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## NAS Fallon Welcomes New Commander in Change of Command Ceremony

By Rachel Dahl

Naval Air Station Fallon welcomed new leadership last Friday as Capt. Michael Haymon officially assumed command, taking over from Capt. Shane Tanner during a formal Change of Command ceremony on base.



Change of Command at NAS Fallon. Photo by Nevada Veterans Journal.

The event, steeped in Navy tradition, marks the official transfer of responsibility from one commanding officer to the next. After the reading of orders, Haymon looked Tanner in the eye and said, "I relieve you, sir." Tanner responded with the customary reply: "I stand relieved."

The ceremony brought together military leaders, local officials, and community members, all gathered under clear skies to honor the occasion and reflect on the mission of the base.

Vice Adm. Scott Gray, Commander of Navy Installations Command, delivered the keynote address. He praised NAS Fallon as a critical national defense and combat readiness site.

"This is where our nation's warfighters are forged," Gray said. "The work being done here at Fallon is not just about training;

it's about making sure every sailor and aviator is ready to defend our nation with strength, precision, and unwavering resolve."

Capt. Major projects and partnerships marked Tanner's three-year tour. He oversaw the expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex, which added more than 523,000 acres of public land and 66,000 acres of non-federal land to support evolving training needs. These changes help the Navy simulate more realistic combat environments and prepare pilots and crews for increasingly complex missions.

Under Tanner's leadership, the base also expanded airspace and enhanced key training infrastructure. He worked closely with tribal leaders, the Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and state and local agencies—bringing together groups that don't always have easy conversations.

Rear Adm. Brad Rosen, Commander of Navy Region Southwest, commended Tanner for his ability to build those partnerships and push big ideas forward.

"Captain Tanner's impact will be felt for decades to come," Rosen said.

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## Land of Make Believe

### A Magical Musical Adventure Coming to CCHS Auditorium

By David Ernst

The Performing Arts of Churchill County (PACC) is inviting the community to step into a world of imagination with their newest original children's musical, "Land of Make Believe: The Musical." The show opens Thursday, April 3, at the Churchill County High School Auditorium, with evening performances at 7 p.m. running through Saturday, April 5. A special matinee performance will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are available for \$10 online at [www.paccnv.org](http://www.paccnv.org) and will be sold at the door, subject to seating availability.



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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log

## Deep Thoughts

By Rachel Dahl

I had a tough time getting started this morning. Four a.m. came way too early, and my new sleep measurement app assured me there was still a need for more restoration. This is dumb because it's press day, and ink doesn't care if you're rested. Since when in the past six years has getting sleep on press day mattered at all.

Apparently, I've settled into a rhythm. Stress doesn't run me anymore. That's sure an interesting observation to make at this stage of the game. Especially when there is still so much to worry about. But honestly, there's only so much worry before you finally just throw up your hands and realize it doesn't do much good to spend your days fretting.

We didn't come this far to come this far. And I'm pretty sure that worrying is not the variable that gets us here.

I'm cracking myself up with these "Deep Thoughts with Jack Handey" mulling this morning.

Which made me stop and ask Dr. Google where in the world I got an idea like Jack

Handey. Where did he come from? Why do I even know that?

Oh gosh, Saturday Night Live.

When we were little, I was always curious about SNL, but my dad said it was dumb, like a bunch of high school drama skits. Not really sure what that even meant, it wasn't until I was 20 years old that friends turned me on to the silliness, and we enjoyed a whole language dedicated to the one-liners that were SNL specialties in the late 80s.

I suppose that stuff sticks with you because I eventually used SNL in my English classrooms as I introduced the Canterbury Tales to my seniors and taught them to create social commentary. Often, we would talk about graduating and college as necessary, so we didn't end up "in a van, down by the river."

So while we remind ourselves here in the office that we're "good enough, smart enough, and doggone it, people like us" (Stuart Smalley), we'll still be right here...

—Rachel

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But the ceremony wasn't just about operations and strategy—it also took time to recognize the people behind the rank. Tanner's wife, Carly, and their daughters, Chloe, Sasha, and Layla, were thanked for the sacrifices that come with Navy life. The Fallon community also warmly welcomed Haymon's family—his wife, Joan, and their daughter, Alexis.

The sense of shared service extended to local government and tribal leaders who have long worked alongside the Navy. Among those in attendance were Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford and the Churchill County Commission members, along with representatives from nearby tribes.

"These partnerships are what allow NAS Fallon to remain the crown jewel of naval aviation training," Rosen said.

Haymon addressed the crowd after taking command, expressing his appreciation and sense of responsibility.

"NAS Fallon is more than just a training ground—it's where our nation's warfighters

sharpen their skills and prepare for the challenges ahead," he said. "I am deeply honored to take the helm and continue building on the incredible legacy that Captain Tanner leaves behind."

A career naval aviator, Haymon brings with him a reputation for hands-on leadership and a focus on readiness. He's expected to continue the base's modernization work while emphasizing quality of life for sailors and their families.

Tanner will head next to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, leaving behind a base that has grown in size, reach, and capability during his command.

As the ceremony came to a close, Adm. Rosen summed up the day's significance with a message about the base's future.

"The work we do here in Fallon has life-and-death implications for those who serve," he said. "Our mission is critical, and I have full confidence that Captain Haymon will continue to lead with the same passion, vision, and dedication that this base has come to expect."

[ Land of Make Believe continued from page 1 ]

Written and directed by Tim Wuth, "Land of Make Believe" is a whimsical journey that follows Bruce and his sister, Robin, who wish to visit their grandmother. When they turn to the magical mirror hanging in their living room for help, things take an unexpected turn. Suddenly, the siblings are swept away to a fantastical land where they encounter a cast of beloved storybook characters—including Little Red Riding Hood, the Fairy Godmother, multiple princesses, the Big Bad Wolf, and even the Evil Stepmother. Anything is possible in the Land of Make Believe, and audiences of all ages won't want to miss this enchanting adventure.

Since its founding in 2022, PACC has captivated local audiences with three successful children's musicals—"The Orphan Train," "Maine Street Gang," and "Gilligan's Island." Last spring, PACC also delivered a community favorite with its acclaimed production of "Fiddler on the Roof." In addition to their theatrical productions, PACC is home to the Churchill Kids' Choir, which closed out their fall season with a spirited performance

of "A Christmas Carol."

As PACC looks ahead to its 2025-2026 season, they are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help bring future productions to life. Volunteer applications are available on the PACC website, and the organization encourages community members to get involved in everything from acting and stage design to technical support and backstage assistance.

Performing Arts of Churchill County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the Fallon community through the arts. PACC's mission is to provide opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in a variety of performing arts disciplines, including singing, dancing, acting, and instrumental music. By promoting and growing the local arts culture, PACC invites everyone to join in—whether as a performer, technician, volunteer, or audience member.

For tickets and more information about "Land of Make Believe: The Musical," or to explore volunteer opportunities, visit [www.paccnv.org](http://www.paccnv.org).

## FEATURES

# Infant Located Safely Following Monday's Amber Alert, Mother in Custody

By Leanna Lehman

A 10-month-old child was located Monday afternoon, March 31, after an Amber Alert was issued in Northern Nevada. The child was found safe, after allegedly being taken that morning by a non-custodial parent, prompting a multi-agency response and public search effort.

According to law enforcement, the child was taken around 8 a.m. on March 31 by Chelsea Daniels, who authorities identified as the child's biological mother. Daniels does not have custodial rights and was believed to be armed at the time. The Amber Alert indicated that Daniels left the area in a black 2006 Ford Explorer with Nevada license plate 714S57.

Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox confirmed the abduction and the activation of the Amber Alert shortly after it began circulating through state notification systems and local cell networks around 2:15 p.m. on Monday.

