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## UNR's Office of Indigenous Relations Bridges Past and Future

By Christy Lattin

The Office of Indigenous Relations on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, embarked on its third year by co-hosting a powwow in August. This is part of its ongoing efforts to honor Indigenous traditions and help Native American students and tribes succeed in the future.

The small office was established in 2022 by University President Brian Sandoval. UNR sought to foster connections with local tribes and to facilitate compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The Congressional Act requires institutions like universities and museums to return ancestral remains to their originating tribes.

Daphne Emm-Hooper signed on as director in 2022, bringing her administrative experience as she previously served as City Manager for the City of Fernley and Executive Director of Nevada Urban Indians. As an enrolled member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, Emm-Hooper said efforts have been made in recent years to establish indigenous relations departments at universities across the country. Historically, each department at UNR that held cultural items – like mining, medicine, or archeology – was responsible for compliance with the repatriation act. However, having the human resources to do so was challenging. Pulling it together under one roof with dedicated stewards made sense. The university secured a five-year grant from the Economic Development Administration and established the office as a direct report to the president. It remains a one-of-a-kind entity within Nevada's higher education system.

The department's primary goals focus on supporting Native American students, aiding tribal communities in Nevada, and repatriating collections under the jurisdiction of UNR. The Nevada Legislature initiated a fee waiver in 2021 to recruit more Indigenous



Spirit Cave mummy. Discovered 13 miles east of Fallon in 1940, it is believed to be the oldest human mummy found in North America. Believed to be 9,400 years old, the mummy was repatriated to the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe after a long court battle with the BLM. Photo by Chip Clark of the Smithsonian.

students to higher education. The waiver applies to members of the 23 recognized tribes in Nevada and is expanding to include all 574 tribes in America. In 2022, their office aided in 91 fee waivers; that number has grown to approximately 240 for the 2024-2025 school year.

To retain those students, the office is establishing Tribal Academies, which connect students with mentors within their field of study. For example, the academy coordinator for the biomedical field offers one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, and financial aid guidance to his students within the academy. Emm-Hooper said the department has secured funding to hire a nursing coordinator, and the office has plans to employ

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## Nevada Trapshooting Hall of Fame Inductees

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Wayne and Patricia Whitten, who have spent the last 25 years serving the community through their time and knowledge, have been inducted into the Nevada Trapshooting Hall of Fame. The hall was established in 1999 in Carson City by Fred Smith and George S. Kulsa to honor shooters for their shooting merit and contributions to the sport by selflessly giving their time and knowledge. The Whitten's were honored in Yerington, Nevada, by the Mason Valley Trap Club on September 14, 2024.

Wayne and Pat spent many years serving their community while raising a family. Wayne started his law enforcement career with the Nye County Sheriff's Office in Gabbs and Tonopah. He then moved to Fallon, began working for Sheriff Dave Banovich, and retired with 28 years in law enforcement from Churchill County Sheriff's Office as a Captain.



L-R: Wayne Whitten, Patricia Whitten holding plaque, and their grandson Derek Whitten.

shooting club in Fallon. They began petitioning the City of Fallon and Churchill County to make the trap shooting field a reality. In 2003, the dream became a reality, and they started recruiting

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log Big, Dumb Rocks

By Rachel Dahl

Vast.  
Magnificent.  
Feeble words to describe the breathtaking beauty that is the part of our country we modern people call Yosemite National Park.

The Drama Queen and I are here for a wedding – Finn and Kate are getting married, which makes Sloane the last sibling to get hitched. Just one more thing they've beaten her to, as the back of her hand rests gently on her forehead and a breathy, eye-rolling southern drawl bemoans her lot in life.

That she is the youngest by nine years is lost on her. They are super-over-achievers who have left a wake of successful footsteps for her to tiptoe through.

But back to the wedding. Beautiful, breathtaking. What words are left to describe what it is to sit next to a river at the feet of the famous El Capitan all dressed up, with your favorite people, and toast to wedded bliss? It was unreal. And quite enjoyable.

Getting there was also amazing – hyped up on excitement, running away from real life for a few days, anticipating getting to see Yosemite, which we never had. As soon as we saw Half Dome, of course I had to pull over and take pictures. The Drama Queen was completely put out but dutifully posed for selfies in front of the vista. Once we got to our cabin, and everyone asked how the trip went, she said it was fine, but I made her stop for pictures in front of some “Big, Dumb Rock.”

Yesterday the moms and the groom got up in the dark, made hot bean juice, and traipsed down the valley to Tunnel View – a typically perfectly built National Park-type parking lot on the southwest side of Yosemite Valley, full of tourists who also had the same idea – to come watch the sunrise over the big, dumb rocks.

It's a natural amphitheater, a stage of the grandest kind, a set like no other. As the audience in the parking lot, to our left, but what would be Stage Right is El Capitan, and then panning to Stage Left, our right is the Valley, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rock, and Bridal Falls. It is the view Ansel Adams made famous with his iconic photography, something we've all seen a thousand times, but until you're there in person with busloads of humanity and seeing it for the first time, you've never really seen it.

Juxtapose the magnificence of nature with the absolutely primitive access to the modern world through extremely limited Wi-Fi.



When you have to run a paper, this is a major concern. There are no down days, and even though you have a spectacular team back home to make sure it all happens, you want to remain accessible to them should the wheels fall off. Or honestly, you just want to be available so you don't feel like such a slacker, running off and leaving them all the work.

Our cabin instruction manual actually had a page where the Wi-Fi password would have been that just had a picture of a cell phone with a big red circle and “This unit has no Wi-Fi” message. We all stood there staring at that page and then nervously glancing at each other, with the limitations gradually dawning on us.

The next page in the manual was a map showing the location of the complimentary “Wi-Fi Lounge,” but accessible only by going back up the mountain on the switchback road.

We had to let the world know – well the newspaper know – that we were going to be out of reach for a couple days, so up we went, in search of the lounge. Both the Drama Queen and I can still read a real map, but it took some driving around the spot before we realized what we were looking for was just a wide spot on the road where two cell phone dishes were mounted on steel posts next to the bear-protected dumpsters. We only recognized it by the picnic table.

