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## First Human Case of Bird Flu Discovered in Fallon Dairy Worker

### Worker healthy with mild symptoms, milk supply remains safe

By Leanna Lehman

A dairy worker in Churchill County tested positive for avian influenza A (H5N1) after exposure to infected dairy cattle, marking Nevada's first reported human case. Health officials were seen testing dairies in the area last week. However, the report came from state and federal health officials on Monday, February 10, when they confirmed that a local dairy worker, experiencing eye irritation and redness (conjunctivitis), has the virus.



Fallon Dairy Farm. Photo courtesy of DFA.

The Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say there is no evidence of the virus spreading between people, and they continue to assess the overall risk to the public as low. The worker reported no other symptoms and is already recovering. However, health officials are monitoring farm workers who may have been exposed and are offering protective equipment, antiviral medication, and testing as needed.

The virus is known as H5N1, but it has different strains. The version identified in Churchill County, called D1.1, was confirmed in Nevada cattle on January 31 during routine testing.

While H5N1 has been found in dairy herds across the country,

this is the first known human case linked to the D1.1 strain in cattle.

Until now, this strain of avian flu has only been confirmed in poultry-related cases. As the virus is presenting in dairy cows, officials are raising questions about how the virus is being transmitted.

Despite this development, the CDC continues to emphasize that the risk to the general public remains low. Most previous human cases of bird flu in the U.S. have been mild and involved people who worked closely with infected animals.

According to CNH, the worker's only symptom was conjunctivitis (pink eye), which is not uncommon for farm workers, whether from viruses, bacteria, or environmental irritants. In cases of bird flu, the virus can infect the eye when a person comes into contact with contaminated animals, typically in saliva or respiratory droplets from infected animals. Contamination most often occurs

during routine cattle care and management, like handling cows during milking or health checks. The virus transfers when a worker touches the face, eyes, or nose and then touches one's own eyes.

Aerosol exposure can also create risk. Being near infected cows when they sneeze, cough, or release virus particles into the air can result in transmission. Contaminated surfaces are also problematic, as the virus can survive on milking equipment, barn surfaces, and hands before being transferred to the eye.

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## Desert Pigs Tackle Illegal Dumps, Plan Another Cleanup Sunday

Staff Report

A group of local volunteers hauled away an estimated 80 yards of trash from two illegal dump sites in the Churchill County desert last weekend, making multiple trips to the transfer station in under four hours.

Nearly two dozen volunteers with Desert Pigs, a nonprofit dedicated to cleaning up public lands, worked together to fill five trailers and three truck beds—twice—removing debris that might have otherwise blown across the landscape.

The group, which organizes cleanup efforts nearly every weekend, will be back at it again this Sunday at 9 a.m. at Fox Peak. Volunteers are encouraged to join.

For more information on upcoming events, visit DesertPigs.com. Stay posted for more on this outstanding group of Nevadans.



Photos courtesy of Desert Pigs



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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log

## The People Who Make Us

By Rachel Dahl

*Mike McGinness was a good friend. He and Dee and their kids were, somehow, always on the periphery of my life.*

As a child, my dad would take me out to the radio station, which is probably where I first met them. When I was a senior in high school, I got to do the teacher training class and was assigned to Mrs. Cunnyingham's class where their son Ryan was a fifth grader.

Mike served on the school board and then was in the Assembly and eventually the State Senate. He ran the local Republican party where, as an adult, I got to know him when I became involved in local politics. He was one of the best models of what a community leader should be – patient, calm, wise, thoughtful, and most of all kind.

He was the one who told me when I wanted to run to be the Chairman of the local party that I was too young – and then he went on to support me through several years of service in both the women's club and the central committee.

When I had an opportunity at the University during my bachelor's program to intern at the Legislature, of course, Mike took me on. I got to write letters for him, attend floor sessions, and meet with constituents. He protected me from the lobbyists who played the "How many interns can I date" game and introduced me to all the great contacts a budding public servant could want.

He even helped me change a flat tire in the parking garage after a long day of meetings, he in his legislator suit, taking pity on me in my dress.

To the young, political junkie I was at the time, it was pure heaven.

Over the years he, like Bob Erickson and Mike Mackedon and Shirley Walker and Rick Lattin and Kenny Tedford, advised me and supported me. Sometimes, they chastised me but were always there—the other people who raised you besides your parents. The proverbial village before "it takes a village" was even cool.

I've watched these people over the years and tried to follow in their footsteps the best I could – taking the best from each as I shaped my own life.

So while I write this morning, remembering a very dear friend, I acknowledge all those who brought me right here so I can continue ...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rachel



L to R: Pete Goicoechea, John Ocegüera, Brian Sandoval, and our beloved Mike McGinness.

[ Bird Flu continued from page 1 ]

This is similar to past H5N1 infections in poultry workers, where conjunctivitis was also the main symptom.

Is Nevada's Milk Safe? Absolutely.

One of the biggest concerns when this virus emerges in dairy cattle is whether milk remains safe to drink. The answer is yes—and here's why:

Pasteurization kills the virus. Milk sold to consumers must be pasteurized before hitting the shelves. Pasteurization heats milk to temperatures of 61°-280°F that destroy viruses and bacteria, including H5N1.

These methods have been shown to eliminate bird flu viruses, meaning there is no risk of infection from store-bought dairy products.

Also, every cow is tested, and infected milk never leaves the dairy. Nevada dairy farms follow strict testing protocols to keep the milk supply safe. If one cow in a production group (called a string) test positive, all the milk from that group is discarded—even if the other cows test negative. This ensures that no contaminated milk enters the food chain.

Most of Churchill County's milk is processed at the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) plant, where it undergoes further

safety steps beyond pasteurization. DFA milk is turned into powdered milk, which involves dehydration and high-heat processing, further reducing or eliminating any trace pathogens that could be present.

With these safeguards in place, there is no risk to consumers who drink pasteurized milk or eat dairy products made from it.

While public health officials say everyday exposure for the public is not a concern, those who work directly with livestock should continue following common-sense precautions to protect themselves.

State and federal agencies continue monitoring the situation in Nevada and nationwide. The CDC, USDA, and local health departments are working closely with dairy farms to prevent further spread.

Officials urge anyone who notices sick or dead birds, livestock, or other animals to report it to USDA Wildlife Services or the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

This is an isolated case for now, and health experts say there is no reason for public alarm. With rigorous testing, strict safety protocols, and the natural barriers pasteurization and processing provided, Nevada's dairy supply remains safe, and the overall risk to residents is low.

FEATURES

# Fallon Chamber of Commerce Honors Local Businesses and Organizations

Staff Report

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce celebrated excellence in local business and community service at its annual awards dinner on Friday, Feb. 7. The event recognized businesses, organizations, and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service, innovation, and commitment to Fallon.

Nominees in various categories represented a wide range of industries, from food service to retail, professional services to nonprofit organizations. The evening acknowledges the contributions of new and long-standing Fallon businesses and individuals and groups dedicated to our community.

The evening served as another example of Fallon's strong community engagement, our entrepreneurial spirit, and the dedication of businesses and organizations to serving residents.



Chamber Board Member Angela Guthrie with Tron and Jessica Huckabee of Huck Salt for Outstanding Business Innovations. Photos by Rachel Dahl.



Board Member Valerie Johnston with Kim Urso and Kylie Pack of Yellow Petal Flower Farm for Outstanding Home-Based Business.



Left to right: Pastor Dawn Blundell, Board Member Angela Guthrie, Grant Mills, Edith Isidoro Mills, and Steve Russell with Wolf Hall for Outstanding Helping Heart Award.



Cadet Lieutenant Commander Keileene Kato, CCHS NJROTC CO and Cadet Lieutenant Humphrey Arata, CCHS NJROTC XO with the crew from Banner Churchill Community Hospital.



Chamber Director Merlene Ward and Executive Director Lucy L. Carnahan.



Michelle Gabiola-Rogers with Mama's Meats Owner Shelbe Hall-Seay for Outstanding Customer Service – Small Business.



Board Member Merlene Ward with Joe Frey for Ag Leader of the Year.