Following the alert, law enforcement agencies received several citizen tips about vehicles matching the general description of the suspect's SUV. One report indicated a black Ford SUV at Lahontan Elementary School matching the description, prompting an immediate lockdown while officers investigated. The vehicle was determined not to be involved.

Another tip provided a possible location for the suspect's vehicle, consistent with earlier cellphone pings from Daniels' phone. Patrol and Investigations Units from the Churchill County Sheriff's Office were already in the area and soon observed a black Ford Explorer



Chelsea Daniels. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

traveling down a mountain road.

A marked patrol unit attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver did pull over. Deputies activated emergency lights and sirens and followed the SUV until it stopped. Daniels was taken into custody at the scene. The child was found unharmed inside the vehicle.

At approximately 3 p.m., both Daniels and the child were confirmed safe. In a statement, local officials thanked the community for its vigilance and the information provided by residents, which they said contributed significantly to the resolution of the case.

"We are grateful for the citizens who called in with sightings and information," said Sheriff Hickox.

"The successful resolution of this situation is a prime example of a collaborative effort by many agencies striving toward one goal—and that is the safety of the public."

He also acknowledged the assistance of several partner agencies, including the Fallon Police Department, Nevada Department of Public Safety, Nevada Division of Wildlife, Nevada Highway Patrol, and Banner EMS.

"I am beyond grateful that this little boy is safe and that this situation was resolved peacefully and quickly," Hickox said.

Deputies booked Daniels on multiple charges following her arrest. Fallon Police Department charged her with first-degree kidnapping and child abuse or neglect for alleged offenses committed within the city's jurisdiction. She also faces charges from the Churchill County Sheriff's Office, including child abuse or neglect and failure to stop on the signal of law enforcement.

## Bench Creek Ranch Hosts First Annual Bull Sale

By Sarah Porter and Nancy Chapman

*Bench Creek Ranch is rolling out the red carpet for cattle producers looking to add power, efficiency, and exceptional genetics to their herds. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12, 2025, when the ranch hosts its First Annual Gascon Bull Sale at 1 p.m., with a preview of the bulls beginning at 10 a.m. The sale will be held at the Bench Creek Ranch feedlot, located at 12451 Fitz Lane, Fallon, Nevada. Can't make it in person? No problem—bulls will also be available for bidding online through DVAuction.*

It all began in 2012 when Paul Plouviez, owner of Bench Creek Ranch, and Ranch Manager Sarah Porter, decided to bring something extraordinary to the U.S. cattle market. After years of raising other breeds, they took a bold step—importing 72 Gascon embryos from France. The complicated and costly process paid off when seven calves were born, laying the foundation for the first Gascon herd in the United States. Fast forward to today, Bench Creek Ranch boasts a thriving herd of 230 purebred Gascon cows and 60+ bulls.

While the ranch continues to operate a calf-cow operation with breeds like Braford, Charolais, Black and Red Angus, and Beefmasters—all crossed with Gascon bulls—2024 marked an exciting milestone. Bench Creek bred all their purebred Gascon cows to ultra black polled bulls, resulting in a new line of sleek, black Gascon cattle. These mature bulls stand 4 to 5 feet tall and weigh between 2,000 and 2,700 pounds—a force to be reckoned with in the commercial beef industry.

For cattlemen looking to boost carcass weight and cut feed costs, Gascon bulls might just be the secret ingredient. Bench Creek's data shows impressive results—Gascon crosses gain 6 to 8 pounds per day on a ration feed produced right on the ranch. In 90% of cases, this reduces the number of days required on a high-fat, high-protein finish ration while maintaining quality



Gascon Bull on Bench Creek Ranch. Photo by Sarah Porter.

through even the harshest weather conditions.

The payoff? 20% to 30% higher carcass yields. Gascon's sturdy bone structure and frame size contribute to producing high-quality beef with U+, E+, and S+ cut-out ratings. These crosses consistently hit 730 to 900+ pounds by one year old and are carcass-ready between 20 to 24 months.

Nevada's tough climate has proven to be an ideal testing ground for the Gascon breed. Surviving harsh winters, years of drought, and scarce feed is no small feat—but the Gascon thrives in these conditions. Thanks to its unique physiology—lacking a brisket—the Gascon has greater lung capacity, enabling it to utilize high-altitude terrain more efficiently.

This adaptability makes Gascon an ideal breed for Nevada's rugged landscape. In addition, their low birth weights—around 70 pounds for males and 65 pounds for females—make them an excellent choice for first-time heifers. Calves gain an impressive 3 to 4 pounds per day, thriving on the increased fat content in their mothers' milk.

Tight udders, minimal sickness, and remarkable immunity add to the breed's advantages. Pinkeye is virtually unheard of in Gascon cattle, thanks to the breed's dark eye pigmen-

tation. They also carry the slick gene, a genetic trait enhancing heat tolerance, making Gascon an ideal choice for demanding climates.

Another bonus? Gascon bulls bring more than just brawn to the table—they're known for their mild temperament, making them easier to handle whether on the range, in the feedlot, or on smaller farms. Their calm nature also reduces weaning stress, leading to fewer health complications. Add to that a calving interval of less than 380 days and 98% success in unassisted calving, and it's no wonder they've earned their reputation as the "Beef Up" breed.

The Bench Creek Bull Sale promises to be more than just a sale, it's a community event. Attendees can enjoy coffee, burgers, and vendor booths before, during, and after the sale. Paul, Sarah, and the Bench Creek team are eager to showcase how far they've come with the Gascon breed and to share an opportunity that could elevate your herd to its highest potential.

For more information or questions about the sale, contact Bench Creek Ranch at 775-217-5425. To learn more about the Gascon breed and its advantages, visit Bench Creek Ranch in person on April 12 or check out the auction online at DVAuction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nevada FFA Announces 2025-2026 State Officer Team



State President Maximillian Bushey, Capitol FFA



State Vice President William Few, Churchill County FFA



State Secretary Madison Gregory, Churchill County FFA

Staff Report

The Nevada FFA Association has announced its newly elected 2025-2026 State Officer Team, ready to lead and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders.

- State President: Maximillian Bushey, Capitol FFA
• State Vice President: William Few, Churchill County FFA
• State Secretary: Madison Gregory, Churchill County FFA

These outstanding students will spend the next year representing Nevada FFA, fostering leadership, and advocating for agricultural education across the state.

Congratulations to the new officer team! We wish them the best of luck as they take on this exciting journey and leave a lasting impact on Nevada FFA.

Brad Dolan Sworn in as New Fire Marshal



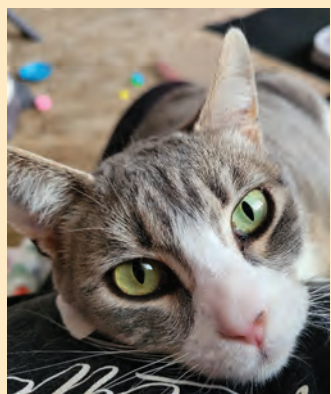
Brad Dolan and wife Megan, with City of Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford. Photo courtesy City of Fallon after swearing in ceremony.

Mayor Tedford swears in Brad Dolan as Fallon's new Fire Marshal during a brief ceremony Friday, March 28. Dolan steps into the role with a commitment to safeguarding the community and ensuring fire safety standards.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Cleo is Available for Adoption



Cleo is a 1-year-old gray and white tabby with a heart full of love. She's the definition of a lap cat—gentle, affectionate, and happiest when curled up beside you.

perfect mix of fun and comfort.

Right now, she's focused on being a great mom to her kittens. Once they're weaned, she'll be spayed, vaccinated, and ready to find her forever home.

If you're looking for a sweet, loyal companion, Cleo could be the one.

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 Pet O' the Week

Say hello to Callie, a 4-year-old Mastiff mix with a gentle soul. She's a bit shy when meeting new people, but with patience, she opens up into a calm and loving companion.



While CAPS is stocked on cat food and linens, we currently need dog treats, bleach, printer paper, paper towels, toilet paper, and monetary donations.

