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TCID Announces 100% Water Supply, Irrigation Begins March 15

By Rachel Dahl

During the Tuesday, March 11 meeting, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Board approved the water allocation and season start dates for 2025, setting the course for local farmers and water users as they prepare for irrigation.

The board voted to allocate 100% water supply for both Carson and Truckee divisions, emphasizing that water users should begin placing their orders starting Wednesday, March 12, at 5 p.m. Deliveries are scheduled to begin on March 15.

The decision follows a review of current snowpack conditions, river flows, and storage levels in Lahontan Reservoir. While recent forecasts indicate that the region remains below average in terms of total water availability, the board felt confident in setting a full allocation based on expected runoff and supplementation from the Truckee River.

“We’re starting with 100%, and as always, we will monitor conditions as the season progresses,” Board member Davy Stix said.



Lahontan Reservoir. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

Water users should place their orders as soon as possible to help ensure smooth delivery schedules, and TCID staff will continue to monitor conditions to assess whether adjustments may be needed later in the season.

In other business, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Board approved a new contract for the sale of hydropower generated from Lahontan Dam and two other district facilities.

The contract, awarded to the City of Fallon, will consolidate existing agreements and set a new rate structure that benefits both TCID and the local community. Under the terms of the deal, the city will purchase power at a rate of \$44.50 per megawatt-hour, while also acquiring renewable energy credits at \$7.50 per credit.

“This is a great opportunity to keep the power local and reduce transmission costs,” said a TCID official. “It’s also a solid financial move for the district, ensuring a stable revenue stream for the coming years.”

The agreement covers power generated at Lahontan Dam, as well as the 26-Foot Drop hydro facility, and will take effect on July 1, when TCID’s existing contract with NV Energy expires.

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Conservation District Partners with Plant Systems Class for Annual Tree Sale

Deadline to order is April 4

Staff report with student written submissions

The Lahontan Conservation District is partnering with the Churchill County High School Plant Systems Class for the annual tree and native plant sale. Students are involved in every stage of the sale—from growing and tagging plants to completing orders. Proceeds go directly to the class fund.

The trees are bare root and available in limited quantities on a first-come, first-served basis. They must be used for screens, wind-breaks, soil erosion control, riparian restoration,

or wildlife habitat improvements.

CCHS’s Plant Systems class, with the aid of instructor Jaime Sammons, grew the plants from seed and holds a nursery certificate from the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Orders must be placed by April 4, 2025, with payment to the Lahontan Conservation District at 111 Sheckler Road, Fallon, NV 89406.

Trees can be picked up on May 3, 2025, at Churchill County High School, 1 GreenWave Circle, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nearly 30 tree and shrub selections are

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Students working on planting. Photo courtesy of NDCNR.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log Beating February

By Rachel Dahl

We made it through February. I don't really know why that is such a difficult task, but ever since I was a kid, February has been hard. And most of my people feel the same.

My Viking son and I have decided the whole family will spend February next year where it's warm and we are closer to the equator. I would prefer if we were directly on top of it, frankly.

For several years, I've talked about and fantasized about this November 1 to May 1 lifestyle - some call it being a "snowbird," and I call it the sign of high intelligence. Smart, not sturdy. I've been sturdy for far too long. Apparently, I got more of the Italian DNA in my soul and frozen joints than the Swede.

But honestly, I think it's high time to implement this wonderful idea and find a lovely spot on the equator or parts nearby to settle into for the winter and host the kids during February.

Well. The first thing that came up was Ecuador. I have a friend in southern Nevada who moved there, but I'm not sure that's what I had in mind. The following search took me to the North Island of New Zealand, so maybe my Google Earth needs a little more perfecting.

Let me ask Wallace - Wallace is the name I've given my ChatGPT. Don't laugh; Leanna named hers too. First, he was Ernest. Then, one day in the office, after a serious caucus with Wendy, our account gal at the printer in Las Vegas, and Denice, they decided Ernest really should be a Rodrigo.

Evidently, I was not clear enough in my questioning, Wallace suggested Tucson,



Arizona. He maybe doesn't know I own a passport. He did get to Puerto Rico, which has been on my list for a long time, but also Merida, in the Yucatan, where I have been and totally love.

I just asked how I keep an eye out for affordable flights and got a detailed list of how to set up Google Flight Alerts. Who knew? Wallace also asked me if I prefer a beachfront casa or hammocks in the courtyard. No wonder I like him.

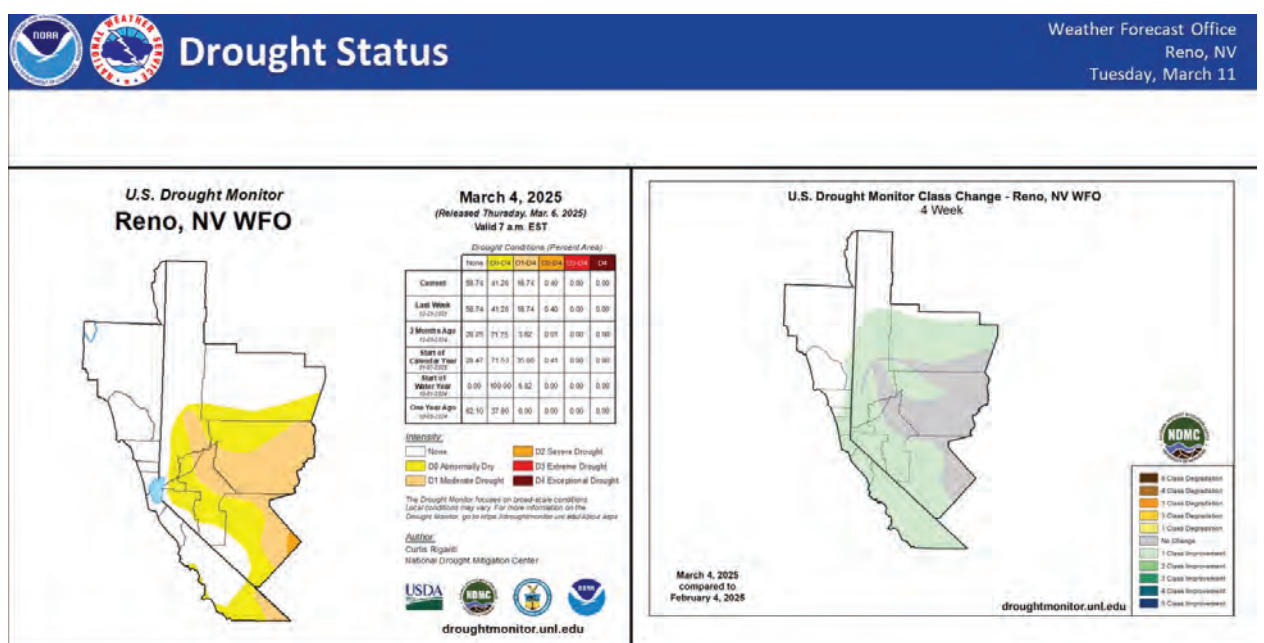
Isn't technology amazing?

So while I watch Wallace search for a "suitable Beachfront Villa" (his words, not mine) near the equator, I will always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach

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NOAA forecast for the rest of the 2025 water season.

The contract runs for five years with an option to renew for an additional five years.

Board members expressed optimism about the partnership, emphasizing that working with the City of Fallon allows for better long-term planning and investment in district infrastructure.

"This is a win-win," Ben Shawcroft, TCID General Manager said. "It keeps the power in the community and provides financial stability for TCID moving forward."

During the meeting, TCID staff raised concerns about a growing leak at the Lahontan Powerhouse, which has been worsening over time. Water is now seeping inside the facility, dripping over electrical equipment and raising safety concerns for both operations and personnel.

"This isn't just a minor issue—it's getting worse, and we need to address it sooner rather than later," Mark Solinski, hydro-electric manager said.

The source of the leak appears to be near the canal where the road comes down toward the powerhouse. While the area has historically been damp, staff noted that the seepage has increased significantly, making it clear that a permanent fix is needed.

One solution suggested lining sections of the canal to prevent further water infiltration. However, cost and logistics would need to be considered as well as other factors of such a project.

In the short term, TCID has adjusted operations to help contain the leak and prevent water from spreading further into critical areas. However, a long-term fix will be required to protect the powerhouse and prevent potential damage to transformers and other infrastructure.

"We can't ignore this," Stix said. "If we don't act soon, we could be looking at a much bigger and more expensive problem down the road."

TCID will continue monitoring the situation and evaluate repair options before determining the next steps.

As the irrigation season approaches, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) announced that its annual Water Users Meetings will take place on Thursday, March 27, at 6 p.m. in the Buckland Room at the Convention Center.

The meetings provide local farmers, ranchers, and water rights holders with critical updates on water allocations, delivery schedules, and operational expectations for the 2025 season. TCID officials will also review current storage levels, river forecasts, and any changes to water management policies.

Board members emphasized the importance of public participation, encouraging all water users with specific questions to attend meetings or contact TCID directly.

Water users with specific questions are encouraged to attend or contact TCID directly before the meeting.

FEATURES

Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation: A Lifeline for Families Facing the Unthinkable

By Rachel Dahl

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, everything changes in an instant. Families are thrown into unending hospital visits, medical jargon, and unimaginable stress. That's where the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation (NNCCF) steps in—not just as a charity but as a true lifeline for families navigating one of the hardest journeys of their lives.

"We're there from the moment of diagnosis, through survivorship, and—when the worst happens—through bereavement," said Tiffany Kress, who has been with NNCCF since March 2023. "We make sure families never face this battle alone."