*Congratulations*

## 2025 Fallon Chamber of Commerce Award Winners

### OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE FOOD AND/OR BEVERAGE

Winner: Courtyard Café

Top Nominees: The Grid Restaurant & Brewery, Silver Peak

### OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE RETAIL BUSINESS

Winner: Louie's Ace Home Center

Top Nominees: The Village, Cranberry Cottage

### OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE SMALL BUSINESS

Winner: Momma's Meat Company

Top Nominees: Woody's Burger Shack, Dandelion Express Florist

### OUTSTANDING BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Winner: Cranberry Cottage Speakeasy

Top Nominees: Oasis Academy, Franzini Building

### OUTSTANDING BUSINESS/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Winner: Financial Horizons Credit Union

Top Nominees: Berney Realty, Nevada State Bank

### OUTSTANDING HOME-BASED BUSINESS

Winner: Yellow Petal Flower Farm

Top Nominees: Deadeye Dirtworks

### OUTSTANDING BUSINESS INNOVATIONS

Winner: Huck Salt

Top Nominees: Cheek Construction

### OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE SERVICES AND/OR REPAIR BUSINESS

Winner: Hiskett & Sons

Top Nominees: Fallon Auto Mall, Cheek Construction

### OUTSTANDING LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Winner: Churchill Animal Protection Society

Top Nominees: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League/Toys for Tots

### OUTSTANDING HELPING HEART AWARD

Winner: The Wolf Center

Top Nominees: Centro de la Familia, American Legion

### BEST NEW BUSINESS START-UP

Winner: Street Golf

Top Nominees: Maine St. Cigar Company, The Rusted Rose

### RECOGNIZED AG LEADER OF THE YEAR

Winner: Joe Frey


Top Nominees: Lattin Family

### OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE HEALTH AND/OR BEAUTY SERVICES BUSINESS

Winner: Banner Health, Churchill Community Hospital

Top Nominees: Skin Cancer & Dermatology, Chandler & Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**PETS OF THE WEEK**

**Cat Adoption Event**  
**Feb. 15, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
 Come meet adorable, adoptable cats looking for their forever homes.  
 4629 Reno Highway, Fallon

**Yard Sale Event**  
**Feb. 15–17, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
 Find great deals while supporting a great cause. All proceeds go toward the care of our shelter cats.  
 6305 Lakeview Drive, Fallon

Hey, cat lovers! Exciting news. The FAWG shelter is now open every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Whether you're in the mood to check out our adorable cats, drop off a donation, or just come by for a friendly chat, we'd love to see you. Swing by, say hi, and share some love with our furry friends.

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada. Questions? Call 775-217-4745 or, for barn cats, call Pat at 775-217-7248.

**CAPS CAPS Pet O the Week**



Willy is an adorable 6-month-old male Husky and Dalmatian mix with beautiful heterochromia, ready to fill your life with playful energy and puppy cuddles. He's active, curious, and full of love, making him the perfect companion for an active family or individual looking for a fun-loving dog. While still learning and growing, Willy is eager to find his forever family where he can continue to thrive and show just how sweet and loyal he can be. If you're ready to embark on a journey of fun, training, and unconditional love, come meet Willy today.

Churchill Animal Protection Society  
 5894 Pasture Rd, Fallon  
 775-423-7500 | capsnevada.org

**City of Fallon Animal Shelter**



Ralo is a two-year-old Lab/Husky mix looking for a new home. His previous owner described him as playful, affectionate, and submissive, getting along well with dogs, cats, and people. He's house-trained, leash-trained, and knows basic commands like sit, down and come.

If you think he'd be a great fit for your family, stop by or give us a call. Also, the City of Fallon Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers.

City of Fallon Animal Shelter  
 1255 Airport Rd, Fallon | 775-423-2282



**Births**  
 January Births at Banner Hospital

**Amelia Ginny Rose Leggett was born Jan. 2**  
 the first baby of 2025, to Alisa and Aaron Leggett weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz., measuring 19 inches.

**Alexander Jacob (A.J.) Perez was born Jan. 9**  
 to Jennifer and Alexander Perez weighing 5 lbs. 11 oz., measuring 21 inches.

**Starla Roxanne Daresa McEvers was born Jan. 15**  
 to Robin Brady and Joshua McEvers weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz., measuring 20 1/2 inches.

**Lavilla Sage Morgan was born Jan. 17**  
 to Baylei Rivera and Michael Morgan weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz., measuring 20 1/2 inches.

**Leo Alexander Faught was born Jan. 18**  
 to Shannon and Hadley Faught weighing 8 lbs., measuring 20 1/2 inches.



**January Marriages**

- 1/3/2025 Ashleigh Stephanie Arizana (32) to Anthony Michael Yazzie (34)
- 1/7/2025 Briana Nicole Gagliardo (35) to Jared Alexander Ishmael (29) both of Carson City
- 1/13/2025 Gabriela Berenice Valenzuela (22) to Heriberto Salvador Sanchez Solorio (26)
- 1/15/2025 Adrian German Lara (27) to Berta Alicia Luna (27)
- 1/16/2025 Daniel John Wellsfry (37) to Patricia Ann Wagner (50)
- 1/17/2025 Sergio Diego Lozano Chavez (58) to Maria Petra Ortega Marquez (57)
- 1/21/2025 Tom Lee Furr (36) to Jackie Elaine Raymond (37)
- 1/23/2025 Allison Sharon Kay Lister (23) to Devin Kyle Bridgewater (24)
- 1/24/2025 Eve Autym Dean (22) to Paul Chancellor Cavanaugh (26)
- 1/24/2025 Ashley Malaika Mackey (31) to John Dustin Laurant (34)
- 1/24/2025 Kim-Ngan Chanh Pham (35) of Fernley to James Robert Dexter (37) of Fallon
- 1/27/2025 Olivia Frances Maestes (25) of Ely to Onix Alves de Quadros (26) of Fallon
- 1/31/2025 Ruby Ugalde (25) to Ernesto Munoz Rodriguez (27)

**Movies & More**  
**February 14 & 15**

By Kelli Perez

Fallon Theatre Events Continue With "Shrek 2" and "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"

Last weekend's Galentine's events were a blast and a huge success! A big thank you to everyone who joined us, whether it was for the free concert with The Domesticated Man Band, the movies, or our 5K fundraiser. It's always amazing to see such incredible support from the community!

This weekend, on both Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., we're continuing the beloved DreamWorks animated fractured fairy tale series with a screening of "Shrek 2," featuring the voice talents of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, and Cameron Diaz. In this sequel, Shrek and Fiona head to the Kingdom of Far Far Away to celebrate their marriage with Fiona's royal parents, only to discover their welcome isn't as warm as expected. The film is rated PG with a runtime of 1 hour and 33 minutes.

At 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we're heading back to the picturesque, albeit fictional, Greek island of Kalokairi

for "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again." Set five years after the original "Mamma Mia!" (2008), Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna while uncovering more about her mother's past. This PG-13-rated film has a runtime of 1 hour and 54 minutes.

The Fallon Theatre plays a crucial role in the vibrancy and character of Maine Street, serving as both a cultural hub and a historic landmark that connects the community. The support of local residents, businesses, and visitors is vital to ensuring its continued success and relevance. The mission of Fallon Community Theatre, Inc. is to preserve, renovate, and operate the historic Fallon Theatre while offering a diverse range of enriching activities that engage and inspire the community.

Along with free movies, exciting events, and advertising opportunities, we also offer our newly refurbished marquee for personalized messages. To reserve a Marquee Message or book an auditorium for a party, contact us at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

## OBITUARIES

**PATRICIA GENE ROWE***Feb. 2, 1941 – Jan. 23, 2025*

Lovelock sadly lost a pillar on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, when Patricia Gene Rowe (Gigi), also lovingly known as Mrs. Rowe to the thousands of kids she has impacted over the years, passed away at home surrounded by her family.

Pat was born on Feb. 2, 1941, to Buster and Merle Hoysted in Elko, Nevada. Pat was the fourth descendant of George Lovelock, and she took that role seriously through her undying devotion to making Lovelock a better place to live and raise kids. When it came to anything needing to be done for the betterment of Lovelock, it was never her style to sit back and talk about it or watch someone else do it without her. She was the first one to step up and do whatever needed to get the job done. She was never afraid to get her hands dirty or work tirelessly for others.

Her contributions include her passion as a first-grade teacher for more than 43 years, swim team coach for over 45 years, the co-creator of Lovelock Frontier Days, Lovelock City Councilwoman, another 40-plus-year stint as Fair and Recreation director, development of Santa for Seniors, and so much more. The list of her accomplishments is many, but those she cherished most were being named Nevada State Teacher of the Year, National State Teacher of the Year (NSTOY), a Milken Family Foundation Award recipient, and meeting President Ronald Reagan, all of which recognized her devotion to education. Her dream was to create a world of lifelong learners.

When she was asked what she was most proud of in her life, she stated her greatest success, and the one she took the most pride in, was her family. Being called Gigi gave her the greatest joy. The kids would always brag, “Gigi gives the best tickles and makes the best mac ‘n’ cheese ever!” She took every opportunity to spend time with her grandkids and great-grandkids, lavishing them with whatever they wanted while sharing her expertise in all things related to shopping, especially shoes and clothes. Gigi always looked forward to her great-grandkids spending the summer at “Gigi’s pool,” trips to Disneyland and Lake Tahoe, and recitals, games, and every other activity they chose to get involved in. There was never a milestone in any of her family’s lives that she was not found in the front row, rooting and cheering them on. She spent the better part of her years sitting in grandstands across Nevada, and even beyond, watching all the sports and activities her family was involved in. She was everyone’s biggest fan and supporter.

This honor was not just reserved for her immediate family—it was also extended to her adopted “family,” which was vast. Even though Lori was an only child, Jim and Pat never owned a vehicle that was not either a van or a station wagon so they were able to carry several kids to every event. This continued into the second and third generations. The house was never quiet, and it was not unusual to have several kids sprawled all over the living room floor or several additions at the dinner table. Up to the days before she passed, Pat would be found in her assumed position at every volleyball game keeping score, at the poolside running swim meets or swimming lessons, creating summer recreation books, delivering Santa for Seniors bags, or creating lecture schedules for church. When it came to thinking of others, her generosity was grand, and her attitude was grander. Pat never lost her wit and continued to “boss” those around her until the very end.