Want to help more? We're looking for volunteers, vendors for Bark in the Park (June 6-7), and flea market donations (April 3 drop-off).

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

City of Fallon Animal Shelter



Angel is a 1.5-year-old pup with a big heart and lots of love to give. She's great with other dogs (though she can be a little bossy) and absolutely loves to play.

Shelter life has been hard on Angel. She's been feeling down, and staff say she's clearly not herself in this environment.

If you're looking for a fun, loyal companion, Angel just might be perfect for you.

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

Movies & More

Goodbye March, Hello Spring: Exciting April Events at the Fallon Theatre!

By Kelli Perez

As we bid farewell to March and welcome the warmth of spring, we're excited to spend time with you and your family at the Fallon Theatre this month.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY (4/4 & 4/5) AT 6 PM - INSIDE OUT 2 (2024)

Kick off the weekend with Pixar's highly anticipated 'Inside Out 2.' This animated coming-of-age story follows Riley, now 13, as she navigates the challenges of high school.

- Rated: PG
• Runtime: 1 hour, 42 minutes

FRIDAY (4/4) AT 7 PM THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (1960)

For fans of classic Westerns, 'The Magnificent Seven' will be playing Friday evening at 7 PM. This timeless film stars an all-star ensemble cast, including Steve McQueen, Yul Brynner, and Charles Bronson.

- Rated: PG
• Runtime: 2 hours, 8 minutes

SATURDAY (4/5) AT 7 PM LIVE MUSIC WITH THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY BAND

Get ready for a toe-tapping evening as The Lincoln Highway Band takes the stage Saturday at 7 PM, performing a fantastic selection of 1960s Western classics.

- Admission: Free! Bring your friends and family to enjoy the show. While entry is free, donations are welcome to support the band and future events.

LOOKING AHEAD: DON'T MISS HEAD OVER FEET IN MAY!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5, at 7 PM, when Head Over Feet, a talented Alanis Morissette tribute band, brings an unforgettable concert to the Fallon Theatre.

NEED A VENUE? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Looking for the perfect space to host a celebration, party, or special event? Our auditorium is available for rentals! For more information or to book your event, contact us at: 775-423-6210 or thefallontheatre@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you this month at the Fallon Theatre—where great entertainment and unforgettable memories await

COMMUNITY

# Heavy Lifting, Home Team Style

Staff Report

With a little help from Dr. Sue Segura, Churchill County High School's Schools-to-Careers Coordinator, members of the CCHS baseball team hit one out of the park last week—this time off the field.

At her direction, several student-athletes from the Greenwave baseball team volunteered their time and muscle to assist The Fallon Post with a small moving project. With great attitudes, team spirit, and plenty of smiles, the players made quick work of the task, finishing it in no time.

Their willingness to jump in and help reflected not just athletic dedication, but a strong sense of community pride. It's the kind of teamwork that goes beyond the ballfield.

The Fallon Post extends a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Sue Segura and the outstanding members of the CCHS baseball team for lending a hand—and making the move a lot more fun.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Sue Segura.

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<b>TUESDAY, March 18th, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Commander Steven M. Endacott,</b> USN (Retired) "The Magic of Flight" From the Wright Brothers Flyer to modern day jet fighter aircraft, what makes them fly?	<b>TUESDAY, March 25th, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Chris De Witt,</b> Supervisor of Restoration, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City "Lumbering Through the Sagebrush" An overview of lumber production for Virginia City and the restoration of locomotive "Denbrook".	<b>TUESDAY, April 1st, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Loren Marcus</b> Wagon Builder and Wheel Wright, Marcus Wagon Works "Holy Smoke!" Every wagon has a story to tell.	<b>TUESDAY, April 8th, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Corey Koura</b> LT USCG (Retired) Spirit Tongue Restorations "The Attachment We Have To Our Vehicles"
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**WATER LEVELS**  
 Measurements Taken April 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	202,800 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	483 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	85.3cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	38.6 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	559 cfs

April 1, 2024	April 1, 2023	April 1, 2022
273,358 acre feet	118,853 acre feet	139,250 acre feet

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

**MEETINGS**  
**April 7-11, 2025**

Churchill County School Board Special Public Budget Hearing Wednesday, Apr. 9, at 5:30 p.m.	Central Nevada Health District Thursday, Apr. 10 at 1:30 p.m.
County Meetings 155 N. Taylor St. Commission Chambers	Insurance Advisory Committee Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 1:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 6 p.m.	

**SENIOR CENTER MENU**  
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<b>Monday, April 7</b> BBQ Chicken Burger Onion Ring Baked Beans Broccoli & Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks	<b>Tuesday, April 8</b> Cheese & Hamburger Pasta Capri Blend Vegetables Garlic Bread 3-Bean Salad Fresh Apple	<b>Wednesday, April 9</b> Glazed Ham Steak Wild Rice w/Cranberry Mixed Vegetables Orange Spinach Salad Fresh Pear	<b>Thursday, April 10</b> Herbed Baked Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes Vegetable Medley WW Bread Spiced Apple Sauce	<b>Friday, April 11</b> Lemon Baked Fish Peas Brown Rice Tossed Salad Grapes
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**FALLON DAILY BREAD**  
 WOLF CENTER | 457 ESERALDA AVE., FALLON NV | 775-423-4714  
 Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m.

<b>Monday, April 7</b> Bean & Cheese Burritos Rice & Salad	<b>Thursday, April 10</b> Cheesy Potato Soup Salad & Bread	<b>Monday, April 14</b> Stir Fry Rice & Dessert	<b>Thursday, April 17</b> All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes & Sausage
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**Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.**

COMMUNITY

### YN1 Emmanuel Cabrera's Mission Rooted in Family, Fueled by Service

Staff Report

Yeoman First Class Emmanuel Cabrera, a Recruit Division Commander at the Navy's only boot camp, didn't plan on a military career. But 10 years ago, the Yonkers, New York native joined the Navy to support his family—and it changed everything.

"I grew up the oldest of four boys, raised by a single mom," Cabrera said. "After my grandmother passed, I felt I had to step up. It wasn't easy watching my mom struggle, and I knew I had to make a change."

That change came during a visit to a recruiter's office, where Cabrera noticed a poster marking the Navy's birthday—October 13, the same day as his grandmother's. "I took it as a sign," he said.

While stationed at Naval Air Station Fallon, Cabrera met and married Fallon native Lacey Lehman and now have two children, Ayden and Chloe. After his assignment in Nevada, Cabrera was stationed with VFA-147 in Lemoore, California, and later deployed aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) before transferring to Recruit Training Command in Illinois.

At RTC, Cabrera serves as a Recruit Division Commander and works closely with the Recruit Aptitude Motivation Program, helping recruits who struggle to adjust to the demands of training.

"Training recruits is deeply personal for me," he said. "I treat



YN1 Emmanuel Cabrera.

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher OGrady.

them like family. It's hard when someone doesn't make it, but seeing their confidence grow—that's what keeps me going."

He credits his parents' work ethic for shaping his approach to leadership.

"My father always told me life would be my greatest teacher," he said. "That mindset—to endure and push forward—has stuck with me."

Cabrera is the first in his family to serve, and his dedication has already inspired others—his cousin is currently in boot camp.

He hopes to be promoted to Chief and eventually Senior Chief, with a possible path toward commissioning as a Limited Duty Officer.

"Every day I wear the uniform, I'm proud to call myself a United States Sailor," he said. "This life has given my family a future we can be proud of."

Information courtesy of Defense Visual Information Distribution Service.

### Churchill County Honors Longtime Employees for Dedicated Service

Staff Report

On March 19, Churchill County Commissioners took a few moments to recognize the people behind the public service—presenting awards to several county employees whose combined years of work add up to more than five decades.

