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Cantaloupe Fest 2024 Roughstock Roundup cowboy lineup. Photo by Josh Lado, 52 Photography.

Kissed a Pig Lately? Cantaloupe Festival Brings Fun and Families to Fallon

By Leanna Lehman, Victoria Crystal, and Darcie Spero

You missed a great time if you did not make it to the Rafter C3 Events Complex and Churchill County Fairgrounds for the annual Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair. Fear not, here's the scoop.

With cooler temperatures and fairly cooperative weather, Cantaloupe lovers enjoyed a whirlwind of activities and events.

Ranking high as festival favorites, the Pig Races and Kiss a Pig drew sizeable crowds and plenty of hilarity. Meanwhile, music abounded across two stages, delivering rock-n-roll, alternative, folk, country, cover songs, and even metal-mariachi. This year's festival music offered a little something for everyone.

Visitors also raved about the Farmers' Market and the wonderful fresh produce, homemade preserves, baked goods, and more. Kids and adults alike were treated to great fun as local 4-H, FFA, and High Desert Grange students showed their animals and projects. The exhibition hall featured an impressive variety of categories for judging, showcasing Fallon's incredibly talented community. The festival served as a reminder of how much fun our community can have while recalling the joy that country fairs bring.

Metal, chrome, and rubber overtook the complex's southwest parking lot. The Cantaloupe Festival Car Show attracted more than 80 vintage cars and trucks, with nine categories open for judging. Ronnie and Lora Seagraves, co-owners of Rustoration Garage, teamed up with the festival in 2023 and decided to help present



Cantaloupe Festival 2024. Photos by Victoria Crystal.



Pick'n and Grinnin's Dave Frutado and Ron Peterson.



Hunter Maxwell. Photo by Josh Lado, 52 Photography.

the car show again this year.

The 20-year National Guardsman and author from Reno planted his roots here with his family in 2021 and stays busy in the community.

The new grandparents are familiar to many car enthusiasts and spectators from The Fallon Cars and Coffee group, which the Seagraves started with Jim Sutton in 2022. Fallon Cars and Coffee meets monthly at 1555 S. Taylor St. Fallon. Contact Rustoration Garage from the Fallon Cars and Coffee Facebook group or visit <https://rustorationgarage.net/>.

Also, the inaugural Battle Born Junior Roughstock Challenge was a big hit. Presented by CC Communications, the City of Fallon, and Battle Born Handmade Boots, it was held in conjunction with the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair at the Rafter 3C Event Complex in the outdoor arena on August 23-24.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

Stardate - 298345.7230001518

By Rachel Dahl

That's interesting; the Stardate is negative. I don't know what that means, but this week would fit that sort of weirdness.

Things with the day job have been heating up with the election coming up. Last week, I saw somewhere there were 76 days till Election Day. And you can certainly tell.

Working for the federal government, there tends to be a bit of politics involved. In theory, there should be a separation, but it does creep in. And depending on the program, sometimes more than others.

The program I'm running is really cool, actually. My team goes out into the rural communities of the state and gets to know all the various interests and stakeholders and finds out what the community actually needs; wastewater treatment plant, homeless resource center, utilities at the airport, a law enforcement facility. We then go back to 24 federal agencies that have come together into the Rural Partners Network – a coalition deployed over 11 states to get federal resources into communities that don't typically access federal money and find out what agency has a pot of money that would work for that project.

RPN has existed for a year and a half, and we are finally starting to see some progress. We put together a deal to provide Technical Assistance support for the project to several rural communities in southern Nevada that have horrible internet service to help them get to where a provider could come in and connect them to high-speed internet. The project would end up covering 11 communities and we just found out it got funded.

There is also a project to build backup power generation and storage for Dyer out in Fish Lake Valley when they get cut off the power grid. They are connected and controlled by California, so when the California regulators decide, they can shut off power to the whole community and their air conditioners and refrigerators and all their stuff doesn't work, and they suffer, sometimes for more than 24 hours at a time.

On Thursday, the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture will be in Pahrump to announce the award of the funding that will allow Valley Electric Association to build that huge project – nearly \$107 million.

On Wednesday, the Administrator for the Small Business Association will be in Laughlin to make some announcements, listen to small business owners, and introduce businesses that have accessed and are using either SBA or USDA funding at whatever level to run their businesses and serve Nevadans.

As we've worked to put together both of these events, we've been looped in with the White House staff that is involved. We've gotten to meet them and work closely with them, been invited to their virtual meetings, and gotten an inside view into some of the sausage-making first-hand that is our government at work.

And no matter what side of the aisle you are on, or if you're lying in the middle of it, or if you're out on some edge of the spectrum, it's still really interesting. It's very formal. It's very crowded. There's a lead person and then four people supporting that person. I'm exaggerating, but there really are at least two people doing each job – one as the lead and one as the support. It's exhausting to keep it all straight and to get the real story. One minute, we're the only invitees, and then four hours later, there aren't going to be enough bodies in the room, so it's all hands on deck inviting anyone who's ever attended a community meeting.

I'm a little nervous about how it will all come together, but super excited. We're sending Leanna to Pahrump to cover that announcement for the Silver State Chronicle as she's becoming the statewide rural expert.

So while we dip our toes into the big world of national politics, we'll still be right here, covering all the local news that's fit to print and ...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach

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Cantaloupe Festival 2024 Car Show. Photo by Victoria Cyrstal.

Contestants ages 10-18 from Nevada, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, North Dakota, and Canada came to Fallon to compete at this direct qualifier for the YETI Junior World Finals, which will be held in Las Vegas this December at the Las Vegas Convention Center during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Battle Born Broncs producer Darcie Spero was hired by the Cantaloupe Festival earlier this year to organize the inaugural event and work with stock contractors and sanctioning associations to bring the direct qualifier to Fallon. 406 Rodeo owners Joe & Lacie DeMers of Aguila, Arizona, traveled to the Oasis of Nevada bringing Bareback and Saddle Bronc horses, Mini Bulls, and Bulls along with their crew to put on the two-day event.

The winners of each division were advanced on a two-go-around average and advanced to Las Vegas for the National Finals Event that runs alongside the National Finals Rodeo for professional rodeo athletes.



Cantaloupe Festival 2024. Photo by Victoria Crystal.

Details for future events can be found at battlebornbroncs.com or @battlebornbroncs on Facebook and Instagram. All photos courtesy of Josh Lado. Visit 52photography-inc.pixieset.com to purchase prints.

FEATURES

Deputy USDA Secretary Tours Area Farm, Discusses Drought and Water

Story and photo by Leanna Lehman

United States Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small was in Fallon this week for a short visit and tour of Abe's Hay and Feed. The secretary arrived on Monday, August 26, to meet with local water users in the Truckee Carson Irrigation District and discuss new initiatives for water conservation in the region.

Abe's Hay and Feed is owned by Abram Schank and his family, including his business partner and father, Ernie Schank. Ernie, also a farmer, served on the TCID Board for 28 years and is considered by many to be an expert in all things water in the Lahontan Valley and surrounding Carson River Watershed.

Abe and his family have been farming in Fallon for decades, with the Austin Highway dividing a large section of their farm ground. Presently, the Shanks are farming between 900-1000 acres. Like every farmer, rancher, and dairyman in the valley, irrigation is a primary concern for continued production and the future of their farms. "Water is king," said Abe, who is also on the TCID board and believes that improved irrigation, farming methods, and conservation efforts are essential to the future of farming in Nevada and the West.

Abe, who returned to Fallon to run the farm after graduating from college, understands the highly volatile dairy and meat markets supported by farming. Drought, inefficient or potentially outdated irrigation and water distribution methods, and dropping water tables can all negatively impact farming at any given time. TCID General Manager Ben Shawcroft can attest to this, as can several TCID board members who are also farmers, who attended the secretary's visit while taking care to avoid a quorum.

According to Torres Small, the Biden-Harris Administration is working to address drought concerns across the West and touring areas continually facing water instability and drought. "Secretary Vilsack [USDA



Left to right, Abe Schank, TCID General Manager Ben Shawcroft, and USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small.

Secretary] recently announced \$300 million of investments across the West, 12 states, and 18 irrigation districts to support water-saving commodities," she said. The Truckee Carson District is the only Nevada district included in the initiative.

