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It is Starting to Look a Lot Like Christmas

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

On November 8, Debbie Thomas of Carey Transport, one of Santa’s helpers, drove the sleigh to deliver a large fir tree to Fallon. Since then, Santa’s helpers who work for the City of Fallon have taken special care of the tree. They have gently unloaded the tree and set it up in its new home in the center of Maine Street. They made sure the tree was set up perfectly, as it has been since 1929. The annual Hometown Christmas Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting is set for Friday, December 6, on Maine Street to kick off Fallon’s Christmas season.

This year’s tree came from Snowy Peak Christmas Tree Farm, owned by the Jones Family in Forest Hills, California. It is a White Fir that was planted in 1978 on the 80-acre tree farm by the original owners, the Wilson Family.

More details on the celebration will be available soon; stay tuned for all the times and events.



Ready. Set. Lift.

Election 2024 in the Books

By Rachel Dahl

It’s finally over. What has been, basically, a two-year election cycle, it feels like it has drug on for seven and a half years, has come to a close with the former president, now President-Elect Donald Trump, coming in victorious and leading a sweep of the House and Senate.

Trump is projected to garner 312 electoral votes to Kamala Harris’s 226, with 270 being the magic number to win. As of Tuesday morning, a week after the election, the House of Representatives has a Republican majority of 219 seats to the Democrats’ 210. The Senate was called last week, with Republicans gaining four seats for a 53 – 47 lead over the Democrats.

In Nevada, Senator Jacky Rosen (NV-D), who trailed Republican Sam Brown for most of last week’s election week, finally pulled ahead when all the Washoe County votes were counted. Congressman Mark Amodei handily beat Independent candidate Greg Kidd with 55.4% of the vote.

Churchill County had a strong showing for both Trump, with 73.70% of the vote to Kamala Harris’ 23.58%, and Sam Brown, who received 68.57% of the vote to Rosen’s 24.55%.

Amodei is a local favorite who received 69.06% of the vote.

Several uncontested races saw those who were unopposed or who won in the primary skate through election day with very little stress, including Greg Koenig in State Assembly District 38, Matt Hyde, Commissioner District 1, and Eric Blakey, Commissioner District 3. The school board was also settled early, with Trustees Gregg Malkovich, Kathryn Whitaker, and Wendy Bullock the only candidates who filed for office for three open seats.

The Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement Board saw a three-way race for two open seats: David Brown received 6,906 votes, Marion Jonte received 5,146, and Cynthia McGarrah received 4,935 votes. Both Brown and Jonte will be sworn in.

Statewide ballot questions came in with

the following:

Question 1: Remove the high education Board of Regents from the state constitution - with 54.7% voting no.

Question 2: Change the descriptions of entities for people with disabilities - a solid yes with 65.9% of the vote.

Question 3: Requiring open primaries and ranked-choice voting in general elections - defeated with 53.3% of the vote.

Question 4: Prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude - passed with 60.5% of the vote.

Question 5: Exempting diapers from sales tax passed with 68.4% of the vote.

Question 6: Creating a constitutional right to abortion - passed with 64.2% of the vote.

Question 7: Requiring photo identification to vote - passed with 73.2% of the vote.

The official canvassing of the vote will take place at the County Commission meeting on November 14, 2024, at 5 p.m., and local officials will be sworn in at the first Churchill County Commission meeting in January.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

By Rachel Dahl

Not to get anyone's hopes up, but there may be pretty little Angora beanies in some stockings this year!!!

We are making yarn. In copious amounts. And by "we," I mean me. Me and these nine little bunnies of mine out at the Boyer Bunny Ranch. It's so soft and actually quite beautiful. I don't want to wreck it with my rookie attempts at knitting. But Gramma Nelda has promised help and she and I will be sitting down soon for some tutelage.

I still have boxes of fiber stacked in the garage to get to that I've been plucking over the past how many years since I first got Delilah? Three and a half years. I had to look back in my photos for the day I was driving home with her from Salt Lake.

And, of course, these little rabbits have to be continually groomed and plucked. There is no shortage of potential yarn, just a shortage of time.

As with everything. Speaking of which, since it's cold, I was fairly sure the egg-laying was over, but this morning, when I went to let everyone out, there were two eggs in one of the little cubbies! I'm feeding them this magic Promega chicken feed, and voilà.

Probably they've been laying all along, at least the older ones, but we free-range out here and so who knows where all eggs are stashed. Sometimes I find them on the lawn, just randomly left in a depression in the grass. It's like Easter at the Bunny Ranch half the time.

Speaking of the Boyer Bunny Ranch. A funny thing happened on the way to my YouTube channel.

I've wanted to make a channel for my bunnies and plucking fiber and spinning it into yarn for quite a while now. Finally, one day this summer, I sat down and just turned the camera on while I was spinning yarn and chatted with my make-believe followers while wearing a flamingo apron, no make-up, and my hair in a welfare bun. The idea was just to get something that I could practice editing on and then upload a video and get started.

To heck with being ready or knowing what you're doing – as you all have learned by now, that's how things work with me.

Once I got the video recorded, I realized I should probably make a specific bunny channel instead of just Rachel, so I made a cute little graphic for the thumbnail and set it all up and, of course, called it The Boyer Bunny Ranch because that's what we always call it here in the Captain's Log.

Then, I sent links to my sisters so they could check it out.

One of them couldn't get the link to work, so she searched up "Boyer Bunny Ranch," and as you can imagine, us being from this



part of the world, there was a plethora of bunny ranches. Only no fiber-producing yard-making bunny ranches – these were the pink satin and fishnet stocking version of bunny ranches.

But what are you going to do – I just left it, maybe I'll get followers from Toledo who are looking for ladies of the evening and catch me spinning yarn while spinning yarns and decide that's more entertaining. It could happen. When I told this story to my friends at the church potluck a couple of weeks ago, they were pretty entertained.

So, while we pluck angora fiber and spin it into yarn, gather eggs, and knit stocking caps, we'll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel



FUNDRAISER FOR CAPS DOG FASHION SHOW

Come join us at The Fallon Theatre on November 16, 2024 as we dress up our CAPS pups in costumes and walk them across stage. The Fashion Show will be from 1:00 - 4:00

For more information or tickets to the event, contact Tieris Williams at 775-866-0251 or tieriswilliams07@gmail.com



\$20 per person | \$30 per couple

FEATURES

Chamber and New Millennium Host Veterans' Breakfast

Photos courtesy of Tonya Barbetti.



Staff Report

In honor of our community veterans, the Fallon Chamber, New Millennium, and several local Boy Scout troops held a special Veterans Day breakfast on Monday at the Fallon Convention Center.

Executive Director Lucy Carnahan was the catalyst behind making the event happen and worked with Kelly Robins from New Millennium, Captain Tanner from NAS Fallon, and the many local Boy Scouts who assisted with serving and setting up.



Justice Court to Close Fridays

By Rachel Dahl

Justice Court is considering changing the hours of operation to four 10-hour days in February 2025.

Justice of the Peace Ben Trotter presented the idea to County Commissioners at their regular meeting last week, asking them to approve stand-by pay for a Justice Court clerk on weekends.

"When I first came to the court in 2019," Trotter said, "we went to an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. schedule. I thought staying open during the lunch hour would be good for people to access the court."

With these four ten-hour days, he told commissioners that the court would be open from 7 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., giving the public more time to access the court before and after work.

There are thirty-six Justice Court jurisdictions in Nevada, fifteen of which are open for 4-day weeks. Trotter maintains that offering this schedule to employees makes the position more desirable to attract talented staff.

A clerk is already paid standby for Saturday and Sunday each weekend due to the weekend hearing requirements passed down from the Legislature and Nevada Supreme Court. Trotter told commissioners this request would modify the standby pay to twenty-four hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This will require the Clerk to be available locally for all demands, including warrants, protection orders, and hearings involving prisoners.

"We attempt to make it just a one-day weekend for the District Attorney's office, the public defenders, and for court services. We try to make it as convenient as possible, but we have to have a clerk available to create the case and manage the paperwork.