The quarterly recognition event honors staff members who have reached service milestones in five-year increments. Each honoree received a plaque and lapel pin, along with thanks from the Board of Commissioners for their dedication to the community.

**THIS QUARTER'S HONOREES INCLUDED:**

**Five Years of Service**

- Emily Tunsil, Public Defender's Office
- Shelly Chamberlain, Public Defender's Office

**Ten Years of Service**

- Kenneth Tye, Juvenile Probation Office

**Thirty-Five Years of Service**

- Brenda Ingram, Court Services

Ingram, who leads the Court Services department, holds the distinction of being Churchill County's longest-tenured employee with an impressive 35 years of service. Her career has spanned decades of changes in the justice system, and she continues to serve with professionalism and consistency.

Tye, with the Juvenile Probation Office, was honored for a decade of commitment to supporting youth and helping guide families through the challenges of the juvenile justice process.

"These awards are a small way to show appreciation for the people who keep the county running, year in and year out," said one county official. "Their work might not always be visible to the public, but it's essential."

The next employee recognition ceremony is scheduled for the second Commissioners' meeting in June.



### Annual City Fire Hydrant Testing April 15 - May 13, 2025

The City of Fallon and the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department will be testing fire hydrants during the evenings, April 15, 2025, through May 13, 2025. The annual testing is vitally important to ensure the system is functioning properly and is one of many requirements that the Fire Department must complete in order to maintain its ISO Class 1 rating. Maintaining an ISO Class 1 rating can help to reduce insurance rates that homeowners pay within the City.

During this period of peak fire demand water testing, it is common for water consumers to experience discolored water. The discoloration occurs due to abnormally high flows in the piping system, which can stir up small amounts of naturally occurring sediment. Please remember that although the water may be discolored, it has been properly treated and is entirely safe. If the water is heavily discolored, you may wish to temporarily refrain from drinking or washing clothes. After testing is complete, any discolored water in your home can usually be removed by flushing your water pipes for several minutes. It is best to flush cold water from an outdoor hose bib or an interior bathtub fixture.

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GOVERNMENT

### Churchill County Seeks Renewal of Wastewater Discharge Permit for Moody Lane Facility

Staff Report

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has posted a notice of proposed action for the renewal of a groundwater discharge permit at Churchill County's Moody Lane Regional Water Reclamation Facility (MLRWRF), located at 2831 Moody Lane in Fallon.

Churchill County is requesting renewal of Permit NS2007500, which allows the facility to continue discharging treated wastewater to groundwater via a reclaimed water export pipeline for irrigation purposes. During routine maintenance or emergencies, the permit also authorizes discharge to two onsite evaporation basins, designed to handle up to 37,500 gallons of effluent per day.

The MLRWRF is a membrane bioreactor treatment plant that produces secondary-treated, denitrified, and disinfected wastewater—also known as Category B effluent. The renewed permit would continue to allow discharge to future reuse sites as well as limited use of onsite holding ponds for evaporation. The facility is also permitted to discharge to the Lower Carson River through the Wade Drain under a separate permit.

According to the NDEP, no degradation of the state's groundwater is anticipated.

The proposed permit renewal is for a five-year period and includes specific effluent limitations. Public comments on the permit proposal are being accepted through April 30, 2025.

Written comments or hearing requests must be submitted to the Nevada Bureau of Water Pollution Control by mail or in person at 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments must be postmarked or delivered by 5 p.m. on the deadline day. If significant public interest is shown, a hearing may be scheduled.

The fact sheet and additional information about the proposed permit can be found on the NDEP website at [ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water](http://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water), or by contacting Melissa Hanson at 775-687-9315 or [mhanson@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:mhanson@ndep.nv.gov).

### Michael Walker Hired as Assistant Superintendent for CCSD

Staff Report

The Churchill County School District has hired longtime Nevada educator Michael Walker as its new assistant superintendent.

The Board of Trustees approved the hire during its regular meeting March 26.

Walker brings more than two decades of experience in education, leadership and community service. A graduate of Wooster High School in Reno, he earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Nevada, Reno, as well as an education specialist degree in educational leadership.

He began his career as a third-grade teacher at Seeliger Elementary, where he taught for seven years. He later served as dean of students at Carson Middle School and assistant principal at Fritsch Elementary, both in Carson City. Walker also worked for the Nevada Department of Education, where he coordinated services for students experiencing homelessness and supported Title I programs. Most recently, he was principal of Sutro Elementary School in the Lyon County School District. In addition to his work in schools, Walker has been active in public service.

He is a past president of Food for Thought, a nonprofit that provides meals to children facing food insecurity, and currently serves on the board for the Jordan Woodward Memorial Scholarship. He was elected to the Carson City School Board in 2016 and has served in various leadership roles there, including president. He also currently serves as president of the Nevada Association of School Boards and is a member of the State Board of Education.

Superintendent Derild Parsons said Walker's background will benefit students and families throughout the district.

"Michael brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role, and we are thrilled to welcome him," Parsons said. "His background in educational leadership, student advocacy and community engagement will be invaluable as we continue to work with and support our students and their families. We look forward to the positive impact he will have on our district."

Walker will begin his new role this spring.

For more information, contact the Churchill County School District at 775-423-5184 or visit [www.churchillesd.com](http://www.churchillesd.com).



### Commissioners Refine Tentative 2025-26 Budget

Staff Report

Churchill County Commissioners made several key adjustments during a recent budget hearing, working to balance the 2025-26 tentative budget while weighing personnel requests, public safety needs, and long-term financial stability.

Comptroller Sherry Wideman presented the revised budget, which included a 2% cost-of-living raise for county employees, a proposed health insurance stipend for elected officials and department heads, and adjustments to staffing and capital requests.

After discussion, commissioners voted to remove the insurance stipend, freeing up \$331,000. "We have departments that need personnel and capital outlay to maintain

quality services," said Board Chairman Myles Getto. "It makes more sense to apply those funds where they'll have the greatest impact."

The board approved several personnel re-classifications:

Two captains in the Sheriff's Office, to ensure leadership roles remain competitive. Sheriff Richard Hickox noted promotions could result in pay cuts without the change.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Election Technician position, to meet growing voter needs.

A Recorder's Office role, supporting ongoing digitization of county records.

A request for three new patrol vehicles was postponed. "Equipment replacement is important, but given our current fiscal situation, we need to hold off and reassess," said

Commissioner Matt Hyde.

Commissioner Eric Blakey pointed to the need for caution amid economic uncertainty. "Sales tax revenues fluctuate. It's better to be prepared for the unexpected," he said.

One area receiving added funding was Justice Court security. An extra \$5,000 was approved to extend coverage to five days a week.

Wideman said the tentative budget will be submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation by April 15, with final approval scheduled for May 21. Outcomes from union talks and proposals for juvenile and law enforcement healthcare may influence the final numbers.

For the full story, visit [www.thefallonpost.org](http://www.thefallonpost.org)

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## CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

## Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, March 25, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Michael Anthony Nikonowicz appeared for sentencing on three counts: Count I, a Category E Felony of Burglary of a Vehicle, and Counts II and III, both Misdemeanors of Petit Larceny. Judge Thomas Stockard noted that restitution had been paid, and that the defendant previously received a suspended sentence of 19 to 48 months in another case.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford confirmed restitution was complete and requested probation consecutive to Nikonowicz previous sentence. She said, "It appears for all intents and purposes when this defendant is under supervision he more or less stays off drugs and commits no new crimes."

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer said the current offense occurred within a day of the previous one, and his client graduated from Western Regional Drug Court last April. Nikonowicz apologized to the victim and said he was ready to change.

Judge Stockard sentenced Nikonowicz to 19-48 months on Count I and 10 days on Counts II and II, all suspended, to run concurrently with his previous sentence.

Sabrina Marie Ortiz appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of Domestic Battery, which she pleaded guilty to in January.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel told the court, "It has been very good for Ms. Ortiz to be on Court Services." He explained Ortiz had been in a dysfunctional relationship, was using alcohol, took a firearm, and left with it.