NNCCF is the only nonprofit in Northern Nevada solely dedicated to supporting children with cancer and their families. It's not just about financial assistance, though that's a huge part. They offer emotional support, scholarships, and even small joys, like letting kids pick out a toy from their Cas's Closet after a rough day of treatment.

"Sometimes it's the little things," Kress said. "A new toy, a warm blanket—something familiar and comforting when everything else feels out of control."

For families in Reno and Carson City, NNCCF is well-known. But in rural Nevada? Not so much.

That's something Kress is working hard to change.

"We have families in places like Elko, Fallon, and Winnemucca who don't always know we exist," she explained. "And they need our help just as much as the families in Reno."

Unlike larger cities with major hospitals, rural families often receive treatment at small clinics, meaning they miss out on the traditional social worker referrals that connect families with NNCCF.

"If they're not walking through Renown's doors, they might not know we're here," Kress said. "That's why outreach is so important."

Her goal? Make sure no child in Northern Nevada fights cancer alone—no matter how far off the beaten path they live.

NNCCF is there to celebrate victories and for families facing the worst loss imaginable.

When a child passes away, they become part of what NNCCF calls an "Angel Family."

"This year has been tough," Kress admitted. "We've had an uptick in angel families. But even in their grief, these families stay connected to us. We're still here for them, whether it's emotional support or helping them honor their child's memory."

One mother once told Kress that she and her family had to move to Nevada for work. Three months later, their son was diagnosed with cancer.

"She told me, 'I truly believe we were brought here for a reason. Because without you guys, I don't know what we would have done.'"

NNCCF's support doesn't end when treatment does. One of their biggest initiatives is the Inspire Scholarship, which has provided over \$1 million in scholarships to childhood cancer survivors.

"These kids have already been through more than most adults ever will," Kress said. "We want to make sure they have the opportunity to chase their dreams—whether that's college, trade school, or another path."

And it's not just about education. Former NNCCF scholarship recipients have gone on to become nurses, doctors, and even childhood cancer advocates themselves.

"One of our past scholarship recipients is now a pediatric chemo nurse," Kress shared, smiling. "And a lot of our kids recognize her—because she was once in their shoes."

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of the Northern Nevada community. From small businesses donating proceeds to families baking cookies for fundraisers, the generosity NNCCF receives is staggering.

"Even in tough economic times, local businesses are still willing to give back," Kress said. "We see restaurant owners, many of whom are struggling themselves, say, 'Yes, absolutely. I'll donate a portion of my sales for the night to NNCCF.' That kind of community support is incredible."

Fundraising events like Natalia's Night, the St. Baldrick's Shave for the Brave, and community-led CrossFit tournaments have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for families in need.

NNCCF's St. Baldrick's team consistently ranks among the top in the world, raising nearly \$200,000 in 2023 alone.

"We joke that we have bragging rights," Kress said, laughing. "But really, it just shows how passionate our community is about supporting these kids."

So, what's next for NNCCF? Expansion. Awareness. More families reached.

"We want every family in Nevada to know we're here," Kress said. "And we want them to know there's no red tape, no hoops to jump through. If your child has cancer, we will help you. Period."

Families don't have to prove financial need. They don't have to be U.S. citizens. There are no complicated forms to fill out. If a family in Northern Nevada needs support, NNCCF is there.

"We just want families to focus on their child—not how they're going to pay their bills," Kress said. "And as long as we're here, they won't have to do it alone."

For more information, visit www.nvchildrenscancer.org or reach out to NNCCF directly.

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Pictured left to right: Christy Sullivan of Lahontan Conservation District with members of the Horticulture Club, Jenna Ernst and Joshua Enriquez, along with Jaime Sammons Plant Systems class instructor. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

available for purchase, with 50 of the following varieties available:

ACHILLEA MILLEFOLIUM – YARROW

Written by Abigail Lacrow: Common yarrow is an easy-to-grow perennial that matures to about two feet wide and two feet tall. It is drought-tolerant once established and develops a dense root system that helps control soil erosion. Yarrow also serves as a good companion plant, attracting pollinators and beneficial insects while resisting deer and rabbits. It has been valued for its medicinal qualities and can even be used as a natural dye for wool. These have been planted from seed and are available for \$5 in gallon pots.

ROSA WOODSII - WILD MOUNTAIN ROSE

Written by Carter McBee: Woods rose is a hardy, low-maintenance shrub that can grow up to five feet tall and spread even wider. It thrives across Western states and produces highly scented pink roses that attract bees. The plant's bright red ornamental hips are a favorite for wildlife, and its nearly thornless branches make it easy to manage. Woods rose can also form thickets that serve as effective windbreaks. These have been propagated by root cuttings and are available for \$5 in gallon pots.

SEDUM REFLEXUM - BLUE SPRUCE STONECROP

Written by Joshua Hernandez Molina: This sedum is a creeping perennial ground cover in sandy, sunny areas like rock gardens or containers. It is an easy-to-grow succulent with dainty yellow flowers that provide nectar for beneficial insects. Fully grown, it reaches about six inches tall and 10 inches wide. The blue, needle-like leaves give it the common name "blue spruce." The plant can be easily propagated from stem cuttings, making it a good choice for beginning gardeners. These have been grown from stem cuttings, available in 4-inch pots for \$5.

Call 775-217-5273 for order forms or more information, visit Facebook @LahontanCD, or www.lahontanconservationdistrict.com/portfolio/tree-sale/

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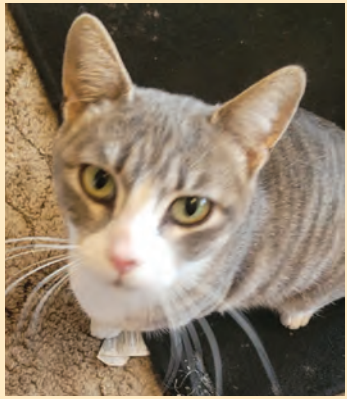
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



PETS OF THE WEEK

Available for Adoption



This unspayed female grey tabby was brought to FAWG as a stray. We don't know where she was found, but if you recognize her, please reach out!

Looking to adopt? Call 775-217-4745 to schedule an appointment.

Also, Wild Coast Raw has expanded its recall of frozen Feline Boneless Free Range Chicken Formula due to possible H5N1 (bird flu) contamination. Bird flu in cats has a 67% fatality rate—please spread the word!

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

CAPS Pet O' the Week

Big Guy, a two-year-old Labrador Retriever and Border Collie mix, was rescued from a hoarding situation and needs a patient owner to help him gain confidence. He's shy at first but warms up into a loving companion. He enjoys playing with ball-on-a-rope toys, staying active, and snuggling on the couch. Curious about other animals but not aggressive, he's learning basic commands and eager to please.



Also, our Facebook page has changed from "Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS)" to "CAPS - Fallon." We remain open by appointment only due to ongoing construction.

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City of Fallon Animal Shelter



February was short but busy! The shelter saw some very happy adoption day moments celebrating 51 adoptions—38 dogs and 13 cats—finding loving homes.

Stray intakes included 36 dogs and 11 cats, with 27 dogs and one cat reunited with owners. Additionally, 42 dogs and 17 cats were surrendered to the shelter.

Pictured: D-197, a stray found near Testolin Road. If you recognize this dog, please call us.

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February Marriages

- Amber Nicole Templin, 28, of Pueblo, CO to Zachary Bryan Ackerman, of Fallon 2/9/2025
- Dylan Thomas, 24, of Windsor, UK to Manuel Fernandez Jr., 22, of Fallon 2/10/2025
- Richard Thomas Allen, 41, Schurz to Maria Elena Wright, 52, of Fallon 2/23/2025
- Seth Steven Tommila, 18, of Hawthorne to Le Ani Lynn Dimas, 21, of Fallon 2/25/2025
- Goretti Tuisa Faamausili, 31, of Denver, CO to Antonio Vincent Gipson, 29, of Colorado Springs, CO 2/27/2025

FROM FALLON:

- Carmen Irene Villareal, 47 to Francisco Javier Garcia-Villa, 40 1/30/2025
- Koralee Montgomery, 22 to Johnathan Benjamin Worley, 26 2/3/2025
- Megan Denae Morton, 36 to Evan Andrew Arnold, 28 2/10/2025
- Amy Emily Eckert, 29 to Ryan Patrick McMahon, 30 1/25/2025
- Rodney Thomas Rhoades II, 35 to Ashley Renee Ogden, 38 2/6/2025
- Cesar Antonio Ojeda, 27 to Ashleigh Angel Hernandez, 23 2/13/2025
- Troy Lee Peek, 45 to Brooke Beth Gillihan, 43 2/18/2025
- Ashleigh Anne Gagnon, 31 to Robert James Bailey, 30 2/20/2025
- Samantha Jacquelyn Harmon, 27 to Demario Lebron Anthony, 37 2/27/2025
- Ronnell Edward Wilson, 57, to Jennifer Aleen Russell-Kenton, 48 2/23/2025

Births
February Births at Banner Hospital

Kenai David Hill was born Feb. 8 to Cheyenne Costa and Levi Hill, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. measuring 18 inches.

Gianna Amori Rodriguez was born Feb 11 to Alondra and Emanuel Rodriguez, weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz. measuring 19.3 inches.

Cash Bryan Getto was born Feb. 18 to Aleisa and John Getto, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. measuring 21.5 inches.

Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing accessible entertainment, Fallon Theatre—your local non-profit movie theater and community center—will be showing two great free films this weekend. Whether you're a fan of classic cinema or modern hits, there's something for everyone to enjoy in downtown Fallon, where you can also explore charming local shops, enjoy a delicious meal at nearby restaurants, or unwind at a cozy speakeasy.