Standby is paid at a rate of \$1.75/hour. The total annual standby pay would be \$1.75 x 24 hours x 3 days x 52 weekends = \$6,552 or \$126 per weekend. Currently, standby costs are \$3,003 per year, which would be a \$3,549 increase each year to be closed on Fridays.

County Manager Jim Barbee asked if any thought had been given to splitting the staff and working Monday – Thursday shifts and Friday through Tuesday shifts. "That would give greater availability to the public to have access to the court, but would have no impact on standby pay," Barbee said. He was concerned about losing Fridays as a day for trials.

But Trotter said after talking to staff, that option was not preferable. "There is a concern if one is out sick or on maternity leave. We have to cover with overtime, and then you're down to one clerk." He

said they could schedule any hearings on Monday afternoons.

Since August 2, there have been nine Fridays with no hearings scheduled and seven with hearings scheduled.

Several local attorneys were asked if this commission decision would impact their work schedules, and they all expressed concern but were unwilling to go on the record. One attorney offered insight but asked not to be named. "It is a small town, and we all have to appear in Justice Court," he said.

He provided some background information, saying that in a community like Fallon, all the courts have to work together when setting their schedules so they don't overlap. For example, the District Court has a law and motion calendar on Tuesday mornings, the Justice Court's law and motion calendar is on Thursday mornings, and the Municipal Court holds a law and motion calendar on Thursday afternoons. The main reason is that local law offices don't have enough attorneys to be in different courts simultaneously.

Attorneys maintain that the Justice Court upends the system by closing on Fridays. The Justice Court will now try to schedule preliminary hearings and trials on other days of the week. With the other court obligations, some attorneys are concerned that they will not be able to schedule them in a timely manner.

There is also concern that staff from other entities, including court services, public defenders, and the District Attorney's office, would have to coordinate with the Justice Court staff using a compressed schedule because their staff won't be available to answer emails or phone calls on Fridays.

"The decision to close the office on Fridays imposes a cost on every other group that is affected by this: District Attorney, Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, Churchill County, Citizen Taxpayers, and District Court," said the local attorney. "Having the Justice Court closed on Friday creates both practical and legal problems for prosecutors, defense attorneys, and criminal defendants. The only benefit from this change is for Judge Trotter and his staff who get to spend their Fridays at home."

The attorney also said the decision was not discussed with other agencies involved. "Churchill County, as an organization, functions well because of the willingness to communicate between departments. Judge Trotter made a decision that benefits him, at the cost of other departments, without even discussing it beforehand with other departments," the attorney said.

Commissioners approved the standby pay with no discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS




Jim Richards. Photo courtesy of the Churchill County Museum.

Long-Term Exhibit


Settling the County

On November 2, back in 1839, early Churchill County pioneer Jim Richards was born in Bath County, KY. Before Fallon was Fallon, many people called it Jimtown, as he owned a store on what is now Maine and Williams. Learn more about his life and our early history in the Settling the County Exhibit at the Churchill County Museum. The Museum is at 1050 S. Maine Street and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



PET OF THE WEEK

Available for Adoption



(D-840; D-839; D-846; D-847)
female, male, male, male

These four pups were found scavenging for food to survive. They ended up at the shelter and have been unclaimed. They are now available for adoption and are believed to be lab mixes.

There are three males and one female (yellow pup). The shelter cannot hold them, so if you are interested in one of these friendly pups, do not wait; drop by to visit the shelter at 1255 Airport Road. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Or call 775-423-2282.



October Marriages

- 10/01/2024 Nora Lee Esparza, 32, to Michael Richard Mitchell, 24, both of Fallon
- 10/03/2024 Annsley Rae Guillen, 24, to Garrett Calhoun Robb, 26, both of Kuna, ID
- 10/07/2024 Chloe Maddison Minner, 22, to Austin James Beaudoin, 28, both of Fallon
- 10/09/2024 Lucella Rose Yazzie, 36, to Patrick Michael Mineard, Jr., 35, both of Fallon
- 10/11/2024 Sallie Ann Cornejo, 40, to Robert Andrew Cisco, 49, both of Fernley, NV
- 10/14/2024 Torri Anne Gibbs, 31, to Frank Lloyd Perry, 49, both of Fallon
- 10/14/2024 Megan Lynne Bostrom, 30, to Brian Nicholas Thomas, 33, both of New Effington, SD
- 10/18/2024 Melinda Laren Knowles, 34, to John Patrick Wilkey, 43, both of Paradise, CA
- 10/30/2024 Brenda Jean Hicks, 66, to Teodoro Gomez Pineda, 58, both of Fallon
- 10/31/2024 Judith Eunice Torres, 39, to Jorge Luis Lara, 29, both of Fernley, NV



October Births

- Rhett Miller Moore**
born Oct. 16 to Terra M. Duncan and Tyler R. Moore, weighing 6 lbs., measuring 17 inches
- David Clyde Mosier**
born Oct. 18 to MaryJane Happy and David Mosier, weighing 5 lbs. 15 oz., measuring 18 inches
- Serena Marie Becerra**
born Oct. 27 to Briana Barrick and Andrew Becerra, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz., measuring 20 inches

October Annulments / Divorces

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| Lounis, Roslane v. Gough, Valarie | Annulment | Li, Roseanna v. Coyne, Riley Robert | Divorce |
| Jackson, David Roy v. Fehlman, Christina Marie | Annulment | Hamilton, Cody K. v. Hamilton, Scott R. | Divorce |
| Yost, Megan v. Swanson, John | Divorce | Lujan, Ramos Richard Norberto v. Zhang, Jiajun | Divorce |
| Sertic, Berislav v. Raquinio, Katharine Ann | Divorce | Jiang, Li v. Goble, Robert Lee | Divorce |
| Flores, Mercedes v. Lewis, Bertrell | Divorce | Tuttle, Faith Alicia v. Ahdai, Trevon | Divorce |
| Myers, Nicholas A. v. Armstrong, Camille | Divorce | Copeland, Jasmine v. Copeland, Keyon | Divorce |
| Dixon, Tana v. Dixon, Matthew | Divorce | Renteria, Christopher v. Renteria, Keri Jo | Divorce |
| Singh, Mandeep v. Kaur, Supandeep | Divorce | Johnson, Kyle v. Johnson, Alina H. | Divorce |
| Salesi, Jeremy v. Ortega, Ivette Antonia Ruiz | Divorce | Robinov, Richard v. Robinov, Arianna Jacinta | Divorce |
| Kolpin, Melissa Grace v. Gross, Jason Anthony | Divorce | Glanzman, Robyn Marie v. Glanzman, Daryl Dean | Divorce |
| Rogers, Ashley Katherine v. Rogers, Richard Scott | Divorce | Aro, Charlotte Ann v. Aro, Edward Walter | Divorce |
| Gill, Samreet Singh v. Yambao, Kristen | Divorce | Martinez, Adrienne v. Martinez, Hector | Divorce |
| Brown, Martha v. Brown, Shawn Bradley | Divorce | Angeles, Emyl Irog v. Angeles, Leilani Lodronio | Divorce |
| Fokuoh, Prince Adu v. Yankey, Monica | Divorce | Harnar, Kylie v. Harnar, Tony | Divorce |

OBITUARIES



ROBERTA (BOBBIE) TAYLOR
 October 29, 1934 - October 30, 2024

Roberta (Bobbie) Taylor, age 90, passed away on October 30, 2024, at home in Reno, Nevada. Bobbie was born on October 29, 1934, in Independence, CA, to Henry and Ruby Boyd Wilder. Bobbie spent over 40 years in Fallon, where she raised her family, was a "Brownie" troop leader, and an active bowling league member. She was also a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority for 50 years. When the children were grown, she enjoyed working at the Pickle Barrel Deli and later provided childcare services in her home.

She is survived by her five children: Deone Hemler of Reno, Roger Taylor of Medon, Tennessee, Pamela Spencer of Reno, Catherine Purnell of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Londa Craven of Rupert, Idaho. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Wallace (Wally) Taylor.

