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## Earthquake Near Yerington Shakes Northern Nevada

By Robert Perea

The children at Building Blocks Daycare in Yerington were enjoying their afternoon snack when the building started shaking Monday afternoon.

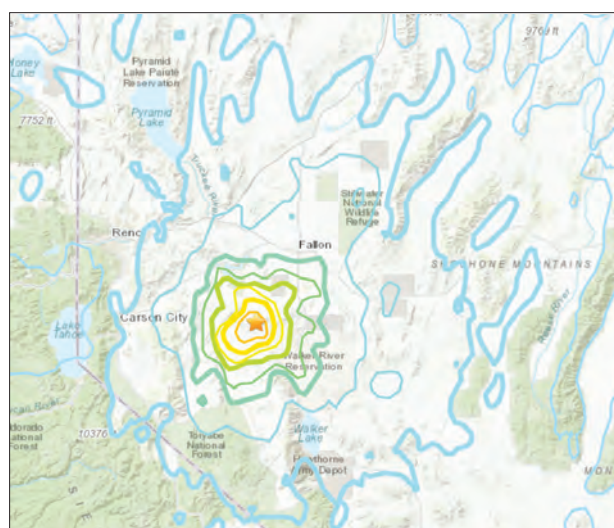
Then a few Christmas decorations and other trinkets started falling off the shelves.

No injuries or damage had yet been reported as of 10 p.m. Monday after an earthquake struck at 3:08 p.m. about 14 miles north-northeast of Yerington, near the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area. The U.S. Geological Survey initially estimated the quake at magnitude 5.8, while the Nevada Seismological Laboratory estimated it at 5.7.

A swarm of small aftershocks followed the earthquake. The USGS recorded 21 earthquakes of magnitude 2.5 or greater in the first six and a half hours after the first quake.

While no serious damage had yet been reported, several residents in the Yerington

area reported items falling off shelves and breaking, and there was an unconfirmed report of a crack in the band room at Yerington High School. Lyon County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mitch Brantingham and Lyon County Emergency Management



From USGS.gov.

Director Taylor Allison each said there were no significant reports of damage beyond minor reports of pictures falling off of walls.

"Our folks will continue to keep an eye out for any damages and impacts throughout the week," Allison said.

JoElla Whitesides, owner of Building Blocks Daycare, was one of the residents who had items knocked off shelves. At the daycare on S. Center St., she said trinkets and Christmas decorations fell and were broken. At her home in the Sunset Hills area north of Yerington and closer to the epicenter, she said trinkets on a shelf and candlesticks on a credenza were knocked off and broken.

Whitesides grew up in Fairbanks, AK, so she has felt her fair share of earthquakes. However, she said she was surprised that the children at the daycare seemed completely unbothered.

"They were not too fazed one bit," she said.

## Greenwave Plant Systems Students Receive Grant

Story and photos by Rachel Dahl

With the help of Christy Sullivan from Lahontan Conservation District, the Greenwave Plant Systems Class at Churchill County High School has received a grant through the Nevada Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant from the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation.

The Plant Systems class was begun in the fall semester of 2023. Jaime Sammons, who has Two Ravens Farms with her husband and is famous for its rare peppers, was hired to teach the course.

Plant Systems class is offered to all students as a Career & Technical Education (CTE) course, which provides skills and knowledge applicable to specific jobs or fields of work, providing an alternative to college. Before initiating the Plant Systems class in 2023, the campus greenhouse was inactive and in a state of disrepair. The class with access to outdoor growing spaces offers opportunities to students that they did not previously have. In 2024, a second Plant Systems class was added, giving the students the benefit of an introductory and advanced class, and importantly, the classes have been approved as a science elective.

"The classes fill up quickly," Sammons said. There are 25 students in the Introduction class, and the Advanced class has 20 students.

Students in Sammons' classes also get to explore the various uses of plants, exploring art projects using ink made from walnuts. "They also made skin care products and hot sauce," she said.



Jaime Sammons with her students in the Plant Systems class.

The school has two 40-foot Agra-Tec greenhouses that sat empty for a few years. "The class is repairing and upgrading as we can," Sammons said, "we have a small outdoor area with raised beds that we plant and harvest vegetables and seeds from. The area also has an active compost bin that students even bring scraps from home to fill." Having this space encourages students to work together on watering, weeding, and harvesting.

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log

## Early Mornings

By Rachel Dahl

Excuse me, could someone please come get their weather? This is ridiculous.

My kids in North Dakota are warmer than we are this morning. My nose hairs are frozen. My fingers are frozen – yes, I was wearing gloves. And my toes are frozen. Never mind the flip-flops over my wool socks.

The water bottles in the bunny shed are not, however, frozen. So, we are enjoying that continued success.

The outside chickens appear not to be bothered by these temperatures. They are snuggled every night in their little cubbies and appear as happy as they can be. The bunny shed chickens seem a little more spoiled, though, and were quite stirred up this morning by the time I let them out.

It is pretty normal for Chester the Spectacular to be loudly calling the sun from inside the shed starting about 4 a.m., but as I filled a bucket with chicken scratch, a strange squall had me on high alert.

At first, I could not even tell where it was coming from, but it was not a normal yard sound – not a rooster, not a kitten, not a hunting owl.

Finally, the realization dawned that it was coming from inside the bunny shed, but something was off. This noise was offensive to the nerves and dreadfully off-key from the two-part rooster harmony. It was a cat, after all – the desperate plea of a rowdy boy cat trapped with fowl and small mammals overnight had me off guard for a minute. Not a sound I was expecting at all.

Apparently, Mikey was hunting in the shed when I locked everyone in. He spent the night with five hens, two roosters, and eleven bunnies, emerging fairly insulted and covered in rabbit pellets and wood shavings.

Mikey and Hector, the formerly sweet little kittens, have gotten QUITE large all of a sudden, and they do not always come in every night – they have turned into really good hunters, and sometimes they are still on the prowl when I turn in at my old lady bedtime.

They are now at that funny stage where one minute they will be stalking a bird bigger than they are, and the next they are in my lap on the fake fur blanket, purring loudly as they “nurse” on a chunk of the fur and kneed their big ol’ paws into my leg like it is a momma cat.

My pretty white, faux fur TJ Maxx lap blanket has these funny tufts where some kitten was working through whatever psychology resulted from being orphaned at the Sorensen farm earlier than he should have been.

So, while we navigate the early mornings at The Boyer Bunny Ranch, strange noises and all, we’ll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.  
Rach.

— *Rach*

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Christy Sullivan with Lahontan Conservation District, Jenna Ernst and Joshua Enriquez are members of the Horticulture Club, and Jaime Sammons the teacher of the Plant Systems class.

The purpose of the grant project is to expand classroom resources. Funding will be used to purchase each student a wooden half barrel, soil, and fertilizer for growing vegetables in the greenhouses during the colder months. There will also be funding for garden hoses, watering cans, and shade cloths to allow the students to enjoy the outdoor spaces in the heat.

Last year, students successfully raised nursery-grade plants for the annual community plant sale through the Conservation District. “As the program grows, we are increasing the diversity in our annual plant sale for the community,” Sullivan said.

Sammons said that last year, students focused on heirloom vegetables, flowers, and herbs grown from seeds. “We plan to begin starting trees and shrubs, as well as native plants that could be sold to our community and local nurseries for resale. Our program has a nursery certificate through the Nevada Department of Agriculture, and finding native plants for purchase is nearly impossible in our town.”

A typical class period for Sammons and her students generally starts with a cup of tea (from herbs grown by the students) over a bit of botany in personalized science journals. Doodling is encouraged. A small experiment or demonstration usually follows, making paper from dried plants and recycled egg cartons or looking under the microscope at the aphids found in cottonwood galls, for example.

“If it’s Wednesday, we go for a ‘Weed of the Week Walk’ around campus to identify and remove weeds from the school grounds.

If it’s Friday, we usually have snacks before heading to the greenhouses,” she said. The Plant Systems students have also started a Horticulture Club and meet regularly under Sammons’ guidance.

The grant will be implemented beginning in 2025. The planting barrels will be an asset that will continue to benefit students as they can be used every year with just a refresh of the topsoil. Students will also be involved with the grant, helping with quarterly reporting by describing their growing successes and the annual plant sale.

