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## Public Works & Planning Incorporates County Building Department

By Anne McMillin

With the upcoming move into the South Maine Street building, changes are afoot in the county's Public Works & Planning department. Namely, the Building Department was re-incorporated under the umbrella of Public Works and Planning as it was in the early 2000s, with an updated department name: Public Works, Planning & Building.

With a broad scope of work, the Public Works, Planning & Building Department's responsibilities include administering building permits and inspections, Federal Emergency Management Act regulations, agriculture protection, assigning street addresses, business license administration, code enforcement of zoning and development standards, GIS coordination, implementation of the master plan, land division, land use and development, conservation programs to protect agriculture and water resources protection.

The Public Works, Planning & Building Department also supports the County's Planning Commission and Sending Site Committee.

One of the county's tools for protecting

agriculture and natural resources is the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. This program provides a voluntary, incentive-based process for permanently preserving rural resources that provide community benefits such as agriculture preservation, open spaces, aquifer recharge for water supply, and a buffer area around NAS Fallon.

The program primarily provides farmers near NAS Fallon the opportunity to work with the Navy and county to sell their development rights and establish a conservation easement on the property that ensures continued agricultural use. The Sending Site Committee primarily reviews TDR applications.

The Building and Inspection office reviews construction plans and issues building permits. It also performs field inspections for residential, commercial, and industrial construction projects, including manufactured homes, in the county's unincorporated areas. The office permits and inspects the construction of residential septic systems, both new systems, and repairs to existing systems. Information on building codes and design criteria is available in the building office.

Churchill County Code requires a person, firm, corporation, or association that en-



Public Works, Planning and Building staff. Seated: Dean Patterson, Preston Denney, and Diane Moyle. Standing: Randy Hines and Jera Reidenbach. Not pictured: Loreli LeBaron and Ray Brown. Photo by Anne McMillin.

gages in any business, trade, calling, industry, occupation, or profession in the county to obtain the necessary licenses and permits. Anyone wishing to start a business should contact the department before conducting business to verify that the proposed business is permitted in the zoning district where the property is located. A county business license

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## Fallon PD Wins Battle of the Badges Blood Drive



Battle of the Badges, photo courtesy of Shannon Perez.



Battle of the Badges, photo courtesy of Shannon Perez.

Staff Report

Another successful Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. According to Shannon Perez and Fallon's Ladies Behind the Badge, who coordinated and volunteered for the event, the Fallon Police Department made 96 pledge donations, with last year's victors, the Churchill County Sheriff's Office, following closely behind with 80 pledge donations. The event drew a total of 159 donors and yielded outstanding results of 101 Whole donations and 26 Power Red donations, which will save 367 lives.

"I learned this week that we are one of the biggest blood drives here in Fallon, and this is one of the most giving communities in Nevada," said Perez. "Thank you to the sheriff and the chief for supporting this year's battle by saying yes to the competition...and thank you to everyone who came out to donate, volunteer, and support this awesome effort. This community amazes me every year."



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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log

## Here we document for posterity ...

By Rachel Dahl

Anne used to always remind us in the small town, local news business one of our biggest responsibilities is to document the history of our community.

So, in that vein, knowing we'd rather jam an ice pick in our collective left eye before we read or listen to one more story on politics, I am duty-bound to recognize here for posterity the assassination attempt on the life of our former president, the death of an honorable public servant as collateral damage, and the critical wounding of two other supporters during a campaign rally in Pennsylvania over the weekend. What a horrifying time for us all.

The memory of President Reagan being shot is still a part of my life, as clear as day. I was 12 in 1981 when the Jodi Foster-enthralled would-be-assassin sent the president to the hospital for 12 days and severely wounded his assistant and press secretary, James Brady. I remember the same baffled feeling – how could something like that happen here.

After the Primary Election this year, it struck me, standing in the hallway at the county office building the night of the election while the clerk and her team counted votes, talking with the candidates and watching their supporters, just how much of a cost it is to put yourself out there as a candidate to represent your community and carry the burden of our democratic, representative form of government. You have to walk door to door and interrupt dinner, answer all sorts of questions, and explain to people why they should vote for you. You have to go to candidates' night and hear your opponent talk about how they see what you've done your whole life.

And now it turns out – you get shot at.

We're lucky anyone chooses to do it all. Running for office is a tough road, and I, for one, am grateful to all the people who do it.

It's also a fitting reminder that we need to vote. We can't let all their efforts go to waste. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who are willing to run for office, and we pay that debt by going to cast our votes.

So, while we watch the conventions, block out the horrible ads, support the nominations, and make time for baseball and apple pie, we'll still be here doing our sacred duty – of keeping you Posted...

— Rachel

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is required for businesses that don't have a physical location in the county but perform work in the county. Please first obtain a city business license at City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, for businesses inside the City of Fallon city limits.

The 2020 Churchill County Master Plan provides the framework for decision-making on matters related to growth and development. The Master Plan focuses on land use and development issues facing Churchill County and establishes goals and policies that address countywide issues and concerns.

All land in Churchill County is assigned one of five zoning districts: agriculture, residential, commercial, industrial, or rural resources. Agriculture is permitted in all land use districts in the county. Those listed with an agriculture heading are also residential. Within these groups, there are a total of 10 zoning districts. Use the Zone Map App on the county's web maps page to see how your property is zoned.

The Land Use Table shows the allowed uses determined by the property's zoning district. It also indicates the type of permit required. Staff approves some permits, and the Planning Commission approves some.

Many users do not need a special permit but can be allowed through a zoning review, which is a quick review of the plans by staff to ensure the code requirements will be met. For some simple projects, this happens with the building permit review.

Water is a limited and invaluable resource, particularly in a desert environment with less than five inches of annual precipitation. The primary source of water for Churchill County's largest population is drawn from an underground aquifer beneath the Lahontan Valley, known as Hydrographic Basin 101. The State of Nevada has designated our aquifer as over-appropriated, so no new water rights are being issued. Aquifer recharge relies on precipitation, seepage from the Carson



River, leakage from the network of canals and drains within the Newlands Project, and irrigation.

The protection of this precious resource is of paramount importance, and retention of surface-water rights to sustain recharge is vital. Therefore, the County requires that all new developments dedicate water rights to the County so that a healthy aquifer will be maintained and a sustainable water supply will be secured for future generations.

In 2005, Churchill County took over ownership and operation of the Pine Grove Wastewater Treatment Facility to accommodate rapid development in the area and prepare to construct more extensive, more efficient wastewater treatment facilities.

Churchill County's first water treatment facility, the Sand Creek Water Treatment Plant, began operation in September 2007. The treatment facility was designed to meet water quality standards as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act and has replaced water systems that were becoming obsolete in several subdivisions, mobile home parks, and commercial businesses along the westward corridor of Highway 50. Sand Creek currently services several hundred homes and businesses, with the ability to expand to 1,000 to 1,500 customers.

The Moody Lane Regional Water Reclamation Facility was completed in 2009, and it is sufficient to meet the demands within the county's service area for 20 to 30 years.

Randy Hines, a longtime Churchill County resident, leads the Public Works Planning & Building department. A construction industry veteran, Hines came to the county from Lumos and Associates, a local civil engineering firm, where he worked for 20 years in civil design and project coordination and assisted in construction management roles. Relatively new to the role, Hines is assisted by a staff of six.

The department is currently located in the county administration building, 155 N. Taylor Street, but will be moving to 270 South Maine Street later this summer.

FEATURES

# Churchill County Opioid Misuse Assessment Highlights – Part III

## Student Use and Overall Recommendations



By Leanna Lehman

Opioid abuse is becoming increasingly common despite large-scale efforts to curb its many damaging effects. Like many states, Nevada participated in litigation, resulting in over \$1 billion in settlement funds to be distributed throughout the state.