Bobbie will be laid to rest next to Wally at the Churchill County Cemetery. Per her wishes, no services will be held.

"Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not."



DARIN GENE DIXON
 April 2, 1966 - October 31, 2024

Darin G. Dixon, 58, passed away in Reno. He was born April 2, 1966, in Hawthorne, Nevada, to Linda Oxborrow. He grew up in Southern California and Northern Nevada.

Darin is preceded in death by his Stepdad Elmo Oxborrow, Maternal Grandmother Agnes Foster, and Paternal Grandfather Layne Dixon.

Darin is survived by his mother, Linda Oxborrow, brothers Thomas Summerbell Sr. and Jeffery Sammons Sr. (Keri), sister Yvonne L. Savoji, (Joey) Zahir, Uncle Merlyn Dixon, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at The Smith Family Funeral Home located at 505 Rio Vista Dr., Fallon, Nevada 89406 with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and services at 11 a.m.

A traditional dinner will be held at the FPST Gymnasium, at 8955 Mission Rd., Fallon, Nevada 89406, following the service.

MEETINGS

November 18-22, 2024

<p>Sending Site Review Committee Monday, Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. Suite A 270 S. Maine St.</p> <p>Fallon City Council Tuesday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. Council Chambers 55 W. Williams Ave.</p> <p>Regional Transportation Commission Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9:30 A.m. Suite 102 155 N. Taylor St.</p> <p>Board of County Commissioners Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1:15 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p>	<p>School Board of Trustees Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m. District Office 690 S. Maine St.</p> <p>Library Board of Trustees Thursday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p>
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WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Nov. 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	118,000 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	307 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	35.7 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	0.50 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	94.0 cfs

Nov. 8, 2024	Nov. 8, 2023	Nov. 8, 2022
120,087 acre feet	203,046 acre feet	18,982 acre feet

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



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.

<p>Monday, Nov. 18 Stuffed Bell Peppers Rice Pilaf Broccoli WW Bread Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>Tuesday, Nov. 19 LS Beef Hot Dog Onions Baked Beans Potato Salad Warm Spiced Applesauce Diced Pears</p>	<p>Wednesday, Nov. 20 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans w/Mushrooms Mashed Sweet Potatoes Toss Salad Mixed Berry Cup</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 21 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Zucchini Colorful Salad Garlic Breadstick Orange Mango Cup</p>	<p>Friday, Nov. 22 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Turkey & Swiss Sandwich WW Bread Fruit Jello Baked Chips Fall Bean Salad</p>
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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 Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m.

<p>Monday, Nov. 18 Breakfast for Dinner Potatoes and Biscuits</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 21 Tahatian Chicken Rice & Vegetables</p>	<p>Monday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Feast All the Trimmings</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 28 Closed For Thanksgiving Day</p>
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All are Welcome!

COMMUNITY

DVI Announces New Executive Director Carin Anne Gomes



Carin Ann Gomes.

Staff Report

Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc. (DVI) is proud to announce the appointment of Carin Anne Gomes as the new Executive Director. After 26 years, Karen Moessner has retired. Ever the advocate for those needing shelter and services, Moessner has ensured a smooth transition will be implemented as she and Gomes work together over the next few weeks. "Leaving this work is bittersweet for me," Moessner said, "being part of the movement is so much a part of me. I have encountered so many strong women who are survivors, advocates, and supporters, and I am so grateful for the experience."

Incoming Executive Director Carin Anne Gomes has deep roots in Fallon and is dedicated to breaking the cycle of violence. "Every individual deserves dignity and respect. Their perspective matters, and I

am committed to helping clients where they are in their lives," she said.

"Making a lasting, positive impact on the health and safety of our communities is at the core of my work," Gomes said. "By improving home environments, I believe we can create a ripple effect that enhances the lives of families and individuals throughout our community."

Gomes looks forward to building on existing relationships and creating new partnerships to enhance the agency's mission of empowering individuals to lead lives free of violence and fostering a safe and nurturing environment for all individuals and families.

DVI is dedicated to providing comprehensive support and services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Churchill and Lyon Counties. To learn more about services provided by DVI, visit dvifallon.org.

Lahontan Elementary Celebrates National Native American Heritage Month

Staff Report

National Native American Heritage is recognized and celebrated every November, and last week, students at Lahontan Elementary were honored to see a presentation by local members of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

November is designated for special recognition of the culture, traditions, and achievements of Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and affiliated Island communities. The month also presents a time to honor Native American veterans who have served in the armed forces to defend the nation.

The official designation of November as National Native American Heritage Month was signed into law in 1990. The celebration is sometimes referred to as American Indian Heritage Month.



Concealed Firearms Permit Class Coming Soon

Staff Report

Volunteers with the Stillwater Firearms Association will hold a concealed firearms permit class at 325 Sheckler Road on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the required training necessary to obtain a Nevada Concealed Carry Weapon permit in accordance with NRS Chapter 202.

Pre-registration for the class is requested. The Nevada permit initial training is \$60, and renewal training is \$40. The club requests cash or checks only; it does not accept credit cards.

Qualifying with either a semi-auto or a revolver makes you eligible to carry any semi-auto or revolver.

The mandatory training requires a demonstration of safe and competent firearm handling skills. Please bring 30 rounds of factory-produced ammunition for your firearm, a strong-side holster, and eye and ear protection.

Shoulder or cross-draw holsters are not allowed. SFA volunteers recommend speed loaders for revolvers or spare magazines for autoloaders. Please dress according to the weather, and bringing extra ammunition is

recommended.

The course consists of classroom instruction, a written proficiency test, and a live-fire qualification segment. The class is not a basic firearms handling/safety course of instruction. You must demonstrate safe and competent firearm handling skills to pass.

For more information or to register, call 775-750-3373 or visit SFA online at stillwaterfirearms.org

Reservations are highly recommended to ensure a seat. Please arrive at 7:30 a.m. and do not bring guns or ammunition into the classroom portion of the class.

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Group Classes

MONDAY 6 am, 9 am, 4:30 pm, 7 pm
 TUESDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7 pm Men's
 WEDNESDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm
 THURSDAY 6 am, (7 am), 8 am, 9 am, 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm
 FRIDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm
 SATURDAY 7 am*, 8 am, 9 am, 10 am

Underlined class times are JUMP classes.
 *Mat class

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GOVERNMENT

Western Water Security Initiative Brings \$15 Million USDA Investment to TCID

By Leanna Lehman

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) held a special board session on October 30 to consider approving a grant agreement with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), an arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), related to canal infrastructure improvements and ongoing water conservation efforts.

This grant, part of a larger \$400 million national investment, aims to aid Western irrigation districts like TCID in funding projects to improve and enhance water conservation. According to information released by Senator Jacky Rosen’s office in August, she and Senator Catherine Cortez Masto have been pushing for drought investments and resources that support water savings technologies and farming practices.

That push has paid off. In August, the USDA preliminarily selected TCID to receive up to \$15 million in funding from the USDA to help area farmers and ranchers continue production while conserving water. “Nevada ranchers and farmers are being impacted by the severe drought conditions we’re seeing due to the climate crisis,” said Rosen. “That’s why I’m proud to have secured funding for northern Nevada communities to help our farmers and ranchers continue their operations while conserving water.”

On August 26, USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small visited Fallon to tour Abe’s Hay and meet with local water users to discuss new water conservation initiatives in the region. According to the secretary, the planned investments are part of the Western Water framework that identifies resources to support farmers fighting drought throughout the US that includes bread and butter programs like NRCS’s EQIP program, for example, as well as this new program, which draws from the Commodity Corporation. “Here, we’re focusing specifically on water-saving commodities to support farmers as they find ways, in years where there’s low water, to build out stronger irrigation systems or work with water deficit farming or increased precision agriculture,” said Torres Small.