We use the term “lounge” loosely.

So, while we appreciate the beauty of the Big Dumb Rocks and marry these kids off, we'll be right here...at the dumpster...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel

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members for the Fallon Trap Shooting Club. Not a paying member yet, Wayne received a knock on his door one day, and Dave Akins asked, “if he had \$150.00 in his pocket?” Wayne, of course, did and became a Charter/Lifetime Member of the Fallon Trap Shooting Club of Fallon.

Their grandson, Derek Whitten, became interested in shooting at the trap club, and it was apparent that a league needed to be established for the club's youth. The Lahontan Valley Claybreakers would be born of this need. In 2005, Wayne and the other coaches taught the kids, and still do, gun safety, first and foremost, and then the importance of winning or losing. Doing it all with respect for yourself, the club, and your fellow shooters. Wayne is still coaching the youth of the club. To date, he has coached over 700 kids, and some have gone on to achieve national and international titles from their start in the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers. Matt Ernst, one of the Claybreakers, said, “Starting my freshman year in high school, Wayne and Pat would pick me and Colby Webb up after school and their first stop would be Harmon Junction, where one of them would buy us chicken strips and an ice cream. Then they would head to the trap range and practice shooting.” He said this meant so much to him and Colby that they would do this for them. This act of kindness is something they remember so fondly to this day.

In 2006, Wayne was elected president of

the club and would continue to serve for five years. Patricia served as secretary and helped recruit scorers for the club during that time as well. During his presidency, Wayne approached the Pacific International Trap Association (PITA) about registering their Lahontan Valley Claybreakers practices. This gives the youth the ability to shoot with their peers and/or with the adults.

In 2013, Wayne and Pat were approached by Linda Hand, coach of the Silver State Claybreakers in Las Vegas, about forming an association of all Nevada youth trap shooting clubs. After creating the NYSSA, the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers filed and received 501c3 status with the State of Nevada. Pat continues to apply for all the grants she can find for purchasing trap shooting shells, safety equipment, patches showing completion of their tiers, shirts, and hats for the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers to wear to meets representing Fallon. Wayne was elected president again, and after serving his term, he chose to step back to coaching, where he feels he contributes the most.

You can occasionally catch Wayne practicing with friends at the Fallon Trap Club and helping any youth who asks for help. Wayne and Pat both said the sport of trap shooting has made them many friends, and they will continue to promote the sport. Their Nevada Hall of Fame plaque will be hung in Carson City at Capital City Gun Club with their fellow inductees.

FEATURES

# Truck Collides with Train Near Fallon, Driver Airlifted to Hospital



Sheriff Richard Hickox. Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

From the desk of Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox

Blaring sirens late Tuesday night had some Churchill County residents awake and anxious, wondering what emergency was unfolding. The phrase “truck versus train” quickly circulated, bringing to mind troubling possibilities.

Around 8:40 p.m. on September 17, a 911 call reported that a white work truck with a black bed had collided with a train at the crossing on Lovelock Highway, just south of Interstate 80. Upon arrival, first responders found the driver trapped between the steering column and the seat due to the force of the impact.

The Fallon Churchill Fire Department crew worked to free the driver, who was then airlifted to a nearby

hospital for treatment.

The Union Pacific train involved in the incident came to a stop east of the scene, where multiple cars had derailed, with two lying on their sides. The Nevada State Police are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the collision.

Sheriff Richard Hickox expressed gratitude for local emergency services’ quick and coordinated response. “I want to thank all of our first responders for their timely response and assistance in handling this incident,” Hickox said.

No further details about the driver’s condition have been released. Authorities are continuing to investigate the cause of the crash and the extent of the damage to the train and surrounding area.

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more academic coordinators to support students through school and provide networking opportunities for internships and future employment.

“The Office of Indigenous Relations actively engages with the community and supports Native American tribes across Nevada,” said Emm-Hooper. To that end, UNR established the Nevada Tribal Leadership Program at the College of Business in 2020. The six-month course is offered to tribal elected officials and teaches the rules of governance specific to their communities.

Another way the office assists is by offering tailored workshops and resources for tribal communities. Emm-Hooper explained that they can assess individual community needs and help design solutions, like water infrastructure or long-term planning needs. Some of the tribes in Nevada are very small in population and acres, and they lack planning or community development departments. These plans are created in collaboration with tribal members, not imposed on them. “This helps tribes self-govern instead of handing them rules they didn’t agree to.”

Perhaps the most significant goal of the office is to help facilitate the return, or repatriation, of human remains, sacred items, and items of cultural patrimony to the tribes. Congress passed the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) in 1990, and compliance is required. UNR’s Indigenous Relations office, the only of its kind in higher education in Nevada, focuses on researching the history of the remains and artifacts and returning them to the appropriate tribe.

As a member of the Toi Ticutta Band of Paiute from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Rochanne Downs was hired as the NAGPRA liaison and tasked with overseeing and coordinating the university’s repatriation efforts of sensitive NAGPRA collections. She said she feels an “inherent cultural responsibility” in her work.

Downs brings her vast experience to the office: 24 years with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe serving several areas of tribal government, including serving as Education Director, Cultural Resources Director, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. “This team brings the tribal perspective,” Downs said of herself and Emm-Hooper, who make their homes in Fallon.

Downs said the collection of remains and cultural items at UNR began in the early 1940s through “salvage archeology” methods, which involved removing items from their originating location and bringing them to universities and museums for research or simple long-term storage and curation. Other state-permitted archaeological processes continued through the 2000s.

One of the most well-known remains in Nevada is the Spirit Cave mummy, discovered in 1940 east of Fallon by archeologists working for the Nevada State Parks Commission. After initial testing estimated the mummy’s age at 1,500-2,000 years old, the remains sat in museum storage for 54 years. Further testing in 1996 determined that the remains were closer to 9,400 years old. The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe in Fallon made a cultural affiliation claim for the mummy and other funerary items in 1997. Still, it would be nearly 20 years before the BLM would repatriate Spirit Man to the tribe for interment on sacred ground in 2016.