To be eligible to receive a portion of those funds, counties were required to undergo Opioid Misuse Needs Assessments. In November 2023, Churchill County contracted with Winged Wolf Innovations, which completed an exhaustive assessment. In May, Churchill County Social Services Director Shannon Ernst presented key findings of that assessment to the County Commissioners.

The 2024-2025 Churchill County Budget annotates that \$360,000 in opioid settlement funds will be received, with an anticipated \$270,000 expenditure through Social Services.

According to Winged Wolf (WW), most opioids in our area are prescribed by physicians for pain management. The North Central Narcotic Task Force confirms this, noting that opioids are generally not being trafficked into the county but are most often sold by legitimate prescription holders trying to make extra money.

Overall dependency has been decreasing, according to the assessment; however, overdoses and crimes encountered have been rising. Last year, Churchill County had markedly higher suspected drug-related overdoses compared to the overall state average. Coupled with data that indicates 100% of client focus group attendees agree that their opioid use was the result of mental illness and/or childhood trauma, the mental health component cannot be overlooked when considering opioid misuse remedies.

One topic not previously covered was student opioid and heroin use in Churchill County. According to the assessment, UNR’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey showed that local high school students have increased their belief that it is somewhat or very easy to get prescription pain medicines. Additionally, there appears to be an upsurge in heroin use in students between 8th and 9th grades. Between 2019 and 2023, the class of 2023 saw a substantial increase of 10%. While the exact reason for that is unknown, the assessment stated, “It is worth contextualizing that the class of 2023 would have been in the 9th grade in 2020 when COVID started.”

In that same timeframe, high school students had a significant decrease in the feeling that it was a great risk to take medications that were not prescribed to them, which was worrying for WW evaluators. Further, a Churchill County School District Representative expresses concern because they are “seeing younger use becoming more normal. At least...slang terms used

in the drug culture [are] being used more frequently by younger children.”

Interestingly, no survey responses from children/youth reported their opioid use was related to peer pressure or having received it from family members – only adults answered the surveys and related it to their usage. However, focus groups noted a concerning trend of parents increasingly neglecting drug use among youth. It was cited that “kids feeling like their parents did not care about drug use, or were not around, appeared to be a direct indicator or precursor to childhood drug use that can cascade into long-term misuse.”

Churchill Community Coalition has struggled to engage parents in education programs, said WW, with low voluntary participation leading to the discontinuation of classes. Additionally, affordable community events and youth activities are limited, leaving few alternatives for those who cannot afford sports and expensive extracurricular activities. Focus group recommendations include expanding youth community programs, offering more youth activities, and providing safe, constructive alternatives to drug use. “Overall, both parental and youth diversion tactics emphasize the importance of community engagement, education, and support to address the root causes of substance abuse and provide constructive alternatives for youth,” concluded WW.

As mentioned in the previous articles, the stigma around seeking help for mental health often hinders efforts to address parental concerns. Additionally, apprehensions about potential increases in child abuse due to negative parental responses to substance use emphasize the need for careful

implementation and support for any interventions.

Existing adult and youth programs in Churchill County include a Drugs and Sharps Round-Up Program, Prescription Drug Drop Boxes, Sharps Exchange Program, Early Intervention Services through New Frontier, and efforts by the Churchill Community Coalition, the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court Program, and DUI Education Courses.

According to Ernst, current measures on the ground include daily distribution of naloxone, a rescue drug used in heroin and opioid overdoses, by Social Services. “We provide it to law enforcement at their request... If there is somebody who has overdosed, we need to use naloxone, and we need to get them to treatment,” said Ernst.

Social Services and county officials are working to extend beyond their current intervention strategies, beyond the drugs and sharps round-up and judicial programs. The New Frontier Treatment Center offers Early Intervention Services for individuals at risk of developing substance-related problems, which are great programs that need to be continued and expanded, said WW.

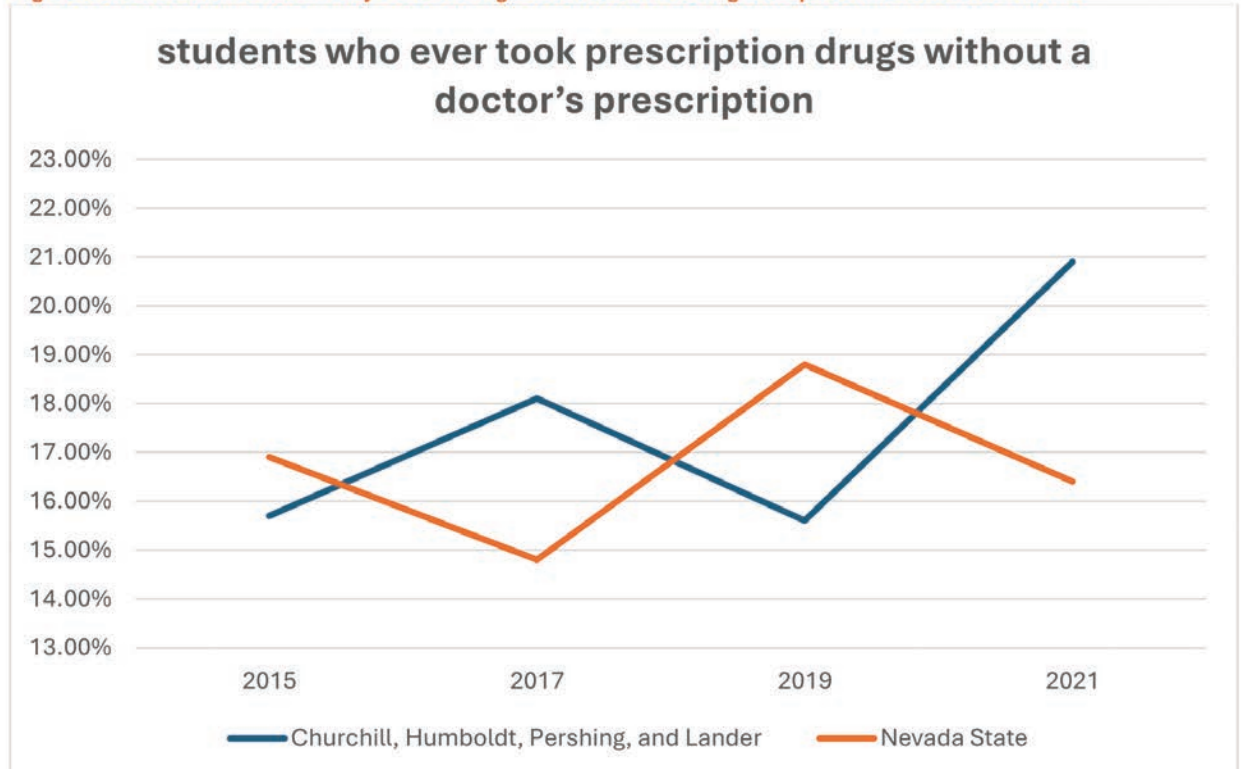
“The biggest issue we have in Churchill County is we do not have great data... we are not collecting the data to know truly what our numbers are,” Ernst told the commissioners. However, despite a lack of comprehensive data, the assessment was able to outline several recommendations.

1. Ensuring Churchill County and local agencies can implement recommendations.
2. Prevent opioid misuse.
3. Reduce harm related to opioid use.
4. Provide behavioral health treatment.
5. Increase the availability of data for rapid response to opioid trends.

Ernst told commissioners she believes that the county can work with Central Nevada Health District to expand its current efforts and do more on a daily basis. “I will not say we can do all of this within the next year but think we have a lot of opportunities. How will we develop better behavioral health and substance treatment systems and beds? That will be a huge undertaking.”

See the June 21 and July 5 editions for Parts I-II or visit us online. For the Churchill County Opioid Use/Misuse Needs Assessment and Plan Recommendations, visit <https://nvnaco.org/wp-content/uploads/Churchill-County-Opioid-Needs-Assessment-FINAL-4.25.24.pdf>.

Figure 65. UNR-NV YRBS Survey. Percentage of students taking non-prescribed medications.