According to USDA, the \$400 million Biden-Harris initiative



L to R: TCID board member and owner of Abe’s Hay and Feed, Abe Schank, TCID General Manager Ben Shawcroft, and USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small during the secretary’s visit in August, Photo by Leanna Lehman.

covers 12 states and includes 18 Western irrigation districts. Officials estimate the funds will help conserve up to 50,000 acre-feet of water use across 250,000 acres of irrigated farm ground. Additionally, these projects will help improve aging infrastructure and strengthen water security in the West.

The grant, which does not require TCID to match funds, will support agriculture in the region and improve water conservation efforts. Additionally, the USDA aims to sustain and expand markets for water-saving commodities, such as independently produced unprocessed farm and ranch products. In Nevada, commodities are primarily grown to feed livestock and dairy cattle but can include any number of cultivated, raised, or harvested products.

TCID, the only district in Nevada included in the initiative, plans to use a portion of the grant funds to line a segment of the T-Line Canal and install advanced Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems and automation throughout its distribution network. According to TCID, these systems will produce water savings, benefiting all water users by making the district more drought-ready and resilient.

In addition to TCID’s receipt of grant funds, they are offering grants to assist local farmers improve water conservation. Producers in the Carson Division are encouraged to apply for a TCID grant to support on-farm projects to conserve water. No matching funds are required. Depending on the water savings potential and available funding, TCID plans to select one to three projects for grant awards. Eligible projects may include ditch lining or piping, field leveling, installation of water-saving technology, and similar improvements. The deadline to apply is November 15, 2024.

Like every farmer, rancher, and dairyman in the valley, irrigation is a primary concern for continued production and the future of their farms. “Water is king,” said Abe Schank during Torres Small’s visit. Like most Nevada farmers, Schank believes that improved irrigation, farming methods, and conservation efforts are essential to the future of farming in Nevada and the West.

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BUSINESS

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Small Business Saturday is Around the Corner

By Leanna Lehman

It's time to get ready for another joyful and festive Small Business Saturday. On November 30, local retailers will begin to usher in the Christmas season with great shopping, specials, and a sneak peek into this year's hometown holiday fun.

Falling right after Thanksgiving and Black Friday, when shoppers attack big box stores with gusto at five o'clock in the morning, this annual event is more than just a shopping day—it's a chance to celebrate and support the small businesses that make Fallon unique. First launched by American Express in 2010 and cosponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA) since 2011, Small Business Saturday has grown into a nationwide campaign, encouraging shoppers to "Shop Small" and keep their dollars local.

Lucy Carnahan, Director of the Fallon Chamber, which sponsors the event along with the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association, said she has been involved since 2015.

Shoppers can start the day at 8 a.m. at the Old Post Office at 90 N. Maine Street and pick up complimentary Shop Small bags filled with coupons, game pieces, and a list of participating businesses. As always, Business Bingo and Gurkha in Business will be part of the festivities, offering fun prizes and incentives to check out what Fallon's local retailers are offering. The Topsy Tumbler will be serving its signature drinks outside the Old Post Office to keep the holiday spirit flowing.



Looking back on last year's success, Carnahan said, "We had an amazing turnout. Shoppers really showed up to support our local businesses, and we're excited to see that energy continue this year." With over 100 bags handed out by 9:30 a.m. in 2023, organizers anticipate more community involvement this year.

Supporting Fallon businesses is about more than just shopping—it's about fostering a sense of community and keeping dollars circulating locally. It's about creating job opportunities, generating local tax revenue, and helping Fallon's small businesses grow and thrive. Every purchase you make on Small Business

Saturday directly and positively impacts our local economy.

While you're out and about, swing by The Fallon Post office at 25 S. Maine Street (formerly Cranberry Cottage). There, you can enter a drawing for a year's subscription to the newspaper or a copy of Leanna Lehman's political fiction novel, "Vote for Remi." The team is also working on launching an exciting holiday surprise. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with the paper's staff and say hello.

Get in the spirit and join the shop small fun on November 30. Make this year's Small Business Saturday another celebration of Fallon's local merchants. Grab your bags, play some bingo, and enjoy kicking off the holiday season while giving back to the businesses that make it all possible.

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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, November 5 - Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Brian Nigel Pettway pleaded guilty to Category D of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI. The charge is punishable by 2-16 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of \$2,000-\$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for January 7, 2025.

Tyler James McElvain appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy to Making Threats or Conveying False Information Concerning an Act of Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Lethal Agents, or Toxins, which he pled guilty to in September.

During his September 13 hearing, the factual basis for McElvain's charge stated that during a phone call, he threatened to get a firearm and shoot someone. Upon Judge Stockard noting the court had the Pre-Sentencing Investigation in hand, Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills stated, "I think the court actually has a pretty good picture of what happened here from the PSI," emphasizing that McElvain needs to know he cannot do that.

Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel told the court, "I think Mr. McElvain said it well when he made his statement in the PSI that he was involved with someone who was going through a mental health crisis in a hospital." According to Noel, his client was also having struggles, coupled with intoxication; he made some statements he shouldn't have made. "They were made under the influence of alcohol," Noel said. Also, he reported that McElvain remains fully employed, and he has made some changes to ensure this never happens again. Noel asked the court for probation.

McElvain addressed Judge Stockard, "I'm very sorry for all this. I was dealing with a lot. I just wasn't taking care of my... health." McElvain said he has been going to church regularly, checking in on himself, and not drinking because that puts him in a bad place. McElvain also said he has been working to return to normalcy and has a wonderful person who also attends the Southern Baptist Church. McElvain received probation on a suspended 364-day jail sentence. Judge Stockard ordered him to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow its recommendations.

Michael Patrick Gauthier appeared for sentencing for Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer told the court that his client knows he must go to prison. Sommer said Gauthier "has been wonderful about communication with my office; cooperation in the process, taking responsibility for the things that he knows he needs to take responsibility for." Sommer said Gauthier wants the court to know he is not the drunk individual that he might be viewed as and that he is capable of much more than the situation he has found himself in. Gauthier wants to become sober and stable as he has been in the past. According to Sommer, his client will engage in new activities that will ensure his sobriety and surround himself with family members who will support that goal. "From henceforth, Mr. Gauthier declares that he is a sober individual," said Sommer, who asked for a minimum sentence.

Gauthier addressed the court. "I'm an alcoholic," he said, explaining that he has been battling this disease since he was 15. "I know I'm going to prison, but it's probably good for me. I need a little time-out."

Judge Stockard told Gauthier, "You say you have been dealing with this for 25 years; so, have we," noting that there have also been long periods of sobriety and productivity. Stockard fined Gauthier \$2,000, sentenced him to 24-120 months in prison, and remanded him to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Jonathan Daniel Bartow, in custody, pleaded guilty to two Category E Felonies: Count I, Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, charged as a First Offense, and Count II, Possession of a Controlled Substance, a First or a Second Offense (methamphetamine). Each count is punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford began her argument by presenting the factual foundation of the case, stating that an elderly gentleman had passed away. While the estate was pending, numerous people were "picking at the bones" of the estate, stripping it of all valuable assets. "One of these individuals was found to be this defendant," said Sanford. Law Enforcement found several items, including a vehicle, from the estate at the defendant's sister's home, where he lived. She asked for maximum consecutive sentences.

APD Wright Noel noted that his client has spent much time incarcerated, which has given him time to think about his mistakes. Noel argued against the state's recommendation, stating he does not believe the maximums are appropriate in this case. "I think probation is appropriate, with a stiff sentence over his head," said Noel. "He understands if he messes up on probation, he will be spending a lot of time in prison."

Bartow told the court, "If there's a way someone can help me get back on my disability, that would be beneficial for me." He indicated he has memory problems, cannot multitask, has difficulty with noise, and experiences severe anxiety when around a lot of people. "I was trusting the wrong people; that's my bad. But I had no intentions of hurting anybody."

Judge Stockard sentenced Bartow to probation for 18 months on two 19-48-month terms, which will run consecutively for an aggregate total of 38-96 months, and he may have no contact with the estate. The sentences will also run consecutively to Bartow's case in Lyon County.



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

Wishar Walters, in custody, pleaded guilty pursuant to Alford to the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Use of a System Providing Telephone Numbers to be Used in an Emergency When No Emergency Exists, which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000. An Alford plea permits defendants to maintain their innocence but requires them to accept the full ramifications and penalties of a guilty plea.