“As the program and outdoor space expands, it is becoming a place that all students at the high school come to experience nature,” Sammons said. “We hope that our gardens and greenhouses eventually become a display area that other schools in our district come to enjoy and learn from as well.”

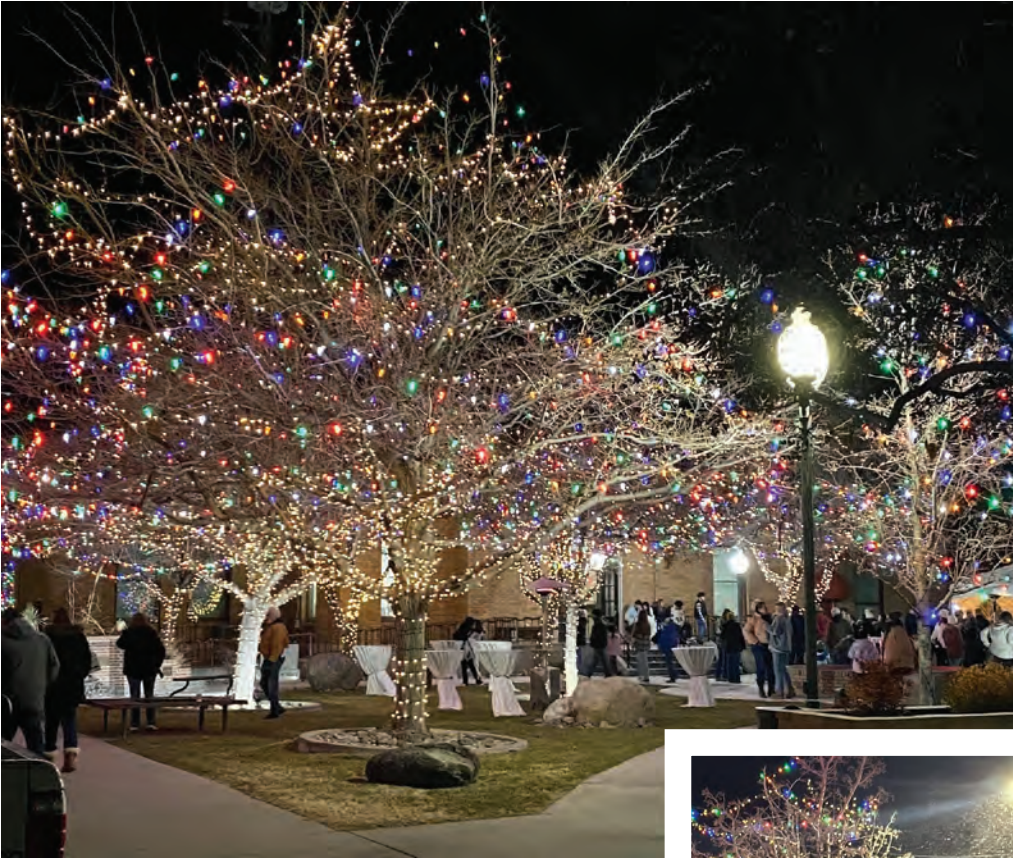
“Lahontan Conservation District (LCD) and the State Conservation Districts Program are thrilled to be involved in this project. Jaime has accomplished so much already with this class using limited resources, and LCD is excited to help expand their resources,” Sullivan said. “LCD will provide funding for grant purchases up front and handle the grant fiscal management and reimbursement process with the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation. LCD will also team up with the Plant Systems Class to join their annual tree and shrub sale to the students’ plant sale.”

“They call this a non-traditional learning class,” Sammons said. “I wish every kid had to take it. This is important. This is Fallon values.”



FEATURES

# The Christmas Season Begins in Fallon



City Hall Courtyard, courtesy Cherilee Sorensen.



Tree Lighting, courtesy of Rachel Dahl.



Ice Skating, courtesy of Cherilee Sorensen.



Dawna and Don Johnson with Mayor Tedford, courtesy Ann Setty Roosevelt. They pushed the plunger to light the tree at the 95th tree lighting ceremony and they are both 95.



Fireworks, courtesy Heather Cobb.

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## Churchill County School District Honored at NASB

Submitted by CCSD. Photo courtesy of CCSD.

Board members and staff of the Churchill County School District were honored at the Nevada Association of School Boards meeting recently. NASB Veteran School Board Member of the Year was presented to Trustee Matt Hyde, NASB Board Secretary or Administrative Assistant or Other Board Support Staff Person of the Year was awarded to Selena Gomes, and NASB District-Level Administrator of the Year Impacting Student Achievement was presented to Dr. Sue Segura.

### Births

**Alessandro Rafael Badilla-Godinez**  
born Oct. 21 to Pamela Badilla-Godinez and Ramses Badilla, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz., measuring 19 1/2 inches.

**Jett Woodruff Watchman**  
born Nov. 26 to Ara Marie Watchman, weighing 9 lbs. 11 oz., measuring 20 3/4 inches.

*Congratulations!*



## Molly & the Jolly Holly Band

This family and friends Christmas show will take place on Dec. 15 at the Barkley Theatre at the Oats Park Art Center. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m., and the show will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at Fallon City Hall for \$5 a person

## Nevada Division of Water Resources Hosts Public Listening Session on Water Issues in Fallon

Staff Report

The Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) and the State Engineer will host a public listening session on December 17, 2024, in Fallon, Nevada. This session invites community members to share comments, offer suggestions, and ask questions about water-related issues in the area. Community feedback is essential in helping the State Engineer and NDWR address Nevada's water needs effectively.

As part of a state-wide effort to engage the public in water resource management, NDWR is hosting listening sessions to discuss challenges and strategies for managing Nevada's critical water resources. With its distinct hydrologic setting, Fallon exemplifies the complex demands placed on surface and groundwater supplies to meet municipal, domestic, industrial, and agricultural needs. Community participation is strongly encouraged.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, from 5-7 p.m., at the Barrel House (formerly the Multi-Purpose Building), 225 Sheckler Road in Fallon. For additional information, call 775-684-2800.

### MEETINGS

## December 16-20, 2024

Fallon City Council Meeting  
Thursday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
55 W. Williams Ave.

CCSD Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, Dec 18, 5:30 p.m.  
District Office  
690 S. Maine St.

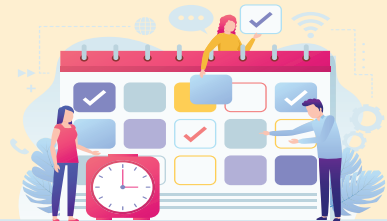
Insurance Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1:30 p.m.  
CC Complex Room 102  
155 N. Taylor St.

Cemetery Board  
Thursday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.  
CC Complex Room 136  
155 N. Taylor St.

Regional Transportation Commission  
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m.  
CC Complex Room 102  
155 N. Taylor St.

Library Board of Trustees  
Thursday, Dec. 19, 3 p.m.  
Commission Chambers  
155 N. Taylor St.

Board of County Commissioners  
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1:15 p.m.  
Commission Chambers  
155 N. Taylor St.



### WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Dec. 10, 2024, at 6:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	127,000 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	2.05 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	0.00 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	0.00 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	28.6 cfs

Dec. 9, 2024	Dec. 9, 2023	Dec. 9, 2022
121,535 acre feet	208,684 acre feet	22,793 acre feet

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



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Obituary

LLOYD DENNIS VERMILLION  
June 29, 1943-November 27, 2024



Lloyd Dennis Vermillion, 81, passed peacefully on November 27, 2024, surrounded by many loving family members. He was born June 29, 1943, at his grandparents' farm in Sparks, Oklahoma, to William Lloyd and Geraldine Vermillion. At the time, his father was in the European Theater for World War II and, within a year, was killed in action in France.

In 1960, Dennis enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served nine and a half years. He thoroughly enjoyed his Navy career working as an Aviation Metalsmith. Serving aboard multiple aircraft carriers, his career was spent on the West Coast, Whidbey Island, WA, and several bases in California. He also did three tours in Vietnam, one in country, and two aboard aircraft carriers in the South China Sea.