Source: UNR-NV YRBS. <https://www.unr.edu/public-health/research-activities/nevada-youth-risk-behavior-survey>

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OBITUARIES

**HARRY PARENT**

October 13, 1943 - June 28, 2024



I lost a beloved friend, Harry Parent, on the 28th of June, the second Viet Nam Vet to grace my life, who died of Agent Orange, soaring away eight minutes before I could get to the hospital to say "goodbye;" both men so alienated by war they never married, never settled down, and lived a little bit wary.

Harry stood 5'10" and stocky. He had topaz-colored eyes and a hound-dog expression, Italian and sun-browned skin, and - for most of his life - thick dark hair he cut himself and slicked back with Brylcreem, and that perpetual cigarette hanging off his

lower lip no matter what he was doing.

He was by trade a carpenter but came west out of New Hampshire upon discharge to mine for gold. He'd been a crew chief on several "cussed" Hueys, spraying Agent Orange over the jungle... and shooting elephants, the order he abhorred the most. He survived three "hard landings" in Nam because of failed "Jesus Nuts," the thing that attached the main propeller to the helicopter. And, like most of the several Viet Nam Vets I knew - now dead, he wanted to get as far away from man as possible.

Sadly, Mother Nature never yielded all of her golden heart to him, no matter his relentless faith in that possibility. And yet, in his last weeks, Harry "escaped" the Northern Nevada Veteran's Home to run back to Buffalo Canyon to a mine where he was working before his right leg had to be amputated, one he returned to oh-so-briefly on a specialized hydraulic prosthetic he had made so he could keep mining...before his heart gave out.

Harry's way of life is long gone those 30 years on either side of the 1849 Gold Rush. That was how he was determined to live it. We take solace in the hope that he is still living that dream on the streets of gold we are promised in Heaven.

**SANDRA SUZANNE LLAMAS**

1940 - 2024



Sandra Suzanne entered this world on September 2, 1940, in Everett, Washington. Her early years were spent in Washington until she and her mother relocated to Southern California. It was during her teenage years in Alhambra, California, that she met Jerry Llamas Sr. while walking home from school. Their love blossomed swiftly, leading to an elopement and marriage when Sandy was just 18 years old.

In Southern California, Jerry and Sandy had three sons: Jerry, Mike, and Toro. In 1976, the family embarked on a new chapter when Jerry Sr. accepted a job in Fallon, Nevada. Embracing the

slower pace of small-town life, Sandy found joy in everything Fallon had to offer and was happy to spend the rest of her years here.

Sandy's passions included gardening, crocheting, and baking. Her family and grandchildren cherish the hand-crocheted Christmas stockings and other creations that she lovingly made over the years.

Above all, Sandy found immense joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always available for a chat, celebrated their achievements with pride, and enthusiastically supported their interests, particularly their baseball games.

Sandy is survived by her children Jerry (Kathy) and Toro (Terri). Grandchildren Krista (John Ross), Celeste, Garrett (Caitlin), Jillian, Kylie, Zachary, Jacob, and great-grandchildren Mason, Madelynn, Jeralyn, and Mila. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Sr., and son, Mike.

A viewing will be held at the Smith's Family Funeral Home on Thursday, July 18, at 3 p.m. A graveside service will be held at the Churchill County Cemetery on Saturday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following, there will be a potluck reception at the Churchill County Fire Department. Sandy will be dearly missed and remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Churchill County High School GreenWave baseball.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

WILLIAM N. PENNINGTON LIFE CENTER 952 S. MAINE STREET, FALLON, NV | 775-423-7096

Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch is \$6 for those under 60 and a suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 and older.

**Monday, July 22**

Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole  
Beet Salad  
Apricot Bran Muffin  
Honeydew Cantaloupe Salad

**Tuesday, July 23**

Smothered Chicken Breast  
Mushroom/Onion Gravy  
Potato Wedges  
Lima Beans  
& Peas Apple Sauce

**Wednesday, July 24**

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce  
Zucchini Colorful Salad  
FF Italian Dressing  
9 Grain Bread  
Orange Mango Cup

**Thursday, July 25**

Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs  
Onion/Peppers  
Brown Rice  
Oriental Vegetables  
Diced Pears  
WW Roll

**Friday, July 26**

Frito Chili Bowl  
Red Beans  
Cheese & Green Onion  
Sour Cream  
Garlic Green Beans  
Tapioca Pudding  
Fresh Apple

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**Monday, July 22**

Mexican Carnita Casserole  
Caesar Salad  
Desert

**Thursday, July 25**

BBQ Chicken Sandwiches  
Pasta Salad  
Brownies

**Monday, July 29**

Pot Pie  
Salad  
Bread

All are Welcome!

**WATER LEVELS**

Measurements Taken July 16, 2024, at 6:55 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	262500 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	921 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	81.60 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	20.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	15.80 cfs

June 25, 2024	June 25, 2023	June 25, 2022
254,831 acre feet	297,636 acre feet	110,394 acre feet

*Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second  
Af - Acre Feet  
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**MEETINGS**  
**July 19-25, 2024**

These Churchill County Meetings are held at the Commission Chambers of the County Admin Complex located at 155 N. Taylor St.

Coalition for Senior Citizens  
Mon., July 22, 4 p.m.

Planning Commission  
Tues., July 23, 6:30 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees  
Thurs., July 25, 3:00 p.m.

OBITUARIES

**BECKY ANN (LATTIN) HUMPHREY**  
*April 4, 1954 - July 10, 2024*



Becky Ann (Lattin) Humphrey passed away peacefully at home on July 10, 2024, after a lengthy illness. Becky was a lifelong resident of Fallon. She was born in Fallon on April 4, 1954, to Stanley and Ida Jo Lattin. She attended school from 1 to 12 grades in Fallon and went to Reno to attend Reno Business College. She returned to Fallon and worked in the DS's office and private practice for a short time and then went to Fallon Municipal Court, where she retired after many years.

Becky married Bruce Humphrey on August 4, 1989. Their first son, Tanner, was born in 1985, and their second son, Mathew in 1989. She lived her life on the family ranch.

**DAVID LEE JENSEN**  
*October 26, 1950 - July 6, 2024*



David Lee Jensen was born on October 26, 1950, in Susanville, California, to George and Agnes Jensen. At the age of 2, the family moved to Herlong, California, where David graduated high school in 1968 and began his career with the government as a meat cutter in 1971.

David grew up hunting and fishing with his dad. As a young man, he was known as one of the best in Lassen County at those activities. In his early adult years, he added bowling.

David and Wendy became a couple in December of 1980. David always said he fell in love with Jeremy first and Wendy second. Either way, they became a family. In 2005, after 25 years together, they were married.

David was not a hugely emotional man, but he stood proudly with tears in his eyes as Jeremy graduated from high school, college, and medical school and married his beloved daughter-in-law, Lindsay. He was a good Papa to his grandchildren, and nothing made him happier than spending time with them.

David left this world on July 6, 2024, with his wife, son, and daughter-in-law by his side.

David was preceded in death by his mother and father, his sister Delores, and his brother Larry Olsen. He is survived by his wife, Wendy; his sister JoAnn; his son, Jeremy Matuszak; daughter-in-law Lindsay; and his much-loved grandchildren, London Sophia Matuszak and Harrison David Matuszak.

David's life was celebrated on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon, with a reception following.

**MELODY ANN KITTLE**  
*July 27, 1947 - June 28, 2024*



Melody Ann Kittle, age 76, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 28, in her Fallon, Nevada, home. She was born on July 27, 1947, to Ray and Mildred (Poteet) Alderman in Pasadena, CA.

Melody attended Montebello High School and graduated in 1965. She continued her education at East LA College, graduating in 1967 with her associate's degree in Bookkeeping.