Pat is survived by her husband of 64 years, James B. Rowe; their daughter, Lori Lynch (Jim); grandchildren, Brad Lynch (Kaci) and Lyndsi Lynch; great-grandchildren, Lexi, Ander, Remi, and Jovi Lynch; sister, Elaine Pommerening (Dale); nieces, Debi Welch (Fred) and Dana Montes (Keith); nephew, Dan Pommerening (Keri); and countless great-nieces and great-nephews.

Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she interacted with, as well as those she reached but never met. Private services will be held for immediate family only, but you can help her kindness, loyalty, and compassion continue by donating to the Pat Rowe Scholarship Fund or volunteering at one of the organizations Mrs. Rowe loved so much.

**JOSEPH MARVIN “MIKE” MCGINNESS***April 12, 1947 – February 9, 2025*

Joseph Marvin “Mike” McGinness was born in Fallon on April 12, 1947, to Joseph William and Helen Marie McGinness. He passed away Feb. 9, 2025, at his home in Fallon at the age of 77.

Mike lived in Nevada his entire life. He grew up in Schurz while his father worked as a district supervisor for the Nevada Department of Transportation. The family moved to Fallon when Mike began high school.

He met his wife, Deanna, at Churchill County High School, and they married while attending the University of Nevada, Reno. After graduation, the two moved back to Fallon, where they worked for the family business, radio station KVLV-AM and KVLV-FM.

Mike worked as station manager and disc jockey at KVLV. Due to his lifelong work in radio, he was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1999. He also served as the voice of Fallon Greenwave high school sports beginning in 1973 and was inducted into the Greenwave Hall of Fame in 1999.

Mike and Dee raised three children in Fallon—Ryan, Brett, and Shannon.

He held public office for nearly three decades, first as chair of the Churchill County School Board from 1984 to 1988; then as a member of the Nevada Assembly from 1989 to 1991, and the Nevada Senate from 1993 to 2012. Throughout his time with the Nevada Legislature, Mike represented a wide swath of rural Nevada, covering 10 of the state’s 17 counties. At one time, he represented the largest state Senate district in the continental United States.

While in the Senate, he was chair of the Senate Taxation Committee and was elected by his colleagues to serve as Senate minority leader from 2011 to 2012.

A lifelong public servant, Mike was a longtime member of the Fallon Kiwanis Club and Fallon Ducks Unlimited. He served as president of the Nevada State Fair Board of Directors, chairman of the Churchill County Parks and Recreation Commission, and commissioner of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline.

He also served in the Nevada Air National Guard as a staff sergeant and was named Airman of the Year in 1973.

In his spare time, Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and camping throughout Nevada and Oregon with family and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Jo Ellen McGinness. He is survived by his wife, Deanna; his children, Ryan (Phil), Brett (Sara), and Shannon (Jamie); and his six grandchildren—Aidan, Katie, George, Blake, Joseph, and Elizabeth.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Oats Park Arts Center, 151 E. Park St., Fallon.

In Mike’s memory, please consider donating to the scholarship fund of the University of Nevada, Reno’s Fallon Alumni Chapter ([www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters/fallon](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters/fallon)) or to Epworth United Methodist Church’s Wolf Center ([www.epworthfallon.org/serve](http://www.epworthfallon.org/serve)) if you are able.

**DONALD MELLO***Jan. 14, 1944*

Donald Mello, 80, passed away in Fallon. He was born Jan. 14, 1944, to Betty (Freman) Mello and Manuel Mello in Water Valley, Mississippi. Shortly after his father left to fight in World War II, he and his mother returned to Fallon. He attended Churchill County schools and graduated from Churchill County High School in 1963.

After high school, he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission, assisting in the nuclear testing that has made Nevada famous on the world stage. He later became a draftsman at Churchill County Telephone Company, where he worked for 38 years, retiring as general manager.

During this time, the most important moment of his life came when he fell in love with Sandra Mori. Sandra and Don married and stood side by side for 58 years, bringing two children, Traci and Scott, into the world.

Throughout his life, Don was an active member of his community. He was the player agent for Little League Baseball for 18 years and also coached several teams. He was part of the local PTA, served as president, and helped organize the annual PTA parade. Don served on the Churchill County School Board for 10 years. He was a hobbyist racecar driver and a football star in his youth, as well as an avid hunter, fisherman, and talented woodworker throughout his later life. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and an active RPEN (Retired Public Employees of Nevada) member for 23 years, serving as president for the last 10.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Betty (Freeman) Mello and Manuel Mello; stepfather, Alva Case; brother, Joe Mello; and sister, Jeanie Mello.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra; children, Traci Ledesma and Scott (Brandy) Mello; grandchildren, Amber (Abe) Dibben, Jacob Ledesma, Cole Mello, and Mikala Ledesma; great-grandchild, Dawson Dibben; brothers and sisters, Garnet (Dennise) Mello, Mike (Bretlyn) Mello, Ava Case, and Roberta Williams; several nieces and nephews; and his adopted family, Nona McFarlane and Billy Erb. He is also survived by his telephone company family and the many people in the community whose lives he touched.

A celebration of life will be held at Smith Family Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025. The viewing will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the funeral at noon and a gathering at the Eagles Hall.

COMMUNITY

# CAPS Updates on Appointments, Donations

Churchill Animal Protective Society (CAPS) remains open by appointment only as the shelter undergoes extensive interior construction. Community members interested in adopting a pet or seeking information are encouraged to contact staff via email at caps@ccomm.net to schedule an appointment.

In addition, CAPS is currently clearing out storage sheds and is temporarily pausing donations of linens, including blankets, towels, and dog beds. Those unsure whether an item is needed should email the shelter for guidance.

Due to ongoing construction, all donations must be scheduled in advance to ensure donor safety. The shelter is currently most in need of pet food, Kong treats for enrichment, snacks for volunteers, bleach, printer paper, and monetary contributions.

CAPS staff expressed gratitude to its dedicated community of workers, volunteers,

and local businesses that have provided support during the renovation process. "Thank you for putting extra time and effort into helping us make CAPS an even safer place for animals," Krista Swager said.

For more information or to schedule a donation or adoption appointment, contact CAPS at caps@ccomm.net.



### WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken February 11, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	159,200 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	2.15 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	462.0 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	427.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	252.0cfs

February 11, 2024	February 11, 2023	February 11, 2022
237,927 acre feet	115,037 acre feet	92,436 acre feet

*Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second | Af - Acre Feet | TCID.org & Water Data.USGS.gov*

### MEETINGS

## February 17-21, 2025

Fallon City Council Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 4 a.m. 55 W. Williams Ave. - City Hall	Board of County Commissioners Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 1:15 p.m.
County Meetings 155 N. Taylor St. Commission Chambers	Insurance Advisory Committee Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m.
Regional Transportation Commission Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m.	County Commissioners Budget Hearings Day 2 Thursday, Feb. 20 at 8 a.m.
County Commissioners Budget Hearings Day 1 Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m.	



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COMMUNITY



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) recently had a ribbon cutting for their new office location on NAS Fallon. NMCRS is opening a Uniform Locker and used uniform shop on Feb 30 at 11 a.m. If you are on base, come in and check out their low prices on gently used uniforms for active-duty Sailors and Marines. *Photo courtesy of NMCRS.*

## “Pump Boys and Dinettes” Tickets on Sale February 16 for Fallon Theater

Performing Arts of Churchill County is pleased to announce that tickets for the small cast musical “Pump Boys and Dinettes” go on sale on Sunday, February 16, for the Fallon, Nevada performances. Tickets are \$15 each, and the show will be performed at the Fallon Theater on April 25-26 and May 9-10. There will be a 7 p.m. show each night and an additional 1 p.m. matinees on April 26 and May 10.

“Pump Boys and Dinettes” is the smash on and off Broadway hit that celebrates the camaraderie and everyday life of a group who works at a small town diner and gas station. Appropriate for all ages, this small-cast musical combines country, rock, and blues music to tell the story of this close-knit community.

Directed by Tom Fleming, “Pump Boys and Dinettes” is the first small cast musical to be presented by PACC, and the first time PACC is exporting local talent to more than just the Fallon area. The show will open in Yerington, Nevada, on April 19 at the Dini Cultural Center and will also perform at the Brewery Arts Auditorium in Carson City on May 2 and 3. Ticket information for the Brewery Arts Auditorium in Carson is available at this link: <https://breweryarts.org/event/20250502-pump-boys-dinettes/>.

PACC is currently looking for volunteers for the 2025-2026 season of musicals, including an upcoming community musical. The volunteer application is available on the PACC website if you would like to volunteer.



## CCHS Intern Spotlight

*Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura*

This week’s intern spotlight is on CCHS Junior Brody Cabral. Brody is working with Fallon Ford, who has been a Churchill County High School Work Based Learning business partner since the program’s inception.

Brody graduates in 2026 and currently works in the detailing department. He has plans to go to college and is interested in engineering or wildlife management. Demonstrating a great work ethic, Brody is always willing to help in any way he can.



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## CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

## Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, February 4, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Carlos Casillas-Morales appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sales, to which he pleaded guilty in December.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court it appears Casillas-Morales is not in the United States legally; he claims the drugs (over 24 grams with 28 grams or more constituting transporting or trafficking) were for personal use despite the way they were packaged. "A hit is .1 gram; you can figure out the math to that pretty easily," Mills stated, asking Judge Stockard to send a message that this kind of thing will not be tolerated.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel said his client maintains the drugs were for his own use, not for sales. Noel added that besides this one incident, Casillas-Morales has been a model citizen in our community. Noel asked for probation, considering Casillas-Morales has no prior criminal history, has accepted responsibility, and has cooperated.