Ortiz apologized for her actions, saying she realizes she has a problem and believes Drug Court will help. She received probation on a suspended sentence of 24-60 months, was placed in Drug Court, and was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations. Judge Stockard told Ortiz, "It's a pretty lengthy criminal history. Very easily you could have gone to prison on this case."

Amy Nicole Greene appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Battery by a Probationer, Parolee, or a Prisoner, which she pleaded guilty to in January.

CCPD Sommer said his client has been provisionally attending Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court and "is doing



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

phenomenally well." Greene told the court she wasn't in the right state of mind; she is getting on her feet again, and everything is coming together well.

Judge Stockard sentenced Greene to 12 to 36 months, suspended, and placed her on probation for 12 months. He officially placed Green in Specialty Court and told her, "You've made some really good progress," and wished her luck as she seeks employment and moves through the program.

Tad Fredrick Mergener appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, which he pleaded guilty to in January. CDDA Lane Mills said Mergener had paid \$2,000 in restitution, and the state amended the charge to a Gross Misdemeanor under the plea agreement terms.

Gurvinder Singh Dosanjh, in custody, appeared on a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation for failing to comply with sex offender registration requirements. Judge Stockard granted Dosanjh release on his own recognizance (OR) with the condition that he work with the Division of Parole and Probation on anything he does outside of Churchill County.

John Reed Cryslar, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating

Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance. The charge carries a mandatory prison term and is punishable by 2-15 years in prison and a \$2,000 - \$5,000 fine. Judge Stockard ordered a pre-sentencing investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for May 27.

Jeffrey Allen Chandler, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, punishable by 1-5 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

CCPD Sommer requested Chandler's release on his own recognizance, saying his client "realizes he has been very lackluster in his commitment thus far; but since he has been in custody, he has put in place some safety measures." Sommer added that Chandler has stable housing in Reno, is progressing positively, and "wants to try to correct [his mistakes] with the conduct that he can show this Court and not just his words."

Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported Chandler had missed 10 drug tests, tested positive on seven, and was initially rated a moderate risk to violate the terms of his release. SDDA Sanford opposed the release, stating, "Every single opportunity, unfortunately, he fails." She noted Chandler has 16 prior convictions and said, "At this point he is a risk to this community because his drug use is so out of control." Judge Stockard denied the request for OR release.

## Sex Offender Registration Required in Exposure Case

By Teresa Moon

Miguel Angel Aguayo-Rodriguez appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court on March 25 before Judge Thomas Stockard on the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Indecent or Obscene Exposure, which he pleaded guilty to in January.

A Psychological Risk Assessment, which is required for the court to consider probation, concluded that the evaluator found Aguayo-Rodriguez at a low risk of reoffending.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the court that although he has no criminal history, alleging that Aguayo-Rodriguez engaged in conduct aimed at earning the victim's trust for later exploitation.

Baker stated that when the victim reached a certain age, he started engaging in inappropriate conduct. "He admitted to law enforcement during the interview that this victim, this young victim at age 9 and 10, looked at him with desire." The state asked for a maximum term of 364 days in the Churchill County Jail.



Miguel Aguayo-Rodriguez. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel argued that the state's allegations regarding Aguayo-Rodriguez's actions of attempting to gain the victim's trust for the purpose of exploitation were inappropriate, and "the facts of the case do not show that at all."

Noel called attention to Dr. Hixon-Brenenstall's conclusions on the Psychological Risk Assessment, noting his client's low risk of reoffending, stating that if the doctor found the indications of predatory behavior, she would recommend sex offender treatment. Noel also asserted that Aguayo-Rodriguez made the statement DA Baker referred to without an interpreter present. He argued that he felt probation was appropriate, citing Dr. Hixon-Brenenstall's findings, his client's cooperation, accepting responsibility, and lack

of criminal history.

Aguayo-Rodriguez told Judge Stockard, "I am not a bad person," and explained that he is a good worker, has always been there for my family, and is responsible for his son.

Judge Stockard granted Aguayo-Rodriguez probation on a 364-day suspended sentence, ordered an evaluation, and he must also register as a sex offender.



LEGISLATURE

# Nevada Lawmakers Weigh Key Bills

## Ag Workers' Rights, Social Media Rules, and More



By Leanna Lehman

As the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session continues, lawmakers are reviewing a range of proposals that could bring changes across education, labor, elections, and digital safety.

One bill moving forward is Assembly Bill 144, which proposes designating the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in Nevada. As of March 31, the bill received a “Do pass” recommendation from committee members and will continue moving through the process until passed or voted down.

Another high-profile item is Senate Bill 63, introduced last fall, requiring social media platforms to verify users’ ages. The bill includes provisions mandating parental consent for minors under 18 and restricts access for those under 13. If approved, the law would take effect on October 1, 2025.

Also on the table is Assembly Joint Resolution 6, which proposes Nevada join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. The resolution passed once in 2023 but must be approved again this year to move forward. It would likely go before voters in 2026 if passed during this session.

Labor legislation is also active this year. Senate Bill 172, commonly called the “Agricultural Workers’ Bill of Rights,” proposes

ending the current exemption that excludes farm workers from overtime pay laws. If passed, agricultural employers would be required to compensate workers for overtime hours as with other industries. The bill is still in committee as of this writing.

A separate measure, Senate Bill 204, addresses employment terms for H-2A temporary agricultural workers, such as shepherds and range employees. The bill would allow employers and H-2A workers to agree in writing to exclude certain non-working periods—such as mealtimes, sleep, or downtime—from paid hours. It would also remove the requirement for employers to track daily hours worked by these employees. SB204 remains under legislative review.

Lawmakers are also reviewing several firearms-related bills this session. Among them are proposals to limit firearm possession near election sites and to restrict the sale of certain weapons to individuals under 21.

For a complete look at the session’s bills, including up-to-date status, summaries, and voting history, visit the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) at [leg.state.nv.us](http://leg.state.nv.us).

Because the process moves quickly, readers are encouraged to check back frequently or contact legislative offices directly for the latest updates.

EDUCATION

## Veritas – Classical and Christian

### Veritas Preparatory Students Experience State Government Firsthand

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas

Students from Veritas Preparatory School had the chance to see Nevada’s government in action during a visit to the State Capitol on March 18. The trip brought fifth through eighth graders face-to-face with state leaders and gave them a firsthand look at how laws are made.

The group sat in on a live session of the Nevada Senate, where they watched lawmakers debate issues that affect Nevadans. They also toured the Capitol building and the State Assembly chambers, learning more about how the legislative process works. One special moment came when students met Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, who spoke with them about civic responsibility and the importance of getting involved in their communities.

Another highlight was attending Nevada’s National Ag Day celebration. Students visited interactive exhibits, tried milking a practice

cow, and talked with agricultural groups about sustainable farming and ranching. The event focused on the impact of agriculture on the state’s economy and culture.

U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto also spoke at the ceremony, encouraging students to take pride in Nevada’s farming heritage and to stay engaged in the issues that matter to their communities.

Teachers said the experience was one that students won’t forget. “This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see real-world applications of what they learn in the classroom,” said Mr. Ernst, who teaches seventh and eighth grade. “It truly brought history and civics to life.”

The visit left many students inspired, sparking interest in careers related to public service, law, and agriculture—and a deeper understanding of how they can make a difference.



Students explore National Ag Day exhibits.

## Logos Christian Academy

Story and photos courtesy of Logos

It’s finally Spring! Thank you, Lord, for this change in season. This winter seemed longer than most, making the shift in weather even more welcome.

Teachers and students alike focus on finishing strong as the weather improves. In addition to our daily learning, many exciting activities are taking place at Logos this quarter. Our Annual Speech Meet is just two weeks away, and pre-K to 8th grade students are diligently preparing their speeches. Our students consistently impress us during this fun and rewarding event.