“Every burial, including the man from Spirit Cave, should be treated just as anyone else in any public cemetery. We owe loyalty to those ancestors, and a burial put in the ground today is just as sacred as one put in the ground 10,000 years ago or 300 hundred years ago or even last week for that matter,” Downs explained.

Downs has over 3,000 boxes of items to inventory and categorize to ensure collections are together so everything gets included in the repatriation. Her job now is to make sure those forgotten items, stored away for so many years, will now tell their story.

Downs said that for the known burials, the goal is to get collections returned as a cohesive unit, which requires a review of each burial site record to ensure all funerary items are accounted for just as they arrived at the university. Other collections that may not be part of a known burial are presented to the tribes so they can determine if any sacred items or items of cultural patrimony are eligible for repatriation. “These are not objects of curiosity,” said Downs, who will care for the items respectfully until they can be returned to the tribes.

The artifacts held at UNR came from federal collections, private donations, and inheritances. The Indigenous Relations office started bringing all the collections under one roof, matched them by the



Daphne Emm-Hooper. Photo courtesy of UNR.



Rochanne Downs. Photo courtesy of UNR.

location where they were found, and started repatriation efforts. They also work with the Nevada State Museum, Bureau of Land Management, and other federal and state agencies to match joint collections and determine which agency will lead repatriation efforts.

Repatriation and ongoing care look different for each tribe, so consultation is paramount, explained Downs. “Is the tribe prepared for immediate repatriation, or do they need additional time? Do they have room for interment in their cemeteries, or do they need to establish other repatriation or collection storage alternatives? Maybe they wish to bury their ancestor immediately but need more time to determine repatriation of the remaining collection because they don’t have the room now. It’s the university’s responsibility to not only assist the tribes but be ready when the tribes are ready to repatriate,” Downs said.

“The tribes have the tough job in repatriation, whether cultural or logistical, and all repatriation decisions remain with the tribes. We do what we can to help them with anything they need, including preparing them for the acceptance of any collection in a manner that they feel comfortable and safe with.”

UNR first conducted inventories of its Native American collections in 1995 and assisted with five repatriations. Since Sandoval created the Office of Indigenous Relations, it has completed two additional repatriations. Downs is pleased they have made progress so quickly. “I want the ancestors to go home with everything they came with,” Downs said.

Emm-Hooper stated she’s eager to watch her department grow, with additions planned for October, and to collaborate further with and elevate the Native American communities.

“This is such an honor,” she said. “Part of my mission is to be able to give back to my community, and it’s so rewarding.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Movies & More Sept. 27 and 28

By Kelli Perez

The last weekend of September is approaching, and the theatre folks are gearing up for a monstrous October full of frighteningly good times. They will be kicking off the month with a Monster Movie Weekend sponsored by Huck Salt, which will feature the lobby dressed to the nines in fun decorations and provide plenty of photo ops for attendees. They will be showing “Monsters, Inc.” for the 6 p.m. film and “The Monster Squad” at 7 p.m. Plan to join the fun and excitement on October 4 and 5.

Until then, September will wind down with two fun animated films. Kicking things off at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday will be the 2005 jungle adventure “Madagascar,” rated PG. In this movie, a group of animals who have spent all their lives in a New York zoo accidentally end up in the tropics and must adjust to living in the wild. This movie has a runtime of 1 hour and 26 minutes.

Playing at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we have “Chicken Run,” a slapstick stop-motion animation adventure starring the voice talents of Mel Gibson, wherein a group of farm chickens try desperately to flee their evil owners by attempting to learn to fly. This movie is rated G with a 1 hour and 24 minutes runtime.

Do not miss the Fallon Theatre’s 2024 Show ‘N’ Shine this weekend on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several blocks of Maine Street will be open to pedestrian traffic only to showcase a fantastic display of great-looking vehicles. There will be plenty of impressive full-scale models to admire, and the NVRC Dustdevils will be on hand for a mini Show & Shine of their fantastic radio-controlled cars. This event is free to the public, so please plan on joining the fun family event in historic downtown Fallon.



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Oscar, the shelter cat, tested Scooby, and Scooby did great. He didn’t seem to mind the cat at all. Scooby has gone to dog parks and played well with dogs his size (it is unknown how he is with small dogs). He came from a one-pet-only household, so it is unknown how he would do with another fur sibling in the house.

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## CCHS Intern Highlight

This week’s intern of the week is Wyatt Penrod. Wyatt has been working at 3D Shipping for over a year. After graduation, he plans to attend trade school.



Wyatt helps a 3D Shipping customer. Photo by Sue Segura.

## A Note from CCSD on Professional Development



Teachers participate in Savvas training with trainer Rebecca Roshier.

By Assistant Superintendent Stacey Cooper

Many people outside the field of education might imagine that teacher professional development days are leisurely affairs—perhaps involving a few meetings and some coffee with colleagues before heading home early. However, this couldn’t be further from the truth. In reality, professional development is a rigorous, full-time commitment. Teachers often work through their summers and engage in continuous learning to maintain their certification.

At CCSD, we take our professional learning seriously. On Friday, September 13, our staff participated in various development opportunities including English Language Arts and Math curriculum development, TRIBES student relationship-building, Infinite Campus Training, Suicide Prevention, Pyramids of Intervention, and more. This list is far from exhaustive, yet it highlights the diverse and intensive nature of our professional learning.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated professionals within our district. Weekends, holidays, and summer breaks are often filled with opportunities for growth and learning, all to enhance our teaching practices and the overall effectiveness of our schools. Just as parents strive for the best for their children, so do we, and there is no better way to prepare than through ongoing professional development.

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# For Stella

It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce that Stella, the therapy dog at The Gardens Funeral Home for the last nine years, passed away suddenly on Sunday, September 7, 2024.