Chief Deputy DA Lane Mills asked Judge Stockard to honor the negotiated plea agreement. CCPD Jacob Sommer told the court, "We would join in that recommendation," stating, Ms. Walters is looking forward to regaining her freedom after this long process."

Stockard inquired about the defendant's work history. Walter reported that she has not worked for the last 10 years. When asked if she is capable of working, Walters replied, "Yes. Yes. I would love an office job."

Judge Stockard imposed statutory fees and assessments and sentenced Walters to 12 months of probation on a suspended 364-day sentence. He ordered her to obtain a substance abuse evaluation, follow all recommendations, and secure full-time employment within 30 days of her release or show Parole and Probation that she has tried.

Hayden Paul Sibley's sentencing hearing was continued until December 3.



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EDUCATION

Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

CLUE GAME BRINGS HALLOWEEN FUN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Seventh and eighth-grade students played a Clue-style game, an innovative approach to learning that added a little fun to Halloween week. The game combined critical thinking and creativity.

Modeled after the classic board game Clue, staff participated as the characters and gave daily hints to the students. Students submitted written responses each day on who they thought had committed the crime. The students' final responses were judged on Halloween, and prizes were awarded to the top submissions.

Sarah Moffitt, a parent, planned the fun activity. The middle school team and several staff members also participated by lending their voices to the characters.

"I really appreciate the support and enthusiasm of all the middle school teachers and staff [including] Mrs. Shayna Byrd, Mrs. Kelly Nott, Mrs. Karina Davis, Mrs. Dakota Groom, Mrs. Tami McNeill, Mr. Dusty Casey, and Mr. Adam Revels," Moffitt said. "Also, a big shout out to Mr. David Springfield for editing and cohesively putting together all of the daily episodes. This was definitely a team effort, and they pulled it off seamlessly."

Eliana Gyax, Avery Laca, Janie Irving, Kenlie Pirkle, and Kenslee Wiessmer were the winners.



NV Energy Representatives with Students.



Sara Aguiar.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: SARA AGUIAR

Oasis Academy senior Sara Aguiar will graduate in May and looks forward to finishing her basic training and AIT for the United States Army National Guard. Aguiar's journey through Oasis Academy started in eighth grade.

"When I started at Oasis, I had a hard time getting out of my comfort zone and making friends, but that changed," she said. "I have found some of the best people at Oasis Academy. My friends have helped me find my voice. I feel like I can be more candid and open about things now," she said.

"Mr. Lenon has been helping me since day one. He has truly made a difference in my life. I wouldn't be where I am today without his mentorship," she explained. "The staff has always been really kind and helpful. They refuse to let students fail. My favorite class was Geometry with Mr. Brandt. He is a phenomenal math teacher, and he was always pretty funny," she added.

"My favorite memories would be all the student events. Everyone had a lot of fun and the Student Council does an amazing job planning and decorating for everything," Aguiar said.

For future students, she wants students to remember to persevere.

"You just need to push through. So many kids give up, but don't be one of those kids," she said. "Everyone has the potential to do great; you just need to try. It gets hard sometimes, especially with the college classes, but if you just try, you will pass," she closed.

NV ENERGY GIVES LESSON ON ELECTRICITY

NV Energy representatives Ron Farley, Trevor Dillard, Mike Gray, and Kaitie Wickizer recently gave an engaging presentation to Oasis Academy fourth-grade students about electricity and the importance of being safe around it.

The lively presentation featured real-life demonstrations and scenarios that allowed students to explore how electricity is generated, its critical role in our daily lives, and a reminder about how dangerous it can be.

"I really liked it," said Jamie Stevenson. "I learned how far electricity can jump and the way it jumps from place to place. I also learned that energy will always go to the ground and go through any object to get to the ground. I want to be an engineer when I get older, so energy will be an important part of that."

NV Energy's visit came after the students had studied energy conversions.

Veritas Preparatory School

By David Ernst

In a spirited celebration of Nevada Day, third through sixth-grade students embarked on a multi-week exploration of their state's history and culture, diving into Nevada's unique features.

A special highlight of the celebration was "Author's Corner," where students met two local authors who presented their books to the classes. The event provided an exciting connection to Nevada's literary and artistic scene.

Students also enjoyed a hands-on presentation on the importance of modern-day mining to Nevada's economy and daily life. The "Eureka!" demonstration gave students an up-close look at the mining process, showing just how "miners get it done" today.

"One of our guest speakers was Mrs. Ileigh Simons...an English teacher at Fernley High School. She's also a local author of the book '101 Facts about Nevada.' What I found amazing is that Mrs. Simons told us that she wrote, edited, and made the cover of the book all in one week to challenge herself to see if she could finish it. I thought



it was a magnificent book and was fun to read, especially reading the facts she put in her book, like about the seven-thousand-year-old Bristlecone Pine tree in Nevada." - Madison Evans (Fifth Grade)

"Mrs. Rasmussen's book, 'The State That Made Our Nation Great,' was really interesting. I appreciated Mrs. Rasmussen coming in and reading it to us. I liked learning about Snowshoe Thompson. I also learned about how they discovered silver in Virginia City. I really enjoyed learning about Nevada, and I am proud to be a Nevadan." - Maverik Martinez (Fifth Grade)

"Our first speaker was Mr. Joel Dunkin, a miner at Cor Rochester, [he] taught us about mines and what dangerous things there are in abandoned mines, such as four-hundred-foot drops, the roof collapsing, and old bombs that might go off. He helped us to understand with candy the process of mining." - Sophie Mikulak (Fifth Grade)

With Nevada Day activities both educational and engaging, students left with a deeper appreciation for their home state's vibrant history and significant industries.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

U.S. Army Sgt. Garrett Archuleta, a proud CCHS graduate from the Class of 2015, spoke with Brooke Hill's and Jeremy Sivers' Government and Economics classes last week. Sgt. Archuleta shared valuable insights about career opportunities in the Army, the importance of leadership, and the benefits of serving our country. His inspiring message highlighted how military service can shape one's future and foster skills that are invaluable in any path students choose. A huge thank you to Sgt. Archuleta for taking the time to connect with the students and for your service to our nation.

CCMS

On November 7, the eighth-grade basketball teams faced off against their teachers in the second annual staff vs. students basketball game. Organized by physical education teachers Mike Lipnisky and Darby Rowe, the event has become a fun tradition at CCMS. In this highly anticipated game, the staff team ultimately claimed victory over the students, 44 to 23. The event has quickly become one of the school year's highlights, fostering camaraderie, school pride, and a sense of community that brings the staff and students together.



Student from Tracy Soules' class participate in the daily flag-raising ceremony with Principal Brad Barton.

Lahontan

Lindsay Bacallo's first-grade class enjoyed a fun-filled lesson all about pumpkins. Students inspected various pumpkins and identified their attributes. They dissected the pumpkins to learn about their parts and created models. After reading "Little Boo," they extracted seeds from the pumpkins to plant at home. The class also learned the life cycle of a pumpkin and put their class pumpkin in a glass jar to observe it for the next few months as it decomposes, germinates, and a new plant starts to grow.

Numa

In honor of Nevada Day, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) biologists Kenny Pirkle and Kris Urquhart visited Numa Elementary School to teach students about the state's wildlife. The students learned about animal adaptations, habitats, conservation, and tracking devices. They also enjoyed touching animal pelts and holding antlers, deepening their understanding of Nevada's diverse animals. The event highlighted the importance of wildlife conservation in Nevada, and students were reminded of their responsibility to preserve Nevada's natural beauty for future generations.



Kris Urquhart with NDOW shows student big horn sheep horns to students.

EC Best

Every morning, a different group of students leads the Pledge of Allegiance and raises the American flag in front of the school with Principal Brad Barton. Students' active participation in daily flag-raising ceremonies reinforces the importance of respect for the flag, the nation, and those who have served. This allows students to connect with the values of citizenship and appreciation for those who have dedicated their lives to protecting the country.