With the arrival of fairer weather, field trip season is upon us. Mrs. Fitzer’s 7th and 8th grade classes have been studying wars from 1708 to 2014, including World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. To enhance their lessons, they took a field trip to the Ordnance Museum in Hawthorne, NV, where they learned about the history of the weapons and machinery used in various conflicts. Many students were fascinated by the sights and immersive experiences available. A scavenger hunt was organized to encourage student curiosity, and Paton Cooper was awarded a plastic canteen for winning.

The 3rd and 4th graders are also gearing up for a trip to the Nevada State Museum in Carson City this month. They have been focusing on Nevada’s history this year and are excited to learn more about our great state.

For Earth Day, our first graders will participate in a community cleanup at the

park, picking up trash and, let’s be honest, enjoying a picnic and playing in the sunshine.

*“For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.” Isaiah 61:11*



Logos students at the Hawthorne Ordnance Museum.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



CCHS Esports team in Reno.



CCMS's Hadley Dooley made a medieval castle explaining the math used in her model.

CCHS

The CCHS Esports team had a strong showing at a recent tournament in Reno and achieved impressive results. The Marvel Rivals placed third, Mario Kart took first, and Super Smash Bros finished ninth. In addition to their wins, the team also earned a few hundred dollars in prize money. The CCHS Esports team's dedication is paying off. Esports teacher Aaron Holt appreciates everything the high school administration does for their program and others at CCHS. "I want to thank them for all of their support and hard work keeping our programs and our school running smoothly," Holt said.

CCMS

Last week, students in Kailyn Simpson's math classes creatively applied their geometry skills by constructing a building from fiction. Using real-world building dimensions, they estimated measurements and calculated the surface area and volume by breaking their structures into geometric 3D solids.

Students designed structures such as the Teen Titans Tower and a medieval magical castle in preparation for SBAC testing. "I am always looking for ways to make math both fun and engaging, and this project really allowed my student to transform mathematical formulas into an exciting challenge. The creative aspect definitely added more excitement to this assignment," Simpson said.

NUMA

Last week, students in Glenda Lee's class took advantage of the warm weather and moved their learning outdoors. They got creative with their math lessons by designing their own games, including fraction hopscotch game and fraction pizza. The outdoor learning environment made the lesson more engaging and fun for students. Lee's class plays games using fractions.

E.C. BEST

Last week in the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) room, students worked on

breaking words into syllables, looking for patterns, building comprehension, and writing complete sentences. "We service about 60 kids at a time. As of now, we have graduated 41 kids," Literacy Specialist Linda Rasmussen said. In the LLI room, students struggling with reading can receive targeted instruction, working through leveled readers and focusing on specific literacy skills. "We love reading and so do our students," Rasmussen said.

LAHONTAN

Students in Rhonda Maynes' class spent last week learning about birds. They read a fiction book about a little bird searching for the perfect place to bathe and a nonfiction book filled with bird facts. Students expanded their vocabulary, practiced retelling stories, and wrote sentences about what birds can do, have, and are. They also used their imaginations and talked about what life would be like if they were birds. To wrap up, students created bird-themed watercolor paintings, bringing their learning to life on paper.

# The Ethical Use of ChatGPT

Speech written and delivered by 14-year-old Johnathon Oranebo during Veritas Night Under the Stars fundraiser and talent show on March 7. Johnathon is in the 8th grade.

As a society, we are making huge advances in technology. Technology is the practical application of knowledge in a specific area. Technology means advances in fields like education. However, is technology, especially in Artificial intelligence (AI), an opportunity to improve or an opportunity to be lazy? According to Dan Schwartz, the dean of the Stanford Graduate School of Education, "Technology is a game-changer for education – it offers the prospect of universal access to high-quality learning experiences, and it creates fundamentally new ways of teaching." One piece of technology that is helping older students, specifically, is ChatGPT. In brief, ChatGPT is an AI chatbot. ChatGPT is AI that has changed the way we do things in just a few years. In education, it's obviously wrong to use technology to write your college essay, and there are security risks involved, but there are still other ethical ways to use it. Using ChatGPT may have security and ethical risks, but it could still be helpful in giving ideas and editing essays for college applications.

Even though ChatGPT could be beneficial, people either ignore it completely or use it to write their essays from start to finish, which is obviously wrong. There is a balance, but people often go to extremes. And there are some security flaws in ChatGPT. One possible flaw is security breaches of vital information. According to Washington State University, "Breaches can result in unauthorized access to sensitive information, including personal data, financial



Jonathan Oranebo, pictured with Faith Oranebo, and Sonora McInturff, 7th – 8th grade Night Under the Stars talent show winners. Photo courtesy of Veritas.

records, or research data." However, if you are careful about the information you put there, then there won't be a problem. According to the Government of Canada, it's common for chatbots to ask for details like your account or order number. However, you should not share sensitive details. So, if you are cautious, ChatGPT can still be of assistance when writing your college application essay.

ChatGPT can certainly assist when writing your essay. One way it could aid your writing is by giving ideas. According to open.edu, "The benefit to this approach is that you get a jumping off point, but you still need to build your own argument and do the critical thinking". The article also went on to say that ChatGPT can be helpful in explaining things that are difficult to understand. Even a teacher wrote about using it on Eschool News by saying, "It can generate references within seconds. Users will have facts, quotes, statistics, and other data to mention in their papers". Even though ChatGPT is good at giving ideas, you still need to make sure what it's saying is true and make sure to cite your sources.

Giving ideas is not ChatGPT's only skill, though; it can also edit essays. When it comes to editing essays, ChatGPT tends to write in its own voice, which Harvard describes as a "generic voice." However, once you have the idea, you can edit it to your voice to make it more unique and more like you. ChatGPT is also an extra set of eyes on your paper. ChatGPT has a skill of saying more with less. According to Brad Schiller, an MIT graduate, "We've found using the language "minimally edit" in your prompt does a decent job of identifying words and phrases you could cut without doing much rewriting. This is especially powerful when you indicate specific things you want ChatGPT to look for as it edits, such as removing unnecessary details or prepositional phrases." ChatGPT is a very vital and universal editing tool that should be used wisely.

One important reason we should use our tools right is because God told us too in 2 Timothy 2:15 - "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." ChatGPT may have some security risks, but it can still help in writing college application essays. Chat GPT can help in other ways, too, but you should use it cautiously. We have been given a gift of technology, not only AI but technology in general. We should use it ethically and with honesty.

## ADMITTED STUDENT EVENT

Come celebrate with us!

The University of Nevada, Reno is hosting a special event to celebrate Fall 2025 admitted students from Churchill County High School.

Let's make this a memorable gathering of past, present, and future members of the Wolf pack family!



Thursday  
April 10th  
9am  
CCHS Library

# SPORTS ROUND UP



Photos and report by John Baker.

## Oasis Academy Faces Tough Competition Against Truckee North Tahoe Lacrosse Club

On Saturday, Oasis Academy welcomed the Truckee North Tahoe Lacrosse Club for an action-packed day on the field. The Lady Bighorns stepped up first, showcasing determination and resilience against a formidable opponent. Despite their best efforts and a never-quit attitude, the girls fell 22-3. The boys followed with equal heart and hustle, but they too faced a tough battle, ultimately falling 20-1.



Photo and report by John Baker.

## Bighorns Dominate Silver Stage in Commanding Softball Victory

The Oasis Academy Bighorns delivered an impressive performance on Friday as they hosted the Silver Stage Nighthawks. Wasting no time, the Bighorns came out swinging, showcasing solid offense and airtight defense. Their relentless energy and precision at the plate quickly overwhelmed the Nighthawks, leading to a decisive 17-0 victory.

## TOPGUN Gymnasts Shine at State Championships

Staff Report

TOPGUN Gymnastics team flipped, tumbled, and vaulted their way to a strong finish at the Nevada State Gymnastics Championships, held March 15 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno.

