DATE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION, HIGHWAY COMMISSION, & CC COMMUNICATIONS' BOARD MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Commissioners, Highway Commission, and CC Communications have changed the DATE of their first meeting scheduled in July 2024. The meetings will occur on **Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 8:15 AM, 1:15 PM, and 1:45 PM respectively at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Commission Chambers, Fallon, NV.**

Pamela D. Moore,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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NOTICE OF APPOINTEIVE POSITION VACANCY

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking two public-spirited citizens who are willing to serve as a member on the **Churchill County Planning Commission**. The Planning Commission is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners and will meet twice monthly. These persons will be on a seven (7) member board responsible for decisions with Planning Department matters associated within Churchill County. Both members will serve a term from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028. Computer knowledge and experience is essential. Familiarity with Churchill County and a broad understanding of Churchill County's governance, Master Plan, and land use planning policies is preferred. For more details, interested persons may talk to the Public Works Director for additional information about the Planning Commission and what the position entails. Interested persons may obtain an application at the Human Resources Department, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 177, Fallon, Nevada 89406. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address **not later than 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2024**.

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