First off, join us for a heartwarming journey with *An American Tail*, the beloved animated classic that follows the story of Fievel Mousekewitz, a young mouse who embarks on an adventurous quest to reunite with his family in America. With its unforgettable songs, charming characters, and powerful themes of perseverance and hope, this film is perfect for audiences of all ages. Don't miss the chance to experience this timeless family favorite on the big screen, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. This film is rated G and has a runtime of 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Then get ready for a thrilling adventure with *The Goonies*, the iconic 1985 classic that follows a group of misfit kids as they embark on a treasure hunt to save their parents' homes from foreclosure. Filled with action, laughs, and heart, *The Goonies* is a nostalgic ride

that's perfect for both kids and adults. Gather your friends and family and join us Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. for an unforgettable night of swashbuckling fun! This PG-rated film runs for 1 hour and 54 minutes.

While we regret to inform you that our Heritage of the West event, scheduled for Saturday, April 5th, has been cancelled, we're thrilled to announce that The Lincoln Highway Band will be performing that evening with a full concert starting at 7 p.m. Known for their lively performances and diverse mix of music—from country and rock to classic hits from the '50s—this promises to be an unforgettable evening.

Looking ahead to May, we're thrilled to welcome Head Over Feet, a talented Alanis Morissette tribute band, to the stage on May 5th at 7 p.m. Fans of '90s alternative rock and Morissette's unmistakable style won't want to miss this evening of unparalleled music and powerful vocals. Admission is just \$15, so please plan to join us for a night of incredible music!

Looking for the ideal venue to host a party, celebration, or special event? To secure an auditorium, feel free to contact us at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

STUART CHARLES MOYLE

Feb. 26, 1934 - March 7, 2025



Stuart Charles Moyle passed away on Friday, March 7, 2025, with family by his side, after a long battle with Parkinsons. Stuart was born on Feb. 26, 1934, and had just turned 91 the week prior to his passing. He was born to Edward and Ester Moyle in Virginia, MN.

At the age of 17, Stuart ran away from home and landed in Monterey, CA, where he finished High School in 1953. In December of 1953, he enlisted in the United States Air

Force at the close of the Korean conflict. Before being honorably discharged from active duty in 1957, he honed his skills as an aircraft mechanic on the F100C Super Sabre, and advanced to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He then served 4 more years as a reservist till 1961. In 1959, he married Jane W. Thorstenson and had 4 children: Timothy, born Sept. 1960; Cynthia, born Sept. 1961; Kristina, born Sept. 1962; and Stuart the second, born Nov. 1966.

Stuart worked for the US Forest Service from 1962 to 1963, where he drove explosive trucks up on the Canadian border. Then, he worked for Eveleth Taconite from '65 to '66, at which time he moved his family across the country to Seattle, WA, to work for Boeing during the time from 1966 to 1971. His expertise with advanced aircraft mechanical and electrical systems allowed him to participate in the building and testing of the first 747 jet airliner built by the Boeing company. At the time Boeing was developing and building the 747, a major layoff by the company occurred, which forced a life-changing situation. He soon found, through the aid of his church, employment with the Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital Engineering department as an Engineering Technician. He then worked his way up to the position of building Inspector of VA hospital facilities until he retired in 1994. Stuart was a lifetime member of the National Association for

Search and Rescue, and he taught Emergency Services for the State of Nevada. Stuart was very involved in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) program from 1949 as a Cadet, then in 1971 while in Medford, Oregon, he resurrected the CAP Cadet training program. While serving with the CAP in Medford, Stuart also completed his airman certificate requirements and passed his check ride to become a private pilot in 1973. Stuart also distinguished himself with the completion of the United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College – Air University Correspondence Program in May 1985. In 2007, he retired from the CAP with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LT Col).

An avid outdoorsman, Stuart loved to hunt, trap, and fish, in which he became an excellent marksman with a bow and arrow. He also spent time with his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids as well.

Stuart is survived by his children, Cynthia Moyle-Perthel-McGarrah (Amanda Young); Kristina Stout- Bradley (Don); Stuart C Moyle II (Diane); Grandchildren, Heidi Perthel Hawes (Josh), Heather Stout, James Stout (Megan), Charles Moyle (Morgan), Donald Moyle (Paige), Kayla Moyle; three great-granddaughters, Myah and Abigail Stout-Jelsma, and Mackenzie Stout; and his first cousin Ira Moyle. He was preceded in death by both his parents; his older brothers, Joseph and Dudley; his sisters, Lois Moyle Cameron and Cecilia Moyle Peppin; his younger brother, Ken Moyle; his son, Timothy Moyle; and two grandsons, Thomas Stout and Timothy Stout. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and a large extended family and friends he made along his long journey in life.

Stuart will greatly be missed for his sense of humor and being able to fix things like Tim the Tool Man. Although his fixes did not always work that well at the end, he always gave it the old college try just the same!

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 450 N. Taylor St. in Fallon at 10 am with Visitation at 9:00 am. Burial will be at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 11:30 am under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon.

FRANK SOARES

Jan. 3, 1934 - Feb. 23, 2025



It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to lifelong Fallon resident Frank Soares—brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, great-grandfather, and friend to all. Frank passed away peacefully on Feb. 23, 2025, with his family by his side.

Frank was born to Joe P. and Annie I. (Gomes) Soares on Jan. 3, 1934. He spent his life in Fallon, attending Churchill County High School and graduating with the class of 1952.

Frank married Viola (Bailey) in 1953. Together they raised their two children, Debra and Steven, until her passing in 1986. He spent his years farming and being active in the community, both locally and statewide.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 33 years, Viola; and son-in-law Alan Hoffmann. Frank is survived by his wife, Kaye Soares; sister, Margaret Bailey; children, Debra Hoffmann (Gary Brackley) and Steven (Bonnie) Soares; grandchildren, David (Kristy) Hoffmann, Annie Hoffmann, and Jerry Swindel (Catherine); great-grandchildren, Colton and Kaitlynn Hoffmann; and many nephews and nieces.

A rosary will be recited on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. A Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Churchill County Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Frank's memory to the Churchill County Fire Department, 20 N. Carson St., Fallon, NV 89406, or St. Patrick's Parish Hall Building Fund, 850 W. 4th St., Fallon, NV 89406.

Teen Megan LaCour Located

Staff Report

Moments before last week's edition of The Fallon Post went to press, the Fallon Police Department requested the community's help in locating 15-year-old Megan LaCour, who had been last seen around 11:51 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4.

By the end of the day, Fallon police updated their notice to confirm that Megan had been found safe and thanked the community for their assistance.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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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, March 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage Red Potatoes Baby Carrots Pineapple Fluff WW Roll</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 18 Garlic Rosemary Chicken French Fried Potato Italian Veggie Blend Strawberries WW Bread</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 19 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Fruit Cocktail WW Roll</p>	<p>Thursday, March 20 Baked Potato w/Chili, Cheese & Onion Steamed Carrots Banana Muffin FF Fruit Yogurt</p>	<p>Friday, March 21 Italian Beef Cake Peas & Carrots Spinach Salad FF Vanilla Strawberry Yogurt</p>
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

Volunteer groups
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<p>Monday, March 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage Potatoes & Carrots</p>	<p>Thursday, March 20 Breakfast for Dinner Fruit</p>	<p>Monday, March 24 Buffet Night Salad Cupcakes</p>	<p>Thursday, March 27 Turkey Bacon Melts Tater Tots Salad</p>
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COMMUNITY



The Telehealth Hub space powered by SilverSummit Healthplan at the Pennington Life Center. Photo by Anne McMillin.

New Public Telehealth Option at Pennington Life Center

Staff Report

A new telehealth space, known as “The Hub,” is now open at the William N. Pennington Life Center in Fallon, offering Churchill County residents a convenient way to access medical care without leaving town. The grand opening was held March 5, and featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a guided tour, and a live demonstration of “The Hub” tablet.

Churchill County Social Services partnered with SilverSummit Healthplan to create the dedicated space, which allows residents to conduct virtual visits with out-of-town physicians. Using video-conferencing technology, patients can consult with their doctors privately, eliminating the need for travel.

The telehealth room will be available weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Residents must make reservations to use the space by calling the Life Center at 775-423-7096. Appointments can be booked up to 60 days in advance.

“The Hub” aims to improve access to healthcare for Churchill County residents of all ages by providing a free and accessible space for telehealth services.

County Manager Jim Barbee to Receive Chico State Distinguished Alumni Award

Staff Report

Jim Barbee, Churchill County manager and former director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, will be honored as the Distinguished Alumni for the College of Agriculture at California State University, Chico. The award will be presented at the university’s 30th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards event on March 7.

Barbee graduated from Chico State in 1995 with a degree in animal science and later earned a master’s in agriculture science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He served as Nevada’s director of agriculture from 2011 to 2018 under former Gov. Brian Sandoval and has led Churchill County since 2018.

Barbee, who plans to retire in July, has focused on economic development and preserving the county’s agricultural heritage. “You are always one or two people away from knowing somebody, and that’s the connectivity of this community,” he said.

Chico State’s Distinguished Alumni awards recognize exceptional graduates in categories including agriculture, business, and public service.



Melendy Named Change Management Principal of the Year

Staff Report



Kimi Melendy receiving her award. Photo courtesy of CCSD.

Kimi Melendy, principal of Lahontan Elementary School, was named Change Management Principal of the Year at the Modern Teacher Conference Awards Gala on Feb. 25 in Reno.

Melendy, a longtime educator and administrator with the Churchill County School District, was recognized for her commitment to leading change and implementing innovative instructional models in classrooms. Her efforts to foster collaboration and student-centered learning earned her the award.