Logos Christian Academy Grandparent's Day

Story and photo by Bridget Slentz

Logos Christian Academy-Celebrated our Annual Grandparent's Day in style with singing, dancing, sign language, bible verse recitation, and a play written and performed by our seventh and eighth-grade students. Our Grandparent's Day Celebration would not be complete without honoring our great country and the men and women in our military. Thank you to Parkside Bible Fellowship for hosting us again this year.

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SPORTS

Sagebrush Pop Warner Football and Cheer

“Baby Wave” Knows How to Win

Staff Report, photos courtesy of Darci Spero, Hailey Perez, and FYFLPW.

In their first season as one, the Fallon League participated in Sagebrush Pop Warner Football and Cheer. The Pop Warner and Fallon Youth Football League combined to establish “Greenwave Territory” and showed they have what it takes to earn the legacy left by the teams who came before them.

Anthony Juarez, president of the FYFLPW, said, “I’d like to take a moment to thank all our players, coaches, board members, volunteers, and parents for a phenomenal first season. With over 240 football players and cheerleaders giving it their best every day for the past

three months, we are proud of how well they represented Fallon.”

But he said the job still needs to be completed. All teams listed below will participate in the Pacific Northwest Regionals on November 16 for Cheer and November 17 for Football in the Bay Area.

Congratulations to the football Snow Bowl Champions—the 14U Greenwave, six-time league champions, and the 10U Greenwave, back-to-back league champions.

Congratulations to the Cheer Local competition winners: Tiny Mite Littles, Second Place D1Small; Tiny Mite, Second Place D1 Large; Mitey Mite, Third Place D1 Large; Pee Wee, Third Place D1 Large.



FYFLPW on the line.



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Good Luck, Greenwave!


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SPORTS

Late Field Goal Sends Greenwave to State Semifinals

By Robert Perea

The Churchill County Greenwave had not even attempted a field goal all season when they lined up at the Elko seven-yard line with seven seconds left in last Friday's Northern 3A semifinal game at the Edward Arciniega Athletic Complex.

On his first try of the season, Matthew Bird booted a game-winning 24-yard field goal that sent the Greenwave into the 3A state semifinals. Fallon will face SLAM! Academy at 1 p.m. Saturday, with the winner advancing to the state championship game on November 26 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. SLAM does not have a home field. Saturday's game will be played at 1 p.m. at Basic High School in Henderson.

The Greenwave stopped Elko on 4th-and-1 with 58 seconds remaining to set up the final drive. Quarterback Matthew Bird had gotten twisted up making a tackle on a kickoff return, so it was backup quarterback Colin Shishido running the offense for the final drive. He connected on key passes to Calin Anderson and Andy Douglas, then scrambled out of bounds with seven seconds left to set up the game-winning kick.

"We had two timeouts, and we were able to handle the clock efficiently and effectively, and our kids made plays," Churchill County High School Coach Calvin Connors said. "Defensively and offensively, the kids stepped up and were able to do what they needed to do for us to win."

Fallon had jumped on top early with a touchdown pass from Bird to Wyatt Peek with 5:03 left in the first quarter. Two more touchdown passes by Bird, both to Anderson, had the Greenwave up 21-6 going to the fourth quarter before the Elko offense came alive, and Elko quarterback Ethan Kraitz connected on two touchdown passes to tie the game.

Elko converted a two-point conversion after its second touchdown to get within 21-14, but Elko was called for a personal foul on its last touchdown, and Connors elected to enforce the penalty on the extra point rather than the kickoff, to eliminate the possibility that Elko might go for two again and possibly take the lead.

Shishido completed 3-of-4 passes for 46 yards on the final drive and had the 8-yard scramble that set up the final kick.

Bird wound up with six completions in nine attempts for



CCHS Scoreboard. Photo by Jenny Mitchell.



Greenwave in action. Photos by Michelle Richardson.

135 yards and three touchdowns. Carson Melendy ran 18 times for 64 yards, and Bird had 50 yards on seven carries. Anderson led the Greenwave in receiving with 127 yards and two scores on six catches.

Fallon has now won four games in a row since losing to Fernley on Oct. 4, and Connors said this successful late-season run started in the second half of that loss to Fernley. Fernley led 22-0 in the first quarter of that game and 31-7 in the third before Fallon scored twice in the fourth quarter.

"You look at our progression from the start of the year to the end of the year. We've

handled a lot of adversity," Connors said. "We've been put in those positions before, and we've done a great job of handling it, and other times, we just kind of came up short."

Connors said the Greenwave, now 7-4, would prefer to have won a few more games during the regular season, but he said the team is peaking at the ideal time.

"Those wins and losses have helped our kids learn how to win and how to lose and be able to flush whatever happened and move on to the next week," he said.

Now they face SLAM with the chance to make it to the state championship game.

SLAM (Sports Leadership & Management of Nevada) is located in Henderson and has reached the state championship game the past two seasons, losing both times to Truckee. The SLAM Bulls are coached by Mike Cofer, a kicker on the San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl champion teams in 1989 and 1990.

SLAM quarterback Alajiah Young has passed for 1,218 yards on 101 completions out of 155 attempts, with eight touchdowns and four interceptions. He is also the team's second-leading rusher, with 87 carries for 667 yards and five touchdowns. Leading rusher Damien Nevil has 1,186 yards on 194 carries, with 18 touchdowns.

"They've been tested throughout the year, same with us, and they've had highs and lows and have been able to manage those well and get their team in this position in the semifinals," Connors said.

"If we can eliminate the big play from them and bottle up their athletes, then I think we'll be just fine."



CCHS Fab Four. Photo by Jenny Mitchell.

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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

We are a few weeks away from arguably the biggest culinary holiday of the year—Thanksgiving. While gatherings with friends and family around a table laden with delicious fall dishes can be a joyful and meaningful experience, planning and executing a successful Thanksgiving can feel like navigating a minefield. So, here are some suggestions for the smooth execution of your culinary preparations, whether it is your first time hosting Thanksgiving or you are a veteran.

My first recommendation for your Thanksgiving is to have a plan. The time you spend thinking about your dinner is invaluable. Write down the dishes you want to serve, the ingredients you need to buy, and how long each recipe will take to prepare. Are you serving the dish piping hot? Will it still be satisfying at room temperature? Do you need to cook it the day before and reheat it? How much space will it take up in your oven? Writing a plan helps you identify anything that can cause a crunch in your resources (time, space, number of available hands, etc.) and gives you time to figure out a solution.

Create a timeline detailing when to prepare each dish. Identify things that can be done a day or two in advance. Ask yourself if dishes can be made early and then reheated in a slow cooker. This saves space on the stovetop and frees you up to focus on dishes that must be finished at the last minute.

Space management becomes an issue on Thanksgiving, so plan for it. Clean your refrigerator out before you shop for ingredients. Consider moving bottled condiments into an ice-filled cooler and keep them in the garage

for a few days to make more room in your fridge. Chest coolers are insulated boxes; they can keep dishes hot when you pull them out of the oven. Line your cooler with a towel and some aluminum foil and fill it with casserole dishes to keep everything toasty and warm without having to shuffle everything around in your oven.

Brine your turkey. This is the single most essential rule of Thanksgiving. Putting your turkey in a brine for up to 24 hours before you start it in the oven will ensure that the breast stays juicy and the meat will be flavorful and delicious. Consider storing your turkey and brine overnight, with plenty of ice, in your cooler.

Have something for your guests to snack on, and use appetizers to keep folks out of your kitchen. Appetizers at Thanksgiving don't have to be precious or fancy. Store-bought veggie trays, meat and cheese plates, and other grab-and-go solutions are entirely acceptable. You can delegate responsibility for bringing appetizers to your guests. Whatever tactic you choose, set up appetizers outside the kitchen and dining spaces to minimize interruptions to your preparations.

Ensure your guests can prepare their beverages without needing to get anything out of the kitchen. This means ensuring they can access all the ingredients, glassware, and other tools without rummaging through the refrigerator or kitchen cabinets and drawers.