Abe and the Shanks took Torres Small, Nevada USDA Rural Development Director Lucas Ingvaldstad, and other state officials on a farm tour to show her first-hand the canal that supplies their many fields, which were coincidentally flood-irrigated at the time.

The administration sought out regions most impacted by recent drought years. "USDA selected irrigation districts...where drought is occurring," Torres Small explained, who said they were also looking at other statistics. "The program focuses on areas with a significant number of irrigated lands and its ability to realize savings through water-saving commodities. Further, the USDA wanted to partner with irrigation districts interested in the program with a willingness to find innovative solutions to support their farmers."

According to Torres Small, the planned investments are part of the Western water

framework that identifies resources to support farmers fighting drought throughout the US that includes bread and butter programs like NRCS's EQIP program, for example, as well as this new program which draws from the Commodity Credit Corporation. "Here, we're focusing specifically on water-saving commodities to support farmers as they find ways in years where there's low water, they build out stronger irrigation systems or work with water deficit farming or increased precision agriculture."

"It was really clear for me at Abe's Feed farm that they're looking for every possible way to save water," Torres Small said, which might be achieved in various ways. This USDA initiative focuses on finding solutions that work for farmers. "USDA is now working with the irrigation districts to identify what practices they're going to put in place so that we can fund those."

Presently, USDA is only looking at 18 districts. "It was all based on a series of data analyses in terms of the experience and the level of drought." After the tour, Torres Small and her team headed to TCID to learn more about water and farming in the Lahontan district, which will hopefully receive project funds to improve irrigation in the valley.

"All of these different tools that might work for their specific area that then allows them to be more resilient and flexible in times of drought," explained Torres Small. "I know that if you know the specifics of water and all of the laws that govern that water in one area, you know it in just one area, and that's why we're working directly with irrigation districts."

While no funding projects are yet underway, Abe and the farming community hope for more efficient water conservation and irrigation practices. Having previously worked with water as the USDA Rural Development undersecretary, Torres Small plans to help bring long-term improvement to drought-affected areas like the Lahontan Valley.

Fernley Votes to Appeal Court Ruling

By Robert Perea

The Fernley City Council voted unanimously Wednesday night to appeal the District Court ruling earlier this month that authorized the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District to enter into a repayment contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The council voted 5-0 to authorize Taggart & Taggart, Ltd., the firm that represents the city in water matters, to appeal the ruling to the Nevada Supreme Court.

After hearing arguments against the contract from attorney David Rigdon of Taggart & Taggart and several Fernley residents in opposition during a hearing on August 2, senior Judge Robert Estes issued a ruling authorizing TCID to enter into the \$35 million repayment contract, including assessments that will be levied on water rights holders and most city of Fernley residents.

Judge Estes entered a written order into the record on August 14 to confirm the oral ruling. Rigdon said the city has 30 days from that date to appeal the ruling to the Nevada Supreme Court.

"We believe the court was wrong," Rigdon told the council during Wednesday's meeting.

Council member Stan Lau asked Rigdon if the city and its residents got a fair hearing,

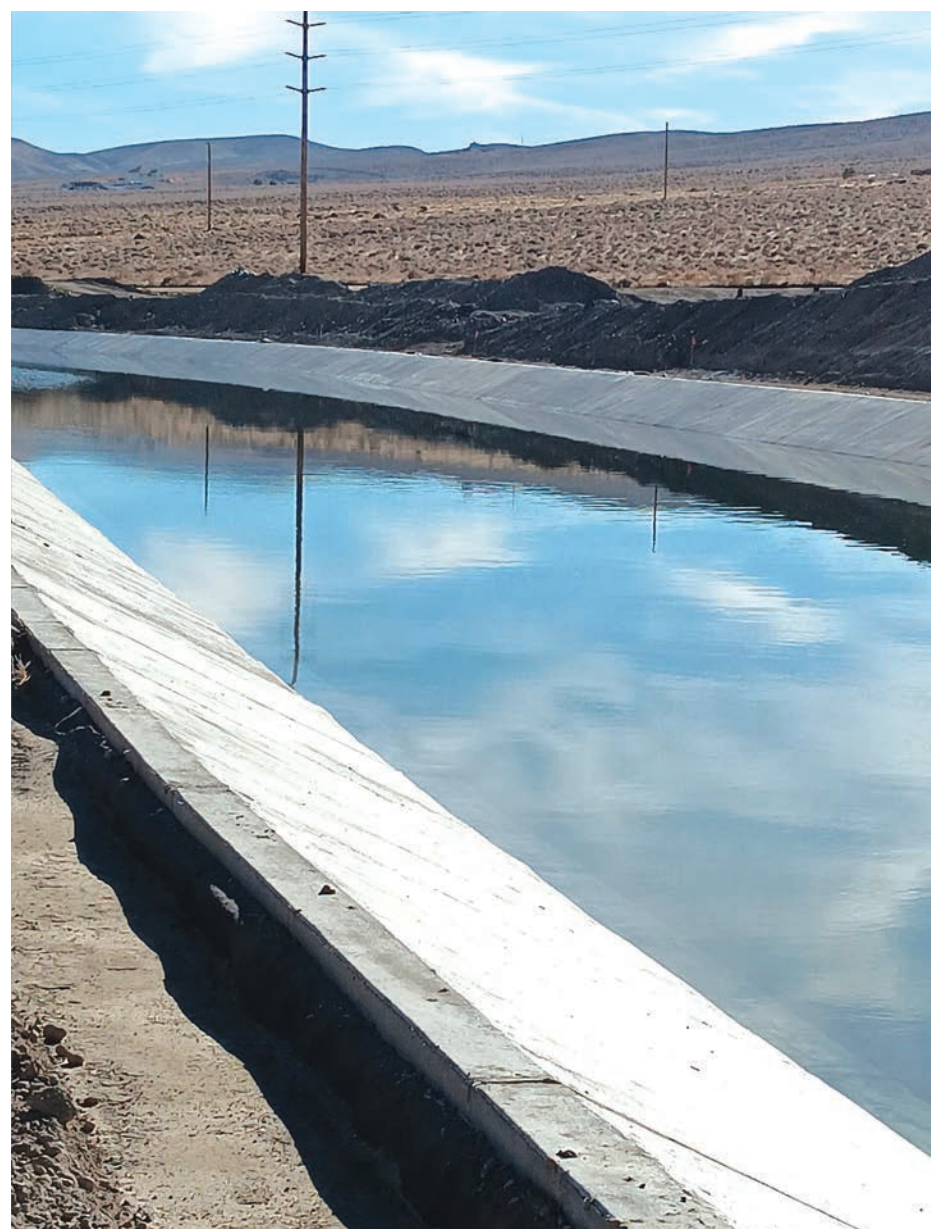
"I don't believe the court had the evidence in front of them to make the ruling that it did, especially since TCID did not even put on a case," Rigdon replied. "They didn't call a single witness to testify as to any of the proceedings that they held to approve the repayment contract, and the judge went ahead and approved it even without them making an affirmative case. From that standpoint, I think there were procedural problems with what happened out there, but the judge did let everybody who objected have a chance to be heard."

Rigdon said at least 30 Fernley residents attended the hearing, and several dozen members of the public filed written objections to the court objecting to the validation of the repayment contract.

"The court heard all that and went ahead and validated the order anyway," he said. "The fact that the court ruled against us is not reflective of their efforts that they made and the objections that they filed."

Rigdon said those objections will become part of the record and will help the city on appeal.

"If we prevail on appeal, the result of that would be a ruling in our favor that would identify the mistakes that the district court made, and they would remand it to the district court for the proceedings consistent with whatever the Supreme Court says," Rigdon said.



Truckee Canal in Fernley. Photo by John Clodius.

Lau asked if there was any chance that if the appeal was successful, Rigdon could file for a change of venue and have the case heard in Winnemucca or Elko instead of Fallon.

But Rigdon said Estes, the judge who heard the case on Aug. 2, is not from Fallon.