While on a mission trip to the Philippines in 1967, Melody met David Kittle (USAF). They were married in 1968 and lived in Germany, Spain, and multiple US states before settling down

**BRANDON L. KROEPEL**  
*1983 - 2024*



It is with profound sadness we write that our son, Brandon L. Kroepel, passed away suddenly with the love of his life, Kristen, by his side on the morning of June 8, 2024. Brandon had just recently celebrated his 41st birthday on May 5 with family.

Brandon was gifted with a very strong resilience to overcome and adapt. He survived a horrific car accident in 2001 that left him an 80 percent burn survivor and amputee. With his strong determination, he fought very hard for nine months in the UC Davis Burn Center, with his mother by his side, and many months of physical

rehab along with too many surgeries to count for reconstruction, grafts, and so forth. He was always striving not to let his physical disabilities stop him from achieving his goals. Brandon was always able to overcome and adapt. The last thing he ever wanted was for anyone to feel sorry for him.

Brandon loved the outdoors and spent many years as a child and teen with his Grandpa Van in the mountains in surrounding mountain ranges. He especially loved spending time and learning as much about hunting and trapping from his father and all that entails. As a family, he spent much of his childhood camping, fishing, and hiking, and he had begun teaching his children to learn and respect outdoor life.

Brandon was most proud of his wife, Kristen, who he absolutely loved and adored. He was thrilled to become a father and took so much pride in Stratton, Killian, and Briar Reese. Brandon was also a self-proclaimed Mama's Boy. He was fiercely protective of his family and would do almost anything for them.

It should be noted that Brandon had a hilarious dark sense of humor. One time, during a follow-up visit to his burn specialist, he had mentioned that he wanted to know if it was ok to go swim at Lake Lahontan with his friends and since he only had one leg, would he end up swimming like a shark in circles? This is just a drop in the bucket of his humor.

Brandon leaves behind his wife, Kristen Kroepel, and his children, Stratton (12), Killian (5), and Briar Reese (2). He also leaves behind his parents, Chris and Tina Kroepel; his sister, Amber Thompson; nephews Brayden Castillo, Dorian, and Owen Warstler; grandmother Corinne Burroughs; aunt and uncle LeeAnn and Mark Wralstad; and cousins whom he was especially close to and loved, Evans, Garrett, and Isabella Wralstad of Virginia Beach. He also leaves behind many friends from Fallon and Elko, NV.

If anyone would like to donate to a charity in his name, Brandon supported the Wounded Warriors Project.

A Celebration of Life will be determined at a later date.

His passing has left a huge hole in the hearts of his family as they cherish every memory of their son.

in Moreno Valley, California.

They moved to Rio Rancho, New Mexico, in 1993, where they became involved in the high school youth group at their church. They helped lead and mentor many young people through the year 2003. They moved to Nevada in 2005, where they became members of the National Pony Express Association, Nevada Division, and were part of the re-ride every year. She was very involved in her church in Fallon, NV, and helped David at church with their senior studies. She walked in her faith and shared it with everyone!

She is preceded in death by her son, Todd David Kittle (1992), and she leaves behind her husband, David Kittle, daughter Erika Ann Castro, Son-in-law Shawn Castro, grandchildren Jeremiah David Niday, Tarah Niday, Kylee Raye Niday, Morgan Emma Niday, and great-grandchildren Rowynn Niday, Rhys Niday and Ren Niday.

Services were Tuesday, July 16, at 11 a.m. at Oasis Church, 1520 S. Maine Street, Fallon, NV. Arrangements are under the direction of The Gardens Funeral Home.

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### Fallon Ford Donates \$2,000 to CCHS Back to School Night Student Raffle

Staff Report

Curt Henning, owner of Fallon Ford, and General Manager Tim Mitchell answered the call of Dr. Sue Segura, CCHS School-to-Careers Program Director when she asked for help to make CCHS' Back to School night even better than last year.

Joining the many other event donors, Fallon Ford's generous contribution of \$2,000 will fund ten \$100 Visa gift cards and a new laptop.

CCHS students in grades 9-12 are eligible to win and will be given raffle tickets upon entering the C3 Events Complex for Back to School Night.

For a ticket, students must arrive and be seated in the stands by 6 p.m. The drawing will take place directly after the guest motivational speaker.

### Local Firefighters Square Off Against Navy MPs in Softball Challenge

Oasis Adult Softball Association League is hosting our local firefighters, who have agreed to play the Navy MPs Friday evening, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the adult softball park at 437 N. Maine St. next to Grand Slam Market. At 8:45, the Navy team will be taking on the Army players. Enjoy the heated competition, Indian Tacos, and other great ballpark snacks. Half the snack bar proceeds will benefit the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department scholarship fund.



Photo courtesy of OASAL.



L to R: Mike Berney, Dennis Mills, Peggy Lakey, Hayden Diegel, Margot Mills, Sam Berney. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Museum.

### Local Chautauquans Turn Out Great Performances

The Churchill County Museum reported a great turnout for its annual meeting last weekend, which included wonderful performances by several of our young Chautauquans. Hayden Diegel, portraying Lois Berney, may have gotten more than she bargained for as her character's family was in attendance. Hayden did such a great job that the Berneys wanted a picture with her afterward.



Photo by Anne McMillin.

### DVI Receives Donation

Churchill County Commissioners Getto, Heath, and Scharmann presented a \$4,000 community support donation to Churchill County Domestic Violence Intervention Board President Pauline Friedrich and Executive Director Karen Moessner.

## CCHS Back to School Night, Bigger and Better than Last Year

**When:** August 8 at 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Rafter C3 Events Complex  
**What:**

- ✓ Momma's Meats Hotdogs and Hamburgers
- ✓ Ice Cream from Country Creamery
- ✓ 63 Booths of Trade Schools, Post High School Training Programs, Colleges, and Employers
- ✓ 38 Local Businesses
- ✓ Guest Motivational Speaker
- ✓ Presented by CCHS with help from major sponsors like M-D Tree Surgery, New Millennium, Model Dairy, and more.

BUSINESS

# Stargazer Blossoms and Gifts Opens

By Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce welcomes a new business to Fallon with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Jennifer and Cassidy Moore, mother and daughter, co-owners of Stargazer Blossoms and Gifts, specialize in floral arrangements using live, synthetic, and dried floral

arrangements as well as a gift shop.

Jennifer and Cassidy make flower arrangements for any occasion, including weddings, funerals, special events, and for that special someone. They also make custom-made gift baskets.

The shop is at 957 West Williams Avenue. Stop in and welcome the new business.



L-R Front: Coen Moore, Sadie Moore, Cassidy Moore, Jennifer Moore, Annaleigh Moore, Ace Moore, Cindy McGarrah, Chamber President, Ava Case, Chamber Director. L-R Back: Customers first, second, and third person, DJ Shell, Travis Moore, Scott Johnston, Chamber Ambassador, Jan, Cheryl (Acquaintance), Jimmy Olsen, Debby Olsen, Merelene, Chamber member, Dave Munoz, Chamber Ambassador, Michelle Rogers, Chamber member, Masami and Luckey (Acquaintance). Photo by Nancy Chapman.

# Horney Toad Meats

By Nancy Chapman

Photo courtesy of Horney Toad Meats.

Cindy Johnson and partners Lance Johnson and Rich McCartney formed a partnership and purchased Fallon Livestock Meat Processing. With this purchase, Horney Toad Meats was born in 2023, and Cindy became the managing director.

When Cindy retired from 30 years as a health care executive, she felt she needed something to keep her busy and productive. She wanted to rebrand Fallon Livestock Processing and thought crafting jerky from FLP meats would be a great start.

A name for the new venture was first on the list. When their sons were young, they would be out cattle working, branding, sorting, or whatever needed to be done at the time. The boys would get bored and have contests to see who could catch the most horned toads in a certain amount of time. The memories of those contests brought back many happy memories for Cindy and Lance. They wanted a name that was catchy and would be easy to remember. So, they decided upon a play on words, and Horney Toad Meats was the name. The logo, the roping cowboy lizard with a hat, was a process to decide; only a competitive roper knows how to hold a rope in competition; after a few design changes, their logo was complete and ready for the customer's approval.