This recognition highlights Melendy’s dedication to enhancing education at Lahontan Elementary and her impact on students and staff alike.

Museum Spring Lecture Series “Wheels...” Kicks off March 18

Staff Report

The Churchill County Museum is hosting its annual Spring Lecture Series, beginning March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Sessions will continue Tuesdays through April 8, offering a lineup of presentations exploring connections between people, transportation, and history. The series, titled “Wheels ...,” is free to the public and includes refreshments.

The series will open on March 18 with retired U.S. Navy Commander Steven M. Endacott presenting “The Magic of Flight.” Endacott, who served as a weapons test pilot, strike operations officer, and commanding officer of a Strike Fighter Squadron, will explore the evolution of aviation from the Wright Brothers’ flyer to modern jet fighters.

On March 25, Chris De Witt, restoration supervisor at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, will deliver a lecture titled “Lumbering Through the Sagebrush.” De Witt, who has been with the museum since 1981, will discuss timber and firewood production for Virginia City and share insights on the restoration of the Glenbrook locomotive.

Loren Marcus, a wagon builder and wheelwright for Marcus Wagon Works, will present “Holy Smoke!” on April 1. His talk will focus on one of his wagons, named Holy Smoke, which is currently part of the museum’s “Trails and Tribulations” exhibit.

The series will conclude on April 8 with Corey Koura, a retired U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant and owner of Split Tongue Restorations. Koura will discuss “The Attachment We Have to Our Vehicles” alongside a new exhibit featuring a selection of motorcycles from his collection.

All lectures will be held at the Churchill County Museum, 1050 South Maine Street in Fallon. For more information, call 775-423-3677 or visit www.ccmuseum.org. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY

CCHS Work-Based Learning Sets Students Up for Success

By Rachel Dahl

At the recent Churchill County School Board meeting, Dr. Sue Segura spoke about the success of her work-based learning program, a hands-on initiative designed to bridge the gap between school and career readiness. Supporting her efforts and also going on record were several students and community partners, each sharing powerful testimonies of how the program has shaped their futures.

Dr. Segura, known for her forceful and determined approach, believes that work-based learning can take students beyond traditional trades and job placements—it’s about connecting students with career paths that match their interests and aspirations. Whether a student aims to be a veterinarian, work at Ace Hardware, or provide medical care at the local hospital, the program prepares them with the skills and opportunities they need to succeed.

“I’m all about data,” Segura told the board. “And work-based learning is not just about trade schools and jobs; it’s about school-to-career readiness.”

The program’s effectiveness can be seen in its growing partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). In the last three years, the number of Churchill County students attending UNR has increased by an impressive 200 percent, she said. Segura works closely with the university to pre-admit students as they transition from high school to higher education.

Several students took the floor to share how Segura and her program have impacted their lives.

Ren Thompson, the District Student Body Representative, shared how the program prioritizes students’ individual goals over generic college placement.

“She really pays attention to what is best for us,” Thompson said. “Not just sending us to college because it looks good on paper but helping us find careers that will actually make us happy.”

Travis Foldbright echoed that sentiment, crediting Segura with providing him with career opportunities he never would have found on his own.

“Ever since she first found me, she’s given me plenty of opportunities and pushed me to work hard,” Foldbright said. “She got me working at A&K my sophomore summer, then helped me get into Ace Hardware when school started back up.”

Madison Keller, a high school senior, shared her journey of wanting to become a veterinarian. Struggling with meeting the necessary academic requirements, she found herself guided by Segura, who secured her an internship at Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic.

“I work with all seven doctors there,” Keller said. “I’ve learned so much, and I wouldn’t be where I am today without her help.”

The program doesn’t just make a difference for students; it helps the entire community. Local business owner Joe Frey praised the initiative for transforming students’ lives.

“In two years, this program has touched 3,000 - 4,000 kids through career fairs and internships,” Frey said. “I’ve had interns in my own businesses, and I’ve seen them go from being introverted and uncertain to ambitious and engaged.”

Tammy Westergard from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development reinforced the program’s broader impact, describing how it has changed the culture in Churchill County.

“At the start of the school year, it’s not just about who you’re taking to homecoming anymore,” Westergard said. “It’s about who you’re getting an internship with.”

Westergard said that Churchill County’s program is unlike any other in Nevada. It includes innovative technology like virtual reality and in-depth assessments to help students discover and explore career options. She noted the program now contributes data to academic research on labor market literacy.

Despite the program’s success, sustainability is a concern. Segura, who has led the program for three years, was asked if plans were in place to ensure its continuation.

“We’d love to have you forever,” one board member said. “But what happens when you retire?”

Segura quickly put those concerns to rest. “I have no plans to retire,” she assured the board with a smile. “I started teaching here in 1979, and I plan to stay focused on work-based learning for as long as I can.”

Annulments / Divorces

Involved Parties	Disposition
Al-Nassari, Nihad A. v. Quinn, Patrick Brian	Annulment
Bowmer, Brian v. Bowmer, Joricka Roxanne Publico	Annulment
Collins, Camryn Marylouise v. Michel, Quinton	Annulment
Emens, Shamar v. Gonzalez-Castillo, Estefany	Annulment
Fernandez, Cecily v. Hall, Demetrius Deon	Annulment
Grenamyer, Monte Lee v. Mittler, Jennifer Michelle	Annulment
Hammell, Edward v. Mitre, Silvia	Annulment
He, Lanchun v. Chu, Weishen	Annulment
Neilson, Tennas v. Spyk, Justine Van	Annulment
Roberts, Jason Michael v. Roberts, Grace Marlene	Annulment
Yessengeldinova, Akmaral v. Syzdyk, Yernur	Annulment
Ackert, Scott v. Ackert, Carmen Gage	Divorce
Alcantar-Garcia, Angelica v. Alcantar-Ayala, Jorge	Divorce
Bartholomew, Lareneque v. Williams, Isaac Lee	Divorce
Bennett, Kristina v. Bandyk, Nikita	Divorce
Berkich, Lauren v. Berkich, Garret	Divorce
Berkovich, Yaakov v. Berkovich, Sapir	Divorce
Bourne, Lorina v. Bourne, Chad	Divorce
Bravo, Andy v. Bravo, Linda	Divorce
Burton, Derrick v. Burton, Amanda	Divorce
Castillo, Yesenia v. Alanis, Alberto	Divorce
Centeno, Marlon C. v. Centeno, Rosalyn Q.	Divorce
Cole, Jason L. v. Cole, Theresa M.	Divorce
Crowwait, Kimberly Ann v. Crowwait, Michael	Divorce
Depriest, Joel v. Depriest, Lydia	Divorce
Easter, Renzie Clair Rosario v. Easter, Steven Lamar	Divorce
Edmonson, Michelle v. Edmonson, Michael Stephen	Divorce
Fearn, Walter L. v. Fearn, Susan E.	Divorce
Freeman, Michael v. Freeman, Michelle	Divorce
Gill, Rohit v. Avalos, Jessica Julissa	Divorce
Goforth, Richard J. v. Goforth, Michele D.	Divorce
Griffith, Scott Andrew v. Griffith, Demoise Faye	Divorce
Hardel, Daniel W. v. Lockett, Kelly K.	Divorce
Hart, Wilhemina v. Hart, Christopher	Divorce
Hernandez, Samantha v. Ayala-Hernandez, Guillermo	Divorce
Hirano, Catia M. v. Sagon, Jose	Divorce
Jackson, Stacha v. Jackson, Marlon	Divorce
Jeon, Nuri v. Glaser, Justin Frank	Divorce
Kirkland, Billy Ray v. Kirkland, Mikaela Diann	Divorce
Kopas, Anthony J. v. Kopas, Terry L.	Divorce
Marikyan, Hasmik v. Bunyatyan, Armen	Divorce
Mauga, Jasmine T. v. Hardesty, Michael D.	Divorce
Mayer, Demarus v. Mayer, Devon	Divorce
Meyer, Kori L. v. Meyer, Shawn	Divorce
Mousa, Hannah Mariam v. Fisher, Eugene	Divorce
Neil, Nathan F. v. Cook, Prestin J.	Divorce
Oganesyan, Anzhela v. Tsiligian, Tigran	Divorce
Paniagua, Jeffrey v. Lemus, Keylic Roca	Divorce
Perry, Natalya Mikayla v. Zimmerman, Joseph Edward	Divorce
Prosser, Joel Michael v. Prosser, Amy Belinda	Divorce
Raines, Elizabeth v. Raines, Gabriel	Divorce
Ramos, Selina Justice Marie v. Varner, Dustin	Divorce
Ruvalcaba, Stephanie v. Barrios, Julio	Divorce
Scott, Wesley C. v. Scott, Tanya R.	Divorce
Sheldon, Jacob Daniel v. Decker, Kyle Thomas	Divorce
Smith, Melissa Anne v. Smith, Nicholas Joseph	Divorce
Stopani-Humes, Carson v. Stopani-Humes, Nayeli	Divorce
Tutay, Jayson v. Tutay, Lauryn	Divorce
Valentine, Naomi Eden v. Loveless, Lola Jamie	Divorce
Vallecillo-Herrera, Chloe v. Vallecillo-Herrera, Esteban	Divorce
Van Meter, Melody v. Van Meter, Devin	Divorce
Weaver, Nineveh v. Weaver, Kelly Dean	Divorce
Windriver, Shannon v. Windriver, Cody	Divorce



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken March 11, 2025, at 8:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	195,200 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	4.03 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	391.0 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	403.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	279.0cfs

March 11, 2024	March 11, 2023	March 11, 2022
259,944 acre feet	129,447 acre feet	117,217 acre feet

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

MEETINGS

March 17-21, 2025

Fallon City Council Tuesday, March 18 at 9 a.m. 55 W. Williams Ave. City Hall	Highway Commission Wednesday, Mar. 19 at 12:45 p.m.
County Meetings 155 N. Taylor St. Commission Chambers	Board of County Commissioners Wednesday, Mar.19 at 1:15 p.m.
Regional Transportation Commission Wednesday, Mar. 19, at 9:30 a.m.	