After leaving the service, Dennis had several careers: car and heavy-duty equipment mechanic,

as well as heavy-duty operator, aircraft maintenance contractor for the U.S. Navy, and owning/driving commercial trucks. His love of cars never waned, which made him an excellent auto mechanic. He was the pro-typical shade tree mechanic.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 47 years, Debbie; daughter Shari; son Brent (Danielle); son John (Britt); nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister Leisa (Art); and Uncle Troy Knoch. He is also survived by many other caring family members. In his retirement years, he especially enjoyed adventures with his grandsons, Chase and Ryder.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a caring friend to all, and never met a stranger. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Dennis.

**PET OF THE WEEK**

*Pets*

**Available for Adoption**

**Nanook (D-886)**

This is Nanook (D-886). This Husky mix is around five years old and ended up at the shelter because his owner passed away. He is an active and playful boy, who is talkative and affectionate.

If you think he would make a good addition to your household, check him out. Visit the shelter at 1255 Airport Road. The hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Or call 775-423-2282.

Movies & More  
December 13 & 14

By Kelli Perez

Last weekend's hometown Christmas celebration with the tree lighting, carols, ice skating, fun photos with Santa and The Grinch, and a beautiful parade of lights is what makes living in a fairly small rural Nevada town so worthwhile. Our volunteers at the Fallon Theatre are incredibly grateful to be an integral, historical part of these celebrations. We always look forward to what the holidays hold as we facilitate memory-making for our incredible little community.

We're also looking forward to seeing so many of you here over the next weekend as we kick off our Eighth Annual Polar Express event. This year, however, Polar Express is also our winter holiday theme for December, with the lobby fully decorated for an immersive experience full of photo ops. Thanks to the sponsorship of our friends over at Bassham Furniture, this year is even more epic than usual, with the introduction of a 4D experience that includes sensory aspects such as vibrations, scent, mist, confetti, and more. We're excited that these special showings sold out during presale and will be full houses. Therefore, no tickets will be available at the door. However, we also have three opportunities to see the regular movie, including our fantastic hot cocoa bar and a small gift for each child.

These available showtimes will be Friday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. If you're unfamiliar with the story, "The Polar Express" tells the tale of a young boy embarking on a magical adventure to the North Pole on Christmas Eve while learning about friendship, bravery,



and the spirit of Christmas. The movie is rated G with a runtime of 1 hour and 40 minutes. Wear your comfiest pajamas, bring fluffy blankets to curl up with, and enjoy hot cocoa and holiday wonder with your families.

Looking forward to next weekend, and with Christmas fast approaching, we'll be celebrating with Whoville's favorite green nemesis. The 2018 animated "The Grinch" and the 2000 live-action "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be playing for another weekend of fun and memory-making. We hope to see you here for more free holiday fun.

If you would like to book a Marquee Message or reserve an auditorium for a party, please leave us a message at 775-423-6210 or email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

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Monday, Dec. 16

Christmas Luncheon  
Hosted by the City of Fallon

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Lemon Baked Fish  
Brown Rice  
Buttered Green Peas  
Tossed Salad  
Seasonal Fruit  
WW Bread

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Zucchini  
Colorful Salad  
Garlic Breadsticks  
Orange Mango Cup

Thursday, Dec. 19

Chicken Pot Pie  
Green Bean Salad with Feta Cheese  
Mixed Berry Cup  
WW Roll  
Smart Balance

Friday, Dec. 20

Herbed Mushroom  
French Bread Pizza  
Seafood Chowder  
Italian Green Beans  
Warm Apple Slices  
Orange Sherbet

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Monday, Dec. 16

Meatloaf  
Potatoes & Vegetables

Thursday, Dec. 19

Chili & Cornbread  
Salad & Dessert

Monday, Dec. 23

Ham Dinner, Yams  
Vegetables & Dessert

Thursday, Dec. 26

Pizza Night  
Salad & Cookies

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COMMUNITY

# From Wyoming to Nevada

## Master Chief Finds Home in the Lahontan Valley

From the Nevada Veterans Journal

CMC Monica Kuhl is the new command master chief at Naval Air Station Fallon. She considers the Lahontan Valley home because of previous assignments at the installation.

Kuhl, who grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming, finds similarities between her hometown and Fallon, which have been on opposite ends of a 25-year career. "I volunteered to come here. I enjoy Fallon," she said. "I've come here with the squadrons on numerous times."

Kuhl, who reported to Fallon on Oct. 30, said she enjoys the people, the community, and the small-town feel the area provides. "That's really what sold it to me ... the community," she added.

Not only is Fallon part of the Western way of life, but Cheyenne is also a state capital about the same size as Carson City, with 65,000 residents.

After graduating from Cheyenne's East High School almost 25 years ago, she enlisted in the Navy and has seen the world. At first, though, she saw the Navy as a way to serve her country and receive an education. "That was important to me and the reason I joined," Kuhl said of the educational opportunities.

Through the University of Maryland Global Campus, Kuhl earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication with a minor in journalism. She eventually earned a master's degree in mass communications.

For Kuhl and the other men and women who enlist, she said the sailors have the opportunity to take care of their country and families. "We provide the freedoms for them," she said.

Kuhl spent time in Iraq and then in Germany at a military hospital,



CMC Monica Kuhl. Photo courtesy of Nevada Veterans Journal.

where her section tracked the movement of injured Marines who were medically transported from Southwest Asia to a U.S. Army facility. Living in Europe allowed her to travel, and Kuhl said she loves the continent's history. On her bucket list is visiting London. She's also had the opportunity to travel to Japan, Dubai, and Bahrain, and she wants to visit Cuba, where the Navy has an installation at Guantanamo Bay.

As the command master chief and top enlisted sailor for NAS Fallon, Kuhl said she is here for the sailors. Kuhl said she wants to take care of the sailors and ensure they have everything they need to be successful in their jobs and training.

Although her assignment does not include the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center, she works with NAWDC's command master chief when there is a meal or living quarter issue.

Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), Good Conduct Medal (seven awards), the Presidential Unit Citation and campaign and service awards.

When she's at home, though, she enjoys the country life of the Lahontan Valley, and her family has raised chickens and turkeys. Kuhl said she was around animals when growing up in Wyoming. The Fallon weather is also to her liking, and she said it is definitely not as cold as Cheyenne, especially in the winter months.

Not only is Kuhl committed to her assignment at NAS Fallon, but she's excited to be part of the local community. "One of my goals is to be involved," she added.

## CCHS Intern Spotlight

Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura

I am proud to announce that our senior, James Sorensen, is working for one of our business partners, Country Creamery, inside the Grid. Country Creamery teamed up with Model Dairy and provided 1,000 ice Creams for our Back to School night in August.



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Grant Funding Available for Food Systems Business

Staff Report

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has announced that the Nevada Food Business Center is accepting applications for the first round of Business Builder Grants.

There is \$200,000 available in 2025 to fund post-production activities by food systems businesses in Nevada. The max award is \$50,000.

During the first quarter of 2025, a second opportunity for funding will be connected to the Business Builder Accelerator Education & Technical Assistance Program. Awards are from \$5,000 - \$10,000, with total available funding of \$100,000. Both funding opportunities will be offered annually from 2025-2027.

Kelli Kelly is the Agriculture and Food Systems Business Advisor for the Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and is available to provide technical assistance to businesses who may qualify - both to discuss their idea and eligibility and to assist through the application process. In order to receive assistance, businesses would need to sign up as SBDC clients at the nevadasbdc.org website, click "Request Advising," complete the New Client Intake Form, and indicate referred by "Southwest Regional Food Business Center."

"The Regional Food Business Centers are a cornerstone of USDA's food system transformation efforts, serving to help farmers, ranchers, and other food businesses access the resources and technical assistance they need to access new markets," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The Southwest Center's Business Builder Subaward program will empower the region's small and mid-sized farmers and food businesses to launch and expand their operations by establishing new revenue streams and gaining investors. This program is crucial to achieving the vision the Biden-Harris Administration and USDA have of a food system that fosters opportunities for regional food businesses and rural economies."

"We are thrilled to distribute Business Builder awards across the Southwest in



Fisk Farm herbs and bees. Photo by Stacy Fisk.

partnership with USDA, which will address the unique needs of farmers, ranchers, and food producers while strengthening local food systems with lasting impact," said Tracy Celio, Program Manager for the Southwest Regional Food Business Center.