Stella was probably the most photographed dog in Fallon. Since the day I brought her home from Oklahoma, people would pull out their phones to take a picture of Stella. She greeted everyone that came through the door. Some people were shocked to see a dog in the funeral home, but it only took a few seconds for almost everyone to stop and pay attention to her. Some of

you will probably think it is strange to put an obituary for a dog in the newspaper, but Stella was no ordinary dog, as anyone who ever met her would tell you.

She was special, and she sensed the hurt that people were experiencing. Over the years, there were events that families expressed to me after the fact that Stella had pulled them through a rough time.



She loved the water; she would grab the hose right out of your hand, and she loved to grab the rake if you were raking leaves, a broom, or the vacuum cleaner, but she got older, as we all do, and I didn't realize that her heart wasn't what it should be. We retired on Friday and were going on our big traveling adventure when she went into cardiac arrest. Thank you, Peak Vet Clinic in Reno, for running out to our motor home and starting CPR on her, but she couldn't come back. Our hearts are broken. It was so hard to let her go.

I know she touched a lot of hearts, and I just wanted her people friends to know that she went to Rainbow Heaven.

I know that CAPS is having a difficult time right now. If you can and want, please donate to them in memory of Stella.

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### Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2024

Fallon City Council Tues., Oct. 1, 9 a.m. Council Chambers 55 W. Williams Ave.	Highway Commission Thurs., Oct. 3, 1:15 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.
Parks & Recreation Commission Tues., Oct. 1, 7 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.	CC Communications Thurs., Oct. 3, 1:45 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.
Board of County Commissioners Thurs., Oct. 3, 8:15 a.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.	

## WATER LEVELS

### Measurements Taken Sept. 24, 2024, at 6:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	151,500 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	310 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	33.7 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	7.05 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	2.21 cfs

Sept. 23, 2024	Sept. 23, 2023	Sept. 23, 2022
152,355 acre feet	229,961 acre feet	22,955 acre feet

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<b>Monday, Sept. 30</b> Teriyaki Chicken Thigh Fried Rice Layered Salad Fresh Fruit	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 1</b> Citrus Baked Fish Peas Brown Rice Tossed Salad w/Dressing Grapes	<b>Wednesday, Oct. 2</b> Chicken Nugget Bowl Mashed Potato w/Gravy Corn Cheddar Cheese Dinner Roll	<b>Thursday, Oct. 3</b> Chuckwagon Chili w/Beans Corn Bread Colorful Salad Butterscotch Pudding Warm Peaches	<b>Friday, Oct. 4</b> Honey Lemon Chicken Red Pepper Garlic Pasta Brussel Sprouts WW Bread Salad w/Dressing
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*All are Welcome!*

COMMUNITY

# Hot Cars and Hot Beards

## Les Schwab-Fallon Post Benefit Car Show

Story and photos by Leanna Lehman

In case you missed it, the Les Schwab-Fallon Post 2024 Benefit Car Show on September 8 was a blast. Nearly 50 vehicles were registered, with models dating back over 100 years. The cars covered many decades of hot rods, trucks, muscle cars, and more.

The annual benefit event selected Davey’s Entertainment, Davey Munoz’s nonprofit, as the recipient of the raised funds. Davey is a local DJ and Master of Ceremony who donates a great deal of time to help host community events. In addition, he serves with Churchill County Search and Rescue and raises funds for Wreaths Across America, honoring deceased veterans during the Christmas season.

Steve Wisniewski won Best in Show with his 1929 Ford Crew Cab, which earned him a custom belt buckle and Frey Ranch whiskey basket. Other winners included:

- Host Choice – Mark Sathers with his 1971 Dodge Challenger
- People Choice – Raedon Buchannan and his 1978 Plymouth Volare Super Coupe
- Kid’s Choice – Rich Lozano and “Lucy,” his 1946 Ford pickup
- Unicorn (most rare) - Robert Vaden, 1927 Plymouth Coupe
- Fiasco (utter disaster) – William Copley, 1948 Ford Rat Rod
- Awesome American – Davis Faunce, 1968 Mercury Cougar
- Fabulous Foreign – Adam Whitney, 1981 Mini Cooper
- Majestic Modern – Trenton Homer, 2015 Chevy Camaro
- Best Backseat – Jeane Brumann, 1967 Chevy Camero
- Radical Rat Rod – Ronnie Seagraves, 1939 Chevy
- OG (original stock) – Edward Lienicui, 1970 Ford Mustang
- Shake Things Up (modified) – Chris Robinson, 1933 Willy’s
- Roar and Rumble (loudest) – Rich Lozano, 1946 Ford pickup (“Lucy”)
- Jazzy Juggernaut (big rig) – Jerry Cordova, 1980 Peterbilt
- Off the Beaten Path (off-road) – Ray Wilson, 1977 Ford Bronco

The Best Beard Contest added a bit of sport to the show. Steve Wisniewski took the prize for Hot Scruff and also won Best in Show. For the Follicly Superior prize, Richard Edmiston took the day.

Many thanks to our co-host, Adam with Les Schwab, and all our participating sponsors, Camacho Auto Sales, Frey Ranch Distillery, Fallon Speedway, Ott’s Farm and Welding, Alley Bar, Shawn Crystal, and Maverick Boney, for their continuing support, as well as Ken’s Supply, Cranberry Cottage, and Toni Barbetti.

We sincerely thank all the show contestants, volunteers, and visitors who made the event so much fun. See you all next September for the 2025 Les Schwab-Fallon Post Benefit Car Show.



Steve Wisniewski with Best in Show for his 1929 Ford Crew Cab.



Jolie Henke's 1956 Sunliner Convertible, featuring admirers Shawn, Jesse, and Tyler Crystal.



Robert Vaden with this Unicorn Award for his 1927 Plymouth Coupe, one of only a few on the road today.



Best Beard contenders, L to R: Richard Edmiston winning the Follicly Superior category, Adam Gregory with Les Schwab, and Steve Wisniewski winning for his Hot Scruff.