GOVERNMENT

Nevada Girls State Offers Leadership Experience for High School Juniors



Staff Report

High school junior girls in Nevada have the chance to step into the roles of government leaders at Nevada Girls State, a week-long program run by the American Legion Auxiliary. The program, held annually, allows participants to form a mock government, campaign for office, debate real issues, and pass laws, providing hands-on experience in civic leadership.

Open to high school juniors with an interest in government and leadership, Nevada Girls State offers a unique opportunity to gain public speaking skills, learn legislative processes, and hear from

female leaders, including politicians and judges. The program also includes a field trip to the Nevada Legislature in Carson City, public speaking competitions, and patriotic ceremonies.

Attendees who are direct descendants of wartime U.S. military veterans can apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, which provides college funding. Those who excel may also be selected to represent Nevada at ALA Girls Nation in Washington, D.C., where they can meet members of Congress and debate national issues.

The program fee is \$300, with an additional \$75 for transportation south of Silver Springs. Many schools and American Legion Auxiliary units offer sponsorships to help cover costs.

For more information or to apply, visit www.NevadaGirlsState.net or email NevadaGirlsState@gmail.com.



Tylie and Assemblyman Koenig. Photo courtesy of Greg Koenig.

Tylie Norcutt Interns with Assemblyman Greg Koenig

Fallon's Tylie Norcutt, best known for her outstanding horsemanship, has entered a new arena — the Nevada State Assembly — as an intern during the 83rd Legislative Session.

"[I] had the privilege of introducing my intern for the session, Tylie Norcutt, to the whole Assembly today," Nevada Assemblyman Greg Koenig said in a recent Facebook post. "Great to have a fellow Fallonite working with me."



Churchill County Republicans to Host Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

Staff report

"Celebrate Victory and Keep Nevada Red" is the theme for this year's Churchill County Republicans' annual Lincoln Day Dinner, set for Saturday, March 15, at the Fallon Convention Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

The event serves as a fundraiser and rally for Republican efforts in Nevada. Guest speakers include Gov. Joe Lombardo, Rep. Mark Amodei, Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald, and Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford. Attendees can also enjoy live music and silent auction.

For more information, text Leslie Beach at 775-426-9152.



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Now Hiring: Office Intern

Truckee-Carson Irrigation District is looking for an office intern for the 2025 irrigation season. This position is temporary and part-time with no benefits. The position pays \$12.00 per hour and is Fridays from March 14, 2025, through November 14, 2025. The hours are 7:30 AM through 4:30 PM with a half hour lunch. Duties include answering phones, data entry, assisting walk-in customers and other general office duties.

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

Green Goddess Collective Offers Local Goods at New Location



Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

The Green Goddess Collective celebrated its ribbon cutting last week, marking the official launch of a space for local home business entrepreneurs to sell their products in a farmer's market setting. Managed by Kim Urso along with Karen Nichols, Stacy Fisk, and Jamie Sammons, the collective is located at 448 South Maine Street and is open Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. It operates from February through November, closing during the winter months.

The market features a variety of local vendors, showcasing a range of handmade and homegrown products. Pictured from left to right, Yanina and Dylan Fluger offer handmade soaps, Karen Nichols, a founding member of the collective, presents her products, and Kim Urso of Yellow Petal Flower Farm,

also a founding member, brings fresh flowers. Stacy Fisk of Fisk Farms, another founding member, shares farm goods, while Courtney Weiss displays a selection of jewelry. Stephanie of Deep Roots Bake Co. provides baked goods, and Korina Melweldt of Melweldt's Organics offers organic items.

Also pictured, Salisha Odem, of Salisha's Delicious, presents homemade treats, and Hannah Fisk and Jessica Peak run the Peachy Queen Traveling Tavern, serving a variety of beverages. Helen McKnight represents LeMere Bread and Bake with artisan breads and pastries. Not pictured are Leesa Stevens and Jamie Sammons, a founding member of the collective.

For updates and information, the Green Goddess Collective can be reached through their Facebook or Instagram pages.

EDUCATION

Donkey Basketball Returns to CCHS for Grad Nite Fundraiser

Staff Report

Churchill County High School is putting a wild spin on basketball with its Donkey Basketball fundraiser, set for Saturday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the CCHS gym. The event benefits Grad Nite 2025, the safe and sober graduation party for seniors.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., and tickets will be available at the door: \$9 for children (K-6), \$12 for students, and \$15 for adults, payable by cash, debit card, or Venmo.

This year's event, sponsored by E.H. Hursh Insurance Agency, features four teams competing for donkey-riding glory. The Senior Boys Team (Blue), sponsored by Frontier Fence & Co., will take on the Senior Girls Team (Pink), backed by Just In Time Heating & Air Conditioning, in the opening matchup. The Coaches & Staff Team

(Gray), sponsored by Tumbleweed Garbage Disposal, will then face off against the First Responders Team (Red) in a game that promises plenty of fun—and maybe a few spills. The winners will meet in the championship game to claim the ultimate bragging rights.

At halftime, fans can meet the donkeys and snap photos with the four-legged stars.

Proceeds help fund Grad Nite 2025, covering the private Coconut Bowl rental in Reno, transportation, food, and gifts for seniors. The event wouldn't be possible without Athletic Director Brian Mello, Principal Tim Spencer, and the dedicated Grad Nite committee.

Organizer Erica Bartel encourages the community to come out for a fun-filled evening.

"We are so excited for this year's Donkey Basketball game! It's going to be a fantastic night, full of laughter and fun, all for a great cause," Bartel said. "Thank you to our sponsors and the community for supporting Grad Nite. We hope to see you there!"

For sponsorships or donations, contact cchsggradnite@gmail.com.

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



CCHS - Aaron Holt's Game Development students presenting to Billy Thompson's students.



ECB - Students in Emma Knapp's PE class working together with the parachute to improve teamwork and coordination.



NELC - Merritt as Horton from Horton Hears a Who. Valentin Palacio is the Grinch and Isabella Horn is a fish from One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

CCHS'S

Billy Thompson's Modern Entrepreneur class worked with Aaron Holt's Game Development students for a hands-on learning experience. Thompson's students acted as a marketing consultation team, providing instruction and working one-on-one with the game development team to refine their branding and marketing strategies. This collaboration between the two classes gave students real industry experience, bringing together the world of business and game design. "I try to help my students feel like they are really immersed in the industry, and this was a great opportunity for both classes to get that," Holt said. Mr. Holt's game developers presenting to Mr. Thompson's entrepreneurs.

CCMS

After a long week of studying hygiene and health habits in Kamila Horn's classroom, eighth-grade students were caught by Principal Victor Schoenfeldt taking a well-deserved break. They were enjoying some downtime amidst the crazy, changing weather. "I felt like their hard work and commitment deserved some recognition," Schoenfeldt said.

NUMA

The March Madness Tournament is officially underway, with more than 30 teams of fourth and fifth graders competing for victory with the support of volunteers from the after-school program.

Teams will battle through their brackets for a chance to face the undefeated staff team in the final game—a matchup that promises to be as epic as ever. Physical Education teacher Kevin Wickware organizes the tournament yearly and is always excited for the games to begin. "The fun, teamwork, and sportsmanship the tournament brings is the best. Let the madness begin."

E.C. BEST

Students had a blast in Emma Knapp's Physical Education class last week, working with the parachute to improve teamwork and coordination. "This activity is fun and also encouraged collaboration and laughter as the students developed both their physical skills and social connections," Knapp said. Students in Emma Knapp's class work together with the parachute.

LAHONTAN

Principal Kimi Melendy visits each class-

room monthly to discuss social-emotional learning. This month, she is reviewing the Zones of Regulation with each class. She is using a large Jenga game with colored dots that correspond with each zone: Blue = Sad, Green = Happy, Red = Mad, and Yellow = Anxious. When the kids choose a Jenga piece, they have to say what zone the color dot matches and recall when they felt that emotion.

NELC

Last week, students in Octavia Merritt and Montana Koplin's classes celebrated Read Across America with a week of reading and themed dress-up days. The week wrapped up with students dressed as beloved Dr. Seuss characters. Throughout the week, students and parents joined in for reading sessions, with treats to match each day's theme. Monday was crazy sock day, Tuesday featured wild hairstyles, and Wednesday was wacky Wednesday. "It was such a fun week of dress-up days and learning for our students," Merritt said. Ms. Merritt as Horton from "Horton Hears a Who," Valentin Palacio is the Grinch, and Isabella Horn is a fish from "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: PAOLA MORAN RODRIGUEZ

Graduating senior Paola Moran Rodriguez has a passion for the arts, finding creativity and calm in watercolor and ceramics classes. “My favorite class has to be either watercolor or ceramics,” she said. “I was able to destress from all of my other classes.”

Moran Rodriguez credits Western Nevada College dual enrollment instructors Jill Oglesbee and Jeanne Evatt for making her feel comfortable expressing herself. “I would like to thank both of my art teachers, Mrs. O and Mrs. Jeanne, for creating an environment in which I was comfortable expressing myself freely,” she said.