In May 2023, USDA awarded \$360 million to finalists to establish 12 Regional Food Business Centers, including a National Intertribal Food Business Center, to provide essential local and regional food systems coordination, technical assistance, and capacity building. These centers assist small and mid-sized producers and food and farm businesses create a more resilient, diverse, and competitive food system. The Southwest Regional Food Business Center, led by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, works to accelerate a resilient, diverse, and competitive local and regional food system by improving opportunities for food and farm businesses across its four-state region.

The USDA Southwest Regional Food Business Center has allocated \$4.1 million for its Business Builder program and will distribute competitive and non-competitive awards. This funding is distributed through annual or semi-annual state-level competitive programs and offers awards linked to technical assistance on an annual or rolling basis, depending on the state.

The Center will distribute non-competitive awards to farms and food businesses in California, Nevada, and Utah. These Technical

Assistance-linked awards will provide individualized assistance to eligible farm and food businesses to enhance viability and competitiveness within their local and regional food systems. Technical Assistance-linked awards will be offered on an annual or rolling basis, depending on the state, with awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Competitive awards of up to \$100,000 will be open to farms and food businesses with gross annual sales of less than \$1 million. These awards will align with state-specific priorities, ranging from increasing production capacity for small and mid-sized producers to increasing the availability of infrastructure.

Across all pools of funding, the Southwest Regional Food Business Center will prioritize:

- Projects that benefit businesses located in a distressed or at-risk community
- Small farms and food businesses with gross annual sales less than \$350,000 and mid-sized farms and food businesses with gross annual sales greater than \$350,000 but less than \$1 million.

Eligible entities include (but may not be limited to):

- Agricultural producers, growers, value-added producers
- Aggregator, distributor, processor, food hub
- Cooperative, non-profit organization
- Retailer, farmers market

Kelly is available to answer questions at [kellik@unr.edu](mailto:kellik@unr.edu).

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## CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

## Kelly Receives 10-25 Years for Brutally Attacking Elderly Relative

By Teresa Moon

Kayden John Kelly, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon on Tuesday, December 3, before Judge Thomas Stockard. In September, Kelly pled guilty to Category B Felony Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim Aged 60 Years or Older.

Kelly was arrested on May 6, 2024, for attempted murder after allegedly attacking his grandmother, Robin Aguliar, with a box cutter. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford asked the court to sentence Kelly to prison for 48-180 months and to apply the sentencing enhancement regarding elderly victims, as the victim, Robin Aguliar, was over 60 at the time. "The state is requesting such a stern sentence because this case demands it," Sanford said, noting that the state understands the defendant had a horrible childhood; however, that does not justify what he did to someone who loved him, someone who was trying to give him a chance.

According to Sanford, Kelly was living with his elderly disabled grandmother, who had security cameras in the living room. Kelly asked her to go with him to the bathroom, where he grabbed her by the ponytail and slit her throat with a box cutter. He then took her cell phone and left the house. Fortunately, she had another phone that Kelly did not know about, which she used to call her sister, who sent help.

Kelly was calmly walking down the street when law enforcement officers approached – still having her blood on his hands. Sanford said the defendant wants probation, drug court, and rehabilitation, "But, unfortunately, the facts and circumstances of this case are too egregious for that opportunity, that risk for our community..." Sanford concluded with a statement Kelly made as he was slashing his grandmother's throat,



Kayden John Kelly.  
Photo courtesy of CCSO.

"You're too good for this world, and I'm a bad person."

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer stated that the state elicited an emotional response from us all. "This is a unique situation in a lot of ways," said Sommer, who sought to provide a better understanding of the context in which this event occurred, citing Kelly's seriously difficult childhood, in which his parents did not want to care for or be there for him.

According to Sommer, Kelly's first suicide attempt was at age 12, with other attempts due to his mother telling him she did not love him. He had had no supervision as a child, discipline, or love. By 13, he was a daily marijuana user, and by 16, he was addicted to meth.

This offense occurred when Kelly was 18, just barely an adult, according to the legal standard, said Sommer. "Between an atrocious home life, his substance abuse, being regularly under the influence... [Kelly] has struggled with many mental health issues." These issues are untreated, and this is no fault of his own. Kelly recognizes that what happened was terrible and should never be permitted. He was under the influence, needed help, was not in his right mind, and felt things were largely out of his control.

Sommer asked for probation on a 6-year minimum suspended sentence, that he spend the next two years in jail, and complete the Western Regional Specialty Court Program upon release. "Sending him to prison will simply ease the mind; it will not solve the problem. Regardless of the sentence this court imposes, it will not change the fact that a victim was harmed," Sommer said. "The emotion of retribution, I think, is misplaced if we focus upon that in its entirety." Sommer asked the court to "grant Mr. Kelly mercy because he has indeed taken this responsibility."

Kelly addressed the court. "I understand

that I can't be forgiven for what I've done... I'm just asking for whatever type of forgiveness I can receive... I understand it was not too good of a thing... I have mental health issues. I know it's no excuse... I'm asking for help and asking for help, but never receiving help... I feel like what I did wasn't all my fault."

Kelly's grandmother, present via Zoom, said, "I was not a good mother, but I was a wonderful grandmother. I used... all the love in my heart... and he used it against me... I know that his mother was very abusive, gave him drugs at a very young age, and did some horrible things to him... I've shown him nothing but concern and love."

"I have nightmares every night of different ways of him killing me and my mother, who is 97," Aguliar continued. "After doing it, walking around nonchalantly... telling me to just take it, like I'm just supposed to lay down and die. There was nothing in his eyes but black." She said she has tried to forgive him. "I just pray that God has mercy on him. I feel that he is a danger to himself and society and will be for a long time regardless."

The circumstances of the crime were horrific – a person over 60 years of age and feeble, applying a box cutter to her neck and slitting her throat, then taking her phone and leaving, said Stockard. He did not impose the maximum sentence of 72-180 months upon considering Kelly's lack of criminal history and other mitigating factors, including his mental health, youth, difficult childhood, and drug use. However, Stockard found that the enhancement did apply, doubling the incarceration term.

Judge Stockard sentenced Kelly to 60-150 months with an enhancement of 60-150 months for an aggregate total of 10-25 years in prison. "The penalty is substantial, but when you're done with your sentence, you're still going to be a young man," Stockard told him. "The sentence is severe, but your next chapter is going to be written by you, and I wish you the best."

Stockard remanded Kelly back to the sheriff's office for imposition of the sentence.

## Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, Dec. 3, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Nathaniel Arnold Slaamot, in custody, appeared for two probation violations. Judge Stockard ordered an evidentiary hearing for January. Slaamot received probation in February on two suspended sentences of 12–36 months for second-offense drug possession and 364 days in jail for Damage to a Prison or Jail (misdemeanor).

Richard Oliver Kinerman did not appear for a warrant hearing on an active warrant from 2018. The court ordered the warrant to remain active.

Matthew Dean Goodner, in custody, pleaded not guilty to the following six counts:

- Count I: Category D Felony of Robbery with Use of a Deadly Weapon, punishable by 2–15 years in Nevada State Prison, with a deadly weapon enhancement that could bring an additional mandatory consecutive sentence of 1–15 years.
- Count II: Category D Felony of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, punishable by 1–6 years.
- Count III: Category D Felony of Ex-Felon Not to Possess a Firearm, punishable by 1–6 years.
- Count IV: Category C Felony of Principal to the Crime of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, punishable by 1–5 years.
- Count V: Gross Misdemeanor of Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, punishable by up to 364 days in jail.
- Count VI: Category D Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, punishable by 1–6 years.
- Count VII: Category D Felony enhancement of Habitual Criminal with Five Prior Felonies, which may apply to Counts I through IV and is punishable by 5–20 years.
- Count VIII: Category A Felony enhancement of Habitual Criminal with Seven Prior Felonies, which applies to Counts I through V and is punishable by life in prison without the possibility of parole, 25 years to life, or 10 years to life.

Counts VII and VIII are decisions to be made by the court and do not require pleas from the defendant. Judge Stockard scheduled a trial for June 2–6, 2025. The court will set a criminal settlement conference, which may resolve the matter before trial.

Seth Christian Overson, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, punishable by 1–5 years in prison. The court ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for February 4.

Carlos Casillas-Morales pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sale (Methamphetamine), punishable by 1–5 years. Judge Stockard ordered a PSI and set sentencing for February 4.

Kristin Kay Scott appeared for a probation violation. At the request of Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer, an evidentiary hearing was set for January 29.