Thanksgiving is about coming together with your loved ones. Create a plan to enjoy your time together without stressing the small stuff.

Pioneer Woman's Best Thanksgiving Turkey Brine

Ingredients:

- 3 cups Apple juice or apple cider
- 2 gallons Cold water
- 4 tbsp. Fresh rosemary leaves
- 5 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cups Kosher salt
- 2 cups Brown sugar
- 3 tbsp. Peppercorns
- 5 whole Bay leaves
- Peel of three large oranges

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a large pot and boil, stirring until the salt and sugar dissolve. Turn off the heat, cover, and allow the brine to cool completely.
2. Place the uncooked turkey in a large brining bag or pot, pour in the brine solution to cover the turkey, and refrigerate for 16 to 24 hours.
3. Before roasting, remove the turkey from the brine and discard the brine. Submerge the turkey in a pot or sink filled with fresh, cold water for 15 minutes to remove excess salt from the outside.
4. Remove the turkey from the water, pat very dry, and cook according to your usual roasting method.



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



Postcards

By Michon Mackedon

Those of you who are “of a certain age” and attended Churchill County High School will remember English teacher Anne Gibbs Berlin.

When I think of my high school classes, my mind almost immediately turns to the unforgettable image of “Mrs. Berlin.” When I took her classes, she was well into her fifties, but I can still hear her youthful laughter, bubbling up like fresh water from a desert spring. And laugh, she did. Pep rallies and skits orchestrated by her students made her laugh. Student pranks, at least the minor ones, made her laugh. Memories of former students made her laugh because she chose to remember the positive in all of them.

Once, she told our class that she had just received a late-night phone call from a former student who was attending UNR as a freshman. “Hey, Mrs. B, me and Jim has just graduated from bonehead English.” That made her laugh. I’m not sure we knew what was so funny.

Spelling tests were her specialty. She had, over her years of teaching, developed a series of sentences to illustrate a word that we were then supposed to spell. Correctly, of course. The sentence was a clue to the spelling, but it had a way of embedding itself in our brains so that over the years, it became impossible to misspell, for example, “accommodate” because her voice whispered, “The Carson City Modern Motel will accommodate you.” Or “benefit” because the same voice proclaimed, “Mr. Ben. E. Fit collected his benefit check.” Or my favorite, “separate,” because the same voice asked, “Does Pa rate a separate car?”

We had to turn in a book report once every two weeks. She gave us a list of books to read, most of them classics, although she was flexible and encouraged her more reluctant readers to pick up books that were less lofty. Once, I asked her whether I could submit my book report on a rather purple novel that I had been reading, secretly, of course, titled “Forever Amber.” It was an early version of a Harlequin Romance and was not on her list and never would be. She was not a prude but was obligated to uphold the honor of CCHS. Her laugh bubbled up, and she said, “Oh, dear, the book report is supposed to address what lessons you have learned from reading the book. And, in this case, I don’t want to hear your answer. So, please read instead Dickens’ fine novel ‘A Tale of Two Cities.’” Then, she added, “And don’t dwell on what Amber did.”

Anne was a product of Churchill County, her grandparents having homesteaded an 80-acre parcel on Union Lane in 1907. She grew up there, appreciating what she called “isolation.” But a creative isolation it was, filled with reading, writing, and gardening. She attended the Union Schoolhouse before graduating CCHS and going on to the University of Nevada. She lost her dear brother, Jim Gibbs, in World War II. She was married in mid-life to her beloved John Berlin. Over the years, she watched the high school adjust to long hair, short skirts, pot-smoking kids, and drug-sniffing dogs. She maintained her scholarly approach to her subject and her loving approach to life, a life that she enjoyed in the same house on Union Lane.

Please send me your descriptions, impressions, stories, memories, and more. Write about a teacher, ancestor, family member, club, place, or event, or send me a question at 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.



Mrs Deller's class got their Future Voter stickers on Election Day.

COLUMNS

Allison's Book Report

"Home Cooking" by Laurie Colwin

With the holidays fast approaching, the days getting even shorter, and a distinct fall chill in the air, it seems that my mind is turning to one thing: food. I love cooking and eating, but reading about food is almost as much fun. Books centered around food and cooking can inspire us to revisit our old favorite dishes or maybe even try something new. This week, I stumbled upon an older book that is part cookbook, part memoir, and it gives all the cozy vibes I have been craving.

"Home Cooking" by Laurie Colwin is a collection of essays and recipes that blends personal reflections on food with practical cooking advice. Colwin, an accomplished novelist and food writer, brings warmth, wit, and insight into her exploration of the joys and challenges of cooking. She

provides a variety of recipes - from simple, comforting dishes to more adventurous ones, with an emphasis on creating food that is satisfying and enjoyable to make rather than imposing perfection.

Despite the fact that "Home Cooking" was written and published in the late 80s and that Colwin died in 1992, it still felt fresh and timeless. Written in a time before the internet and before access to endless hours of food-related television, Colwin's tone is friendly and accessible - like an auntie who happens to be a delightful storyteller and an experienced cook, telling stories while she fixes you something to eat in her kitchen. She encourages cooks to embrace the process of

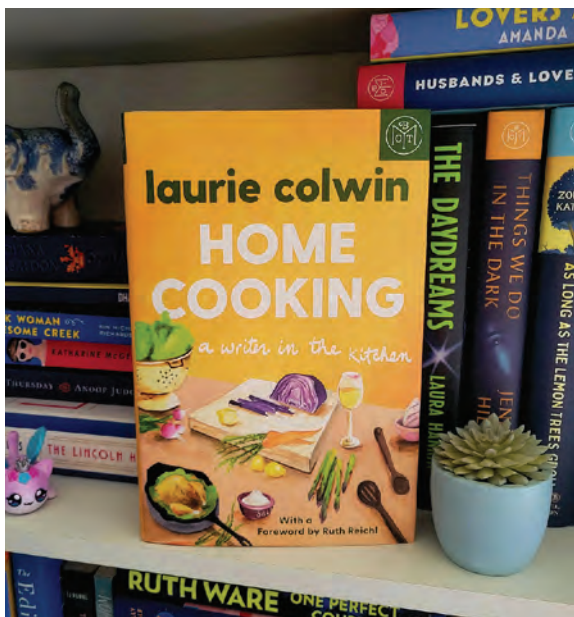
preparing food, experimenting with ingredients, and finding personal joy in the act of cooking. Colwin also reflects on the cultural and emotional significance of food, writing about how cooking is often a way to connect with others and show care. Her philosophy is centered on the idea that good cooking is not about following strict rules but about understanding flavors, being intuitive, and making food that brings comfort and happiness. Overall,

"Good Cooking" is a celebration of the pleasures of home-cooked meals, a perfect balance of recipe collection and culinary wisdom that invites readers to enjoy food as both an art and a source of connection. I just learned that there is a sequel to "Home Cooking," appropriately named "More Home Cooking," that I will definitely have to look for.

This week's book has me wanting to try my hand at baking some homemade bread, possibly to be served alongside a huge bowl of piping hot soup or maybe a roast chicken dinner. I hope you're inspired to read, cook, and/or eat something delicious this week.

Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, where we can swap reading recommendations and recipes.

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

November 15 & 16

By Kelli Perez



On Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16, at 6 p.m., "The Little Mermaid" will be shown. This 2023 live-action adventure starring Halle Bailey and Melissa McCarthy tells the story of a young mermaid who makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs to discover the world above water and impress a prince. The film is rated PG and has a 2-hour and 15-minute runtime.

On Friday night at 7 p.m., we have a special standup comedy event with Lee Hardin. Based out of Nashville, Tennessee, Hardin has been touring the country, telling relatable jokes and stories. In 2019, his comedy special, "Not Quite a Grown-Up," was released on DryBar Comedy. He made his television debut on "The Mike Huckabee Show," where he performs regularly as the warm-up act. His show is clean, family-friendly, and for everyone to enjoy. Admission is \$20, and tickets can be purchased online by following the link on The Fallon Theatre's website or Facebook page.