Judge Stockard sentenced Casillas-Morales to 12-32 months in the Nevada State Prison and remanded him to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Jordan Adam Cunningham 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. Cunningham told the court he had gone over the guilty plea memorandum with his attorney "a little bit." Judge Stockard trailed the proceedings to allow him to confer with defense counsel. When Stockard called the case again, Cunningham was not present. A \$5,000 bondable bench warrant was issued.

Cody Oscar Meyrahn pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Assault on an Officer, which is punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000. According to the factual basis, Meyrahn threw a bottle of vitamins at an officer.

Deputy DA Priscilla Baker explained that the defendant was highly intoxicated at the time, with a Blood Alcohol Level (BAL) of

.826, and recommended treatment. APD Noel told the court his client did not even remember the incident and had been sober for over a month and asked that the court follow the recommendations of the plea agreement.

Meyrahn told the court, "I've learned alcohol is not my friend. It impairs my judgment, and it really changes my character..." Judge Stockard granted Meyrahn probation on a suspended 364-day sentence and ordered him to obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation.

Jason Manuel Rothert appeared via Zoom for a Status Hearing regarding the Category C Felony of Non-support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or a Child to which he pleaded guilty in September. At that time, the proceedings continued to allow Rothert to pay \$440 a month for a year on his arrears of \$22,101.13.

Chief Deputy DA Mills reported Rothert has made payments, although late. Mills said the state and the defense agree, "we're going to start this fresh, for another year, and it's due on the first ... and it better be in ... the State of Nevada's hot little hand on the fifth."

Judge Stockard agreed to the terms of the agreement and extended the case for twelve more months.

Travis Reed Johnson appeared on a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of Failure to Enter and Complete the Western Regional Drug Court, which he previously admitted in January.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked for probation, stating his client has appeared in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court (WNRDC) specialty program weekly as ordered, now a plan which Drug Court has accepted, and he receives treatment through a separate provider. Further, Sommer said the court Service will continue drug testing for now.

DDA Priscilla Baker told the court, "If this defendant is willing to give diversion another chance, the state would have no objection." Judge Stockard told Johnson, "I'm proud of you... the progress you've made ... you've come up with a plan, and that's good, you're invested in it." He reinstated Johnson's probation.

Seth Christian Overson, in custody,

appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, to which he pled guilty in December.

Senior Deputy DA Chelsea Sanford requested 24 – 60 months in prison, explaining Overson was in possession of a stolen vehicle from Washoe County, came to Fallon, was arrested, was granted release on his own recognizance (OR), then stole another vehicle in Pershing County. He served 11 months there and was transferred to Churchill on a warrant for Failure to Appear. Sanford said when this defendant is unsupervised, he engages in criminal activity.

CCPD Jacob Sommer said his client feels his conduct was unacceptable and intends not to repeat it. Sommer asked for a minimum prison term, stating his client promises no further acts of this kind, "That's his commitment to this court, and that's his commitment to our community," said Sommer.

Overson received 15 - 60 months in prison and was remanded to the sheriff's custody for imposition of the sentence.

Kristin Kay Scott, in custody, admitted to a second Technical Sentencing Violation in a year. CCPD Sommer told the court Scott knows she doesn't deserve accommodation or mercy. However, Sommer stated that Hoving Home will hold a bed for her for a week. He asked for probation reinstatement and treatment. Scott said she wants "to be back to that person that I want to be," and to better herself.

Officer Ramirez with Parole and Probation said the division wanted to see her in the program. SDDA Chelsea Sanford did not believe Scott should be reinstated, recalling the saying, "A thief will work twice as hard to steal a dime than to earn a quarter honestly." Sanford said Scott makes so much effort to lie, manipulate, and tell half stories. The state recommended her probation be revoked for 90 days.

Judge Stockard temporarily revoked Scott's probation and ordered her to serve seven days in jail, applying seven days credit for time served. He reinstated her probation and released her with the provision she was at Hoving Home in Las Vegas within 24 hours.

Rachel Nicole Brown's arraignment continued until January 25.

## Second Chance for Browning in Grand Larceny Case

By Teresa Moon

Donald Patrick Browning, in custody, appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court on Tuesday, February 4, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Browning was present for sentencing on the Category C Felony charge of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. "It took us a long time to get here," Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the court, "This is a 2019 case ... he was facing a habitual [sentencing enhancement for being a "habitual criminal"] ... the state, along with Washoe County, sought a global resolution ... we took habitual off, and we reduced charges to where he was only facing one count of Grand Larceny of vehicle... and what did this defendant do? He absconded; he failed to appear for sentencing. Five years have passed."

The state acknowledged Browning had paid \$1,850 in restitution to the victim in this case. However, Baker reported he was a career criminal in 2019; he kept stealing cars; when Browning gets caught in the car, "he bolts from the officer until the car crashes. And that's where he gets caught." Baker noted Browning's history, which includes six felonies, eleven misdemeanors, and one probation revocation, and "he needs to be held accountable for his actions."

CCPD Jacob Sommer conceded, stating, "The state is correct; Mr. Browning made a complete mess of his situation by absconding,

by leaving, and not taking responsibility." He said his client should suffer some consequences for his actions. "In the interim period of time, Mr. Browning engaged in what I can only consider to be an unbelievable change in his attitude, in his conduct, and his behavior," said Sommer who reported several people approached him saying Browning is an amazing person and asking where they can send this information.

Sommer told the court that at some point, Browning realized he could no longer do this; he had to make sure he made this right. He contacted an attorney in Washoe County and turned himself in. According to Sommer, his client's changes and his lifestyle are so substantial that he believes Browning deserves a chance at probation. Further, Sommer stated Browning's mother is in the hospital in a medically induced coma, and he would like to visit her. "I would ask the court to grant Mr. Browning the extreme privilege of probation to continue to do what it is that he has already shown that he can do.... He will continue to show that he is not going to throw this away."

Browning apologized to the court and the people of Fallon. He said when he crumbled, he went back to drugs and made a mess of everything. "I'm sorry to the people I hurt, and I just hope that the Court can see that I'm not that same person I was." Browning concluded his statement, "Please let me go back to mine [life]; you won't regret it."

Judge Stockard granted Browning probation on a 24-60 month suspended sentence to run consecutive to the Washoe County cases.

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AGRICULTURE & GARDENING

# Spring Lawn Care Tips from JK Llamas Landscape & Nursery

Courtesy of J.K. Llamas

With warmer temperatures among us, it's time to start thinking of fresh air, budding blooms, and greener grass—meaning it is time to start giving your yard some attention. To help ensure a happy, healthy yard, bringing it out of winter hibernation is essential. So let us help you get in the spirit of spring!

**Lawn maintenance:** A healthy, cared-for lawn can be marvelous. Let our fully licensed, insured, and bonded crew provide you and your family with a place to play and relax. We offer weekly and biweekly mowing services, including mowing, edging, and weed eating.



**TURNING ON IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

- Check your system's controller: Clean away debris, check for repairs, and replace batteries if necessary.
- Check sprinkler heads and nozzles: Clean out dirt, check for clogs, clear away debris, and inspect for damage before startup.
- Inspect valves and pipes: Look for leaks or signs of damage in above-ground hardware before turning on your valves. Turn pipes on slowly to introduce water without causing pressure surges.
- Set timers: Turn on your system's timer to ensure watering occurs on a set schedule.

**THATCH**

Thatch is a layer of living and dead grass shoots, stems, and roots between the green grass blades and the soil surface. When the thatch layer is more than 3/4 inch thick, it can lead to increased pest and disease problems and reduce the oxygen and moisture that reach the soil and grass roots. Thatching removes this thick layer so air, nutrients, and fertilizer can reach the soil better.

**AERATE**

Aeration removes plugs of soil from your lawn, which helps loosen compacted soil and allows vital air, water, and nutrients to reach the roots. Aerate the lawn when your grass is in its peak growing period so it can recover quickly—think early spring.

**CLEANUP**

A good spring cleanup includes inspecting shrubs, bushes, trees, and other plants for damaged or dead branches. Pruning damaged and dead branches on your trees, bushes, and shrubs helps distribute nutrients to thriving areas. Not only does a good spring cleanup make your yard look nice, but it also prevents disease from spreading deep into the soil and affecting your landscape.

**APPLY PRE-EMERGENT**

Timing is critical when applying pre-emergent. In the spring, as the ground heats up, weeds begin to germinate. As weeds germinate, they will grow. With warmer temperatures upon us, it's time to start thinking of fresh air, budding blooms, and

greener grass—meaning it is time to start giving your yard some attention. To help ensure a happy, healthy yard, bringing it out of winter hibernation is essential. So, let's get in the spirit of spring.

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**FERTILIZING**

Start the growing season off right by giving your grass the nutrition it needs after a long winter. Your first feeding should be in early spring. Fertilizing your lawn gives it the nutrients needed to grow thick and green. It also helps the grass establish deep roots so it will stand up stronger to heat and drought later in the growing season.