"He actually lives in New Orleans, but he's a former judge from Yerington who is retired but has senior status in Nevada," he said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Johnson and Fullerton Wedding

By Nancy Chapman

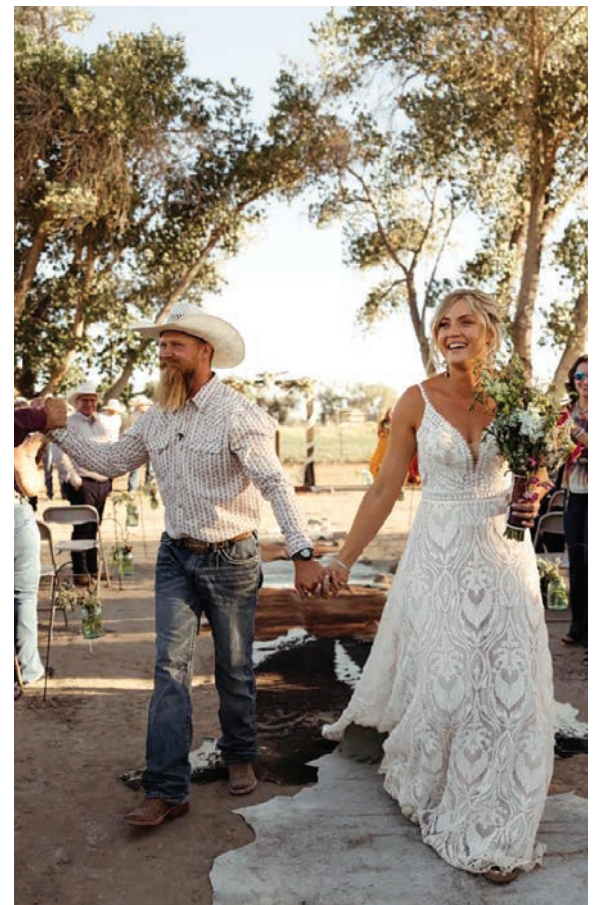
On the beautiful Saturday evening of August 17, 2024, Justin Johnson and Emma Fullerton, witnessed by their families and many friends, entered into marriage.

Justin and Emma invited their guests to their home for a beautiful country wedding. The wedding began with the groom being escorted down the aisle by his parents, Lance and Cindy Johnson. Then Emma's family, her mom, Laurie Fullerton, and Linda Fullerton, Emma's paternal grandmother, followed by her maternal grandparents Tom and Sharon Kirkpatrick and Aunt Carolyn Greene, all took their seats. The best man, Josh Armitage, and the maid of honor, Marisa Julian, took their places, followed by the groomsmen and the bridesmaids. The men all wore cowboy hats, same-styled western shirts, western jeans, of course, cowboy boots, and cap pistols tucked in their waistbands. The bride's maid of honor and bride's maids all wore beautiful southwestern-colored full-length dresses, each capturing the beauty of the individual and the beauty of the moment. Emma chose to walk herself down the aisle and wore a gorgeous gown that sported a train and a turquoise

necklace fastened to the back as her only color. The beautiful, independent, self-confident bride could have any number of people to walk her down the aisle, but she did not need that.

The couple spoke their vows to one another, surrounded by their families and friends. After their vows were said, the men shot the cap guns they had tucked in the back of their waistbands to celebrate the occasion. They used their life as their decorations. The hay barn was draped with curtains as a shade, and their vows were spoken in the stack yard. All of this surrounded by beautiful alfalfa fields. After the ceremony, attendees proceeded to the arena for the rest of the evening's festivities. Strung with overhead lighting, the arena floor was lit for an evening of music, visiting, and an excellent meal catered by B&B BBQ. Lori's Piece of Cake made the wedding cake, and cupcakes were given to the guests by Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Emma is a real estate agent with Berney Realty, where she will continue to help families find the homes of their dreams or sell their property. Justin is the general manager at Fallon Livestock Processing. Their lives are deeply rooted in the Fallon area.



Justin Johnson and Emma Fullerton. Photo by Sarah Fischer Photography.

Shooting Threat at Middle School Tuesday

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County School District released a statement at 11:05 a.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2024, that they had been notified the Fallon Police Department had just received information regarding a threat on social media that mentioned "shooting up a school." According to ChurchillCSD, however, no school was initially identified as a target.

"The Fallon Police Department received



Churchill County Middle School.

information of a threat to Churchill County Middle School. While the investigation is still ongoing, we have identified the involved

student. The student is in custody, and there is no threat to the school staff or students," FPD wrote in their communication with the district.

"Churchill County School District wants to extend our deepest appreciation to Fallon Police Department for their quick response and thorough investigation to ensure the safety of our students and staff," said district officials.

The Fallon Post will release more information as it becomes available.



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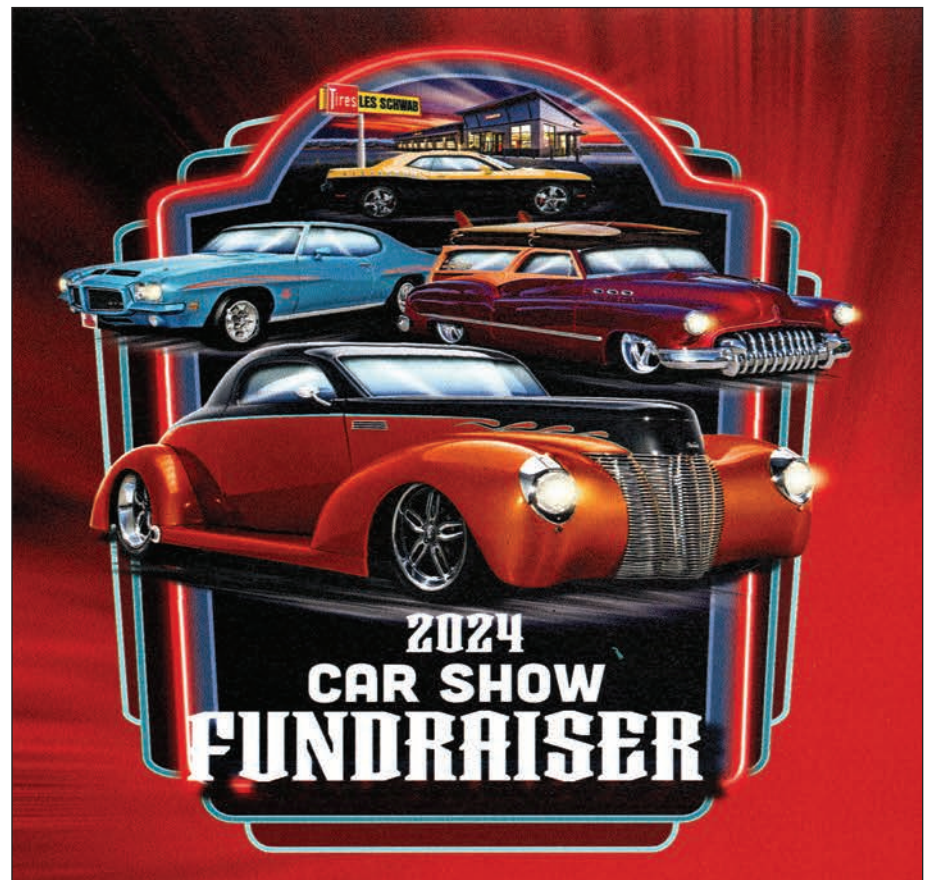
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On the evening of August 7, 2024, our loving mother, Frances Dempsey Barber, 95, passed away at her home in Fallon, Nevada.

She was a seamstress by trade and retired from the same business after 40 years. She loved making quilts and clothing for her grandchildren in her spare time.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and will be dearly missed.

Francis is survived by her daughters Debbie Hay and Nancy Carter; her grandchildren Jonas Hartley, Sossity Nichols, Yara Tadlock, Richard Hay, Jarrid Hay, Kaitlyn Hollingworth, and Nathan Carter; and great-grandchildren Colette Hartley and Isabelle Hartley.

Arrangements will be at the Smith Family Funeral Home and will be held at a later date.

Dedication of Frazzini Building Downtown

Story by Anne McMillin, APR

Churchill County invites the public to the dedication and grand reopening of the former Frazzini Furniture building at 270 South Maine Street on September 5 from 3 to 5 p.m. The building will be the new home to Churchill County’s Social Services and Public Works, Planning & Building departments.