The meat used in the jerky's making comes from Fallon Livestock Processing Plant, their original venture. The beef is locally sourced from their herd or other locally owned cattle. Rich McCartney personally selects the meat. The actual jerky-making process is outsourced to a company in the Carson City area.

The two main cuts of meat used are brisket and top round. The brisket is a large muscle on the front of the beef that runs down from the neck to between the front legs. There are only two briskets, left and right, which can make the meat expensive to sell. The other cut used is top

round. There is no better way to use brisket and top round than in a tender and tasty piece of jerky.

Horney Toad Meats has 21 flavors of jerky, 14 flavors use the brisket. It stays moist, is tender, and has a deep flavor that retains the beef texture while supporting

the jerky flavors. They have two new flavors to add to the twelve original brisket jerky lineup: dill pickle and ghost peppers. The ghost pepper flavor brings heat into your mouth from the front, so you taste the flavor more quickly than the habanero flavor, which starts in the back of your mouth and slowly builds the flavor or heat. The three flavors using the top round cut of meat are the Cow-

boy, Old-fashioned, and Simple Five Dog Treats. The remaining four flavors, mako shark, alligator, buffalo, and elk, are considered exotics.

Horney Toad Meats jerky is currently sold in seven Golden Gate Truck Stops in Nevada, four Big R Stores in Nevada and the Big R in Burns, Oregon, Kent's Supply, Wild Horse Café, 3 Dimensions Shipping, The Grid Marketplace, Just Country Friends, Big Mikes Guns and Ammo, Quik Stop Market, and The Flag Store. In addition, it is also sold in Arizona stores in Cave Creek and Wickenburg. The jerky will soon be traveling to Hawaii for the Allstars Regional Tournament, as the jerky will be featured as a "hometown" item from Fallon, Nevada, given out by the Fallon Allstar 12U players to their 60 fellow competitors and was donated by Horney Toad Meats.

Fallon Livestock Processing will expand and open a retail store, Horney Toad Meats, just south of the Processing plant on Allen Road in Fallon. A date for that has not yet been made available. The Horney Toad Meats jerky and any cut of meat from beef, pork, lamb, or any other protein source will be available to purchase. In the meantime, you may buy any of the 21 flavors from local merchants or order online by going to their website, www.horneytoadmeats.online; yes, that is correct dot online.



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DISTRICT COURT

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, July 9, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Autumn Nicole Castleberry appeared for a status hearing. Court Services Director Brenda Ingram told the court that Castleberry had missed nine drug tests. When Judge Stockard inquired why she missed tests, she said she had some medical tests in the hospital. Judge Stockard ordered a drug test, which she passed. Castleberry then pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), punishable by 1-4 years in a Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Stockard noted there was no substance abuse evaluation on file with the court, which the defense said Castleberry would obtain. Stockard reminded Castleberry that she is still on Court Services, must check in daily by phone, and must test when her color is called. If she violates the terms of her release again, she will be returned to custody. Stockard set sentencing for August 13.

Jesse Dalton Cogle pleaded guilty to Gross Misdemeanor of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, which carries a potential penalty of up to 364 days in Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. For the court to consider probation on this charge, Cogle must submit to an alcohol assessment and psychological risk assessment. Cogle also pleaded guilty to a Misdemeanor DUI, 2nd Offense, punishable by ten days to six months in jail and a fine of \$750-1,000. If convicted, Cogle will also have to obtain treatment, install a breathalyzer interlock device on his vehicle, attend a Victim Impact Panel, and attend DUI School. Sentencing was set for August 6.

Duane Edward Walsh pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation and set sentencing for September 10.

Sherrie Lou Miller appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, to which she pled guilty on May 21. The defense told the court that Miller had been doing well during her provisional placement in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court and asked that she be officially placed in the program. Judge Stockard suspended proceedings and placed Miller on probation for 12 months with the condition that she complete Drug Court.

Alisha Gonzalez Ezly, in custody, pleaded not guilty to Count I) Category C Felony of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000, and not guilty to Count II) Category D Felony of Unlawful Re-

moval, Defacement, Alteration, or Obliteration of the Identification Number of a Motor Vehicle or Part thereof, which carries 1-4 years in prison and a fine up to \$25,000. Ezly waived her right to a speedy trial and agreed to a Criminal Settlement Conference. Should the parties reach an agreed-upon resolution, a jury will hear the matter on January 29-31, 2025.

Joseph Terrell Libbee, in custody, pleaded not guilty to Count I) Category D Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, which carries a potential penalty of 1-6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000; and to Count II) Category D Felony of Battery with a Deadly Weapon which carries a potential penalty of 2-10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. Libbee waived his right to a speedy trial. A Criminal Settlement Conference was set for July 16, 2024, with a trial set for February 24-28, 2025, if no resolution is reached.

Kameron Tanner Plants, in Nevada State custody, appeared for sentencing on Count I) Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer While Under the Influence, a Category E Felony, and Count II) Misdemeanor DUI.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court that Plants had a .295 blood alcohol level, that his criminal record shows he is not a stranger to the criminal justice system, and that the community and our law enforcement officers must be protected. Mills asked the court to fashion a sentence that would send the defendant the message.

Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel said the facts clearly show that his client has some problems. Plants didn't remember what happened that day, and in his right mind, it would never have happened. Noel said Plants is a young man with a lot of potential, and he asked for the sentence to run concurrently with the case he has been sentenced on in Washoe County.

Plants read from a written statement apologizing to the court and to the Fallon public for what he said were "very negligent actions." He stated he had never made such a huge mistake. Plants told the Court he has plans for his future, his children, and his recovery.

On Count I, Judge Stockard sentenced Plants to 16-42 months in prison, which will run concurrently with the Washoe County case. On Count II, Stockard fined Plants \$400 and sentenced him to 61 days in jail, which will run concurrently with Count I. Plants was also ordered to complete an alcohol education course and a Victim Impact Panel. Upon his release from prison, he is to have an interlock device installed in any vehicle he owns or drives for 18 months.

Carl Wayne Sampson, in custody, appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Fourth Degree Arson, to which he pled guilty

on April 30. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas explained the defendant is over 40 years old and was found having lit four different fires on private property. According to Thomas, Sampson said he was trying to get attention. He was also found to have methamphetamine in his pocket. Thomas asked for a 12-48 month suspended sentence. Thomas also reported that the victim suffered no monetary damages. PD Wright Noel said his client has substance abuse problems and asked for the joint recommendation as requested by the state. Judge Stockard granted Sampson probation on a suspended sentence of 12-48 months in prison and ordered him to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and to follow all recommendations therein.

Amanda Nicole Edwards, in custody, admitted to the non-technical sentencing violation of absconding in two cases. The first was a charge from 2019 for Using the Identifying Information of Another to Avoid or Delay Prosecution, and the second was a charge from 2021 for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

When Judge Stockard asked Edwards where she had been, she said in Reno. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford told the court, "We believe this defendant has made her own bed, and now she needs to lie in it." According to Sanford, Edwards absconded for 896 days, or about 2 1/2 years, and is no longer a viable candidate for supervision. She pointed out that Edwards did not turn herself in but was apprehended. Sanford asked that no modifications be made to the underlying sentence and that the defendant serve her complete term.

PD Wright Noel told the court that Edwards understands she has burned her bridge as far as supervision and asked the court to revoke her probation. Noel said that since she has been in custody (approximately 100 days), Edwards has taken advantage of the resources available to her, completing a substance abuse course and completing as much of her GED as she could.

Edwards apologized to Probation & Parole and the court. Judge Stockard revoked Edwards's probation and imposed underlying sentences of 12-32 months on both cases, which will run consecutively. She was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.

CONTINUANCES:

Roland Isaac Zamora's sentencing was continued to July 23.

Karena Dawn Stark's hearing for being removed from Drug Court was continued to July 23.