Over 80 car collectors with their Ford Broncos, Ray Wilson (80), winner of Off the Beaten Path for his '77 Bronco as seen in the background, H.J. Hammel (87), and David Sisson (86).



Ronnie Seagraves of Rustoration Garage, with his 1939 Chevy Radical Rat Rod.

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COMMUNITY

# Churchill County Library October Happenings

Story and photo by Anne McMillin, APR

With autumn upon us, the Churchill County Library offers a variety of free events and programming in October.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Rocks.** This special program will be held on October 11 at 1:30 p.m. and is led by Rachel Micander from the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, who will help attendees learn about rocks and minerals.

**Art in the Library.** The Churchill County Museum's recent exhibit, "Shadow Catchers," features eight photographers who either lived in Churchill County or photographed its natural beauty between the 1860s and 1980s. Catch this exhibit at the library in October.

Senator Rosen's office representative will be at the library on October 10 at 1 p.m. or "office hours." Stop by and let the Senator's staff know what is on your mind.

Reading with Rover also takes place on October 10 at 3:30 p.m. Practice your reading skills with the best listeners and keep the book you choose. It is geared toward ages 6 -11, but all are welcome.

Elementary Book Club meets October 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Annex for those in grades 3 through 5. Reserve your spot at [bit.ly/CCL1000BBK](http://bit.ly/CCL1000BBK).

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" encourages youngsters to read books before entering school. Recognition given for every 100 books read on the way to 1,000. Sign-ups accepted at any time at [bit.ly/CCL1000BBK](http://bit.ly/CCL1000BBK).

Spice Club continues in October, featuring Bekir Bey's chili peppers. Bey is a chili pepper farmer just outside Urfa in Turkey. He and his family cultivate about 12 acres of chili peppers. Almost all are cut up, fermented, and ground into Black Urfa Chili Flakes, which you can sample at the library.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Children's story time is at 11 a.m. Each week's story time will feature the same content. Children's Librarian Miss J reads picture books to children and offers a craft to accompany most stories. It is geared toward children ages 3-5, but all kids are welcome to participate.

Family game night is at 4 p.m. Come with the whole family or on your own to enjoy games supplied by the library...or bring your own to play together.



New and Notable books are featured front and center as you walk into the library.

**THURSDAYS**

Children's story time is at 10 and 11 a.m.

**FRIDAYS**

STEAM sessions at 1:30 p.m. Choose from science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities that vary weekly. Geared to kids ages five through 11, but all are welcome.

**OTHER SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY**

Desktop computers are free for public use, and printing and photocopying services are available for a small printing fee.

Online learning services include Mango, Creativebug, World Book, Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy. Use them to learn a new language, explore crafts, study the planet, or download audio-books, movies, music, and more. Access these programs from a computer, download the app to a smartphone, or activate them on a TV.

As always, the library does not charge overdue fines.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

The library's hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and it is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and major holidays.

Call 775-423-7581 for more information on any of the above activities. The Churchill County Library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon. Programming is subject to change, so keep current on the library website: [www.churchillcountylibrary.org](http://www.churchillcountylibrary.org).

## Reno Snaffle Bit 2024

By Nancy Chapman

Many Fallon folks participated in the Reno Snaffle Bit Cowhorse Futurity, Derby, and Non-Pro horse show, which ran from September 9 to 15. Many of the local competitors came home with checks and prizes.

At the trainer's level of competition, two of Fallon's hometown favorites, J.D. Thacker and Anthony McClimon, brought home first-place wins. J.D. rode in the Level 1 Open Futurity on Dre Deville, owned by Ty and Melissa Fowler, with 106 competitors in the class. Anthony McClimon, riding LS Diamond Ventage, owned by Janet Kubichek, came in first place in the Level 1 Open Derby.

In the amateur divisions, Fallon was represented very well again. Tylie Norcutt took home first place in the Intermediate Non-Pro Bridle category and second place in the Non-Pro Bridle category, riding Saulas Hickory Star. Ty Fowler, riding WR This Cats A Champ, took home third place. He had an excellent fence run, with his cow scoring a 223, giving him the highest



score on the fence in the non-pro bridle division, which earned him another check in this large class of 31 competitors. In addition to these riders, ten others from Fallon competed in the open and amateur classes at the Reno Snaffle Bit.

Fallon is proud of these dedicated athletes, both riders and equine, who are dedicated to this sport. Congratulations to all the competitors.

Way to go, Fallon Cowhorse competitors!



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## CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

## Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, September 17 - Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Shane Michael Namuth, in custody, pleaded guilty to Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a first or second offense, which is punishable by 1-4 years in a Nevada State Prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked the court to permit Namuth to the Western Regional Drug Court program, pending a substance evaluation. Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported that Namuth tested positive for methamphetamine on August 29. Judge Stockard ordered daily check-ins and a substance abuse evaluation, agreeing to Namuth's provisional placement in Drug Court.

Franklin Patrick Norcutt pleaded not guilty to the Category B Felony of Involuntary Servitude, punishable by 5-20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000, and to two counts of the Category D Felony of Extortion, each punishable by 1-10 years and a fine up to \$10,000. Steve Evenson, Esq., defense counsel for Norcutt, told the court he will be filing a Writ of Habeas Corpus. Judge Stockard explained that filing the pre-trial writ requires the defendant to waive his right to a speedy trial, to which Norcutt consented. Stockard set the trial for March 27-April 4, 2025.

Nicole Eileen Skillings was not present for her status hearing. Court officials



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

reported that she had yet to contact her attorney or check in with Court Services. Skillings pled guilty to Category C Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle on August 13 and is scheduled to appear for sentencing on October 15. A \$25,000 cash bench warrant was issued.



Kayden Kelly. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

Kayden John Kelly, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony of Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim aged 60 Years or Older, punishable by 2-15 years in prison

and a fine of up to \$10,000. The charge includes a sentencing enhancement due to the victim's age, which could extend the penalty by 1-15 years.