Visit J&K Llamas Landscape & Nursery at 3981 Reno Hwy Fallon or contact them at info@jklamas.com or 775-423-8699.

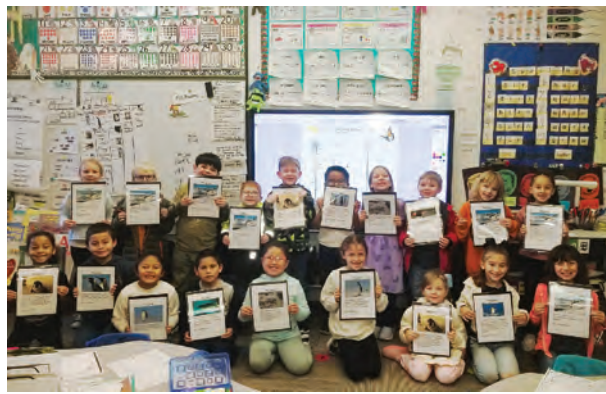
EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Saul Castillo-Apolinar and Fernanda Diaz Villalobos work through comparing fractions using fraction tiles to help them solve the problems.



Stacey Manning's class pose with their penguin reports.



The Fallon Hearts of Gold Quilters pictured with Janeen Malkovich and her class and the blankets they made for them.

CCHS & CCMS

On February 4, CCMS eighth-grade students walked over to CCHS with their principal, Victor Schoenfeldt, and a group of teachers. This visit aimed to make the transition into high school smoother and to give students an idea about the courses and programs available. Students got to see a variety of elective and career pathway courses, including Spanish, Teaching in Training, ROTC, Plant Sciences, FFA/AG, Multimedia, Band/Choir, Theatre, and Game Design - where they got to play student-created games.

“Based on previous years, we decided to shorten the length of the tour to make it a more meaningful visit for the eighth graders. However, we took this experience to the next level by inviting them and their families back for our open house event,” said CCHS Principal Tim Spencer.

“Building a strong relationship between CCMS and CCHS is key to making the transition to high school seamless not only for our students but their families as well,” CCMS Principal Schoenfeldt said. The partnership between CCMS and CCHS helps students feel prepared, confident, and excited

for the next and final step in their CCSD academic journey.

NUMA

Students in Dominique Johnson’s fourth-grade class used fraction tiles to learn how to compare fractions. These tiles are a visual tool that allows students to move and stack fraction pieces, helping them see the different parts of the fractions they are comparing more clearly. Instead of working with numbers on paper, students can physically see and work with the fractions, making it easier for them to understand the problems they are working to solve. Using fraction tiles helps students build a strong foundation of skills, giving them the confidence to solve and compare fractions without the tiles.

E.C. BEST

Last Friday, Lynnel Campos’ strategies class students celebrated the 100th day of school with fun-filled learning. They discovered that 10, 10-frames equal 100, created patterns with Froot Loops, and even got to make necklaces using 100 Froot Loops. Students also wrote three things they have

learned this year to celebrate how far they have come in the 100 days they have been in school and learning this school year.

LAHONTAN

Over the past two weeks, Stacey Manning’s first-grade class has been learning all about penguins. First, students read both fiction and nonfiction books about penguins. Then, they got to showcase what they learned by writing informative reports. As part of this unit, students also learned how to create a Google document, search for images online, and type up their reports using their Chromebooks. Then, they practiced speaking in front of their peers and presented their reports to the class. “They did such a great job and I am so proud of them,” Manning said.

NORTHSIDE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Fallon Hearts of Gold Quilters generously donated handmade quilts to the students at NELC. “These quilts are beautiful and were made especially for our students, making this gift even more meaningful. We’re so grateful for this special and kind donation,” teacher Janeen Malkovich said.

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

KELLY NOTT RECEIVES AWARD



Jake Nichols, Kenton Horn, Jackson Frey, Mrs. Kelly Nott, Greysen Dubois, Leyton Anderson, Eli Diaz, Neel Bahkta, Emma Cline, Taitum Papada, Alexa Hessey.

Middle school social studies and English instructor Kelly Nott has been recognized for her dedication to civics education with the Dickinson Emerging Teacher “Excellence in Civics Education” Award. The award, presented by the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement, honors teachers who go above and beyond in promoting civic education.

Nott began her civics education training in the summer of 2024 with the We the People Summer Institute. She has since introduced We the People, National History Day, and Project Citizen to Oasis Academy’s fifth through eighth grades.

Seventh and eighth-grade students have been focusing on National History Day, an inquiry-based learning program that promotes research skills and student choice. This year’s theme is “Rights and Responsibilities,” with students developing historical arguments through extensive research. They can present their projects as a documentary, website, exhibit, performance, or paper.

Nott’s recognition reflects her student-centered approach. “I’m doing my history project on the Civil Rights Movement. Mrs. Nott has taught me how to research things and write more than I normally would have,” seventh grader Jared Sherer said.

“I’m doing a documentary about the Clean Water Act and how it’s improved the farming community,” seventh-grader Christopher Miller said. “Mrs. Nott has been really interactive in helping us with our thesis statements and keeping us on track. She really teaches for the students and not just for work.”

Oasis Academy Board Chair Samantha Gomes praised Nott’s impact. “She helps instill a love for learning in students with her engaging teaching style. She also supports and shows compassion for each of her students.”

The award includes a trip to Washington, D.C., where Nott will participate in the We the People National Finals in April.

DETOMASI SIGNS WITH YORK UNIVERSITY

On Thursday, February 6, Oasis Academy Senior Kirsten Detomasi signed to play softball with York University in York, Nebraska. The senior will study kinesiology while playing for the Panthers.

At the signing ceremony, Oasis Softball Coach Brandon Bird praised Detomasi for her dedication and for putting in the extra time to set her apart from other athletes.

Counselor Andy Lenon added that Detomasi is not only an exceptional athlete, but she’s what colleges are looking for: an all-around student-athlete with a work ethic on the field and in the classroom

and a strong personal character.

Detomasi was named pitcher of the year for the NIAA 1A in 2021. She has been MVP for the last three years and on the first-team all-state for the previous 3 years. She was also named to the NIAA 2A Northern All-League First team for the 2024 season.

Detomasi chose York University because it felt like home away from home. The coaches, school, and people made her feel welcome.

She will graduate in May with her high school diploma and her associate of science degree from Western Nevada College. She will begin pitching for the Panthers in the Fall 2025.



Aaron Detomasi, Tricia Detomasi, Kirsten Detomasi, Coach Brandon Bird, Coach John Short.

OASIS FFA COMPETES AT ZONE CDE'S

By Taylor Sowersby and Reese Laca

On January 31, FFA members from across the Western Zone competed in various career development events (CDEs) including the Oasis FFA chapter. Oasis FFA competed in Veterinary Medicine, Milk Quality and Products, Floriculture, and Poultry Evaluation.

Congratulations to Delilah Creer for earning first place high individual Floriculture, Lorena Rios for earning third place high individual Floriculture, John Schoenmeier for first place high individual Poultry Evaluation, Washington Scott for earning second place high individual Poultry Evaluation, and Ryder McNabb for earning third place high individual Poultry Evaluation.

The Oasis FFA teams also performed well, with first place in Floriculture and Poultry Evaluation and third place in Milk Quality and Products.

“Zone competitions were fun and a great way to be introduced to FFA competitions for the first time,” Freshman Kiley Detomasi said.

Members will compete in all these and more events at the Nevada FFA State Convention in March. Oasis Academy FFA is advised by Jackie Bogdanowicz.



FFA students Dahlila Creer, Washington Scott, Sadie Whitaker, Brooke Manskie, Taylor Sowersby, Kiley Detomasi, Ryder McNabb, Washington Scott, John Schoenmeier.

EDUCATION

# Logos Annual Science Fair

Story and photos by Logos Christian Academy

What an exciting week at Logos Christian Academy! On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the school held its annual science fair.

Students from third through eighth grade submitted a science experiment of their choice and presented their results. Impartial judges spent the day reviewing display boards and information binders to determine the winners.

Students learned about the scientific method, formulated questions, created hypotheses, planned experiments, and presented their findings. This process helps them understand and follow a structured approach to conducting research, making observations, and sharing results, just like real scientists. It is a rewarding project where students can explore a question, find the answer for themselves, and share their knowledge with others.

The world around us is vast and beautifully designed, and these young scientists could participate in science fairs every week and still discover new things. The annual science fair encourages students to explore this intricately designed world, uncover its laws, and marvel at the wonders around them, all of which point to the Creator.

If you ever want to know what melts ice the fastest, how much juice is in a Halo orange, how to make your battery, or anything else related to science, just ask a Logos student—they're knowledgeable!

### SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

We are grateful to the following judges for their time and expertise: Scott Meyer, aviator; Dr. Karen Rodeffer-Evans, doctor at Banner Hospital; Mel Glover, director of Churchill County Museum; Capt. Chris Cooper, senior health scientist, NAS Fallon; Capt. Thomas Murphy, officer in charge of Naval Branch Health Clinic, NAS Fallon; Dr. Jason Storm, veterinarian and owner of Storm's Oasis Dairy; and Churchill County High School Honor Society students: Alexis Haggard, Ashlyn Jimenez, Samantha Maffi, and Dallin West

In third grade, Penny Lyle placed first, Ackley Goings took second, and Evva Brown placed third. Fourth-grade winners included Kinslyn Jimenez in first place, Micah Sydney

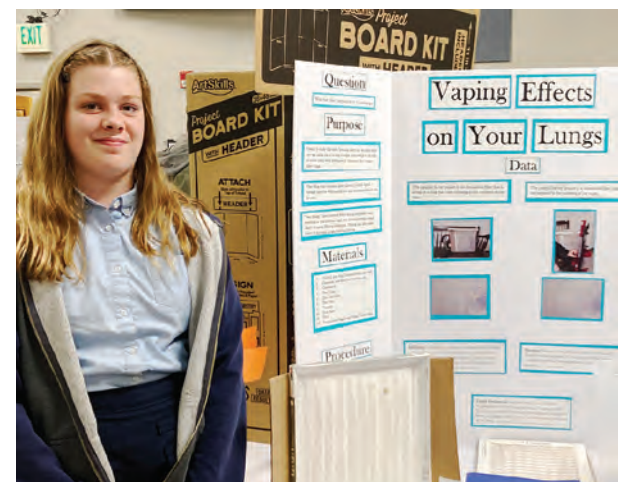
in second, and Allie Munoz in third. In fifth grade, Nolan Cooper won first place, followed by Jake Kaster in second and Aspen Fisher in third. Sixth-grade winners were Charlie Fitzer in first, Emma Slentz in second, and Gwen Ludlow in third. In seventh grade, Rylie Fitzer earned first place, Paton Cooper took second, and Jordan Bennett placed third. The eighth-grade winners were Zoey Lougheed in first place, Jace Slentz in second, and Madalynn Kruckenberg in third.

Thank you to all who attended and to the staff and students of Logos who made this a great event.

*"Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them."*  
Psalm 111:2



Emma Slentz.



Rylie Fitzer.

## Veritas Preparatory School – Classical & Christian Narnia Day Brings C.S. Lewis's Story to Life

By David Ernst, Headmaster. Photos courtesy of Veritas.

This past week, students, teachers, and parents at Veritas Preparatory School stepped through the wardrobe into Narnia to celebrate Narnia Day, an event honoring C.S. Lewis's beloved works.



Narnia Day. Bristol Brodersen and Mr. Ernst.

Students across all grades participated by reading "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," with parents joining in for discussions on its timeless themes. Grades 3-8 explored additional books from The Chronicles of Narnia.

C.S. Lewis, a renowned Christian author, weaves moral lessons into his storytelling, emphasizing virtues like loyalty, truth, and humility—values central to a classical Christian education. Through Narnia, students experience thrilling tales of bravery and sacrifice, reflecting on how these values apply to their lives.

The day was filled with activities inspired by Narnia's magic. Classrooms became museum showrooms, bringing scenes from the book to life. Whether stepping into the wardrobe or standing firm like Aslan, students embraced the joy of reading and virtuous storytelling.

At Veritas, we cultivate a love for literature that nourishes mind and soul. Narnia Day was more than an event—it was a journey reminding us of great stories' power to shape character, inspire imagination, and reveal truth.



Aaron Ernst, Jon Lenwell, and the White Witch.

*"What really was delicious was the Turkish delight. Every flavor was amazing since it was a square gummy and tasted like fruit."* –Brantley Wiberg.

*"The whole tour was my favorite because we went into the wardrobe, saw the beavers, made paper swords, and got to eat at a Narnian restaurant."* –Aaron Ernst.

*"One of my favorite parts of Narnia Day was walking through the magical wardrobe into Narnia."* –Mercedes Martinez.

**CCHS Safe and Sober Grad Nite**



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# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Adams and Melendy NIAA 3A Wrestling Champs, Fitzer Hits Record

By John Baker

This past weekend, the Greenwave Grapplers participated in the 2025 Nevada Interscholastic Association 3A State Wrestling Tournament at the Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon. CCSD wrestlers Lonnie Adams and Carson Melendy earned slots

as 3A state champions for their respective weight classes. Andre Green also fared well, taking home a medal for his fourth-place finish.

As the lone girl grappler, Tommie Fitzer put on a strong performance. She entered the record books with the first win for the Churchill Girls Wrestling Team at State,

with a pinfall at 5:46. Unfortunately, she lost her next two matches, but her travels to the State Championships are far from over.

Congratulations, Lonnie, Carson, and Tommie; Fallon is proud of you and all our CCHS Greenwave wrestlers who worked hard this season.



Lonnie Adams Working on pin. Photo by John Baker.



Carson Melendy in action. Photo by John Baker.



Tommie Fitzer when named Wrestler of the Week. Photo by Dr. Sue Segura.

### NIAA Wrestling

A Message from Head Coach Trevor DeBraga



State Champ Carson Melendy. Photos courtesy of Trevor DeBraga and Greenwave Wrestling.



State Champ Lonnie Adams.



Andre Green 4th in the state.

What a year! It's sad that it's over, but what a journey we had. To make it happen, we traveled over 4,300 miles by van or bus to California, Colorado, Idaho, and all over Nevada. Congratulations to our state Champions Lonnie Adams, three-time Nevada State Champion Carson Melendy, and Andre Green, who captured fourth place.

We are not where we want to be as a program, but this is the process. None of this is possible without my crew of coaches! Thank you, Dan Shaw, Darren Lewis, Tim Grady, and Jeff Prin. Together we click, believe, have a great time, and want nothing but the best for these kids.

We have the best community between the City of Fallon, Churchill County, the school district, our booster club, and of course - parents and fans. Thanks again, and congratulations, boys!



Left to right: Carson Melendy, Wyatt Lambert, Evan Mackuliak, Lonnie Adams, Andre Green, Colton Blankenship, and Tommie Fitzer. Photos by Dr. Sue Segura.

### CCHS Wrestling Room Honors State Champions with New Signs

Staff Report

The Churchill County High School wrestling community gathered last week to honor its former state champions—and to make sure their achievements won't be forgotten.


When longtime educator and wrestling supporter Dr. Sue Segura walked into the CCHS wrestling room earlier in the season, she was surprised to find no recognition for past champions. Coming from a program like Lowry, where wrestling traditions run deep and legends were honored, she went to work.

Dr. Sue reached out to local families and businesses, securing donations to fund signs listing CCHS's state champions. Thanks to their contributions, the names of former champions now hang in the wrestling room, cementing a new tradition for the program.


Donations came from the DeBraga, Shaw, Diaz, Lewis, Swisher, Workman, Goings, Dooley, and Melendy families, along with Broken Arrow Ranch, Troy Adams, Roger Lambert and Lambert & Sons Construction, Fallon Glass, Dr. Sue Segura, and the Fallon Takedown Club.

Some new names are going on the wall, with the outstanding matches this season led by Greenwave wrestlers. After the NIAA 3A wrestling championships last weekend, Carson Melendy is now a three-time state champion, Lonnie Adams earned a top-ranking slot, Andre Green took a fourth-place win, and Tommie Fitzer made history with her 5:46 pinfall.

Going forward, state champions will have their names added to the wall—ensuring their legacy in CCHS wrestling history.



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SPORTS

# Greenwave Girls Take on Lowry in Regional Semifinals Friday



Photo courtesy of CCHS Girls' Basketball.

By Robert Perea

All season long, almost everybody affiliated with Northern 3A basketball assumed the two State Tournament berths would come down to a four-way battle between Fernley, Fallon, Lowry, and North Valleys.

In Monday's quarterfinal round, that's exactly the way it shook out.

Fallon dominated Wooster 65-23 in the regional quarterfinals Monday night and advances to face Lowry in the regional semifinals at 3 p.m. Friday in Fernley. Lowry was the No. 3 seed from the Northern 3A East, and went on the road to beat South Tahoe Monday night, 45-38. On the other side of the bracket, North Valleys dominated Elko 56-34 and Fernley beat Hug 57-38.

Fernley will face North Valleys at 6:20 p.m. Friday in the other semifinal, with the two winners both advancing to the State Tournament next week in Las Vegas and squaring off Saturday for the regional title. As of Tuesday morning, the time of Saturday's championship game had not been posted.

The Greenwave earned the No. 1 seed for the regional tournament by finishing the regular season on an eight-game winning streak, punctuated with wins on Jan. 31 at defending state champion Lowry and on Feb. 7 at Fernley.

It was the defense that keyed those last three wins. At Lowry, the Greenwave held Britain Backus, the league's leading scorer who averages more than 29 points per game, to 16, and allowed no one else to reach double figures. Fallon held Lowry to 18 percent shooting from the floor, just 11-of-40, and Backus made just 4 of her 14 field goal attempts.

Meanwhile, the Greenwave got balanced scoring, with Reagan Johnson leading the team with 11 points, 9 from Vernita Fillmore, 8 each from Karlie Simper and Kortnie Simper, and 7 from Amilya Bishop.

Last Wednesday in Dayton, the Greenwave allowed just six field goals in a 48-20 win at Dayton. Kortnie Simper scored 11 points to lead Fallon, with the rest of the scoring again spread out. Brynlee Nichols put in 9 points, and both Johnson and Bishop had 7.