Her favorite memories at Oasis Academy include spending time with students who shared her appreciation for art and music. Starting as a freshman in 2021, Moran Rodriguez balanced high school and college classes. “My time at Oasis has been interesting,” she said. “The classes gave me so much freedom in comparison to ‘normal’ high school classes.”

She also thanked Counselor Andy Lenon for helping her with scholarships and encouraging her creative career path.

Moran Rodriguez will graduate in May with both a high school diploma and an associate of arts degree from Western Nevada College. She plans to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to study jewelry design, with the goal of starting her own business.

As advice for future students, she added: “If anyone tells you that senior year is easier than junior year, they are lying if you plan on working on scholarships.”

For Paola’s full Senior Spotlight, find the story in the online edition this weekend.

BIGHORNS SET TO PLAY APRIL 9 ACES STADIUM

For the second year in a row the Bighorns Baseball team will be playing at Greater Nevada Field in Reno. The game will be on Wednesday, April 9 with the first pitch at 7 p.m. It will be a league game with the team playing Pershing County. “We are incredibly proud to have our Bighorns baseball team return to Greater Nevada Field for the second consecutive year,” said Rochelle Tisdale, high school principal. “This opportunity not only showcases their skills but also provides them with a unique experience playing at a professional stadium.” Admission will be \$5 for adults with students and staff of both schools free.

2025 SCIENCE EXPOSITION PLACEMENT RIBBONS

On Thursday, February 27 the second annual Oasis Academy Science Fair was held in the Gorman’s space. Students submitted 170 projects:

- Best of Show** - Jacob Pilariski
- Class Projects Grades 1-2** - 1st place Mrs. Sara Peixoto’s class
- Class Projects Grades 3-4** - 1st place Mrs. Racquel Feest’s class, 2nd place Mrs. Rebecca Farley’s class
- Grades 1-2 Student Projects** - 1st place Natalie Laca, 2nd place Thurman Hiskett, 3rd place Evelyn Sanford and Peirce Ferguson
- Grades 3-4 Demonstrations** - 1st place Jose Guzman, 2nd place Brielle Davis, 3rd place Asher Wright
- Grades 3-4 Projects** - 1st place Derrick Rule and Hamish Hill, 2nd place Wyatt Griffin and Ody Arcoraci, 3rd place Libby Antoniono
- Grades 5-6 Demonstrations** - 1st place Macady Bogdanowicz, 2nd place Sophia Derby and Emma Carrasco, 3rd place Roarie Curtis and Allyson Perez
- Grades 5-6 Projects** - 1st place Wesley Griffin, 2nd place Ellie Peixoto and Maddie Byrd, 3rd place Louise Antoniono and Lauren Rule
- Middle School Demonstrations** - 1st place Sophia Moya and Jesselle Joy Bayoneta, 2nd place Clayton Hiibel and Isabelle Anaya, 3rd place Willow Saunders
- Middle School Projects** - 1st place Neel Bhakta and Keagan Craig, 2nd place Janie Irving, 3rd place Pia Doyen
- Inventions** - Combined for all grades - 1st place Crew Schank, Joshua Polish, Keaton Jacques, 2nd place Mason Jardine, Wyatt Ricks, John Zulz, 3rd place Kelsey Nall, Audrey Blakemore, Marley Baglin
- High School Projects** - Tie for 1st Place Heidi Nichols and Lyannrose Goss and Brooke Manskie and AmberLyn Casey, 3rd place Meirra Cavanaugh and Reese Laca
- High School Demonstrations** - 1st place Haley Flick and Abigail Madera, Lily Smith, Preslee Merritt, Madalyn Johnson, 3rd place Stevie Hiskett

Veritas – Classical and Christian Students Shine in Annual Speech Meet

By David Ernest, Assistant Headmaster with photos courtesy of Veritas

On March 4th and 5th, students at Veritas participated in the annual Speech Meet. Kindergarten through 8th-grade students prepared individual speeches in various styles and covered a wide range of topics. Each speech had to be memorized and presented before a panel of judges, who awarded points and determined first, second, and third-place winners for each grade level. The content, length, and complexity of the speeches varied by grade. While Kindergarteners memorized short excerpts, 7th and 8th graders were required to write and present original speeches, which could be several pages long. First-place winners from each class were invited to present their speeches at the Night Under the Stars event on March 7.

Beyond fostering language skills and memorization, the Speech Meet helps students develop confidence in public speaking. Classical Christian

education places a strong emphasis on communication skills, including logic, debate, and persuasive argumentation—areas that many adults feel were underdeveloped in their own education. The Speech Meet introduces students to these essential skills from a young age, preparing them for future academic and professional success.

2024–2025 VERITAS SPEECH MEET RESULTS

Kindergarten:

- 1st: Dante Garcia
- 2nd: Anders Schilling
- 3rd: Grayson Cordova

1st Grade:

- 1st: Audrey Schilling
- 2nd: Brighton deBraga
- 3rd: Harlow Felloney

2nd Grade:

- 1st: Aaron Ernst
- 2nd: Brayden Wiberg
- 3rd: Bristol Brodersen

3rd/4th Grade:

- 1st: Clara Ernst
- 2nd: Mercedes Martinez
- 3rd: Brantley Wiberg

5th/6th Grade:

- 1st: Liam Buller
- 2nd: Vincent Lewellen
- 3rd: Madeleine LaValley

7th/8th Grade:

- 1st: Jonathan Oranebo
- 2nd: Faith Oranebo
- 3rd: Sonora McInturff

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication!



R to L: Grades 3-4 winners Clara Ernst, Mercedes Martinez, and Brantley Wiberg.

Logos Celebrates Reading and 100 Days of School



Read Across America Week

Logos

Story and photos courtesy of Logos

Logos joined schools across the country to celebrate Read Across America Week. The week was packed with dress-up days and special events, showing students just how fun reading can be.

On “Green Eggs and Ham” Day, Mrs. Nyrandia’s kindergarten class invited their first and second-grade friends to share a whimsical feast of—you guessed it—green eggs and ham. One of the most memorable characters was eighth-grader Maddie, who wowed everyone with her Lorax costume, complete with a fluffy Truffula tree. Her creativity brought Dr. Seuss’s beloved character to life.

Wacky Wednesday cranked up the fun even more with mismatched socks, wild hairstyles, and plenty of giggles.

In the midst of all this excitement, Logos also marked the 100th day of school—a milestone that left many wondering where the time went. Students and staff had fun dressing up as centenarians or in outfits inspired by 100 years ago, embracing the theme with enthusiasm.

The day was packed with hands-on activities to celebrate. Kindergarteners eagerly threaded 100 Fruit Loops onto necklaces, with help from special guest Mrs. Heath, practicing their counting by tens along the way. Meanwhile, Mrs. Jeana’s class took on the challenge of counting out 100 of all kinds of things—from bright crayons to tiny granules of sugar—sharing their collections with the whole school.

“Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.” Proverbs 23:12

SPORTS ROUND UP

Outlaws Strike Gold at Rocky Mountain Rumble

Story and photos courtesy of Fallon Outlaws

The Fallon Outlaws Wrestling Club made a strong showing at the Rocky Mountain Nationals Rumble in Reno late last month, competing against 2,500 wrestlers from 29 states. The tournament was the club's toughest test of the season. The Outlaws finished 12th out of more than 180 teams.

Congratulations to those who medaled: Who earned a gold and silver medal; Emmet, who won a gold medal and placed fourth; Zayden, who earned two silver medals; and Raymond, who took home a silver medal and placed fifth. Hudson, Landon, Zack, and Cole each earned bronze medals.

Harleigh finished with two fourth-place wins, while Breyson and Tyrese also took fourth. Bartell, Remi, Wyatt, and Nihoa earned fifth-place finishes. Christian, Clay, and Kypton came home with sixth-place wins.

Great job, wrestlers!



Olsen Earns Third Place Medal at Lucky Starz Invitational



Olivia pictured third from left. Photo courtesy of Star Olsen.

Staff Report

Fallon gymnast Olivia Olsen delivered a strong performance at the Lucky Starz Invitational, held March 7-9 in Las Vegas, showcasing an updated floor routine. Competing against gymnasts from Texas and Arizona, Olsen secured a third-place finish while enjoying the experience of facing out-of-state athletes. Olivia is part of Fallon's TOPGUN Gymnastics competition team and is in 5th grade at Numa Elementary.

Great job, Olivia!

GREENWAVE YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB



Greenwave Takes 3rd Place Out of 29 Teams!

Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club not only celebrated individual success but also made a statement as a team, securing an impressive 3rd place out of 29 teams competing at the tournament. This remarkable achievement highlights the strength of the program, the dedication of its athletes, and the exceptional guidance of its coaching staff.

Honoring Greenwave's 8th-Grade All-Stars

Cooper Gubler and Alijah Juarez have been standout athletes in the Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club, demonstrating exceptional commitment, leadership, and sportsmanship. Their dedication to the sport, both in training

and competition, earned them special recognition at the regional tournament—an honor that reflects years of hard work on and off the mat.

Gubler is known for his relentless determination, technical precision, and ability to adapt to any opponent. His discipline and resilience have made him a formidable competitor and an inspiring leader among his teammates.

Juarez has equally distinguished himself, bringing strength, agility, and a fierce competitive spirit to every match. His dedication to the sport and his willingness to mentor younger wrestlers have set a high standard for excellence in the program.

Both athletes exemplify the values of Greenwave Youth Wrestling—hard work, respect, and perseverance—and their recognition at the SWA Regional Tournament is a testament to their commitment.

A New Era for Greenwave Wrestling

This achievement comes at a pivotal time for the program, as Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club now operates out of its very own facility. This new space not only allows the club to expand its wrestling program but also offers youth fitness and workout programs, furthering its commitment to fostering strength, discipline, and healthy lifestyles for local youth.