Formal remarks, with tours of the remodeled space and refreshments, are all scheduled for the afternoon.

Churchill County purchased the Frazzini Building in 2023, and the county’s facilities team remodeled it to better serve the public as a one-stop shop for all planning, land use, building, and zoning needs.

Randy Hines, the county’s public works director, explains: “With the move to 270 S. Maine Street, Churchill County will be adding the Building Department to the Public Works and Planning Department. This will provide a one-stop shop for contractors and the public to get business licenses, temporary use permits, special use permits, zoning reviews, and building permits, along with information regarding land use and zoning.”

He added that with the larger, combined staff in the Frazzini building, someone will always be available to answer questions at the desk.

Public Works, Planning, and Building moves into its new space on August 23, so the department will be closed that afternoon from noon to 5 p.m. It reopens on Monday, August 26, at 8 a.m. in Suite A at its new location downtown.

County Social Services moves into its new space on September 6 and 9 and will be closed



Former Frazzini Furniture store at 270 S. Maine Street in Fallon is the new home of Churchill County’s Social Services and Public Works, Planning & Building departments. Photo by Anne McMillin, APR.

on both days as staff settles in. The department will reopen on September 10 at 8 a.m. in Suite B.

In the coming months, the basement of the Frazzini building will become the new home to the Churchill County Rural Public Health Laboratory, which is currently located at 485 West B Street.

“With the Churchill County Rural Health Lab being part of Social Services, having that function downstairs in the lower level provides for synergy within the department. In addition, when the Central Nevada Health District moves next door to us, having the lab essentially co-located there will be greatly advantageous to all who use those facilities and will offer the ability to grow in the future,” said Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director.

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COMMUNITY

Churchill County Library September Happenings

By Anne McMillin, APR

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Churchill Library Association’s annual fundraiser, Books, Bites & Beverages, returns on Friday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. This literacy adventure explores six books by various authors with raffle baskets accompanying each literary-themed table. A silent auction and a wine pull are also on tap for the event. Tickets are \$40; raffle and wine pull tickets are additional and available at Jeff’s Digitex or by calling board members Zip Upham at 775-427-1477 or Jo Petteruti at 775-217-9516.

The seed library is open, and it’s not too late to plant cool-weather flowers and vegetables. Visit the seed library located just inside the front door to make your selections. Did you have extra seeds from your garden this summer? Donate them to the seed library, and over time, you can contribute to a robust, hyper-local plant powerhouse.

Senator Rosen’s office representative will be at the library on September 12 at 1 p.m. for “office hours.” Stop by and let the Senator’s staff know what is on your mind.

Reading with Rover also takes place on September 12 at 3:30 p.m. Practice your reading skills with the best listeners and keep the book you choose. It is geared toward ages 6-11, but all are welcome.

Elementary Book Club meets September 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Annex for those in grades 3 through 5. Reserve your spot at: bit.ly/CCLElementaryBookClub.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

“1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” encourages youngsters to read books before entering school. Recognition is given for every



100 books read on the way to 1,000. Sign-ups are accepted at any time at bit.ly/CCL1000BBK.

Spice Club features a different fair-trade spice every month for the community to try. Use the featured spice to make a tasty dish then tag the library on social media to share your culinary creations.

WEDNESDAYS

Children’s story time is at 11 a.m. Each week’s story time will feature the same content. Children’s Librarian Miss J reads picture books to children and offers a craft to accompany most stories. It is geared toward children ages 3-5, but all kids are welcome to participate.

Family board game night is at 4 p.m. Come with the whole family to enjoy board games supplied by the library or bring your own to play together.

THURSDAYS

Children’s story time is at 10 and 11 a.m.

FRIDAYS

STEAM sessions at 1:30 p.m. Choose from science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities that vary from week to week. It is geared to kids ages five through 11, but all are welcome.

OTHER SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Desktop computers are free for public use, and printing and photocopying services are available for a small printing fee.

Online learning services include Mango, Creativebug, World Book, Libby, Hoopla and Kanopy. Use them to learn a new language, explore crafts, study the planet, or download audiobooks, movies, music, and more!

As always, the library does not charge overdue fines.

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 the above activities. The Churchill County Library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon. Programming is subject to change, so keep current on the library website: www.churchillcountylibrary.org



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MEETINGS

September 3 - 6, 2024

All meetings are being held in the Commission Chambers of the County Admin Complex located at 155 N. Taylor St.



<p>Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept. 5, 1:15 p.m. Highway Commission</p>
<p>Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:15 a.m. Board of County Commissioners</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept. 5, 1:45 p.m. CC Communications</p>

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COMMUNITY

Benefit Car Show Sept 8

By Victoria Crystal

Fallon Les Schwab Tire Center and The Fallon Post are excited to team up again for the 2024 3rd Annual Benefit Car Show on Sunday, September 8.

All proceeds from the car show will be gifted to the non-profit Davey's Entertainment. Army veteran and business owner Davey Munoz plans to use the money raised for the Wreaths Across America program.

Wreaths Across America honors and remembers U.S. military veterans by placing wreaths on their graves during the holiday season. Over 1,300 wreaths are placed at the Fallon Cemetery each year, with 8,500 placed at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC) in Fernley.

As a four-time cancer survivor, Mr. Munoz's nonprofit also hopes to bring Relay for Life back to Fallon. Relay for Life is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society that supports cancer research, patient support, and awareness programs.

After establishing Fallon as his home in 2013, Davey dedicated himself to being an essential part of the community. He is an Ambassador for the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, an active volunteer for Churchill County Search and Rescue, a race and event announcer, the MC for the Fallon Lions Club Labor Day Parade and the Fallon 4th of July Parade, the MC and DJ for the Cantaloupe Festival Car Show, and the MC for our Benefit Car Show.



Davey Munoz. Photo by Victoria Crystal.

With all of Davey's free time – which isn't much, he enjoys bass fishing. Most of the time, he is busy serving Fallon and Churchill County.

Please show your support on Sunday, September 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (check-in at 8 a.m.) at Fallon Les Schwab Tire Center, 2555 Reno Hwy, Fallon, Nevada.

Pre-registration is available at the Fallon Les Schwab location or by calling 775-423-7722. Same-day registration will be available until full. There will be no early online registration this year. Pay in person at the time of check-in.

This year's contest categories include the Best Beard Contest at noon, goody bags for the kids, and burgers and wings by Wild West Burgers. Stop in and say hello to – you guessed it, Davey Munoz, who will be announcing the event, and Churchill County Search and Rescue.

Spectator parking will be available nearby (follow the signs), and the main parking area will be reserved for cars entering the show.

Event entries include a Unicorn (most rare), Fiasco (Utter Disaster), Awesome American, Fabulous Foreign, Majestic Modern, Most Bleepable Backseat, Radical Rat Rod, Marvelous Motorcycle, Whipper Snapper (kids' choice), OG (original stock), Shake Things Up (modified), Roar and Rumble (loudest), and Sexy Tractor.

Thank you to Camacho Auto Sales, Frey Ranch Distillery, Fallon Speedway, Ott's Farm and Welding, and Shawn Crystal for your continuing support.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Bobby Kennedy

By Joe Dahl

It was a friendly bar that night; there were lots of patrons. A big man with a big voice stood up and yelled, "Drinks for everyone, on me," and after a pause, he said, "Except for the little Jewish guy down there at the end."

They all drank to him, except the Jewish guy. An hour later, with people coming and going, the big guy yelled again. It was the same thing: drinks were on him for everybody except the Jewish man on the other end of the bar. Finally, the Jew went over to the generous, loud man and politely asked why not treat the Jew. The answer was, "You guys sank the Titanic." The Jew said, "No, an iceberg sank the Titanic." "Iceberg, Greenberg, Fienberg, you people are all the same anyway," was the explanation.

Is this a good example of antisemitism?

Looks like we are going to have more and more ongoing Palestinian protesters/rioters, many of who don't know which river or which sea. They hate America and love Hamas. They don't think the LGBTQI (and whatever letters) people have a fair go of it in America. Those same people that Hamas throws off the top of tall buildings.

The history of the world and the ongoing – in enlightened modern American – hatred of Jews is such a puzzle to me. Another puzzle is that in twenty-first-century America, there is little or no accounting or punishment for civil rights violations against the race or religion of Jews.