That led to the first-place showdown in Fernley Friday night, where the Greenwave forced 40 Fernley turnovers, held the Vaqueros to 10 of 32 shooting from the floor, and punctuated the win by outscoring Fernley 19-3 in the fourth quarter.

Kourtne Simper led Fallon with 12 points, Karlie Simper added 10, Fillmore scored 9, and Bishop added 8.

## Oasis Varsity Boys' Basketball Ends Season on a High Note



Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy.

By Coach Donald Schank

After a season filled with challenges, the Oasis Academy varsity boys' basketball team finished on a positive note. Following two tough losses early in the week against playoff-bound Pershing County and Incline High School, the team bounced back to avenge a 12-point loss earlier in the season against Sierra Lutheran, securing a 58-43 victory in the final game.

Heading into the final game, the team faced significant obstacles. Austin Thibodaux was sidelined with an illness, Jackson Snow returned after missing the previous week due to sickness, Eli Jones suffered a season-ending injury, and Zack Budner was also out due to injury. With only five varsity players available, the team brought up three JV players to fill the roster. Despite these challenges, the team persevered, making the victory even more meaningful.

"What impressed me most about this team this season was the 'never quit' attitude and constant effort," the coach said. "I credit this mindset to our team captain and leader, Fenn Mackedon, for his constant encouragement and leadership."

Mackedon leaves his high school career as the program's all-time leader with 1,114 points, 815 rebounds, 125 blocks, and 72 assists.

A big thank you goes out to all the players and parents who never gave up on the team and the program this season. The support and recognition in the news are truly appreciated.



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COLUMNS

# What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

## Chili for a Chilly Season

By Kelli Kelly



*Editor's note: What's better than chili to warm you up in weather like this? If you like good chili, you will love Kelli's Smoked Chili recipe. Some great recipes, like this one, bear repeating.*

Did you know that in 1991, Congress considered a joint resolution to designate chili as the official food of the United States? Sponsor James Inhofe from Oklahoma detailed that chili "is a succulent, distinctive blending of meats and spices that has economically nourished countless millions of Americans since its inception in the 19th century" and that chili "embraces the highly individualistic traits of America's heritage through its infinite varieties, highly personalized blending of ingredients, and many adaptive uses." Considering chili provides ample opportunity for discussion and debate, the congressional designation seems apropos, though ill-fated.

The State of Texas claims chili as its own. In 1977, the Texas legislature made chili the official state dish and avowed that only Texans produce the "best and only authentic concoction of this piquant delicacy." Chili Con Carne (Texas Red), originating in San Antonio, is made of stewed chunks of beef in a spicy sauce made from red chiles and seasoned with cumin—it never contains a filler like beans, and there is debate around whether or not tomatoes are allowable.

Illinois's chilli (spelled with two l's) prefers their ground beef seasoned with Hunt's canned tomato sauce, spices, and Tabasco. In contrast, Ohio ground beef chili is served over spaghetti and topped with cheese. Meanwhile, the fine folks of Oklahoma embrace all types of chilies: beans, no beans, ground beef, chunks of beef, chicken, coney sauce.

Oklahoma has never met a chili it didn't like.

This year, I refuse to engage in the chili-ingredient debate. While we all know that I prefer beans, that will not get in the way of embracing all of the chili. I dove into chili season with an unusual recipe slow-cooked on the smoker. This chili is taken to the next level by adding dark chocolate chips at the end. Neil and I ate this chili over a handful of Fritos topped with cheese and cilantro. Deeee-licious!

### Smoked Chili

By Melissa Clark

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Yellow onion – diced
- 2 Bell peppers (mixed colors) – seeded, stemmed, diced
- 6 Cloves garlic – minced
- 2 tbsp. Chili powder (I used a mix of different chili powders, including Kashmiri and silk chilis)
- 1 tsp. Smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. Hot paprika
- 1 tbsp. Cumin
- 2 tbsp. Tomato paste
- 1 (28 oz) Can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (15.5 oz) Can red beans (or 1/2 lb. dried beans cooked through)
- 1 lb. Ground beef
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 tbsp. Kosher salt
- 1 tbsp. Black pepper
- 1 tbsp. Montreal Steak Seasoning
- 1/3 cup Dark chocolate chips (I used 72% cocoa)

#### Directions:

Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven on the stovetop over medium-high heat. Add onions, peppers, and garlic and sauté until softened and translucent (about 5 minutes). Add in dried spices and cook, stirring regularly, until fragrant. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring regularly, until slightly darkened. Add tomatoes and beans, stir to combine, and remove from heat.

Mix beef, Worcestershire Sauce, salt, black pepper, and Montreal steak seasoning in a large mixing bowl until just mixed. Form the meat into a loose loaf.

Prepare your smoker and set the temperature at 275°. Place the uncovered Dutch oven with the chili base on the grate, top with a cooling rack or grill grate, and place the ground beef loaf over the Dutch oven. Smoke until the beef loaf is 150° (about 2 hours). Crumble the loaf into the Dutch oven and stir into the chili base; continue smoking for 2 hours.

Remove from smoker and stir in dark chocolate chips until melted. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Enjoy in whatever way you prefer your chili. At my house, this means over a base of Fritos and topped with cheese, sour cream, red onion, and cilantro.

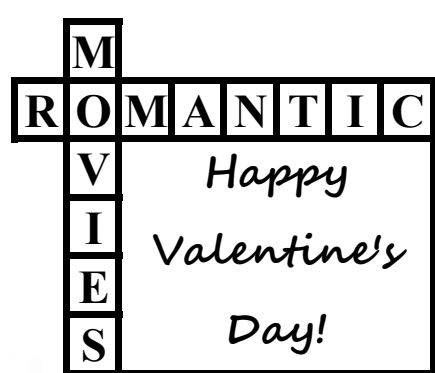
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Kelli Kelly, Slinger of Produce. Slurper of Dumplings. Person of the Bean.

## Crossword

By Peanut

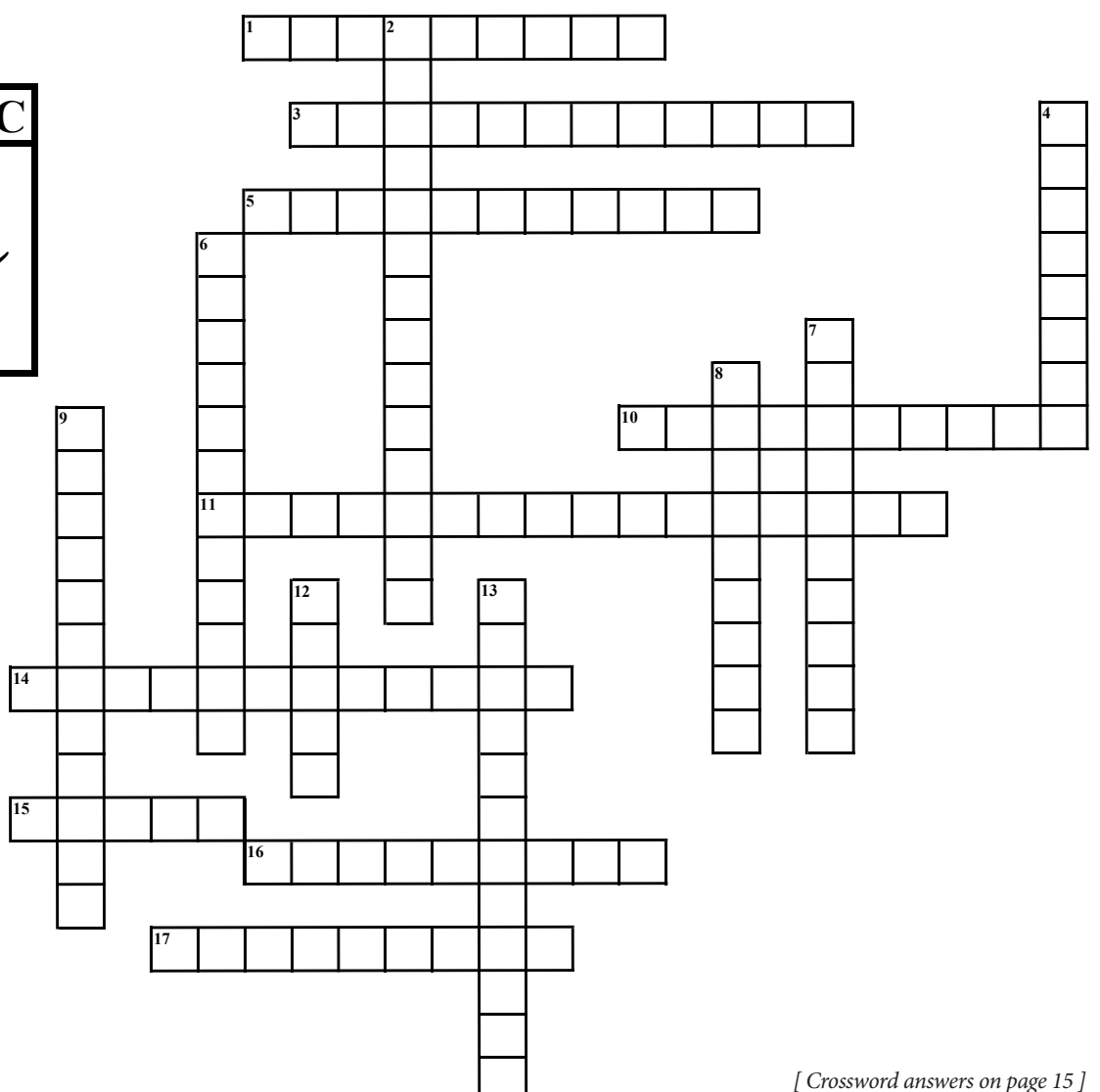


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- 3. Bogart/Hepburn
- 5. Gere/Roberts
- 10. Cage/Cher
- 11. Grant/Kerr
- 14. Peck/Hepburn
- 15. Blanchett/Mara
- 16. Ledger/Gyllenhaal
- 17. Redford/Streisand