The Fallon-based team brought 24 athletes, ages 5 to 15, and returned home with three All-Around State Champions and four regional qualifiers.

All-Around State Titles went to Cambria Dixon (Xcel Gold), 37.675, Olivia Olsen (Xcel Silver), 38.250, and Eleanor Mills (Xcel Bronze), 38.000.

Athletes scoring 35.500 or higher at the Gold Level and above qualified for Region 1 Xcel Regionals, to be held May 2-4 in Roseville, California.

Regional qualifiers: Cambria Dixon, 37.375, Laura Mills, 36.150, Allyson Perez, 35.850, and Audrey Blakemore, 35.500

Gymnasts will compete against top athletes from Nevada, California, Arizona, and Utah.

Several TOPGUN athletes also earned individual event medals, placing in the top



Cambria Dixon, third from right. Photo courtesy of TOPGUN Gymnastics.

three across vault, bars, beam, and floor routines.

### NOTABLE PODIUM FINISHES INCLUDE:

- Olivia Olsen: 1st Bar (9.875), 1st Floor (9.575)
- Eleanor Mills: 2nd Vault (9.600), 3rd Bar (9.675), 2nd Beam (9.325), 2nd Floor (9.400)
- Cambria Dixon: 2nd Vault (9.350), 3rd Beam (9.225), 2nd Floor (9.750)
- Cheveah Christiano: 1st Vault (9.600)

- Mia Reyes: 1st Floor (9.575)
- Adelynn Wood: 1st Bar (9.675)
- Kennedy Wilbanks: 3rd Bar (9.600)
- Makayliana Roberts: 3rd Bar (9.500)

TOPGUN's competitive season runs from October through March, with Regionals marking the final stage for qualifying gymnasts.

Head Coach Jenna Dixon thanked the athletes and families for their dedication throughout the season and looks forward to continued success at regionals.

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COLUMNS

# What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen: The Power of Ginger

By Kelli Kelly

Article and photo by J. Hodnett

One of the most common side effects of chemotherapy is nausea, but one of the annoying effects for me has been a change in the way food tastes. Suddenly, the avocados and other healthy foods I eat daily are completely unappetizing, and I'm eating like a picky toddler: toast and apple juice, please!

Luckily, one of the few spices that still tastes and smells good is ginger, so I'm excited to try the spice featured this month in the library's Spice Club. Ginger has long been a home remedy for nausea and other stomach ailments, and it seems to have scientific backing. According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, "ginger encourages efficient digestion," which is why it is helpful for digestive issues.

I keep fresh ginger in the freezer; the smell helps when I feel nauseated. I also love that ginger is one of the few flavors that genuinely works in both sweet and savory dishes. Gingerbread and spiced cookies are something I've always enjoyed. Lately, however, I've been experimenting with making ramen from scratch, and ginger is a major player in the flavor of noodle soup.

A visit to Marufuku Ramen was all it took for me to start trying ramen (and steamed buns) at home. I found "Ramen: 80 Easy Noodle Bowls and Broths" by Makiko Sano to be an excellent guide for me as a beginner trying to tackle an iconic dish that seems simple but really is quite involved. Now that I understand the time and effort that goes into a bowl of ramen, I enjoy it even more.

Ramen starts with tare, "dipping sauce," which goes into the empty bowl before any

other ingredients. Tare is mostly soy sauce with rice vinegar, mirin, and brown sugar. The ingredients need to be cooked, and then the tare needs a week or so in the fridge to develop the flavor. The second layer is the

broth, or dashi, which also requires some lead time to cook. I make pork dashi and freeze it in an ice cube tray for use later.

The ramen can come together easily once you have your tare and broth. If you are using regular dried noodles (or making them from scratch), you have a little more cooking time, but fresh or instant noodles mean you can put your noodles in with toppings and have everything ready at once.



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

### Pork Dashi

(adapted from Ramen)

Usually, broth is made using mostly bones, but I've had a hard time finding them on their own, so I typically use a large, bone-in pork chop. After making the broth, I can shred the meat and use it in the finished Ramen or in steamed buns. One of the main ingredients in the broth is water, so if you don't like the taste of your tap water, you will want to use filtered water.

#### Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp. Fennel seed
- 1 large Bone-in pork chop
- Water to cover
- 3 bunches Scallions, roughly chopped
- 1 inch Fresh ginger root, shaved
- 4 cloves Garlic
- 1 White onion, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup Cooking sake (or white wine)



#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Rinse the pork and put in a pot that is big enough to hold all the ingredients. Cover pork with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30-40 minutes, skimming off any scum that rises to the top. When the water remains relatively clear, add the other ingredients.
2. Simmer for 7-8 hours, topping up the water when it gets low. Strain and store in the fridge for up to 5 days, or freeze in ice cube trays for easy portioning.
3. When ready to use, heat broth to boiling. Add 1-2 tablespoons of tare and your instant or fresh noodles (I love instant rice noodles) to the bottom of your bowl. Pour heated broth over the tare. Add your favorite toppings and put a lid or plate over your bowl to steam your toppings. My favorite toppings are corn, spring onions, snap peas, mushrooms, and a boiled egg.

Joining the Spice Club is easy: Stop into the Churchill County Library anytime in April to pick up a sample of ginger to use at home and see what delicious spices are waiting for exploration each month.

*J is the Children's Services Librarian at the Churchill County Library and is undergoing chemotherapy while modeling an increasingly wide variety of hats.*

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## Allison's Book Report

### Expiration Dates

by Rebecca Serle

Spring has sprung here in the high desert, bringing with it busy extracurricular activity schedules for my teens! I have one playing club volleyball and one knee-deep in bringing Hamlet to the high school stage. They are happy and doing what they love, but neither of them is old enough to drive – which has me playing the role of Teen Taxi Driver. I find myself spending a ton of time driving around, waiting in gyms and parking lots, and occasionally trying to be in two places at once. It is all good, though, because it leaves me plenty of time to squeeze in a chapter here and there. Like I always say, readers are never bored as long as we remember to bring a book along.

This week's book, "Expiration Dates" by Rebecca Serle, was consumed almost entirely while waiting for busy teens. I couldn't put it down. Our main character, Daphne, has this fascinating and, honestly, a little unsettling gift: she gets little notes telling her how long her relationships will last, which definitely shapes how she sees romance.

When Daphne meets Jake, things get interesting. Instead of a timeframe, her note just has his name. Cue the confusion and a whole lot of "what if?" questions. Is this finally something different? Is he "the one"? It's a real shift for Daphne, and for us as readers, too. The book takes us on a journey through Daphne's past, showing us how these "expiration dates" have impacted her in all her relationships, not just romantic ones. We also get to know Hugo, her best



friend, and how the notes have affected their friendship too. It's a reminder that relationships, all of them, are complex. As Daphne and Jake's relationship grows, Serle makes us ponder big questions about fate versus free will. Do we have control over our love lives, or are we just following a pre-written script?

Expiration Dates is a really warm, thoughtful story. It's about being brave enough to open your heart, even when you're not sure what will happen. It's about figuring out what love means to you and not letting anyone else define it for you. If you're looking for a book that'll make you think and feel, this is definitely one for you.