Kelly was initially charged in Justice Court with Attempted Murder in which the Criminal Complaint alleged that he willfully and unlawfully, with malice and aforethought, deliberately and with premeditation, used a box cutter or knife to cut the victim's throat. The Criminal Complaint filed in District Court on September 10 cites the charge as Battery, in which Kelly stands accused of using force or violence, use of a deadly weapon to attempt to batter the victim by cutting her throat, causing substantial bodily harm. Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for November 19.

## Prison and Tragic Events Besiege Veteran with Too Many DUIs

By Teresa Moon

Frederick Raymond Dudley, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court on Tuesday, September 17, before Judge Thomas Stockard. Dudley pled guilty last April to Category B Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI, which carries a mandatory prison sentence.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court that Dudley has honorably served our country and been awarded military awards, including the Bronze Star. Mills said, "He has some acute pancreatitis and a degenerative disease, which is probably very painful." Further, Dudley has three kids, one of whom is just recently deceased in tragic circumstances. Despite these things, there is a public safety issue," explained Mills, "We have to actually protect our public. The blood alcohol in this case was .26."

CCPD Jacob Sommer agreed, "The State has pretty fairly set forth Mr. Dudley's history. The court can see the fact that he is a man who served honorably in the US military, [and] was involved in doing good things for all of us." Sommer said his client is embarrassed by his actions, and he does understand this is not acceptable behavior and "that drinking and driving is just not something that can be tolerated because it puts so many people at risk." Sommer

said Dudley accepts full responsibility for his decision to get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Expressing gratitude that there were no injuries or an accident, Sommer said, "It could have been much, much worse, but Mr. Dudley is thankful that it wasn't." He also noted his appreciation for the time his client was able to spend with his son as he was passing. Sommer asked the court to consider a minimum sentence.

Dudley addressed the court, stating, "I thank you for letting me, first and foremost, be around my child before he passed away." He said he knew he did wrong, that each drinking incident had been due to a death in his family. "I've been a leader not only in my family but in my career. And I let everyone down," explained Dudley, "I know actions speak more than words, and I know my actions here have not been very well charted after; but they will be."

Judge Stockard told Dudley, "I have a vivid recollection of your arraignment. I recall the tragic circumstances... the court had extreme hesitancy and a big discussion about the impending death of your son and how fearful I was about relapse. You told me some of those same things you just told me."

Stockard sentenced Dudley to 52-132 months in a Nevada State Prison and imposed a fine of \$2,000. Upon release from prison, Dudley must install a breath interlock on any vehicle he drives for 36 months.

## GOVERNMENT

## Amodei Introduces Bill for Vets

By Robert Perea

Congressman Mark Amodei has introduced a bill that would ensure medical care for veterans who have been exposed to radiation and other toxins at the Nevada Test Site.

Amodei introduced the PROTECT Act, the Presumption for Radiation or Toxin Exposure Coverage for Troops Act, along with Representative Susie Lee (D-NV-03). This bill would ensure comprehensive medical care to veterans exposed to radiation and other toxins at the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) by establishing a presumption of exposure to radiation and toxins at NTTR beginning in 1972.

"A quick look at the facts shows that this group of veterans were in serious need of additional support as a result of their service," Amodei said. "As with every veteran, those serving at NTTR during the determined time frame are entitled to care for illness and injury sustained in the line of service to our nation. I'm glad to lead the charge on this and will continue to push until this change is actualized."

Lee said the law will help save lives and bring justice to thousands of veterans,

"Our men and women in uniform make countless sacrifices to keep our nation safe, so it's our duty to ensure that we take care



Nevada Test Site T-1 Training Area. Photo courtesy of Travel Nevada.

of them and protect them from invisible enemies like toxic radiation exposure," she said.

The legislation has been referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs for further consideration in the 118th Congress.



GOVERNMENT

# NRH Offers Affordable Path to Homeownership in Fallon

Staff Report

In a housing market where rising costs and high interest rates are keeping many first-time buyers out, Nevada Rural Housing's (NRH) Launchpad program provides a lifeline for rural communities, including Fallon, by offering affordable loans and down payment assistance to help families achieve their dreams of owning a home.

Launched in June, the Launchpad program is designed to help first-time homebuyers across rural Nevada navigate the often-challenging financial landscape of purchasing a home. With a 6.17% interest rate—significantly lower than the current market average—and 4% of the loan amount available for down payment assistance, Launchpad is easing the financial burden for buyers who might otherwise be priced out of the market.

“This program not only helps buyers get in the door with down payment assistance, but they’ll also benefit from an interest rate that’s hard to find right now,” said Kevin Hickey, NRH Homeownership Programs Manager. “For buyers in Fallon and other rural areas, this is an opportunity to explore homeownership without feeling overwhelmed by market conditions.”

For communities like Fallon, where the rural lifestyle and strong sense of community are vital attractions, Launchpad offers a valuable opportunity. It enables residents to settle in a place they already know and love without the high costs that have become a barrier for many first-time buyers. Fallon, known for its agricultural roots and close-knit community, is one of several areas where the program is making a significant impact.

Since its inception, the Launchpad program has made considerable strides in assisting rural Nevadans in purchasing their first homes, yet funding remains available. This means there is still time for interested buyers in Fallon and other rural areas to take advantage of this opportunity.

The program is open to first-time home-



**“For buyers in Fallon and other rural areas, this is an opportunity to explore homeownership without feeling overwhelmed by market conditions.”**

buyers, but veterans and those purchasing in targeted areas are exempt from this requirement, making it accessible to a broader range of potential homeowners. Launchpad provides 4% down payment assistance and 30-year, fixed-rate government loans, including FHA, VA, and USDA-RD options. The down payment assistance is structured with a five-year term and is forgiven at maturity, reducing the financial strain on new homeowners.

Income limits apply to ensure the program reaches those who need it most, but the eligibility requirements are designed to accommodate a wide range of buyers. Full details on the program and eligibility criteria are available at [BuyRuralNV.org](http://BuyRuralNV.org).