Craig Thomas Smith appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI, to which he pled guilty in September.

CCPD Sommer told the court, "Mr. Smith is here before you today, having a heavy weight on his shoulders; he knows that he is going to go to prison." Sommer asked for a minimum sentence, stating that his client has been compliant with all court orders, has been attending counseling weekly, has been employed full-time, and is taking his responsibilities seriously.

Smith told Judge Stockard, "I know I have an alcohol problem, and I'm getting help. I've got 173 days of sobriety." Judge Stockard sentenced Smith to 24–60 months in prison and imposed a fine of \$2,000. He remanded Smith to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Shane Michael Namuth appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, to which he pled guilty in September. Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported that Namuth

missed testing the previous day and tested positive for methamphetamine before his appearance in court. CCPD Sommer explained that his client could get a bed at Lighthouse Men's Shelter and asked for his client to remain out of custody and test daily. Stockard set sentencing for December 10 and remanded Namuth to custody, telling him, "If you had shown up yesterday and tested positive, I might not have remanded you into custody. There is a dishonesty in trying to avoid."

Katlie Elaine Sage appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Fraudulent Acts Concerning Gaming, to which she pled guilty in October. Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel told the court this case involves \$200. "I'm not trying to excuse Ms. Sage's conduct or condone it at all," said Noel.

"Ms. Sage is a good candidate for probation... She is taking responsibility for what she did." Judge Stockard granted Sage probation on a suspended sentence of 12–44 months and ordered her to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations.

Matthew Bernard Williams appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Challenging Someone to a Fight, to which he pled guilty on November 18. DDA Priscilla Baker asked for restitution of \$30,432.11 for the victim's medical treatment, telling the court that the parties had reached a resolution to ensure the victim would receive medical care as his injuries were due to Williams' actions. Baker consented to probation with conditions including restitution and a substance abuse evaluation. CCPD Sommer agreed, provided that the amount would be adjusted if the second surgery does not occur. Judge Stockard set restitution at \$500 monthly, granted Williams probation on a suspended 364-day jail sentence, and ordered a substance abuse evaluation.

## CONTINUANCES:

- Lester Leigh Johnson's sentencing continued until December 10.
- Hayden Paul Sibley's sentencing continued until December 10.



CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Finding Sara

Technology Trail Through the Nevada Desert Helps Bring Murder Victim Home

Story and photo by Leanna Lehman

Last March, a young woman went missing. Last seen in Lyon County on March 21, Sara Filiatraut seemed to have vanished. However, as is often the case with young independent women, it would be weeks before it became clear that something was terribly wrong.

On April 15, Robert Filiatraut filed a missing person's report in Michigan, where Sara and her family are from. Filiatraut called the Lyon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and reported that he had not heard from his daughter since March 21 – the day she was released from the Lyon County Jail in Yerington after being arrested on minor charges.

Filiatraut told deputies that Sara had not been in contact with family members since her release, nor had she been active on social media, which was unlike her. The LCSO Investigation Division immediately began searching for Sara. Little did anyone know—Sara's life had already been taken.

Detectives quickly learned Sara had been to a friend's house in Fernley on March 22. He informed investigators that during his last interaction with Sara, she used his phone to call a number with a California area code and appeared to be asking for a ride.

Two days after Sara's father reported her missing, detectives applied for a search warrant for Meta Platforms Inc. to examine Sara's Facebook account and try to ascertain her whereabouts. The results of the warrant were received in May and showed that on March 22, she had planned to meet up with a Facebook user listed under the name "Bob Dicks." A Facebook call was made at 8:15 p.m. from Sara's phone, the last known outgoing communication made from her Facebook account.

According to court documents, detectives examined Bob Dicks' profile and recognized the face in the image. The subject was a man LCSO deputies had arrested nine days prior for sexual assault in an unrelated matter—Robert Matthew Richards.

Video surveillance of Raley's parking lot in Fernley showed Sara getting into Richards' vehicle on March 22 after 8 p.m., which investigators confirmed was consistent with data retrieved from Richards' phone records. This video offered the last known sighting of Sara.

Detectives continued to follow Sara's digital footprint, which prompted a warrant to search Richards' phone records. Verizon data confirmed active cell phone activity at 8:03 p.m. on March 22, but no further cellular calls or text messages until 10:56 a.m. the following day. March 23, cell phone mapping data indicated Richards traveled to Fallon at 11:19 a.m., then continued east of Fallon at 11:53 and was in the Fallon area until 3:50 p.m. By 4:52 p.m., Richards was traveling west back to Fernley.

Following the trail of technology before them, investigators obtained a search warrant for Ford Motor Company, which yielded further historical tracking information for Richards' work vehicle. The truck's built-in GPS navigation system and the vehicle's embedded cellular device correlated with the location data pulled from Richards' phone, offering more insight into his movements.

Data confirmed that Richards' truck was in Fernley the night of March 22 and the morning of March 23, with the truck traveling to Fernley Fox Peak gas station that morning. Video surveillance later confirmed that Richards pulled up to the gas pumps and entered the store. However, no other person was with Richards or seen sitting in the truck. GPS records showed Richards then traveled east of Fallon and returned to Fernley later that evening.

An additional search warrant granted detectives physical access to Richards' phone. The photo gallery on the phone showed several pictures taken on March 23 of three abandoned military vehicles in a remote desert location. Court documents state, "There were several pictures taken in a row of the military vehicles, to include the photographer walking around, entering the vehicles, and looking into the engine compartments."

LCSO, unrelenting in their search for Sara, contacted the Churchill County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and confirmed the location of the military vehicles in Churchill County. Detectives with LCSO and



Representative photo, unrelated to the case, showing a remote desert area east of Fallon.

CCSO traveled to the area identified in the photos. A Google search warrant revealed corresponding mapping data, which helped bring investigators to what they hoped they would not find.

With the assistance of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office's Forensic Investigation Section (FIS), the team located drag marks on the ground that showed where the truck had stopped and ultimately led to a nearby pit.

Sara's body could have potentially gone unseen and unrecovered; however, investigators and deputies refused to stop searching, and she was finally

found. Searchers located the body of a deceased, unclothed female, whom they identified as Sara Filiatraut. Discovered in a remote spot hidden by a dirt bluff, "The body had been placed in a manner that would have been difficult to see from any other angles," noted court documents.

On May 23, the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office performed an autopsy and determined the cause of death was "strangulation and/or blunt force trauma." The WCRMEO also concluded that Sara was deceased when she was taken to the desert by her killer.

On May 27, detectives were able to reach Robert Richards, whom they now suspected of killing Sara. In a short phone interview, he admitted he was with Sara on the night of March 22. However, Richards told investigators that she had left his trailer when he went to the bathroom that evening. Richards was the last known person to see Sara alive.

Shortly after their conversation with Richards, detectives received a call from his employer, who said he had heard from Richards. Richards told his boss that he was being investigated for murder, that he was not going to work, and that he was "bailing out."

After months of investigating and searching across three western states, law enforcement officers apprehended Richards in Saratoga Springs, Utah, on July 29. Extradited to Nevada on November 5, Richards is being held in the Lyon County Jail on a no-bail hold for the murder of Sara Filiatraut and could potentially face the death penalty.

Richards' next scheduled court appearance is December 31 in the Canal Justice Court in Fernley.

Note: The charges against Richards are alleged. All defendants are guaranteed the constitutional right of a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.



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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

The library received a brand new sound-proof study pod, which offers many benefits for students. From being a quiet place to record something for an assignment to studying or just having a few minutes to block out the world, the pod is an excellent tool for students to eliminate distractions from the world around them and allow them the ability to truly focus. "We are so thankful for the Nevada Library Services and Technology Act (NSLA) grant provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Nevada State Library and Archives that made this happen," library specialist Holly McPherson said.

for our school each year. "We are so appreciative of this gift, and we cannot thank the VFW enough for their support and for promoting patriotism throughout the school and Fallon community," Principal Victor Schoenfeldt said.

NUMA

Fifth graders kicked off the holiday season with a Christmas-themed treasure hunt. Each class competes to uncover the hidden treasure that will be revealed on December 19. Each day, students receive a clue and have to work together to try and discover where the clue leads them, hoping each day that they are getting closer to finding the treasure.