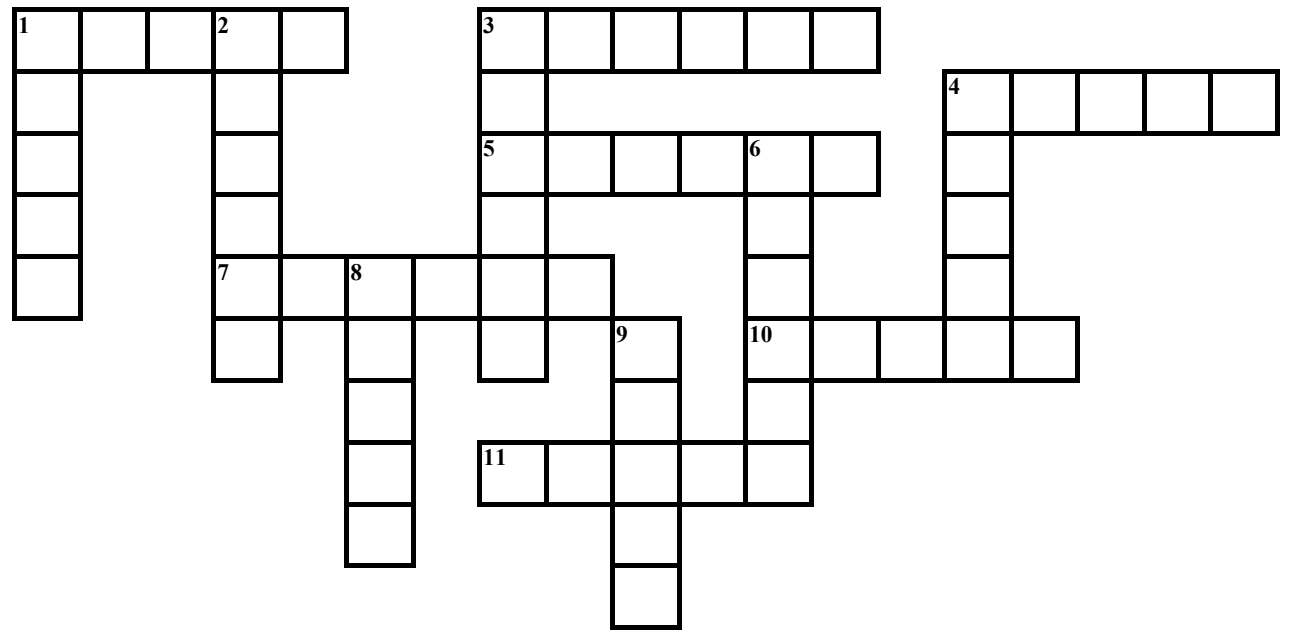
That's all for this week. If you see me sitting in my car around town, know I am fine – probably just waiting for my next call as The Teen Taxi, reading away. Don't forget about my Instagram account, @allison.the.reader. Come follow me and tell me what I should read next while waiting!

*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.*

COLUMNS

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 1. Roman road or way
- 3. Olympian deity
- 4. Rosebush pest
- 5. Turn up
- 7. Indifference
- 10. Newborn's score
- 11. Put into action

Down

- 1. Appropriately
- 2. Petition
- 3. Native American tribe
- 4. Sleeping disorder
- 6. Beehive
- 8. Protective garment
- 9. Fruit

[ Crossword answers found on page 14 ]

**CITY OF LOVELOCK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Honorable City Council of the City of Lovelock will conduct a Public Hearing to establish the fair market value of a parcel of real property owned by the City which is located at 805 West Broadway within the City of Lovelock further identified as parcel number 001-128-10. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the City Council Meeting Room located at City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Nevada.

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BRETT T MORRISON,

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Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 the undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE  
IN PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the Churchill County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 starting at approximately 3:00 PM on the request below:

Consideration and possible action re: An Appeal of the Planning Commission's issuance of a Special Use Permit for an outside storage of hazardous materials and an explosion/combustion testing facility filed by NNV Investments LLC on property located on Bango Road, Assessor's Parcel Number 007-071-79.

If you cannot attend the Board of County Commissioners meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 PM on April 15, 2025. The Board of County Commissioners will make the final decision for this matter.

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Churchill Area Regional Transportation, CART Board of Directors is seeking two community-minded citizens who are willing to serve as a member on the Churchill Area Regional Transportations Board. The board meets once every quarter and more frequently as necessary. This person will serve on a seven (7) member board who will be responsible for decisions associated and affecting Churchill Area Regional Transportation. It is desired that the board member be conversant and have an interest in supporting the CART program and their integrant's. Interested persons may obtain an application at the following location: 952 S.Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406 or by calling Cathy Lucero at 775-428-2988 for more information.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE PROPERTY SALE**

Churchill County Treasurer  
Will be conducting an online sale of delinquent tax properties  
to be held on **Thursday, April 17 thru Friday, April 18, 2025**  
Bidding will begin at 8:00 AM on April 17th and conclude at 12:00 PM on April 18th  
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COLUMNS

# Postcards Oral Histories

By Michon Mackedon

This week, I became interested in Harold Rogers' Oral History, held in the archives of the Churchill County Museum. Rogers was born in San Francisco in 1916 and was adopted shortly thereafter by William and Nora Rogers, living in Churchill County. His father died in 1922, leaving Nora to raise Harold with few monetary resources. His oral history reveals the hardships of his early life, but what also comes through is a resourcefulness and optimism that carried him through the rough times until he found employment with the local telephone company and eventually advanced to the position of manager. The entire interview is fascinating, but his description of driving a school bus as a student driver gives us a glimpse into depression-era struggles typical of so many who lived here at that time.

ROGERS: Well, my bus for three years was a 1928 six-cylinder Chevrolet. It was one of the first six-cylinder Chevrolets that was out. Then in the fourth year...I inherited old bus number four, a 1926 Chevrolet, a four-cylinder and that particular winter 1936-1937 was a bad one. We had cold and snow and again these old buses had no anti-freeze. You had to drain it every night in the winter time. Drain it out, heat some water on your stove, again it was a wood and coal stove. You had the chores to do, like getting the kindling in and wood and so on. But in the morning you had to warm the

water and pour it very gingerly into the engine and warm up the motor. I kept it at the home, not like they do today. I think they bring them clear back to town.

...My route was from home [3500 St. Clair] out to St. Clair Road. I went west on St. Clair Road to what is now Lima Lane, then I went south to Schindler Lane. I picked up a number of the Casey family children there and for a short period of time I went out into what is now known as Solias Road and picked up this one girl, Emma Hall was her name, lived—oh, must have been another couple of miles, it was just through the boonies. There was no road just a trail, past the old Lou Schaeffer place on south another mile to this little cabin and pick up this girl and then bring her back into the Schindler Road and then north to pick up all the Lima children and then to the corner of Sheckler Road and Lima Lane and I picked up the four Imus boys.

...Getting back to interesting things, when I obtained this job as a school bus driver I didn't know how to drive a stick shift automobile. All I knew how to drive was a Model T where you pushed on the pedals and so on. Luckily I had a neighbor down the street, to the south of us, named James McGoldrick and his family. James had an old 1930 Model A. He took me out on the country roads and was teaching me how to shift gears or use a clutch and press on the accelerator and all that. I ground those gears down, I'm telling you—it ground, and

banged and he'd cuss and scream at me and finally it sunk in what I was to do.

...the last year that I drove they permitted you to have a conductor to keep discipline on the bus, which is kind of a farce but, the kids that were on the bus that I drove were all a good bunch of kids. There were no rowdies in the group but this conductor was a girl, Tom Pflum's sister, Edna and she received the fabulous sum of four dollars a month to perform her duties. When I first started to drive bus, let's see the first two years I received sixteen dollars a month, the third year I received nineteen dollars a month and the last year it was twenty dollars a month.

... In those times, a dollar went quite a ways and it sure helped us on our meager income on the ranch there, because it was a struggle, it really was, taking care of the chickens and the pigs. You'd have to get up in the morning and take care of the stock and get the bus ready to go and then change clothes, make your route, then go to school, then walk across town to the bus sheds.

Rogers was asked whether he ever attended high school dances. "No," he said. "I never did go."

Rogers' oral history was recorded in 1992 and is available online at the Churchill County Museum's website. Please send your stories or ideas for stories 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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**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**  
 Crossword found on page 13

APACHE	APOLLO
APATHY	APPEAL
APGAR	APPEAR
APHID	APPLE
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