### Down

- 2. Lancaster/Kerr
- 4. Gosling/McAdams
- 6. Swayze/Grey
- 7. Bogart/Bergman
- 8. O'Neal/MacGraw
- 9. Hanks/Ryan
- 12. Swayze/Moore
- 13. Cooper/Gaga



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COLUMNS

Allison's Book Report

“When the World Tips Over”

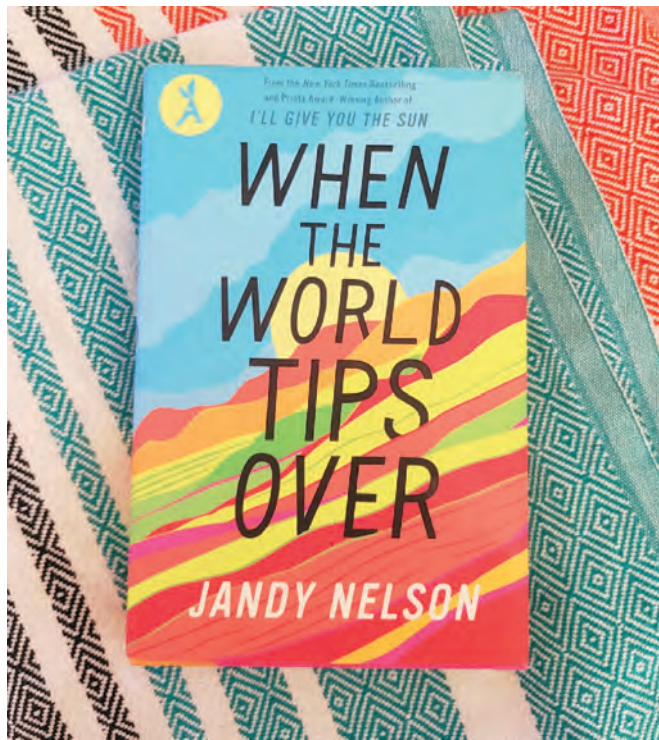
by Jandy Nelson

Every now and then, I read a book that leaves me wishing that someone would make it into a movie. I know, rarely does a book-ish film live up to the book itself. But this week, I have one for you that is written so beautifully that I want to see it played out on the screen. “When the World Tips Over” by Jandy Nelson is an almost ethereal bit of magical realism that will have you in a chokehold from beginning to end.

In the hot, sun-drenched hills of Northern California’s wine country, the Fall siblings are haunted by the mysterious disappearance of their father years ago. This event fractured their once-tight family. Dizzy Fall, twelve years old, is a quirky, cake-baking dreamer who sees spirits and wishes for a more dramatic life, one like the heroines in romance novels. Her older brother, seventeen-year-old Miles, is a brilliant athlete with a secret yearning for the kind of love he reads about but can’t seem to find. Then there’s nineteen-year-old Wynton, a violin prodigy whose presence lights up a room, but whose wild ambition and inner demons may lead him down a path of destruction.

The siblings are further shaken when a strange rainbow-haired girl appears in their lives. Mysterious and otherworldly, she seems to be the missing link each sibling desperately needs to heal. To Dizzy, she might be an angel; to Miles, a chance for the connection he’s been seeking; to Wynton, possibly the key to unlocking his future—or unraveling it. But just as they start to unravel the meaning behind her presence, catastrophe strikes, setting the family’s already fragile bonds on an even more destructive path. The once-hopeful journey to heal their wounds now feels like an impossible dream.

What follows is a deeply moving, intricately woven tale about a family grappling with loss, love, and the weight of their shared history.



With rivalries, heartaches, and long-buried secrets coming to the surface, the Falls find themselves on a winding road to rediscovering one another. Along the way, there are road trips, love stories within love stories, and generational sorrows and joys that bind the family together. As they face their complicated past, the Falls come to realize that telling their stories—no matter how painful—may be the only way to rewrite their futures.

This is a story about how families, despite their flaws and mistakes, are the ones who can help us heal and find our way again. It’s a journey of self-discovery, redemption, and learning to move forward—together.

What books do you wish would be made into a movie? Pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, and let’s chat about it.

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.

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PWP NO. CH-2025-158  
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INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the Churchill County CNHD Tenant Improvements will be received by Churchill County, the Owner, at their office located at 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406 until 2:30 p.m., local time, on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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COLUMNS

Postcards

More Roaring Twenties

By Michon Mackedon

In last week's Postcards column, I described how national trends which defined the Roaring Twenties were expressed in our small Nevada community, particularly in the year 1925, one hundred years ago. I wrote then that the Roaring Twenties, on a grand national scale, did, indeed, roar. Cars roared. Radios roared. Women roared. Political Discussion Roared. Prohibition ruled. I left the women and the politics to this issue, so here goes.

In general, the Roaring Twenties empowered women—to vote, to drive automobiles, to wear flagrant dresses with short skirts and feathers, to frequent bars, to run for office, and, most important of all, to voice opinions different from their father's or their husband's. These freedoms were the fruits of hard-fought and hard-won battles. I am intrigued by the fact that in early 1925, two female governors were inaugurated, Nellie Ross in Wyoming and Miriam "Ma" Ferguson in Texas. Ferguson appointed 12 female justices to the Texas Supreme Court!

And, locally, in Churchill County, we sent Mary Daisy Allen to the Nevada State Assembly. Allen was born March 31, 1873, to Lemuel L. Allen and Sarah Ann Peugh Allen, who had settled in Churchill County in 1872, quickly acquiring ranches and thoroughbred horses. According to an online biography published by the Nevada Women's History Project, a young Mary Daisy, usually called Daisy, challenged conventional female roles by at least once entering a California horse race (then restricted to males), "dressed in jockey attire and racing with her hair tucked up in a cap." As she grew older, she exercised her independent spirit by entering the business world as a census worker in 1900, by successfully suing her first husband, Ed Williams (whom she had married in 1906), for divorce, and by operating the Allen Hotel following her divorce. In 1924, she ran for the Nevada Assembly representing Churchill County and took office in 1925. The "Fallon Standard" noted that she was "known for her executive ability." Both her executive aptitude and her political ambition most likely came naturally, as her father, Lemuel, had been a successful prosecuting attorney and had won a seat in the Nevada State Assembly in 1872. In 1903, he was elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor, serving under Governor John Sparks.

Daisy declined not to run for a second Assembly term, deciding

instead to return to her business interests in Fallon. In 1929, she married mining engineer James White, but he was killed in an automobile accident nine months after the marriage. She died in Fallon in 1958.

I turned to the local ads placed in the "Standard" by the Gray, Reid & Co. department store (situated at the southeast corner of Maine and Center in Fallon) during January and February 1925 in order to speculate about how Daisy might have dressed for her legislative role. The ads featured very modern, very stylish—one might even say very "Roaring Twenties"—looks. The sketches are professional and beautiful. A short, above-the-knee plaid pleated skirt cost \$5.75 on sale. "New silk dresses," were shown with dropped waists, hemmed slightly below the knee, some embellished with lavish embroidery or ribbons, some with deep V necks and flounced hems. They cost from \$13.45 to \$22.50. To complete the look, Daisy could have purchased, right here in Fallon, a velvet and silk cloche hat with buttons and bows, silk stockings, a taffeta slip or silk chemise, and slim pumps. As surprising as it may sound, I believe that Daisy, with her money and background, might have entered the halls of the Nevada State Capitol looking like she stepped from "The Great Gatsby" (published in 1925).

Before I leave the topic of women and politics, I want to share a news item that caught my attention. On the national scene, immigration policy was tearing the nation apart, in similar ways as it is today. In 1924, Congress passed the National Origins Act, setting quotas on European immigration and forbidding all Oriental immigration. "The law, reflecting racist warnings about a threat to the 'Anglo-Saxon' stock, aimed at freezing the country ethnically (Leuchtenburg, William E., The Perils of Prosperity, p. 208). Interesting in retrospect, there were no quotas or restrictions placed on immigration from Mexico, Central America or South America. The Churchill County High School debate team took up the question of whether Japan should be assigned the same quotas as Europe. Miss Mary Catherine Morris and Melville Hancock of Fallon debated Miss Ruth Streeter and Alger Jacobs of Elko. Fallon drew the negative side, arguing against Japanese immigration, and Elko's team debated in favor. I did not find out who won.

Please send ideas or material for Postcards to Mackedon@phonewave.net.

Michon Mackedon is a native of Fallon and a retired professor of English and Humanities (WNC). She loves her family, her home, her dog, reading, writing, making good food, and sipping a glass of fine white wine. Beyond that, she refuses to be categorized.

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