Jared Aaron Greathouse's sentencing was continued to July 23.

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Brooks, Jacob Edward v. Brooks, Ashley Dawn  
 Krenzxavier, Taran v. Krenzxavier, Amber  
 Rosario, Melva Raquel v. Wellman, Keith Laverne  
 Wood, James M. v. Wood, Janelle M.  
 Azizi, Mehrdad v. Azar, Fatemeh Malekian  
 Hendricks, Shannon Leigh v. Williams, Edwin Taylor  
 Rogoff, George v. Garcia, Wendy  
 Fugatt, Gracelyn v. Fugatt, David  
 Oduah, Oluwatobi v. Jacobs-El, Ayanna  
 Saura, Tom Justin B. v. Saura, Natasha Viktoria  
 Hughart, Danny Ray v. Penney, Thelma L.  
 La Cam, Katie v. Ackhavong, Louy  
 Willey, Jennifer v. Willey, Stephen  
 Edemyan, Tigran v. Hovhannnysyan, Ani  
 Bangoy, Irish Princess Mae L. v. Monaghan, David  
 Jackson, Jennifer v. Jackson, Troy Errol  
 Renteria, Vincent Anthony v. Disney, Arielle Karla Ann  
 Tomar, Sandeep v. Singh, Rupali  
 Camacho, Jessica v. Camacho, Aaron  
 Yelgeldina, Aidana v. Jones, Meya Campbell  
 Moore, William Michael v. Moore, Joni Lynn

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Blade, Daniell Kye v. Blade, Julie Anne  
 Glenn, Eric v. Glenn, Natalie  
 Hodulik, Jodi Rae v. Hodulik, Chadwick Thomas  
 Worth, Nisla v. Worth, Vanessa  
 Gresham, Jeffery Michael v. Bly-Ferris, Melissa Gale  
 Leitch, Eric v. Leitch, Mayra  
 Capton, Jennifer Rose v. Capton Jr., David Michael  
 Boothe, Claudia v. Boothe, Donny  
 Taaffe, J. Laurence v. Taaffe, Kristie Marie  
 Sweet-Delvecchio, Stacey L. v. Delvecchio, Anthony J.  
 Riazati-Montero, Sepideh Soloria v.  
 Montero-Quesada, Marco Vinicio  
 Lal, Vikash Davendra v. Tillaklal, Regina  
 Gonzalez, Aaron Jacob-Arce v. Armas-Gonzalez,  
 Jasmine Rea  
 Lotati, Matan v. Smith, Clinton Gary  
 Matkulak, John v. Matkulak, Rexina L  
 Ngan, Mai Dinh Thuc v. Pham, Trang Quoc  
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GOVERNMENT

# School District Joins in Support of iNVEST 2025

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District approved joining the other 16 county-elected school boards in the state along with the State Public Charter School Authority to support the iNVEST 2025 effort, a biennial document establishing the cornerstone of the legislative effort going into the next Legislative session.

Created by the school district superintendents across the state and the executive director of the charter school authority, the document lays out five ways the superintendents see Nevada can improve student achievement. The superintendents, represented by their professional organization, the Nevada Association of School Superintendents (NASS), developed the document to share priorities with legislators and stakeholders, using it as the foundation for their legislative efforts each year.

“Together, NASS and policymakers have positively shaped legislation for the students of Nevada for over two decades, and there is still work to be done,” according to a statement in the information document presented to the board during the last meeting.

Asking the question, “What is needed to improve student achievement in Nevada,” the iNVEST 2025 document asks the Nevada Legislature to play a pivotal role in strengthening the education landscape and outcomes by passing legislation that continues substantial increases in the per pupil funding, and “fully fund the weights assigned” in the funding formula for equitable support no matter the zip code or circumstance.

The document also directs the legislature to provide conditions for innovation to support the Learner-Centered and Future-Ready systems where students can develop competencies outlined in the Nevada State Portrait. All that means the legislature would effectively

modernize the education statutes while avoiding additional mandates.

There is a strong push through the document to “measure what matters” and urges legislators to provide an accountability system that shares the “whole” student story. “The current school accountability system must be modernized,” the document states that the legislative session is an opportunity to consider what matters most for student success and how to measure it.

Superintendent Derild Parsons said there is a focus on making changes that more accurately measure what goes on in schools instead of using the Star System, which many argue does not accurately reflect what students are learning.

iNVEST 2025 also asks the legislature to ensure funding to support mental health professionals for all schools and students in Nevada and to dedicate funds to help districts design environments conducive to student-centered learning. The document encourages funding to meet operational and preventative maintenance.

Parsons said that regarding facilities, “We’re more fortunate than some districts because we’ve been able to maintain our buildings. Other districts have not been in that position.” He said that some districts need new schools, and the costs are approaching \$75 million to build one school.

Trustee Joe McFadden said he was recently at the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) meeting, where that group voted to partner with NASS to support this effort.

NASS will also focus on continuing the SB 231 funding, saying, “The 4.25% salary increase will end if that funding is not continued.”



# Seed Library Growing Strong at the Churchill County Library

By Anne McMillin

The Seed Library is a relatively new program at the Churchill County Library. It is a place to check out seeds to grow and participate in the tradition of seed saving by growing, saving, and donating any extra seeds back to the seed library.

Over time, the saved seeds will add up to a robust, local plant powerhouse to be used to grow food and community together.

The seed library allows patrons to borrow seeds, grow the plants, and return the new seeds to continue the program in three easy steps:

- Pick up to five seed packets and an information packet. Let staff know if any drawers are empty.
- Plant the seeds following the instructions in the information packet. Grow and enjoy.

- When harvesting the grown plants, empty 10-15 seed pods, heads, or fruits and allow them to dry. Put the dried seeds in a labeled envelope or baggie and drop it off with library staff along with any information about your seeds.

This free program is available to all who wish to participate. There is no penalty for not returning seeds or if seeds fail to grow.

Seeds currently in the library include arugula, beans, okra, squash, and sunflowers.

A detailed informational packet on best practices for growing seeds is available at the seed library. You can pick it up along with your seeds.

The library is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The seed library is just inside the library entrance.



The seed library station at the Churchill County Library.

# Fastest Gun Alive World Championship

Returns to Fallon July 25-28

Staff Report



2023 Fastest Gun Alive competition. Photo courtesy of Rafter C3.

Don’t miss the 2024 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship next weekend at the Rafter C3 Events Complex. Admission is free on Saturday (only), with a Car Show, Craft Fair, Food Vendors, and more, with events planned for spectator participation on Saturday.

No live ammunition is used in this competition. Gunslingers use wax bullets in the Cowboy Fast Draw competition and blank cartridges in all other events and side machines.

This is the 22nd year that the Cowboy Fast Draw Association has hosted the Fastest Gun Alive World Championships in Fallon, NV, with competitors coming from all over the nation to compete. Over 275 of the fastest gunslingers - men, women, juniors, and youth - compete. Each will be vying for a chance to be named The Fastest Gun Alive.

Finals take place at High Noon on Sunday.

EDUCATION

# Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera  
Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy

## HIGH SCHOOL GRAND OPENING JULY 30

Oasis Academy High School is hosting the grand opening ceremony for its new building on July 30. The ribbon-cutting ceremony and remarks will begin at 10 a.m., and a community-wide open house will follow at 10:30 a.m.

The high school building was constructed thanks to the generous contribution from the William N. Pennington Foundation, in collaboration with partner Miles Construction, and the assistance of Frame Architecture Inc. Oasis Academy High School is ready to welcome students for the 2024-2025 school year.

The entire community is encouraged to see the new school.

“We are thankful for the William N. Pennington Foundation. Without their generous support, this school would not be here today. I would encourage anyone who is interested in seeing the new building to attend the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony,” Principal Rochelle Tisdale said.

For questions regarding the ceremony and open house, contact Angela Viera at [aviera@oanv.org](mailto:aviera@oanv.org).