I remember when President John Kennedy appointed his little brother Bobby as the Attorney General of the United States, explaining that he was absolutely the best qualified for the job no matter whose brother he was.

Not knowing much about his private life, I admired Jack Kennedy (it made me feel close), although I disagreed with and even feared some of his left-leaning policies. Looking back, I think the Kennedy Family was and is an all-American family with progressive ideals.


But Bobby Kennedy, this little busy guy with high ideas, goals, ambitions, and objectives, and a lot of power, was a little scary all by himself (not as scary as Kamala).

He took on J. Edgar Hoover, the All-American G-man, over Mafia issues and racial issues. His dedication and tireless efforts against formidable foes achieved the most important and effective federal legislation since Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. These were laws against what were really un-American discriminations that became actually punishable. These laws allowed and caused us to work on America's imperfections, as Harris Faulkner's father told her. And we've made great progress allowing everyone to enjoy the blessings of America.


If I am at one end of a football field, I can tell the skin color of a man at the other end. If a white man is sitting across this table from me, unless I know, I could not tell if he is Jewish, by race, or religion.

Bobby Kennedy, with his human weaknesses, like all of us, is a hero of Black America and a hero for all of America. In his grave, spin or not, his dead body doesn't care, but his spirit, from wherever, must be very disappointed about the anti-Israel persecution and civil rights violations that go mostly unpunished. Surely, he's watching no one care.

The author's opinions are his own and do not reflect or imply an opinion of The Fallon Post. We encourage letters to the editor and Guest Editorials. Please send yours to admin@thefallonpost.org.



**Notice of Availability of a
Draft Environmental Assessment
for Construction and Operation of
Public Private Venture Housing at
Naval Air Station Fallon, located
in Churchill County, Nevada**



The Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes to amend existing agreements with San Diego Family Housing, Limited Liability Company (SDFH), to include the leasing of additional Government land from the Navy into the SDFH leasehold, as well as construction, operation, and maintenance of 172 new Public Private Venture (PPV) privatized military family housing units at Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, located in Churchill County, Nevada. The Proposed Action would address the lack of housing for active-duty military members assigned to NAS Fallon and their families by providing new housing units. The Navy is seeking the public's input concerning its draft environmental impacts analysis.

The proposed PPV housing development would be located on undeveloped NAS Fallon property north of existing PPV housing and along Pasture Road. The site location is adjacent to the NAS Fallon Child Development Center, approximately 600 feet west from the NAS Fallon main gate on Churchill Avenue.

The Draft EA has been made available for public review at the local library (Churchill County Library, 553 S Maine St, Fallon, NV 89406) and on the Navy Region Southwest website at: <https://cnrsw.cnic.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Support/Public-Information-Access-to-Navy-Projects/NASF-Environmental-Assessment-PPV-Housing/>.

Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft EA during the 30-day public review period, which runs from August 9, 2024 to September 8, 2024. All comments received by **September 8, 2024** will be considered in the preparation of the Final EA. Public comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Email your comments to: amanda.t.peyton.civ@us.navy.mil
- Mail comments to: **Attn: Amanda Peyton
Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest
750 Pacific Highway (12th Floor, Environmental)
San Diego, California 92132-5190**

For more information visit the Navy Region Southwest website.

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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Shaw Sentenced on County Side-by-Side Theft

By Teresa Moon

Tyler Kirby Shaw, who is in custody, appeared before Judge Thomas Stockard on Tuesday, August 20, for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District.

On July 23 Shaw pled guilty to (1) Attempt to Commit Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, which is considered wobbler and may be sentenced as a gross misdemeanor, or Category D Felony, (2) Category C Felony of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, and (3) Category D Felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer.

"It's very unfortunate what we have here in front of you, Your Honor," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford. "What we have is a defendant who on two occasions has shown this community that he takes what does not belong to him." Sanford expounded, stating the defendant favors motor vehicles and does not like to comply with law enforcement.

According to Sanford, Shaw stole a 2019 side-by-side from the Rafter 3C Center. Surveillance video shows that he went to the fairgrounds, started checking doors, and found keys to the ATVs. "He then takes a golf cart and rides into the sunset with it," said Sanford, who explained the vehicle was later found. When questioned, Shaw gave a false name to the officer, fled the scene, and was later arrested.

Sanford said the court previously granted Shaw the privilege of being released on his own recognizance (OR), with the court being very clear on the conditions of his release – abide by the law. Shaw did the exact opposite, and within a handful of hours, he stole a motorcycle and engaged with officers in a pursuit to evade. "He thumbed his nose at you, used controlled substances, put this community at risk, and did further crimes," Sanford stated.

Arguing against Drug Court, Sanford asserted that the program is for addicts. The defendant "is a criminal who may or may not use drugs." She concluded by stating that Shaw has shown that he is not amenable to supervision. Sanford requested restitution of \$2,025 as the motorcycle was left in an irrigation ditch and is inoperable, which the county still holds as evidence.

Raymond Arshenko Esq., defense attorney for Shaw, asked the court to grant probation with the condition of Drug Court, noting his minor criminal history, having been caught with pot at 18 and later received a DUI.

Shaw's family is "blown away by this," Arshenko said, "Shaw was a good mechanic and working hard at it. At some point, someone gave him the bright idea of pushing out a few more hours if he tries a little bit of meth." Arshenko explained it went downhill from there, with Shaw eventually losing control. According to Arshenko, Shaw's substance abuse evaluation concluded needs inpatient treatment.

Regarding the motorcycle, Arshenko said Shaw bought it on the street, paid cash for it, and later found out it was stolen. He was not involved in any organized theft, said Arshenko. He made the unwise decision to elude law enforcement. As for the side-by-side, it was "more of an impulsive, come across a vehicle that has the keys left in it, kinda thing."

According to Arshenko, Shaw is economically productive when he is clean, and the structure of the Drug Court and inpatient treatment is needed.

The owner of the Honda VT 600 motorcycle told the court the bike was purchased on March 12, 2024, for \$2,700, and he has the bill of sale. Law enforcement notified him that it had been stolen from his storage unit. Further, he was told it was inoperable and asked for restitution of \$2,025.

On Count I, Attempt to Commit Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Judge Stockard sentenced the charge as a felony, sentencing Shaw to 12-36 months in prison. On Count II, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Shaw received 19-48 months, and on Count III, he received 14-46 months, with all terms running consecutively.

Judge Stockard ordered restitution of \$2,025 and the motorcycle to be released to the victim. He told Shaw that he appeared to have some skill sets that he could use. "You will get out of it [prison] exactly what you put into it," said Stockard. "Opportunity for drug treatment, get some job skills, sobriety ... – Good luck."

Stockard remanded Shaw to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Open Lewdness Case Involves Multiple Victims

By Teresa Moon

Gurvinder Singh Dosanjh appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District before Judge Thomas Stockard on Tuesday, August 20. On April 9, Dosanjh pled guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Open or Gross Lewdness. For Dosanjh to be considered for probation, he submitted to a Psychosexual Risk Assessment. Judge Stockard noted that the court had received the assessment and Dosanjh's Substance Abuse Evaluation.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker explained there were initially three charges, but the state reduced them to a single count per plea negotiations. According to Baker, the first victim was being interviewed by the defendant at Fallon RV Park when he hugged her and grabbed her buttocks. The second victim was an employee of RV Park who Dosanjh called her into his office, pulled



Gurvinder Dosanjh.
Photo courtesy of CCSO.

down his pants, and "tried to get her to touch it." The third victim was another employee whom he instructed to go to his trailer near the store to get him a scotch. When she walked in, he went into the bedroom and came out naked.

Baker said Dosanjh's "behavior is not acceptable," telling Judge Stockard the state believes he needs counseling to ensure this does not happen again and that the defendant needs to understand what

appropriate behavior is and is not.

Roberto Puentos, Esq., defense counsel for Dosanjh, said his client is a 54-year-old educated man, a successful businessman, and has been married 27 years. "He is a very soft-spoken, humble man," Puentos said, explaining that this is a case where the dates of the offenses are remote. "These women started coming out of the woodwork and piling on."