"We are beyond proud of Cooper, Alijah, and all of our wrestlers," said Wendy Bullock. "Having our own building means we can offer more opportunities for kids in our community to

grow, both in wrestling and in overall fitness. This is just the beginning for Greenwave Youth Wrestling."

With a new home, a growing program, and a community of dedicated athletes, Greenwave Youth Wrestling Club is stronger than ever. As they continue to build champions on and off the mat, one thing is clear—the future is bright for Greenwave Wrestling!



COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen Lesser-Known St. Patty's Day Meals



By Kelli Kelly

Fun Fact - did you know that very little corned beef is consumed in Ireland? Historically, the Irish raised cattle and made corned beef to sell to British civilians, the British and American military, and for export to France. The Irish couldn't afford to eat the beef they were raising—they predominantly consumed pork and lamb. After mass migration to the United States, cheaper beef prices allowed more access and drove corned beef consumption amongst the Irish lower class. While corned beef is the king of St. Patty's Day celebrations in the United States, more historically accurate entree choices include Shepherd's Pie and Irish Stew.

Shepherd's Pie

Adapted from Tom Aikens

Filling Ingredients:

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| 2 tbsp. | Vegetable oil |
| 3 lbs. | Ground lamb |
| | Kosher salt |
| | Freshly ground black pepper |
| 2 tbsp. | Unsalted butter |
| 1 large | Onion, cut into 1/3-inch dice |
| 2 medium | Turnips, peeled and cut into 1/3-inch dice |
| 2 large | Carrots, cut into 1/3-inch dice |
| 2 large | Celery ribs, cut into 1/3-inch dice |
| 4 cloves | Garlic, minced |
| 1 tbsp. | Thyme leaves |
| 1/4 cup | Water |
| 2 T | Tomato paste |
| 1/4 cup, plus 1 tbsp. | All-purpose flour |
| 1 quart | Beef stock |

Topping Ingredients:

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| 1/2 cup | milk |
| 1/2 cup | heavy cream |
| 3 tbsp. | unsalted butter, softened |
| 2 tbsp. | extra-virgin olive oil |
| 1 (3-inch) | rosemary sprig |
| 1 | bay leaf |
| 2 | thyme sprigs |
| | Freshly grated nutmeg |
| 2 1/2 lbs. | baking potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks |
| 3 large | garlic cloves, halved |
| | Kosher salt |
| | Freshly ground black pepper |

Directions:

- Set a colander over a bowl. In a large enameled cast-iron casserole, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the lamb, season with salt and pepper, and brown over high heat, stirring occasionally, 8 minutes. Transfer the lamb to the colander; wipe out the casserole.
- Melt the butter in the casserole. Add the onion, turnips, carrots, celery, garlic, thyme, and water, and season with salt and pepper. Cover and cook over moderately low heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are just tender, about 15 minutes.
- Return the lamb to the casserole. Stir in the tomato paste and cook for 1 minute. Sprinkle with the flour and cook for 1 minute.



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



Photo courtesy of Tom Aikens.

Pour in the stock and bring to a boil. Simmer over low heat, stirring, until the sauce has thickened, 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer the lamb to 8 (1 1/2-cup) ramekins or gratin dishes. Let cool.

- In a medium saucepan, combine the milk, cream, butter, oil, rosemary, bay leaf, thyme, and a pinch of nutmeg, and bring to a boil. Remove from the heat and let stand for 20 minutes.
- Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 400°F. In a large saucepan, cover the potatoes with water. Add the garlic and a large pinch of salt and bring to a boil. Cook over moderately high heat until the potatoes are tender, 12 minutes; drain. Return the potatoes and garlic to the saucepan and shake over high heat until dry. Pass the potatoes and garlic through a ricer into a large bowl. Strain the milk mixture over the potatoes and stir it in. Season with salt and pepper.
- Spread the mashed potatoes over the lamb. Bake in the upper third of the oven for 20 minutes, until the filling is bubbling. Preheat the broiler. Broil 4 inches from the heat for 2 minutes, until browned. Let rest for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Rachel Allen's Irish Stew

Ingredients:

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| 3 1/3 lbs. | lamb chops from the neck or shoulder, still on the bone, cut about 3/4 inch thick |
| 3 tbsp. | extra-virgin olive oil |
| 3 | carrots, cut into thick slices at an angle |
| 12 | baby onions, |
| | Salt and freshly ground black pepper |
| 1 2/3 cups | chicken stock |
| 8 to 12 | potatoes, peeled, and halved if very large |
| | Sprig of thyme |
| 1 tbsp. | chopped fresh parsley |
| 1 tbsp. | snipped fresh chives |

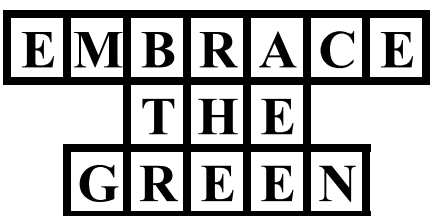
Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 325°F.
- Cut the chops in half, but keep the bones intact as they will give great flavor. Heat the olive oil in a medium to large Dutch oven or flameproof casserole. Toss in the meat and cook for a minute on both sides, until nice and brown. Remove the meat and set aside. Add the carrots and onions to the hot oil and cook for a couple of minutes, seasoning with salt and pepper. Return the meat to the pot. Add the stock and bring to a boil. Put the potatoes in, season again with salt and pepper, and place a sprig of thyme on top.
- Cover and bake in the oven for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until the meat is very tender. When it is cooked, pour off the cooking liquid and allow it to sit for a minute until the fat floats to the top; adding a cube of ice will help speed this up. Spoon off the fat and pour the juices back over the stew. Add the chopped herbs and serve.



Crossword

By Peanut

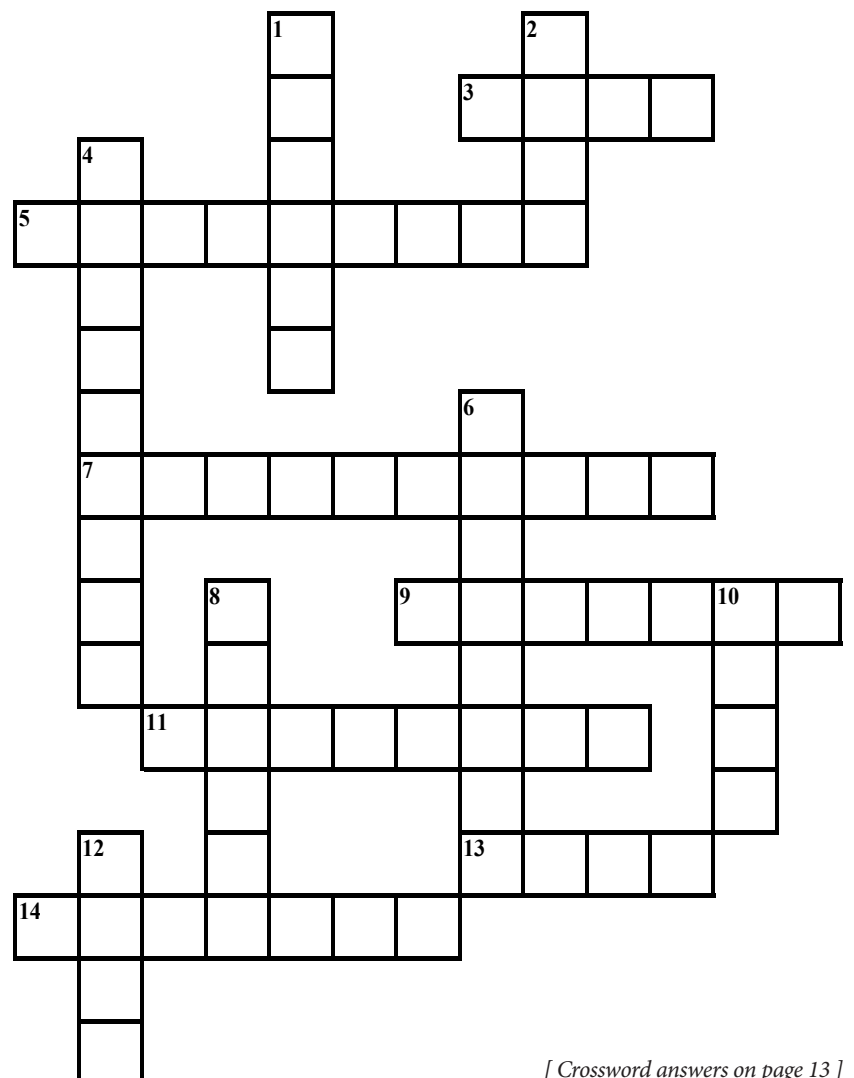


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- Amphibian
- Dip
- Irish legend
- Irish Isles
- Edible florets
- Otter's bed
- Salad ingredient

Down

- Lizard
- Sycamore
- Aloe vera
- Irish clover
- Bird
- Citrus
- Bosc



[Crossword answers on page 13]

COLUMNS

Allison's Book Report

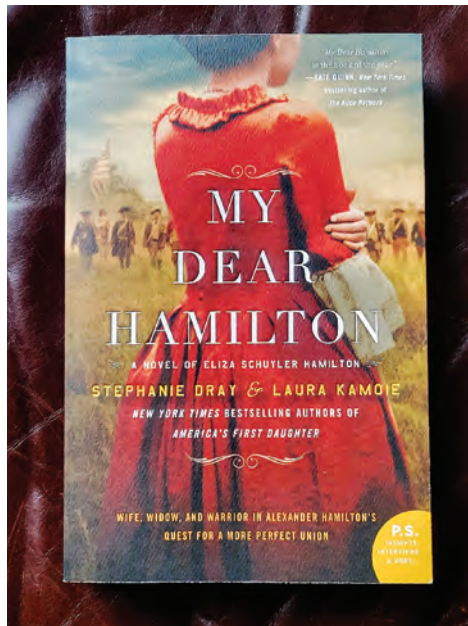
"My Dear Hamilton"

by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

During the pandemic, Disney+ released their recording of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Broadway musical, Hamilton, and my (then much littler) girls were instantly obsessed. For years now, barely a day has passed that someone in this house hasn't been singing or quoting the show. My youngest daughter's dog is even named Eliza after Hamilton's wife, who, if you ask me, is the real "star of the show" - and whose fascinating life is the topic of many works of historical fiction, including this week's book.