## PEIXOTO AWARDED SECOND PLACE IN STATE FISHING POSTER CONTEST



Ellie Peixoto with fishing rod and certificate.

Oasis Academy fifth grader Ellie Peixoto placed second in the Nevada Department of Wildlife Free Fishing Day Poster Contest. The annual contest is open to all fourth and fifth-grade students in Nevada.

“I decided to enter the Nevada Free Fishing Day Poster Contest this year because I entered a design last year and earned an honorable mention,” said Peixoto.

She decided to try again this year with the goal of placing higher.

The state of Nevada and family traditions inspired her for the poster she submitted this year.

“I decided on the state of Nevada shape for the outline of my picture because I thought it would look cool and go with the Nevada poster theme,” she said. “My cousins and I go fishing every year and like to play on tubes while we are fishing. That is why I added the tube angler and the upstream angler.”

Oasis Academy is proud of Peixoto for her artwork and for representing Fallon in the state-wide contest.

She was awarded a free rod and reel and an award certificate for her talents and hard work. Her artwork will appear in the 2024-25 Nevada Fishing Guide, and the rod and reel have already been used in Nevada waters.

“I have already used the fishing pole that I won and have caught a few fish with it,” Peixoto closed.

## TEACHERS ATTEND WE THE PEOPLE TRAINING

Amber Revels, Tamara McNeill, and Kelly Nott joined fellow educators from Nevada, Idaho, and Utah the week of June 17 for a summer institute in Carson City. The training was part of a grant funded by the We the People Nevada Center for Civic Education Professional Learning Community for the 2024-25 school year.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is a federally funded Center for Civic Education project that supports effective educator development and empowers students to live informed, thoughtful, and productive lives through the Constitution.

The group of educators must participate in up to 60 hours of professional development, including the 36 hours from the in-



Kelly Nott and Tamara McNeill.

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Thanks to the generous contribution from the William N. Pennington Foundation, and in collaboration with construction partner, Miles Construction, and Frame Architecture, Inc., Oasis Academy High School is ready to welcome students for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Tuesday, July 30**  
10 AM - Remarks and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
10:30 AM - Community Open House

1 Bighorn Way, Fallon, NV 89406

**Info and Questions:**  
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stitute, implement at least 40 hours of classroom instruction using the We the People curriculum and resources, involve students in a simulated congressional hearing process, and prepare them for the high school We the People program to compete and represent Oasis Prep.

By participating, each teacher will receive a complete classroom set of materials/textbooks, classroom supplies, literacy support materials, and support from the NVCCE throughout the school year to implement the curriculum, including certificates, site visits to work with students, and help to find judges for our hearings if needed.

During the institute, teachers attended sessions at the Nevada Supreme Court, Stewart Indian School, and the Nevada State Museum.

# CCHS Student Intern Highlight



CCHS Intern Wyatt Lambert with Randy Sharp at Tedford Tire. Photo by Sue Segura.

Staff Report

Wyatt Lambert, an upcoming CCHS sophomore, has been interning this summer for Tedford Tire. According to General Manager Randy Sharp, “Wyatt is a hard worker and arrives every morning ready to work.”

When CCHS School to Careers program coordinator Dr. Sue Segura stopped in to see how Wyatt was progressing, he came around the corner smiling, carrying a huge tire he was changing. “He was really dirty, sweaty, and anxious to tell me how much he had learned from working at Tedford Tires,” said Segura, pleased to hear how hard Wyatt has been working. “Work ethic is a skill they focus on with our Work Based Learning curriculum.”

Even at noon in 98-degree temps, Wyatt shared his excitement about working with Randy and the Tedford Tire crew. “I am now thinking about going to automotive trade school because of this internship... This is a great place to work,” he told Dr. Sue.

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SPORTS

# 12U Baseball Team Heads to Hawaii



Fallon 12U Allstar Champs and their parents. Photo by Skip Reeves.



Coach Judd and his family at Reno Tahoe Airport to fly to Oahu, Hawaii, for the Pacific Southwest Cal Ripkin 12U Regional Tournament. Fallon wishes the team great success! Photo by Nancy Chapman.



LeLan White, with the 12U team, is holding a backpack travel bag that was given to each player headed to the Regional Tournament in Hawaii. Photo by Nancy Chapman.



Jackson Macy #28 was the first player to get to the airport to travel to Oahu, Hawaii, and play in the Pacific Southwest Cal Ripkin 12U Regional Tournament. Jackson and his fellow teammates and traveling companions will be wearing these shirts. Heather Kuntz, the mother of 12U player Briar Kuntz, and her sister-in-law Jan Hargis put each player's name, uniform number, and Fallon on each shirt. Coach Judd wanted the players to travel with team spirit. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

## Great job, Allstar Champions 12U!

By Nancy Chapman

The baseball team that won their championship games paved the way for them to be eligible for the Pacific Southwest Cal Ripkin Allstar Tournament in Oahu, Hawaii. The parents, coaches, players, and everyone who worked as a team made this a possibility for these young men.

# Fallon Claybreakers Happenings

By Nancy Chapman

Fallon Claybreaker Wyatt Ricks attended the Idaho State Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) Shoot in Pocatello, ID, June 28-30, 2024, facing off against 95 contestants. Ricks led the Short Yardage Handicap Non-resident and Non-resident Doubles C Class, breaking an impressive 90 out of 100 clay birds.

Claybreaker Chase Ackerman attended the 1st annual Mike DeWitt Scholarship Fund Shoot in memory of Mike DeWitt, sponsored by Pershing County Chukars Unlimited, in Lovelock on June 25. Chase took first place Junior, which earned him a Mike DeWitt Scholarship Fund Shoot belt buckle.

The team celebrated the end of the season at their awards banquet on May 29. The event was held at Fallon Trap Club and catered by Heidi and Jr. Figueroa with Freshy's Wings and Things from the Silver Springs Nugget. Intermediate High Average Shooters Kasen Bullock, John Zulz, and Wyatt Ricks earned Intermediate Advanced Division Top Score Patches, with Wyatt Ricks as Runner-up Top Score, winning a plaque.



Wyatt Ricks. Photo by Pat Whitten.



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# Allison's Book Report

## "Confessions of the Other Sister"

by Beth Harbison

The heat has been blistering around here, and I, for one, am officially over it. Sometimes, when it is this hot, the only solution is to pack up a little bag of books and run to the beach. I was lucky enough to have an opportunity to do that last week when I spent three blissfully boring days in Huntington Beach, California. I can report that temperatures in the mid-70s and that salty ocean breeze will cure all that ails you. Laying on the beach for three days with nothing to do but lose myself in a book and a slushie drink was just what I needed. Unfortunately, I couldn't bring those lovely breezy temperatures home with me, but I did bring home a good book to tell you all about.

"Confessions of the Other Sister" by Beth Harbison is a testament to the complicated sisterhood relationship and the feelings of competition and jealousy that often follow sisters into adulthood. Frances Turner has a confession to make: her younger sister, Crosby, drives her crazy. Everything that Frances has had to work herself to the bone for just sort of happens to Crosby – her hair and skin are always perfect, men flock to her, and she managed to become famous by writing a blockbuster novel and making a zillion dollars, seemingly all by accident. Meanwhile, Frances struggles to keep her head above water, working as a private chef between



acting auditions, and her big break never comes. As perfect as Crosby's life seems, she also has a confession: she thinks that Frances is playing it too safe and can't understand why she doesn't break out of her rut and do something interesting with her life. The sisters have nothing in common except their parents – but when fate throws the two seemingly incompatible sisters together, they realize they need each other to help them steer in the right direction.

"Confessions of the Other Sister" is a sometimes laugh-out-loud funny, sometimes heartbreaking story about how adult siblings are tied together by their past and their upbringing and discovering how that common bond can shape who they are, even as adults. Harbison's writing style is classic women's fiction and similar to favorite "chick-lit" authors Sophie Kinsella or Jennifer Weiner, making it the perfect addition to a beach bag or pool bag or to crack open at home

with the A/C cranked on high.