The first step for those ready to embark on their homeownership journey is to connect with an NRH-approved lender. These lenders are familiar with the Launchpad program and can guide buyers through the process, from initial application to closing on a home. A list of participating lenders can be found at [BuyRuralNV.org](http://BuyRuralNV.org), or prospective buyers can contact NRH directly by emailing [HAL@NVRural.org](mailto:HAL@NVRural.org).

In a state where rural communities like Fallon are an integral part of the fabric of Nevada, the Launchpad program is helping to keep the dream of homeownership alive. For many, this program is more than just a financial tool—it’s a chance to build a future in the place they call home.

## Churchill County Recognizes Employees for Service

Story and photos by Anne McMillin, APR

At its September 18 meeting, the Churchill County Commissioners recognized five county employees for their combined 50 years of service to this community.

The following employees were honored for their tenure of service to the county:

**FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:**

- Wright Noel, Alternate Public Defender’s Office

**TEN YEARS OF SERVICE:**

- Leslie Notestine, Assessor’s Office
- Chelsea Sanford, District Attorney’s Office
- Jeffrey Weed, District Attorney’s Office

**FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE:**

- Paul Merrit, Road Department, not pictured.

Each quarter, the commissioners present plaques and lapel pins to county employees for every five years of service to our local community.

The next employee recognition event will be at the second Commissioners’ meeting in December 2024.



Jeff Weed and Chelsea Sanford, both with the District Attorney’s Office, with their tenure awards, alongside Commissioners Heath and Getto.



Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel has five years with Churchill County alongside Commissioners Heath and Getto.

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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.



Pictured left to right are CCHS FFA teachers Ryann Kulbeth and Brittany Pimental.

CCHS

Story and photo by Laci Peterson, 11th Grade, CCFEA Reporter

CCFFA celebrated their new Ag teachers, Ryann Kulbeth and Brittany Pimental, on National Teach Ag Day last week. "Agriculture Education and FFA make a positive difference in the lives of students by

developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education," Kulbeth said. Pimental agreed and added, "Ag Ed prepares students for further education, self-employment, entry-level jobs...and provide[s] leadership to build healthy local communities, a strong nation, and a sustainable world." As a member of CCFFA, I speak for all of us when I say we are lucky to have such passionate educators teaching us and guiding us along the way. Thank you for all you do.

CCMS

Story and photo by Victor Schoenfeldt, CCMS Principal

Lucas Koenig is working hard with CCMS student musicians on band practice. He delivers strong instruction, clear skill set mastery, and musical knowledge. All this is laced with humor, providing a class of varied musical instruments and creating an environment built upon proper feedback. Seeing our teachers pour their passion into their students is so refreshing. Koenig is one of the many who makes learning fun and inspiring for students here at CCMS.



Lucas Koenig teaches his CCMS Band students.

EC Best

Very Important Bulldog (VIB) is part of E.C. Best's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) plan. Each week, teachers choose one student who follows the four B's: Be kind, Be safe, Be responsible, Be respectful. Then, that student gets to choose one person to be a VIB with them for the day. They are line leaders, get to be the first students in line at lunch, and they get to eat at a special table in the lunchroom.



VIB at their special table in the lunchroom on Friday, September 20.

Numa

Friday, September 20, was PJammin for Cancer Day at Numa. Students and staff could donate any amount to wear their pajamas to school. The \$1,246.96 collected will be donated to Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation. Numa school Counselor

Noreen Swenson plays a big part in organizing this event annually. Swenson's daughter, Sara, was diagnosed with bone cancer in 2009. "Supporting the organizations that do so much for families of children with cancer is dear to my heart, so I feel blessed to help... continue this fundraising event in our school district each year," said Swenson.



Students in Colleen Tutty's class show off their pajamas for PJammin for Cancer Day.



Lahontan

Students in Kirby Goetsch's class celebrated International Dot Day. IDD is usually celebrated around September 15; this year, it was the 15th anniversary of Dot Day. Students read "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds and spent the afternoon creating dot artwork using tempura paint, paint dabbers and circle cutouts, watercolors, dot stickers, and tissue paper. They also made dots with crayons, pencils, and paper cutouts.

Students in Kirby Goetsch's class painting pictures in honor of International Dot Day.

Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT ZACHARY BUDNER

Math and baseball are two of graduating senior Zachary Budner's favorite things about his four years at Oasis Academy High School, and he has proven successful in both subjects.

"Math is my strongest area of education, and I'd like to thank math teacher, Mr. Evan Brandt," said Budner. "Mr. Brandt teaches in a way that you can't fail to understand the topic. After graduation, I most likely will attend the University of Nevada, Reno, and pursue engineering, specifically civil engineering."



Zachary Budner.

Along with success in the classroom, Budner plays catcher and pitches for the Oasis Academy baseball team.

"The start of the baseball program is one of my favorite memories. I got to be part of the first-ever Oasis baseball team. It's cool how Coach Sean McNabb volunteered to help start the program. I'm grateful for Coach McNabb and the school [for] putting together the team. I got to play the sport I love most for my own high school," he said.

Budner has proven successful on the field, being named to the NIAA Northern League 1st Team for the 2024 season.

"All of my teachers have been nice to me, set fair and well-balanced rules for me to follow, and overall have paved a great path for me to succeed in anything I do," Budner continued. "The teachers at Oasis do a great job making sure you succeed, giving you plenty of chances, and helping you whenever you need it. My time has been excellent."

"Another teacher I would like to thank is Mr. Andy Lenon. He truly makes sure that every student stays on the road to success. Mr.

Lenon makes sure that you lock it in, especially during your most important school years, so that your future is as bright as it can get. Overall, Mr. Lenon sets you up with the path to your future and makes time to do this with every student no matter the circumstances," he added.

Budner will graduate in May and will receive both his high school diploma and associate of science degree from Western Nevada College.

"Graduating with both degrees is a great benefit of Oasis Academy. It allows students to get a head start when it comes to their future," Budner said.