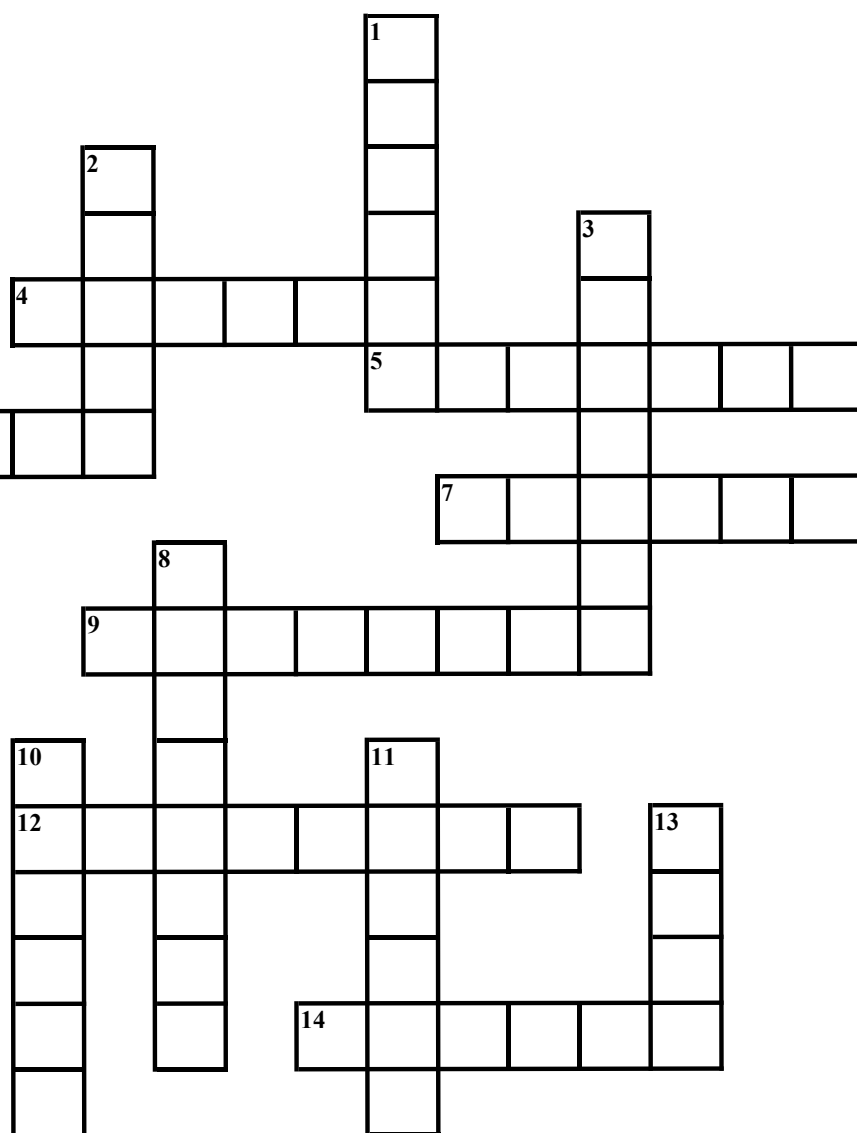
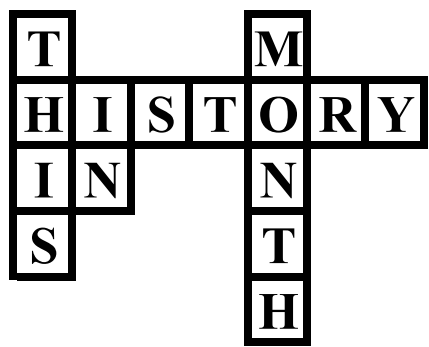
Playing Saturday at 7 p.m. is 2024's "Escape from Germany," sponsored by Fallon Family Dental Care and RE/MAX. In 1939, as Hitler's army was closing the country's borders, there were eighty-five American missionaries in the country serving their church. The escape of these missionaries is one of the most dramatic events in modern church history. The movie is rated PG with a runtime of 1 hour and 37 minutes.

Next weekend, plan on enjoying some live music with Steve and Raena with special guest Annabelle on Saturday, November 23, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door.

The December schedule of movies and events is available on Facebook, Instagram, or the theatre's website, or sign up for the weekly newsletter to stay informed about upcoming events.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 4. 1922 - King Tut's tomb founder
- 5. 1997 - DiCaprio/Winslet movie
- 6. 1947 - Flew Spruce Goose
- 7. 1529 - Eng. Cardinal arrested for treason
- 9. 1894 - Last tsar crowned
- 12. 1971 - Play Misty for Me director/star
- 14. 1889 - North/South duo joined the US

Down

- 1. 1783 - His Symphony #36 premiered
- 2. 1800 - 1st president in the White House
- 3. 1969 - Abbey Road group
- 8. 1952 - He marketed frozen peas
- 10. 1967 - Cool Hand Luke star
- 11. 1965 - Dodgers pitcher wins 3rd Cy Young
- 13. 1970 - Swedish group had first concert

[Crossword answers on page 17]

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned are the beneficiaries under a Revocable Trust designated THE DEBBIE GALLAGHER REVOCABLE INTERVIVOS DATED August 29, 2023 and amended on June 5, 2024, executed by DEBBIE LEE GALLAGHER (grantor) and that grantor, DEBBIE LEE GALLAGHER, died on the 28th day of August, 2024, and that said grantor had a date of birth of the 31st day of July, 1956. That, LAWRENCE MICHAEL BOYCE is the Successor Trustee named in said Trust Agreement and is the presently acting Trustee. Any creditor having a claim against the grantor or her estate must file a claim with the undersigned at the address given below within 90 days after the first publication of this notice.

DATED: This 23 day of October, 2024.

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The Fallon Post
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Ad #6262

NOTICE OF OPEN APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

The Coalition for Senior Citizens is seeking two public-spirited citizens who are willing to serve as a member on the **Coalition for Senior Citizens Board**. The Board is a governing board of the nonprofit to assist senior citizens in Churchill County. The board meets once a quarter. These persons will serve on a five (5) member board and commence serving on January 1, 2025.

Interested persons may obtain an application by calling Pam Moore at 775-423-4092 or emailing her at: pammoore1414@gmail.com. Applications are to be submitted to the above email address **not later than 3:00 PM on November 27, 2024**.

Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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10th Judicial District Court Case No. 20-10DC-1016

In the Matter of the guardianship of Leeam Randall John Silveira, a minor child. To John Sousa Silveira and/or Melissa Bass and/or Estella Sousa,

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the above-entitled court a petition seeking the resignation of guardianship over the above-named child and a petition seeking the removal of the child from the home of Zachary and Kimberly Woodward, and that the petition has been set for hearing before this court in Churchill County, on the 10th day of December, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom #1 located at 73 N. Maine Street suite B, Fallon, Nevada.

Zachary and Kimberly Woodward,
Petitioners
Fallon, NV
Churchill County, Nevada

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City of Fallon Publication of Quarterly Financial Statements

In accordance with NRS 268.030, the City of Fallon hereby publishes notice of the following total receipts, disbursements and bills allowed and paid for the quarter covering July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024:

Total Receipts:
\$10,817,617

Total Disbursements and Bills:
\$ 11,160,192

The public may view the detailed financial documents at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada or online at <https://www.fallonnevada.gov/quarterly-financial-statements/>. For further information or further instructions on how to obtain the detailed financial documents, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (775) 423-5104.

The original and any duplicate or copy of each receipt, bill, invoice, check, warrant, voucher or other similar document that supports a transaction, the amount of which is shown in the financial statement published pursuant to this section is a public record that is available for inspection and copying by any person pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 239 of NRS.

/s/ KEN TEDFORD, Mayor

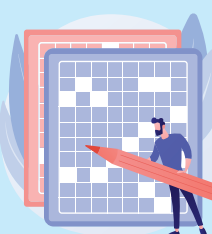
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/s/MICHAEL O'NEILL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 15

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