According to Puentos, a couple of

Temporary Protective Orders have been in place with no violations. He pointed out the risk assessment, which concluded that his client was not at a high risk of reoffending. Further, Dosanjh's substance abuse evaluation indicates his client has a severe alcohol problem, with alcohol involved in at least two of the incidents. Puentos said he was hopeful the court would consider the joint recommendations for probation, also noting the offenses occurred one-and-a-half to three-and-a-half years ago.

Dosanjh said he felt sorry and very ashamed. "I feel sorry for the victims of my behavior." Judge Stockard granted him probation on a suspended sentence of 364 days in jail. In addition to the standard conditions of probation, Dosanjh must follow the recommendations of both his Substance Abuse Evaluation and his Psychosexual Risk Assessment. Dosanjh must also register as a sex offender. Fees and assessments were imposed.

Peters Receives 220 Days in Jail After Absconding

By Teresa Moon

Cheyenne Laverne Peters, in custody, appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court before Judge Thomas Stockard on August 20. Peters admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation for absconding from supervision. On October 31, Peters received probation on a suspended sentence of 220 days in jail on the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy to Unlawfully Obtain and Use Personal Identifying Information to Avoid or Delay.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court that Peters' probation officer, who could not attend court, recommended her probation be revoked. Mills noted that this probation officer is "one of the most hardworking officers you'll ever meet, and he wants everybody to succeed. He's tried working with Ms. Peters, but he has bent over backward with Ms. Peters." According to Mills, she has not given the slightest effort. "Nothing," Mills said, agreeing with Peter's PO that if she cannot even be

bothered to check in once, she is not worthy of probation.

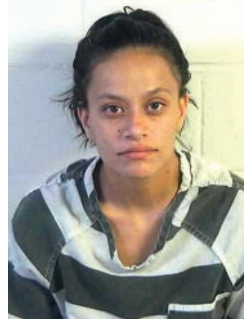
Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer stated that on paper, the circumstances do not look great regarding Peters' behavior. He said this was his client's first time on probation. She has no other convictions and was transported to another jurisdiction. However,

Sommer said, that is "not to excuse the fact that she didn't do what she needed to do."

Sommer further said Peters has a brand-new perspective on things. He asked for probation reinstatement, with a 30-day sanction, to allow Peters to prove to the court that she can regain her good behavior by cooperating with Parole & Probation.

Peters told the court she got her GED as ordered, and she now has a stable address and a new phone. She told Judge Stockard, "I'm trying."

Stockard revoked Peter's probation, imposed the underlying sentence of 220 days, and granted credit for 59 days for time served. He remanded her to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.



Cheyenne Laverne Peters.

Check out www.thefallonpost.org on Friday for the full District Court story.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Library Board Works Through Hiring Process



Jo Petteruti, on left, during Library Board meeting May 31 with former board member Tara Price-Gritzmacher, center, and current member Jessica Rowe, on right. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

By Rachel Dahl

The Library Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting to discuss the next steps for selecting, interviewing, and hiring the next Churchill County Library Director.

Interim Director Carol Lloyd, who has come out of retirement to assist the county with running the library and filling the vacancy in the library director position after CL Quillen was terminated, reported that there were 11 applicants for the position. After a thorough review through the Human Resources process, five of those candidates were chosen for interviews, which were held on August 21, and three of those will be forwarded to the board for the formal interview process.

“They are all very solid candidates for the position,” said Lloyd.

The board agreed to two possible dates for the interview, which will take place in a public meeting on September 9 or 16, depending on what day works for all the candidates. The day will begin at 9 a.m., with candidates taking a tour of the library with Lloyd. At the same time, the board will receive an overview and instruction from Civil Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed and Human Resources Director Chris Spross on procedural matters.

Interviews will begin at 10:30 and last an hour and fifteen minutes each, with fifteen minutes between interviews and a half-hour lunch. After both interviews, deliberations will take place to make a selection that day.

During the interviews, each board member will have the opportunity to ask questions. Lloyd and HR developed the questions through an open process, with input and suggestions from the community and the board.

“I feel confident that everyone’s concerns are in there,” said Lloyd.

In other business, Lloyd presented a report on the library’s activities for the past month. The Summer Reading program was a great success, with 401 sign-ups and 192 active readers who submitted logs during the summer. Seven hundred seventy-seven books were given away to the community, and the end-of-the-program survey was positive. Lloyd said comments expressed appreciation for the staff and the good interactions with the library.

Two new hires have been made: a part-time page for 14 hours per week, Jessica Hahn, and the Digital Information Services, Banner Thomas Patterson, who has a master’s degree in library information science.

Lloyd also reported that the Home-school Workshop was held and turned out very well, with 22 parents and students attending.

The board also approved the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and July expense report. The annual budget for the library is \$767,460 in public library funding. “You will see that salaries and benefits come from the commissioners and is not something we control,” said Lloyd. “Services and supplies we have control over and do very well in controlling.”

Additionally, board member Jo Petteruti went on record at the beginning of the meeting to publicly resign from her position, effective immediately. “I joined this board seven years ago, and it was an autonomous board at that point. Things are much different now, and quite honestly, I was disheartened how Tara Price-Gritzmacher and Ashlee McGarity were treated with their reappointments when they were rescinded. They did as they were asked on May 31, and one week later, they were terminated and told they could reapply. It’s time for me to move on, and as such, I respectfully resign as of now.”

During her report, Lloyd thanked Petteruti for her work on the board.

Open Meeting Law Training

By Rachel Dahl

The Open Meeting Law (OML), a state law codified in Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 241, governs the meetings of state and local agencies and provides for open discourse. The legislature has declared that “all public bodies exist to aid in the conduct of the People’s business.” And their “actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.”

Civil Deputy Jeff Weed presented training to the Library Board of Trustees during their last regular meeting, as four new members had recently been appointed.

Meetings that are subject to the OML are any “gathering of members of a public body at which a quorum is present to deliberate toward a decision or take action on any specific matter over which that body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.” Weed explained that “deliberate” means that when any quorum of the body collectively examines, weighs, and reflects upon the reason for or against the action, and that cannot take place outside a properly agendized and called open meeting. He also explained “action” being taken when a decision is made, a commitment is made, or an affirmative vote is made.

Confusion often arises among boards and the public regarding social gatherings and conferences, which are not generally meetings subject to OML. Although it is acceptable for a board quorum to attend an event, Weed cautioned members to be aware of talking together or any appearance of deliberation.

During meetings, board members should be cautious of discussions during breaks, sidebar conversations where they are deliberating off the record, and rolling quorums where one board member talks to another who then talks to another or one board member who individually talks to enough board members that they are creating a situation where they have deliberated off the record. Any conversations that result in an accumulated, secret consensus are prohibited.

Weed also cautioned board members about email and to be aware of how they communicate, making sure they are not all on an email together and never to “reply to all,” which also creates a quorum and falls under deliberation. Deliberation and votes must take place in a public meeting.

There are instances when a public body can meet without public notice but only to discuss potential or existing litigation. Action cannot be taken in those meetings.

Notice of any public meeting must be given three working days prior to the meeting, not including the day of the meeting, by 9 a.m. The notice must be concise but informative to the public of the items to be discussed. No action or discussion can be taken during a public meeting on an item not on the agenda or marked for possible action.

Weed cautioned board members to be careful with staff reports, requests for future agenda items, and visiting before and after a meeting to prevent accidentally discussing something that may be or should be agendized. He also reminded them to be open-minded and come to meetings willing to listen and deliberate.

Board members who know of and participate in OML violations can face fines and jail time.

The issue of public comment was also covered, which allows for comments on any matter that is not explicitly included on the agenda and is provided for at the beginning and end of each meeting. There are also provisions that allow for public comment after each action item on the agenda is discussed but before action is taken. Comments can be limited to a uniform period, but that applies to each speaker, and if it is not enforced on any one speaker, it cannot be enforced on any other speaker. Weed said board members should avoid making public comments.

Weed also explained that the Chairperson is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting and can remove redundant or irrelevant speakers and presentations. Public comment cannot be limited based on viewpoint.

The Chair can also remove a person from the meeting if they are disruptive.

The open meeting law can be found in NRS Chapter 241 and is simplified and reviewed on the Attorney General’s website at ag.nv.gov/about/governmental_affairs/OML.