"My Dear Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie is a beautifully written historical novel that brings Eliza Schuyler Hamilton—Alexander Hamilton's wife—into the spotlight. Often remembered only as the wife of one of America's Founding Fathers, Eliza's story is one of resilience, sacrifice, and strength, and this novel does a fantastic job of showing just how remarkable she truly was.

The book is told from Eliza's perspective, tracing her life from her privileged upbringing as a general's daughter in Revolutionary America to her later years as a widow working tirelessly to preserve her husband's legacy. Along the way, we see her as a passionate young woman who falls in love with the brilliant but flawed Alexander Hamilton. Their love story is full of highs and lows—his ambition, political battles, and even scandal threaten their marriage—but through it all, Eliza remains a steadfast and intelligent woman in her own right.



The novel doesn't shy away from the darker moments of Eliza's life, including betrayal, personal losses, and the infamous Reynolds Affair, which rocked her marriage. But what makes this story so compelling is Eliza's transformation. She is not just a supporting character in Alexander's story—she is a leader, a mother, and a fierce advocate for the causes she believes in. After his tragic death in a duel, Eliza refuses to let her husband be forgotten. She spends the rest of her life shaping his legacy, founding charities, and fighting for historical truth.

Dray and Kamoie weave historical facts with emotional depth, making Eliza's journey feel incredibly real. The novel is rich with period details, from the Revolutionary War to the early days of American democracy, making it perfect for history lovers and fans of the musical alike. Ultimately, "My Dear Hamilton" is a moving tribute to a woman who played a crucial role in shaping American history—one who deserves to be remembered for her own incredible achievements.

Cue the tears as I remember the finale from the musical. If you know, you know - if you don't, go watch the show and grab a copy of this book. As usual, don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader and give me a follow for more fun book talk.

Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.

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IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL

In the Matter of the Petition of: JESSE J. GONZALEZ for the adoption of:

MAKAYLA KRISTINE-ROSE KONTNY,

An Adult.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change the applicant's name from MAKAYLA KRISTINE-ROSE KONTNY to MAKAYLA KRISTINE-ROSE GONZALEZ.

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing her name for a fraudulent purpose. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

DATED: March 5, 2025. MAKAYLA K-R KONTNY Petitioner, In Pro Per

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CITY OF FALLON NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF COPIES AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT BILL NO. 802

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, to consider possible adoption of Bill No. 802.

Bill No. 802, if adopted as an Ordinance, will accomplish the following: An Ordinance amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code, Title Five, Chapter 5.52, "Gaming Licenses," by amending Section 5.52.040 by removing the no fewer than sixty guestrooms requirement before the issuance of a nonrestricted gaming license and related exception provisions thereto; amending Section 5.52.050 to address the effect of discontinuation of nonrestricted gaming for twenty-four months; amending Section 5.52.060 by removing the process that allows a restricted or nonrestricted gaming license to be transferred by making an application to the Chief of Police and requiring the application to be approved by a majority vote of the city council; amending other terms to create consistency throughout; and other matters properly related thereto.

Notice is hereby further given that copies of Bill No. 802 have been deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for public examination and distribution upon request. Members of the public may request a copy of the Bill by contacting Elsie Lee, Deputy City Clerk, at 775-423-5104 or elee@fallonnevada.gov.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RSOQ)

The City of Fallon (City) is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from consultants interested in providing Airport Architectural Consultant services for the demolition and reconstruction a new Fixed Base Operations (FBO) Center at the Fallon Municipal Airport, including associated site and utility work.

The objective of the request is to select a highly qualified team of full-service Architectural design expertise capable of producing documents for design, bidding and construction in accordance with FAA standards. The City intends to select and enter into a contract with a single Consultant (firm or a team of firms), to provide the above noted services. The contract time shall begin upon entering into the master service agreement with selected firm; anticipated third quarter of 2025. The Statements of Qualifications submitted, and possible consultant interviews, shall serve as the basis for selection.

Digital Statement of Qualifications for ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES For Fallon Municipal Airport shall be delivered via email to bbyrd@fallonnevada.gov until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. local time. A hard copy can be delivered to the City of Fallon Administrative Offices at 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, NV 89406. Consultants should follow up email submittal with a phone call to verify receipt. Brian Byrd can be reached at 775-423-6774. Any Statement of Qualifications received after this time will be considered non-responsive.

Digital copies of the REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS may be obtained via email at no cost by contacting Public Works Director Brian Byrd at bbyrd@fallonnevada.gov.

RSOQ documents obtained from any source other than the Public Works Director's Office may not be accurate or complete and each respondent assumes all risks by its reliance on such documents. A respondent who has not obtained RSOQ documents from the Public Works Director's Office will not be notified of Addenda issued by the City, which could contain material changes thereto.

A pre-submittal site meeting will be held at the Fallon Municipal Airport located on Rio Vista Drive, at 10:00 AM, local time on March 25, 2025.

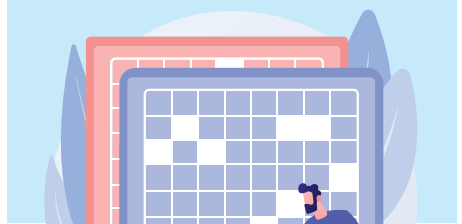
Questions regarding this request should be directed to Brian Byrd, Public Works Director, at 775-423-6774, or email to bbyrd@fallonnevada.gov, by close of business on April 4, 2025. Information in response to inquiries may be published as an RSOQ Addendum.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

- BROCCOLI LETTUCE
EMERALD LIME
FROG PARROT
GUACAMOLE PEAR
IGUANA SHAMROCK
KELP SUCCULENT
LEPRECHAUN TREE



COLUMNS

Postcards Boom or Bust

By Michon Mackedon

The mythology of the Old West is filled with ghosts and ghost towns. Towns sprang up, literally overnight, as gold veins were discovered close by, then were deserted as the ore dwindled or richer veins beckoned settlers onward to a more promising horizon. Fallon, too, seemingly sprang up overnight, and nearby mining strikes kept the town hopping in the early years, but rather than fade from view, the town persisted and grew, thanks in part to the Newlands Project, but also thanks to an almost inexplicable business growth, even during rough times, and a local optimism and hardiness that still characterizes our community.

To unpack this thought, I turned to an article that I wrote for the 1995-96 edition of In Focus, titled "1906: The Way We Were." If you have read any of my previous "Postcards" you know that I like to pour through old newspapers, and for the 1906 article, I did just that in hopes of gaining insight into what made the town successfully tick at such an early time in its history. All the makings of a bust economy were in place, yet the town boomed. Why?

What do I call markings a bust economy? For one, there was a heavy reliance on a mining economy. New mines were discovered in Churchill County at Fairview, Wonder, Eastgate, Sand Springs and a myriad of other locations with names like Shady Run, Conte Cristo, and Hercules. Tent cities arose from the barren ground, soon to become ghost towns when hopes were exhausted. Yet, Fallon businessmen were savvy enough to promote Fallon as the stable source of goods. Burchell Brothers Hardware store in Fallon advertised in bold letters: "MR, PROSPECTOR: before going to Sand Springs or Fairview call and

see us. We sell picks, shovels and all kinds of camp equipment for your trip." Another hallmark of a bust economy is the proliferation of saloons, profitable in the exhilaration of gold or silver fever, but subject to sudden bankruptcy when the fever abated. Early Fallon, indeed, experienced that phenomenon. In 1906, seven Saloons advertised in the Standard: The Barrel House, The River Saloon, the Palm Saloon, the Richelieu Saloon, the Reception Saloon, the Palace Saloon and Club Rooms, and the Assembly. That number never decreased although the names were changed, indicating that the barroom clientele was more diversified than it was in the typical boom/bust scenario.

The real clue to why Fallon didn't "bust" can be found in a comment made by W.C. Black, the editor of the Standard, in March 1906. He had personally undertaken a door-to-door survey to ascertain the population of the community (within the town limits) and while his unofficial head count was 398, he maintained that the

town seemed much livelier than the numbers would suggest. "...our little town liberally supports two newspapers, five doctors, two dentists, three lawyers, two banks, three general merchandisers, one dry goods store, and other business attributes that usually go to make up a town several times our size." It seems that Fallon had taken on a sustainable life of its own before it could fail due to temporary booms. In addition, many of the establishments mentioned by Black invested early on in permanent structures, which fly in the face of any overnight abandonment. In 1906, stone buildings

were under construction to house a commercial bank, a lodging house, and a brewing company. Bids went out for a brick-and-mortar high school and a stone Baptist Church. Maine Street was surveyed for the installation of cement sidewalks. Electricity and water were put in place.

The ghosts would have to find a different town. Please send your stories, suggestions, and comments to mackedon@phonewave.net



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