E.C. BEST

All the students participated in a week full of kindness. Students in Ashley Youles' class drew and cut out their own "Grinch Hearts," and taped them to their desks. Students rotated around the classroom, writing kind things on each other's hearts. When they were done, they read what their classmates said about them, then hung the hearts on

the classroom bulletin board. "This is a great way to teach students to recognize the good in each other, but also it shows them how other people see them, building their confidence. It was fun to see their faces light up as they read the things their classmates had to say about them," Youles said.



JROTC students Humphrey Arata, Keileene Kato and Alec Lecker present new flag from the VFW to CCMS.

CCMS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1002 donated new flags to every school in Churchill County District. Last Thursday, CCMS received its new flag, presented by CCHS Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program members. This generous gift is something the VFW hopes to be able to do



Students Rose Batsel and Joel Croy write on each others Grinch Hearts.



Students in Jennifer Vasquez's class learned about Christmas in Germany.

LAHONTAN

Students in Jennifer Vasquez's Kindergarten class are going around the world, learning about how different countries celebrate Christmas. The students travel virtually around the world to various countries every day to experience different Christmas traditions and cultures. "The students are excited to come to class each day because they are eager to see what country we are 'visiting' next. They have really enjoyed learning about the differences and similarities each country has when it comes to celebrating Christmas," Vasquez said.



Students signing Silent Night



Being sworn in for jury duty.

Veritas Preparatory School

Story by David Ernst. Photos courtesy of Veritas School.

The lead-up to Thanksgiving saw a host of activities and events at Veritas Preparatory School. The third through sixth-grade classes were visited by District Attorneys Chelsea Sanford and Lane Mills, where they were sworn in as jurors to reach an important verdict in the case of Goldilocks vs. The Three Bears.



Celebrating Friendsgiving.

Several classes, including Ms. Emma's K4 and Mrs. Cota's first grade, celebrated Friendsgiving together. Students had the opportunity to focus on gratitude and the daily blessings we receive from God.

Students also enjoyed the First Veritas-Giving Field Day where they were able to spend their first day on the new sod lawn that was recently installed thanks to a generous donation from Peek Brothers Construction, LLC and the Peek family. Classes participated in friendly competition together while enjoying treats, music, and pleasant weather.

After several weeks bustling with activity, students and teachers were excited to take the Thanksgiving week off in order to spend important time with family and friends

Logos Christian Academy

Story and photo by Bridget Slentz

The academy welcomed the Christmas season with its annual Advent Night, an evening of faith and family. Parents and children gathered to create hand-crafted Advent wreaths, a tradition symbolizing the hope, peace, joy, and love that prepare hearts for Christmas.

The students stole the show with their performance of Christmas hymns, singing with joy and signing the song "Silent Night" as the children shared the story of Christ through music and movement.

Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

It was a beautiful reminder of the season's true meaning, celebrating the birth of Jesus and the light He brings into the world.



SPORTS

# High School Wrestling

Story and photos by John Baker



The wrestling season kicked off again this year as once again Churchill County High School hosted the Earl Wilken's Tournament at the Rafter 3C Arena. The event attracted 18 schools from Northern and Central Nevada.

# CCHS Boys & Girls Basketball

Story and photos courtesy of CCHS and MaxPreps



Seniors: Trevor Hyde, Braden Sorensen, Kylan Sorensen, Dru MacKay, Koa Nihoa, Colin Shishido.  
Juniors: Wyatt Peek, Barry Mitchell, Brennan Alves, Bransyn Wright.  
Sophomores: Calin Anderson, Garrett Helton, Caleb Edgmon.  
Photo courtesy CCHS Boys Basketball.



Top row left to right: Amilya Bishop, Leah Sorensen Row 2: Megan Johnson, Lea Williams Row 3: Raegan Johnson, Dylan Faught, Kylee Simper, Kortnie Simper and Karlie Simper Row 4: Brynlee Nichols, Vernita Fillmore, Janessa Bettencourt NOT pictured: Jada Anastasio.

The CCHS Girls Basketball team put another one in the bag last week to keep their perfect season alive. Everything went their way against the Carson Senators as the Churchill County Greenwave made off with a 56-32 win. They went on to a 43-41 defeat against Bishop Manogue.

The boys lost the championship in their pre-season tournament to Livermore. Coach Chelle Delager said, "Barry Mitchell threw down a monster dunk. I am very proud of their effort and look forward to a great season." Calin Anderson and Trevor Hyde were named to the all-tourney team. The Greenwave plays against Hug at home on Friday, December 13.

The Girls' Varsity game starts at 5 p.m., and the Boy's Varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m.



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COLUMNS

# Postcards Madge Mead Downs

By Michon Mackedon

I was happy to receive a verbal Postcard – A.K.A. a telephone call – from Ron Biggs, who told me that he had saved an essay written by his sister Londa in 1961 when she was a high school junior. He thought that the essay delivered interesting material about his grandmother, Madge Mead Downs, and that readers of Postcards would enjoy reading about her.

Well, I certainly enjoyed reading about Madge, so I texted Londa [now Londa Biggs Jensen], a good friend of mine from high school, and asked her permission to print all or part of her work. Permission was granted. The entire work is too lengthy for this column, but I plan to print it in its entirety in The Churchill County Museum Association’s journal, In Focus. I might also add that English teacher, Anne Gibbs Berlin, would view with pleasure the resurrection of Londa’s paper. She always assigned her Junior Class students a research paper based on their personal history. Before she died, Anne told me that her one regret from her years of teaching was that all those papers had formed an invaluable history of our place but had, in the years following her retirement, disappeared from a storage site in the basement of Churchill County High School.

In what follows, Londa describes Madge Mead Downs’ school days in early Fallon:

*“The first year of her life in Nevada, Madge was not allowed to go to school because of her tuberculosis. Since she didn’t have anything to keep her busy, her dad bought her a horse. She rode all over the valley.... Madge entered Churchill County High school which was built in 1907, a year before the Meads came to Fallon. The high school was located on the same ground where the Cottage Schools are today. The old high school was torn down to make room for the present Cottage Schools. Mr. Whipp, Anne Berlin’s grandfather, helped build the high school. He was a stone mason.*



*When Madge entered high school, she entered as a junior. The school was just getting started and there were only twelve students in the school. Her teachers were Miss Moon and Miss Hoss. Madge rode her horse to school each day. The trip was six miles each way. [Madge’s father had established a homestead on present-day Union Lane.] She carried her lunch to school with her. While in high school, she belonged to the Elite Club. It was the only club in the school because, since most of the students rode horseback to school, they had to start home right after school, and there was no time for [other] clubs. The Elite Club was a dancing club that met once a month on Saturday night. They had a lot of fun and became better acquainted with their classmates.*

*When Madge entered school again in the fall, there were thirty students, three of them were seniors. Her courses consisted of English, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Latin, and History. Miss Sweet and Mr. Fetter were her teachers.*

*Madge was a member of the first senior class to graduate from the new four-year high school. Ira Kent and Lysle Rushby were the other two seniors. The graduation was held in 1911 at the Methodist Church with Professor Fetter conducting the ceremony. ‘Madge gave her speech on World Peace, ably, showing careful study and a broad knowledge of the subject,’ noted the Fallon Eagle.”*

Londa’s essay continues, describing Madge’s academic career at the University of Nevada, her first teaching job in Denio, Nevada, her marriage to Art Downs (a member of a local pioneer family), her children, and her later career in Welfare Services.

Of historical interest is the fact that what most of us identify as “the Old High School” on South Maine Street was opened in 1918. The school Madge attended had been built on Stillwater Avenue on land which had been donated by John Oats. Photos of the school show a two-story brick structure, not unlike in appearance to the Oats Park Arts Center. It served as an elementary school until 1939, when it was torn down and the first Cottage School building went up. WPA money provided part of the funding for the Cottage School project.

Please send a Postcard to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:mackedon@phonewave.net).

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# Allison’s Book Report

## “One Big Happy Family”

by Susan Mallery



In recent years, Hallmark and other streaming services have made a name for themselves by making what seems like a million cutesy holiday rom-coms. My daughters and I love these movies, and we have spent many evenings this month taking in saccharine-sweet stories about Christmas tree farms, baking and decorating competitions, and corporate Scrooges whose icy cold hearts are melted by their newly rekindled love of the holidays. Some of our favorites center around big crazy families and extreme family togetherness, and this week’s book is just that.