EDUCATION

Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of ChurchillCSD.



The Varsity girls' soccer team took to the new turf for the first time, and defeated Lovelock 13-0.

CCHS

Friday, August 23, the Varsity girls' soccer team took to the new turf for the first time, ready to take on Lovelock. With exceptional athleticism, the Greenwave defeated Lovelock 13-0.

CCMS

Students in Amy Nichols' Practical Assessment Exploration Systems (PAES) lab classes have spent the last several weeks helping Churchill County School District assemble and update safety buckets that are distributed district-wide. It was a whole assembly line with students getting real-world experience in middle school. This is the fourth year CCMS has offered the PAES lab. The lab converts a classroom into a work development lab where students become employees and teachers become employers. It consists of five units: business/marketing, computer technology, processing/production, consumer/service, and construction/industrial. The employees (students) follow work procedures to complete jobs as best as they can independently and learn their interests and strengths, which can help guide them into electives at the high school or onto a career pathway.



Students in Amy Nichols' Practical Assessment Exploration Systems (PAES) lab classes helping Churchill County School District assemble and update safety buckets.

Numa

Students in Alissa Bailey's class explored physical maps by creating a 3D map of Nevada. Students began this project by collaborating to put together the maps. Then, each student determined Nevada's landscape, including rivers, lakes, mountains, and valleys. "This lesson is always one of my favorites because, by the end, students can determine how they can use physical maps over technology such as GPS," Bailey said. Student Ava Bailey said the project was fun and taught her where mountains, lakes, and rivers are. Another student, Anakin Ross, said his favorite part was making the dough with his team. "We had to work together and make sure everyone had turns, so it was fair."



Students in Alissa Bailey's class explored physical maps by creating a 3D map of Nevada.

E.C. Best

The Bulldog Store is back for another great year. Tina Koenig, Sarah Solomon, and Emma Knapp are running the Bulldog Store this year. Students can head to the gym every Friday to spend the bulldog bucks they earned doing something good. ECB will also continue Popcorn Friday, which allows students to purchase popcorn for \$0.50. "This is a fun way to get the kids excited about coming to school and doing well. We love seeing their excitement when they smell the popcorn in the hallway, or they come to the bulldog store to spend the bulldog bucks that they worked hard to earn," teacher Christine Mori said.



Students purchasing items from the Bulldog store and buying Popcorn for Popcorn Friday.



Students in Rachel Gonzalez's class creating red tear art hearts.

Lahontan

This week, Lahontan welcomed kindergarten students to school. Students have already been working hard learning their letters, colors, and numbers. One of the ways the kindergarten teachers help teach students their colors is by focusing on one color each week. Last week, the color was red. Students in Rachel Gonzalez's class learned to spell the word red, sing about it, and find it in their environment. Students concluded their first week by creating red tear art hearts as their art project. The red hearts are now displayed in the hallway.

Northside Early Learning Center

Pre-Kindergarten students had their first week of school last week. Students in Octavia Merritt and Montana Koplin's class had lots of fun exploring all the different centers they will have access to this year. Students also enjoyed breakfast in the lunchroom and played outside on the playground. "We had a wonderful first week and can't wait to have a wonderful school year," Merritt said.



Students in Octavia Merritt and Montana Koplin's class had lots of fun exploring all the different centers they will have access to this year.



Intern Daniel Madera.

CCHS Intern Spotlight

Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura

Daniel Madera is our intern of the week. He joined his brother in the engineering department at New Millennium Business Systems. Daniel has had a very successful experience at New Mill; they have asked him to continue his internship as he attends the University of Nevada, Reno. He will be interning in the New Mills Reno office. His major is going to be in Engineering. This is a true example of the CCHS Work Based Learning Program, where his schooling and internship are in his Career Path. Daniel has aspirations of becoming an engineer.

SPORTS

Coming Soon Jim Regan Memorial Golf Tournament



Shotgun start kicks off on Sept. 21 at 9 a.m. (See ad on page 16)

Past player from from the Jim Regan Memorial Golf Tournament.

Story and photo by Anne McMillin, APR

With the Annual Jim Regan Memorial Golf Tournament happening on September 21 at the Fallon Golf Course, organizers say now is the time for 4-person teams and sponsors to sign up.

Team registration for the 4-person scramble format is open, and sponsorships and donations are being accepted. Please go online to <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/136/Employee-Activities> to sign up to play or become a sponsor, or contact Pam Moore at 775-412-1083 or 775-423-4092.

The tournament's shotgun start kicks off on September 21 at 9 a.m., and entry includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch, contests, and

snacks. Prizes are awarded for team scores, longest drive, and closest to the hole.

Online registration and fees are due September 5. You may also drop off the paper registration and your entry fees with Pam Moore in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110, in Fallon, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Make checks payable to "Churchill County Golf."

The annual tournament, named after former County Commissioner Jim Regan, raises funds for the Jim Regan Memorial Scholarship Fund, which supports academic scholarships for general county employees or their children. Funds raised from the golf tournament will be allocated to scholarships awarded in spring 2025.

Oasis High School Cross Country



Staff Report

On Friday, Oasis Academy High School Cross Country competed at the Douglas Class Meets. The course was 2.55 miles, and everyone on the team had excellent scores. Kamron and Eli, though, got to bring home a few extra presents in the form of stings as they ran into multiple angry yellowjackets during their race.

Sophomore Boys: Leo's time of 15:19 earned him second place; Kamron, at 17:41, came in eighth; Elijah, at 20:21, came in ninth.

Junior Girls: Beatriz's time of 25:01 earned her third place.

Junior Boys: Jay, at 18:11, came in fifth; Chase, at 20:36, came in eighth.

Oasis HS Cross Country Meet. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

Congratulations to all of the team members. Go, Bighoras!

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COLUMNS

Allison’s Book Report
“Thank You For Listening”

by Julia Whelan

A while back, in The Book Report, I mentioned how I love to use audiobooks as a tool to get more pages read during the week. I also mentioned that my favorite audiobook narrator is Julia Whelan, and that has led to many DMs and in-person conversations all over town about how she is a favorite for many of you Book Report readers. Whelan is a lifelong actor and screenwriter and has won many awards for her narration of over 600 audiobooks; she has even written and narrated two books of her own, including my recommendation for this week, a rom-com called “Thank You for Listening.”

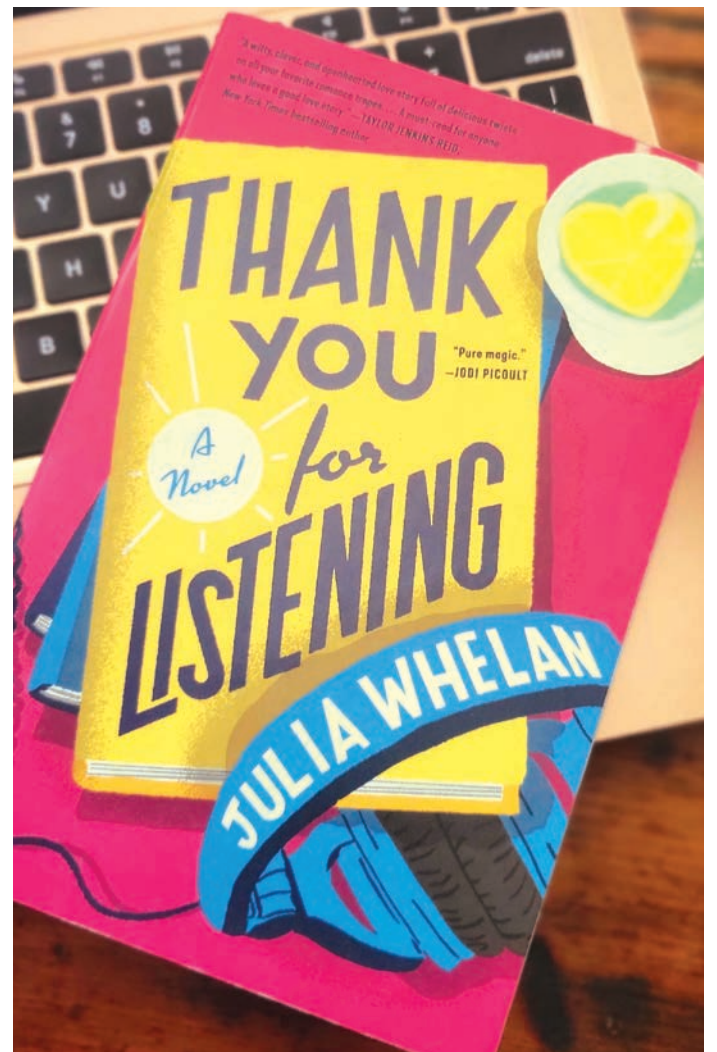
For Sewanee Chester, being an audiobook narrator is a long way from her old dreams and where she envisioned she would be by now, but the old days of being a star on film sets are long behind her. However, she has found success in her career, allowing her to care for her beloved, ailing grandmother. When Sewanee travels to Las Vegas for a last-minute appearance at a book convention, she unexpectedly spends one amazing whirlwind of a night with a sexy stranger. When she returns home, Sewanee discovers that one of the world’s most beloved romance novelists’ dying wishes was for Sewanee to perform her last book with fellow Narrator Brock McNight. Brock is the industry’s hottest and most secretive voice. Sewanee is not a fan of romance novels at all after a tragic accident, and she stopped narrating them years ago.