I hope this week is a little cooler, and we can all find a way to beat the heat and crack open a good book. Come and visit me on Instagram @allison.the.reader, where I'm always ready to talk about what books are helping us through the heatwave.

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

# Your Locally-Owned & Operated Fallon Theatre

By Kelli Perez

# August Movies

<b>Friday 8/2</b> Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) @ 6pm Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone (PG) @ 7pm	<b>Saturday 8/3</b> Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) @ 6pm Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone (PG) @ 7pm
<b>Friday 8/9</b> Tangled (Sponsored by Central Nevada Health District) (PG) @ 6pm Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets (PG) @ 7pm	<b>Saturday 8/10</b> Tangled (Sponsored by Central Nevada Health District) (PG) @ 6pm Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets (PG) @ 7pm
<b>Friday 8/16</b> Tom & Jerry (PG) @ 6pm Live Music! River Rogue Freel @ 7pm	<b>Saturday 8/17</b> Tom & Jerry (PG) @ 6pm Angel and the Badman (1947) @ 7pm
<b>Friday 8/23</b> The Bad Guys (PG) @ 6pm Blade Runner (The Final Cut) (R) @ 7pm	<b>Saturday 8/24</b> The Bad Guys (PG) @ 6pm Blade Runner (The Final Cut) (R) @ 7pm
<b>Friday 8/30</b> The Lego Ninjago Movie (PG) @ 6pm Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows Pt2 (PG-13) @ 7pm	<b>Saturday 8/31</b> The Lego Ninjago Movie (PG) @ 6pm Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows Pt2 (PG-13) @ 7pm

All movies are free!

A great weekend lineup, including some local live music, is heading your way.

First, on both Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, at 6 p.m., we have "Teen Titans Go! to the Movies." Teen Titans Go! is an American animated television series based loosely on DC Comics' fictional superhero team. The 2018 film follows five teenage superheroes who dream of Hollywood stardom while thwarting an evil villain. The movie is rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 24 minutes.

Our 7 p.m. movie on Friday night is the 1970 John Wayne classic, "Rio Lobo." After the Civil War, Cord McNally searches for two traitors whose treachery caused the defeat of McNally's unit and the loss of a close friend. The runtime of this film is 1 hour and 54 minutes.

On Saturday night at 7 p.m., the theatre will be rocking with Acid Box, a Fallon-local band that blends hard rock, heavy metal, and punk with a blues influence. They'll be joined by additional local talent, Anabelle and the Desert Scrubs. The cover charge is \$10. Make a date night of it on Maine Street with dinner and drinks.

The Fallon Theatre will participate in the 10th Annual Community Reunion in August. There will be a free concert on Friday, August 16, at 7 p.m. with River Rogue; open-house Theatre Tours on Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Community Karaoke from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Also, don't miss our annual summer fundraising 5K fun run/walk on August 24, the Cantaloupe Canter. Early registration and sponsorship forms can be found on our website, fallontheatre.com.

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# What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly



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

I was walking through the produce section of Safeway this last week and noticed a crowd gathered in the lettuce section. This was no surprise as we continued to wither in the scorching heat of a seemingly endless chain of 100 plus degree days. Since all of Churchill County seems to be making salad simultaneously, this seems like a perfect time to highlight some of my favorite no-cook or minimal-cook, salad, no-recipe recipes.



David Malosh for The New York Times. Food Stylist: Simon Andrews

## Tangy Grilled Salmon Salad

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat your grill or smoker. If the salmon has skin, remove it with a sharp knife. Juice one lime into a small bowl and add sliced chiles and half of the shallots. Add in a pinch each of salt and pepper and a couple of good glugs of fish sauce. Let sit for a bit, then whisk in the olive oil (about twice as much as the fish sauce). The dressing won't emulsify, so you will whisk it again before dressing your salad. Drizzle salmon with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Cut a second lime in half and drizzle with olive oil. Grill the salmon alongside the lime halves (cut side down) until the fish is just done, flipping halfway through (between 2-5 minutes per side). Transfer salmon and limes to a plate and drizzle with some salad dressing. In a medium bowl, combine the other half of the shallots with salad greens, a ton of herbs, and the crunchy ingredients. Toss with the remaining dressing, a squeeze of the cooked lime, and a drizzle of olive oil. Add in chunks of salmon and toss to combine. Serve.

### Ingredients:

- Limes
- Red and Green chiles, thinly sliced
- Shallot, thinly sliced
- Salt
- Sugar
- Fish Sauce
- Olive Oil
- Salmon
- Salad Greens
- Soft Herbs (dill, cilantro, basil, mint)
- Radishes or Cucumbers, or both

## Indonesian-Style Chicken Salad

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Put the chicken in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Add the white parts of the green onions, mint, cilantro, red pepper, serrano pepper, and sprouts. Toss well
2. Combine lime juice, ginger, garlic, fish sauce, and cayenne in a small bowl. Add the peanut butter and stir well to combine. Whisk in the buttermilk. Adjust seasoning
3. Line a dish with lettuce leaves. Toss the chicken mixture with the dressing and mound over the lettuce. Garnish with roasted peanuts and the green onion tops.

### Ingredients:

- 4 cups shredded chicken
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 bunch green onions, white and green parts thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup mint leaves, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves and tender stems, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and cut into thin strips
- 1 serrano pepper, seeded if you want, and minced
- 2 cups bean sprouts
- 1 Romaine lettuce heart, leaves separated, washed & dried
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 tsp. ginger, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. fish sauce
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 2 tbsp. crunch peanut butter
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup roasted peanuts, coarse chop



## Greek Fattoush Salad

### Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup and 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 yellow bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
- 1/2 hothouse cucumber, halved, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, pitted
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup minced red onion
- 2 tbsp. capers, chopped
- 2 each green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 handful pita chips, crumbled
- 8 oz. feta, crumbled

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a small bowl, combine 1/3 cup olive oil with vinegar, garlic, and oregano. Season to taste
2. In a large bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, drizzle with dressing, and toss to combine.

# CROSSWORD

By Peanut



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6. Can happen in court
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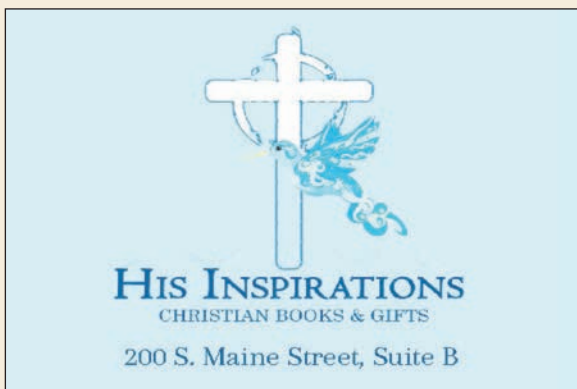
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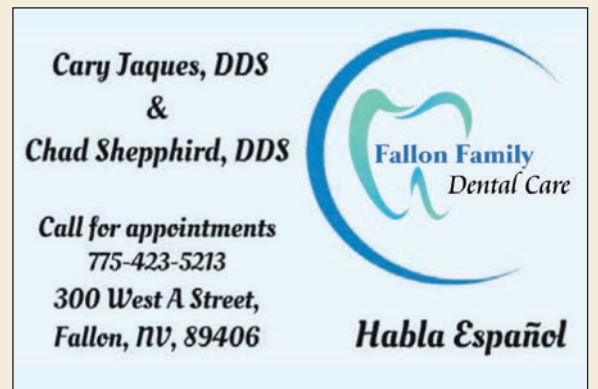
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**RSOQ DEADLINE:** All SOQs must be received in the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, NV 89406 by July 29, 2024, no later than 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time. SOQs received after the established deadline will be returned to the Offeror, and will not receive any consideration in the evaluation process. SOQs are not publicly opened (disclosed), in accordance with NRS 332.061(2).

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