“One Big Happy Family” by Susan Mallery is an irresistibly Hallmark-esque story that surely will get you in the spirit. Julie Parker’s kids are all grown up, but she still considers them her greatest gift. As much as she adores them, she’s not exactly heartbroken when they ask to skip a big Christmas this year. Her son, Nick, and his new wife, Blair, are taking a belated honeymoon in Hawaii while her daughter, Dana, is planning to spend time purging her life of bad energy after another messy breakup. Julie is excited to spend the holiday with Heath, the much younger, very hot guy she’s secretly been dating. In true rom-com fashion, Julie’s plans go from cozy to chaotic when Nick and Dana change their minds at the last minute and plead for Christmas at the family cabin in memory of their late father, Julie’s ex. She can’t refuse but dreads introducing them to Heath and their reactions when they realize she’s been keeping him a secret for months. Also, in true holiday rom-com form, the guest list grows and grows - from Blair’s estranged mom to Heath’s precocious children. Julie’s secret is just one of many to be unwrapped. Christmas turns out to be complicated and very funny, with surprises and mishaps on every page. Through it all, Julie discovers that more really is merrier and that a big, happy family can become bigger and happier if they let go of old hurts and open their hearts to love.

Susan Mallery has created a fun, easy-to-read story full of romance, laughter, and holiday spirit. I love how many family secrets are floating around and the never-ending hilarious mishaps. Full of heart and laugh-out-loud funny, I promise you that “One Big Happy Family” is the perfect Hallmark-ish fare for this weekend.

That’s all I have for this week. If you need me, you can find me at home, watching cheesy Hallmark movies and reading through my stack of books in that same vein. Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, and let’s talk about our favorite Christmas books and Hallmark movies.

*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.*

# Crossword

By Peanut

## Across

- 3. Star systems
- 7. Inherited traits
- 8. Smallest piece
- 9. Current
- 10. Living area
- 11. Organic catalyst
- 13. Adjust

## Down

- 1. Spores
- 2. Biologic unit
- 4. Past age remains
- 5. Variety
- 6. Power
- 7. Force between things
- 12. Physical object

[ Crossword answers on page 15 ]



COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

I was doing mindless social media scrolling last weekend when I discovered blogger Matt Miller. His site is called Tasting History, "the cooking show for history lovers and the history show for food lovers." Episodes in the series include "The Great Eggnog Riot at West Point Military Academy" and "The 2000 Year Old Desert." The video short that lured me in was titled "Texas Pecan Pie," originally published in 1914, which predates corn syrup.



Texas Pecan Pie

Christian Science Monitor

Ingredients:

- Your favorite pie dough
- 1 cup Whole milk
- 1 cup Brown sugar
- 3 Eggs, beaten
- 1 tbsp. Flour
- 1/2 cup Pecans, finely chopped
- A pinch of salt
- Pecan halves, for a layer on top of the filling
- 2 Egg whites
- 2-3 tblsp. Castor sugar



Directions:

1. For the crust: Line a pie tin with the dough and blind bake. I used a tart tin, which worked well for this amount of filling. If you're using a deep dish pie tin, double the filling ingredients. To blind bake, cover the dough with foil, then add pie weights (or dried beans) and bake at 425°F for 12 minutes. Remove the foil and weights. Continue baking for five to seven minutes, until the edges and bottom start to brown. Remove from oven. Cool completely.
2. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F.
3. In a saucepan, whisk together milk, sugar, eggs, flour, chopped pecans, and salt. Set it over low heat and gently stir. Be sure to do this over low heat because we want the eggs to thicken the mixture into a custard, not scramble. Cook, stirring constantly, for seven to eight minutes, until slightly thickened. Pour into the cooled pie shell.
4. Add a layer of pecan halves on top of the filling in whatever pattern you wish.
5. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until there's only a slight wobble in the center.
6. Set the pie on a wire rack to cool completely.
7. For the meringue: using a very clean, dry bowl and very clean, dry beaters or whisk, beat the egg whites on medium speed until you get soft peaks. Switch to high speed and slowly add in the sugar. Beat until you get shiny, stiff peaks.
8. Spread or pipe the meringue on top of the pie in whatever design you like. Return the pie to the oven and bake for about 12 minutes or until the meringue browns.
9. Serve it forth.

Eggnog

From the 1887 White House Cookbook

(of West Point Riot fame)

Ingredients:

- 12 Medium eggs, yolks and whites separated (or ten large eggs)
- 3/4 cup Sugar, granulated, more if desired
- 1 1/2 cups Brandy
- 1 1/2 cups Rye whiskey
- 1 qt Whole milk
- 2 cups Heavy cream
- 1 Whole nutmeg, grated (or 2 to 3 teaspoons of ground nutmeg)

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolks until they're pale yellow.
2. Continue to whisk the yolks as you add a third of the sugar. Once it's mixed, add the next third. Once it's mixed, add the final third. If you want a sweeter eggnog, add sugar until it does not dissolve well. Liquid should be thick enough to leave a ribbon pattern when drizzled from whisk.
3. Slowly add the brandy while continuing to whisk until fully combined.
4. Slowly add the whiskey while continuing to whisk until fully combined.
5. Slowly add the whole milk while continuing to whisk until fully combined.
6. Slowly add the heavy cream while continuing to whisk until fully combined.
7. Whisk in the nutmeg until it's evenly incorporated.
8. In a separate bowl, whip the egg whites to soft peaks. Gently fold them into the eggnog a third at a time until they're fully incorporated and smooth.
9. You can serve the eggnog forth right away, but it's better to age it in the refrigerator for at least four hours, preferably two to three days, to give the alcohol a chance to mellow and the flavors to develop.
10. To serve, ladle it into serving glasses and garnish with a bit of nutmeg before serving it forth.



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

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Equipment Description	Rate	Equipment Description	Rate	Equipment Description	Rate
FORD PICKUP 1 TON	\$42.97	FORD 4X4 BUCKET TRUCK 1 TON	\$42.36	WACKER PTE 6" PUMP	\$52.67
FORD 4X4 PICKUP 1/2 TON	\$39.01	INTERNATIONAL BUCKET TRUCK	\$60.96	6" BARNES DIESEL PUMP	\$29.65
FORD 4X4 PICKUP 3/4 TON	\$34.65	INTERNATIONAL 10-WHEELER	\$89.08	CPS END DUMP TRAILER	\$10.80
FORD F-350 XLT 4X4	\$47.58	SPREAD KING CHIPPER	\$125.81	RANCO BELLY DUMP TRAILER	\$11.34
FORD 4X4 PICKUP 1 TON	\$44.76	TOW MOTOR FORKLIFT	\$9.39	RANCO BELLY DUMP PUP	\$10.63
FORD 4X4 PICKUP 1 TON	\$34.80	DYNA PAC ROLLER	\$66.94	RANCO BELLY DUMP TRAILER	\$8.95
FORD F550 SERVICE TRUCK	\$108.69	FORD 1/2 TON DUMP BED PICKUP	\$46.02	RELIANCE END DUMP TRAILER	\$10.06
CHEVY 4X4 PICKUP 1/2 TON	\$35.01	CATERPILLAR ROLLER	\$77.55	FRUEHAUF BELLY DUMP TRAILER	\$10.77
FORD F250 XL 4X4	\$34.73	BLAWKNOX PAVER OMNI 3	\$431.11	FRUEHAUF END DUMP TRAILER	\$10.23
ATLAS AIR COMPRESSOR	\$36.52	INTERNATIONAL WATER TRUCK	\$62.80	CPS/MANAC BELLY DUMP TRAILER	\$11.75
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Fleet Services Mechanic	54	\$49.96	Rd Maint/Const Specialist	50	\$44.84
Fleet Services Mechanic	54	\$48.87	Rd Maint/Const Specialist	50	\$42.95
Road Equipment Operator	52	\$55.77	Rd Maint/Const Specialist	50	\$41.17
Road Equipment Operator	52	\$52.19	Office Supervisor	53	\$57.02
			Office Specialist	39	\$34.12