However, her admiration for the late author and the extra cash that would make her able to afford more help for her grandmother decides for her. As Sewanee resurrects her old romance pseudonym and gets to work on the book, she and Brock start feeling sparks despite being hidden behind the comfort of anonymity. Before she knows it, she is allowing herself to dream once more - but as se-

crets are revealed, Sewanee’s life begins crashing down around her once again. Can she learn to take a chance and risk it all for desires that she thought she had long since forgotten?

“Thank You for Listening” is a fun peek into the world of recording and publishing audiobooks, all wrapped up in a fun and light-hearted romantic comedy. This one is a perfect weekend read or listen for fans of Julia Whelan, both old and new. She is one of the most prolific audiobook narrators ever, and she can also write a great rom-com. Download this book and start listening. Then, pop over to my Instagram account @allison.the.reader and tell me what you think and what I should be reading next.

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.



Movies & More
August 30 & 31

By Kelli Perez

Last weekend was huge for Fallon and Churchill County with the annual Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair. The theatre played a part in the festivities by hosting the Cantaloupe Canter 5K fun run/walk. Thank you so much to everyone who came out on an unusually cool August morning to make the event a success.

This weekend, the month is winding down with a fun couple of films for you to enjoy.

First, at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we’re showing “The Lego Ninjago Movie.” Released in 2017, this is the third film in the Lego Movie franchise and follows the story of a teenage ninja who seeks to defeat his evil warlord father with the help of his friends. The movie is rated PG and has a runtime of 1



hour and 41 minutes.

Secondly, on both Friday and Saturday, at 7 p.m., we have the final installment of the Harry Potter series, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2.” The final battle rages on at Hogwarts while Harry, Ron, and Hermione search out the remaining Horcruxes to defeat Voldemort. This film is rated PG-13 and has a runtime of 2 hours and 10 minutes.

If you’re interested in making plans for what

movies you’d like to see at the Fallon Theatre in September and October, both schedules can be found on Facebook, Instagram, or the website www.fallontheatre.com.

The 2024 Show ‘N’ Shine will be held on September 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More details will be available soon.

COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

Dearest Gentle Readers. Two weeks have passed since I last penned a column. I hope you forgive me for taking a break while we journeyed across America on the back of iron horses. Did you know that people who are train enthusiasts are known as “ferroequinologists?” Students of iron horses. Neil and I have ridden the rails three times since 2015. On two occasions, we took the California Zephyr from Winnemucca to the end of the line in Chicago, Illinois. This trip involved 96 hours on the train to enjoy two



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

nights at a fantastic Cubs-themed Airbnb 15 feet from Wrigley Field, where we attended The Saviors Tour concert featuring Green Day, The Smashing Pumpkins, and Rancid. My inner 90's child lost her mind. The California

Zephyr runs from Emeryville, California, to Chicago, with trains departing from each location daily. We prefer to jump on board in Winnemucca. The station is less than a block from the Martin Hotel, and the train arrives sometime after 6:30. Our departure plan always involves some delicious Basque food and Picon Punches while we wait. Traveling by train requires some flexibility as delays happen, but it's easy to be patient with a tasty braised lamb shank, a cocktail, and Basque beans.

After settling into our sleeper cabin, Neil and I spend our time disconnecting from all of the distractions of regular life (work, social media, obligations) and focusing on each other and the beautiful American landscapes passing by our window. We read, play cards, chat, and giggle, all without access to the internet and minimal cell phone service. And, of course, we eat. Meals and beverages are included with a sleeper ticket, and the food is surprisingly tasty. I enjoyed a medium-rare flat iron steak, oven-roasted chicken with morel mushrooms, and baked salmon with lobster sauce. The Zephyr route takes you through the

Rockies, across the Continental Divide (through the nearly 100-year-old Moffat Tunnel), and over the Mississippi River. Some of the most spectacular scenery can be found in the Ruby Canyon, a 25-mile-long stretch at the border of Utah and Colorado that can be accessed only by raft or by rail. During the summer months, sections of the Zephyr route include narration provided by United States Park Service personnel. This year, they are focusing on Reno to Emeryville through the Sierras. Still, on a past trip, I learned that the United States Olympic kayak team practices in Rocky Mountain rapids and saw where Teddy Roosevelt slept whilst hunting bears in Glenwood Canyon, Colorado.

Of course, any form of public transportation involves other people. As luck would have it, Neil picked up a “man cold” on our return trip to Nevada, and now we are a bit under the weather. So here I am in Kelli's Kitchen, a little fuzzy from cold medicine, cooking a pot of spicy chicken soup. Try it yourself when you need a little immune system boost.

Chicken Soup for Summer Colds

Ingredients:

- 2 Containers of Chicken Bone Broth from the meat section
- 1 Medium onion, chopped
- 1 Clove garlic, minced
- 2 Serrano chiles, seeded if you prefer, and sliced
- 1 Can of fire-roasted tomatoes or 1 lb garden tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and diced
- 1 cups Cooked chicken breast, shredded
- 1 bunch Cilantro, chopped
- 1 Lime, juiced
- 2 Avocados, diced
- Tortilla strips for garnish

Directions:

1. Bring the stock to a simmer with the onion, garlic, and chiles.
2. After 15 minutes, add the tomatoes and continue simmering for 5 minutes. Add the chicken breast and cilantro. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and black pepper. Add avocado, remove from heat, cover, and let sit for 5 minutes. Stir in lime juice and serve topped with crispy tortilla strips.



CROSSWORD

By Peanut

A crossword puzzle grid with the words 'HISTORY' and 'IN THE' pre-filled. The grid includes numbered squares for clues. The pre-filled words are: HISTORY (Across 1), IN (Across 2), THE (Down 1).



Across

- 6. 1957 - Gained independence from England
- 8. 1888 - Jack the Ripper's first victim found there
- 9. 1993 - His "Late Show" debuted
- 11. 1831 - Portugal recognized its independence
- 13. 1609 - He demonstrated his first telescope
- 14. 1972 - American swimmer won gold

Down

- 1. 1939 - Japan driven out of this country
- 2. 1682 - He first observed comet named after him
- 3. 1883 - Volcanic eruption felt around the world
- 4. 1941 - 1st national leader to approve a nuclear program
- 5. 1972 - Soviet gymnast won gold
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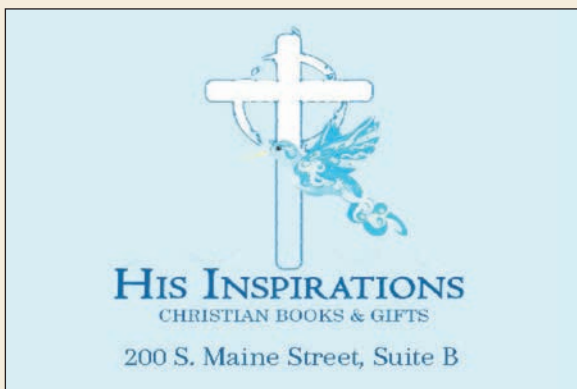
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