**FY 2025-2026 PROPOSED PROJECTS**

STREET NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IN HOUSE ESTIMATE	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	COST SAVINGS
<b>NORTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
COX EAST (SODA LK RD TO GUMMOW DR)	5,280 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 82,368.	\$192,192.	\$109,824.
HAWK DRIVE (ROBIN DR TO CARDINAL DR)	4,956 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 59,654.	\$139,193.	\$ 79,539.
<b>SOUTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
ALLEN RD (CORKILL LN TO LONETREE RD)	5,300 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 82,680.	\$192,920.	\$110,240.
LIMA LANE (ST. CLAIR RD TO SCHINDLER RD)	5,700 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 88,920.	\$207,480.	\$118,560.
LEWIS LANE (MCLEAN RD TO COUNTRY RIVER DR)	2,586 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 40,341.	\$ 94,130.	\$ 53,789.
COUNTRY RIVER DRIVE (MCLEAN RD TO LEWIS LN)	1,267 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 19,765.	\$ 46,118.	\$ 26,353.
<b>NORTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
RESERVOIR ROAD (INDIAN LKS RD TO N. DOWNS LN)	10,540 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$164,424.	\$383,656.	\$219,232.
<b>SOUTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
SUNSHINE LOOP (PRIMROSE LN TO PRIMROSE LN)	1,625 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 25,350.	\$ 59,150.	\$ 33,800.
PEACH TREE ROAD (WOODLANDS PL TO DRUMM LN)	951 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$14,835.	\$ 34,616.	\$ 19,781.
WOODLANDS PLACE (DRUMM LN TO END OF OIL)	1,109 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 17,300.	\$ 40,367.	\$ 23,067.
PRIMROSE LANE (DRUMM LN TO SUNSHINE LOOP)	1,000 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 15,600	\$ 36,400.	\$ 20,800.
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**FY 2026-2027 PROPOSED PROJECTS**

STREET NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IN HOUSE ESTIMATE	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	COST SAVINGS
<b>NORTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
RANCHERIA ROAD (HILLSBORO BLVD TO SODA LK RD)	5,728 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 89,356.	\$208,499.	\$119,143.
VANESSA DRIVE (SODA LK RD TO HEIDI RD)	3,121 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 48,687.	\$113,604.	\$ 64,917.
HEIDI ROAD (DILLION RD TO END OF OIL)	2,847 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 44,413.	\$103,630.	\$ 59,217.
<b>SOUTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
STRASDIN LANE (5,525 LF GRAVEL/DOUBLE CHIP SEAL)	5,525 LF GRAVEL/DOUBLE CHIP	\$172,299.	\$337,522.	\$165,228.
<b>SOUTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
CROOK ROAD (HWY 50 TO WILDES RD)	7,725 LF DOUBLE CHIPSEAL	\$120,510.	\$281,190.	\$160,680.

**FY 2027-2028 PROPOSED PROJECTS**

STREET NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IN HOUSE ESTIMATE	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	COST SAVINGS
<b>NORTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
CALIFORNIA STREET (HWY 50 TO END OF OIL)	3,030 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 47,268.	\$110,292.	\$ 63,024
CARSON RIVER DRIVE (RICE RD TO END OF CUL-DE-SAC)	2,450 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 38,220.	\$ 89,180.	\$ 50,960.
HIGHLAND DRIVE (GUMMOW DR TO RICE RD)	2,320 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 36,192.	\$ 84,448.	\$ 48,256.
COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE (GUMMOW DR TO END OF OIL)	1,480 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 23,088.	\$ 53,872.	\$ 30,784.
<b>SOUTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
HART LANE (HWY 50A TO 3,170' S OF HWY 50A @ END OF OIL)	3,170 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 49,452.	\$115,388.	\$ 65,936.
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<b>NORTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
AIRPORT ROAD (HWY 95 TO RIO VISTA)	5,385 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 84,006.	\$196,014.	\$112,008.
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<b>SOUTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
BEACH ROAD (BERNEY RD TO MACARI LN)	7,950 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$124,020.	\$289,380	\$165,360.

**FY 2028-2029 PROPOSED PROJECTS**

STREET NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IN HOUSE ESTIMATE	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	COST SAVINGS
<b>NORTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
WADE LANE (HWY 95 TO MOODY LN)	7,850 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$122,460.	\$285,740.	\$163,280.
CINBER LANE (WADE LN TO WADE LN)	1,795 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 28,002.	\$ 65,338.	\$ 37,336.
<b>SOUTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
ALLEN ROAD (LONE TREE RD TO END OF OIL)	5,425 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 84,630.	\$197,470.	\$112,840.
ST. CLAIR ROAD (HWY 96 TO ALLEN RD)	5,260 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 82,052.	\$191,464.	\$108,412.
CORKILL LANE (HWY 95 TO ALLEN RD)	5,900 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$92,040.	\$214,760.	\$122,720.
<b>NORTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
KIRN ROAD (NORTH HARMON RD TO DOWNS LN)	5,491 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 85,659.	\$199,872.	\$114,213.
<b>SOUTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
MACARI LANE (SCHAFER LN TO 5,280' EAST)	5,280 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 82,368.	\$192,192.	\$109,824

**FY 2029-2030 PROPOSED PROJECTS**

STREET NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IN HOUSE ESTIMATE	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	COST SAVINGS
<b>NORTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
RYAN WAY (WADE LN TO JULIE LN)	1,109 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 17,300.	\$ 40,367.	\$ 23,067.
STEVEN DRIVE (WADE LANE TO END OF OIL)	1,162 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 18,127.	\$ 42,297.	\$ 24,170.
JULIE LANE (BOBBY WAY TO STEVEN DRIVE)	950 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 14,820.	\$ 34,580.	\$ 19,760.
BOBBY WAY (JULIE LN TO RYAN WAY)	740 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 11,544.	\$ 26,936.	\$ 15,392.
GUMMOW EAST (MOODY LN TO END OF OIL)	2,060 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 32,136.	\$ 74,984.	\$ 42,848.
<b>SOUTHWEST QUADRANT</b>				
ST CLAIR ROAD (ALLEN RD TO SHECKLER RD)	20,860 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$325,416.	\$759,304.	\$433,888.
<b>NORTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
KIRN ROAD (HARMON RD TO STILLWATER RD)	5,417 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 84,505.	\$197,178.	\$112,673.
MISSION ROAD (PERAZZO LN TO GRAHAM LN)	5,250 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 81,900.	\$191,100.	\$109,200.
PERAZZO LANE (KIRN RD TO MISSION RD)	5,280 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$ 82,368.	\$192,192.	\$109,824.
<b>SOUTHEAST QUADRANT</b>				
WILDES ROAD (END OF SR 118 TO HWY 50)	10,600 LF DOUBLE CHIP SEAL	\$165,360.	\$385,840.	\$220,480.

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**APPOINTIVE POSITION OPEN NOTICE**

The Board of Churchill County Commissioners is seeking the names of a public-spirited citizen who is willing to serve as a member of the Churchill County Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board is an advisory board, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, authorized and directed to make recommendations to the Churchill County Board of Commissioners regarding programs and any other matters properly relating to the Cemetery. The board meets approximately once every three months or more often as necessary. The board is currently seeking to fill a term running from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028. For more details, interested persons may obtain an application at Churchill County Human Resources, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 155, Fallon, Nevada 89406 or by downloading the application at the following link: <https://nv-churchillcounty.civicplus.com/773/AdvisoryGoverning-Board-Openings>. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address not later than 3:00 PM on December 18, 2024.

Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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**SUMMONS CASE NO. 24-10DC-1237**

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

Lake A. Pressey,  
As True and Lawful Owner, Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
ROBERT LINDEKUGAL, IVA LINDEKUGEL, U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust, J & R INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, STEVEN McQUEEN, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to the ownership of Plaintiff, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto.

THE STATE OF NEVADA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO THE DEFENDANT: A civil Complaint has been filed by the plaintiff against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.

The object of said action is to quiet title for one parcel of land in Churchill County (the "Property") commonly known as 300 Mason Road, Hazen, Nevada 89408, APN 009-271-77, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain real property situated in the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, described as follows: Parcel #2 Robert Lindekugel and Iva Lindekugel Parcel Map, Recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Churchill County on April 18, 2006 File #380820

1. If you wish to defend this lawsuit, you must, within 21 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:

- a. File with the Clerk of this Court, shoes address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court.
- b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
3. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
4. You are required to serve your response upon plaintiff's attorney, whose address is:

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