"For future students, my advice would be don't think hard about everything you do and don't worry," he said. "One year ago, there was probably something you were worrying about, and yet, you probably don't even know what that thing is now. I spent most of my life worrying so much about the future and what could happen instead of taking control and getting the outcome I wanted. Just relax. These years are important, so stay locked in, but don't be so nervous, or anxious, or timid about everything. You got this," he closed.

MR. LENON'S LESSONS ON THE BRAIN

Counselor Andy Lenon meets with the eighth-grade classes weekly for guidance lessons. The lessons teach social-emotional skills and the science of how their brains function.

In this week's lesson, students worked on models to better understand how the nervous system uses neurotransmitter molecules to transmit messages between neurons or to muscles.

Neurotransmitters are vital to the body's functions. They are responsible for actions, suction and breathing, heart rate, learning, concentration, and emotions like mood, fear, and joy.

"The teenage years are a crucial time for identity development," Andy Lenon said. "Neuroeducation can provide opportunities



Mr. Lenon meets with students.

for our students to explore and understand themselves better. I think this is essential for their personal growth. By incorporating brain science into weekly lessons, we can create learning environments that support this important aspect of adolescent development and help them grow compassion, empathy, coping skills, and emotional regulation."

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS SERVE AT FALLON DAILY BREAD



Trevor Barrence, Allura Knight-Zumwalt, Kirsten Detomasi at Fallon Daily Bread.

Oasis Academy National Honor Society students helped serve dinner at Fallon Daily Bread on Monday, September 16, serving approximately 100 meals to Fallon community members.

Volunteering at Fallon Daily Bread is an important service activity for the students. They not only work hard helping prepare for meal time and doing clean-up, but they also foster a sense of community and compassion by seeing first-hand the need for organizations like Fallon Daily Bread in the community for those facing food insecurity.

SPORTS

# Greenwave 2024 Homecoming Week

## Sports Fun, Royalty, and a Check for \$5K

Story and photos by John Baker

Churchill County High School celebrated a very busy Homecoming week. Despite the rain on Monday, quite the crowd gathered to watch the Powder Puff Flag Football game. The highly anticipated matchup ended with the Seniors shutting out the Juniors, 21-0.

On Friday, the Greenwave Volleyball Team took on Elko in a tough match, unfortunately losing in three sets.

During the halftime festivities, T-Mobile presented CCHS Athletics a check for \$5,000 as part of their Friday Night 5G Lights campaign, and the Homecoming King and Queen were named.

The highlight of the night was the football game against Sparks, in which the Greenwave Varsity easily defeated the Sparks Railroaders 43-7 with 209 passing yards, 212 receiving yards, and 124 rushing yards recorded.



Greenwave varsity player Matthew Bird throws a pass.



Athletic Director Brian Mello accepts \$5,000 T-Mobile sweepstakes award.



2024 CCHS Homecoming Homecoming Queen Maddison Keller and King Broden Pirkle.



Lady Wave's Halle Johnson setting against Elko.



Carson Melendy returning interception during a varsity game.



CCHS senior runs for a touchdown during homecoming Powder Puff game.



CCHS senior runs for a touchdown during a Powder Puff game.



CCHS player makes great catch, nearly missing Sparks player.

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# Postcards



By Michon Mackedon

## Postcard from Harriett Henrich-Warren to Michon

In 1960, my father, Olaf Heinrich, bought 247 acres three miles south of town on Allen Road, which I believe—without research—once belonged to the Cushmans. They were the last couple to be buried in the old cemetery that lies along south Allen Road, within the boundaries of that property—now unkempt and obliterated by years of giant tumbleweeds.

The property was scruffy—two clapboard structures in a cottonwood bosque, surrounded on all four sides by impassable moats of irrigation and drainage ditches. To the west was Miller's dairy—Guernseys sporting melodious cowbells—later re-configured into a larger, less paradisiacal dairy operation; to the east, mostly sand dunes rife with coyote dens, and one long row of ancient, gnarly Fremonts that sheltered herons, muskrats, and pheasants.

My father cajoled his high school sweetheart—my other, Friedel—to live the Wild West dream so many Germans harbored. Olaf was a cabinetmaker by trade but educated himself on feedlot management by means of an extensive library, which I recall occupying a long shelf above his collection of classical music records and Italian operas.

It took time to wrangle the old place into submission so that it would meet my mother's standards. I was born in Carson City. My earliest memories are of motel life, first in Reno and then Fallon, as it took several inspections on my mother's part to declare the old farmhouse habitable.

Most of Dad's attention was devoted to the construction of the feedlot, office, shops, and living quarters for Pete, Dad's son and partner. Olaf was the first person in the Lahontan Valley to cement a network of irrigation ditches to prevent seepage and later brought a laser-operated trencher to the valley. I remember the neighbors standing at the feedlot watching the monstrous unmanned piece of equipment working away, which at the time was downright spooky.

Meanwhile, my mother designed and managed several stunning flower beds and the ancient but prolific orchard. As everyone in Fallon knows, it was painstaking work due to the constant creep of crabgrass, which I was assigned to keep at bay beyond the perimeters.

My mother named the ranch "Promonta"—Latin for "to the good"—paying homage to my father's contribution to the nation's dinner table. Dad regularly attended bookkeeping courses in San Francisco; I often accompanied him there and applied all the latest practices. He tirelessly maintained the gravel roads and corrals, some of which I hired on to paint before running screaming into town for a job that wasn't quite so grueling...as a reporter for the Fallon Eagle Standard.

The point of this story is that old adage: "dust to dust." Very few people who knew my father are alive—those who shared spudnuts with him at the café by the same name at 4:30 a.m. following his pre-dawn feedlot patrol, and neither is he. Like those pioneers in that Allen Road cemetery beneath the tumbleweeds, he has become anonymous. No one sees fit to re-set the ornate granite tombstones or fence posts, now scattered and broken beneath the wasted carcass of the giant cottonwood that once watched over them, mocking the memory of his labors, the fruition of a splendid dream of a German boy who escaped Germany to avoid Hitler's draft and became an American.

But we must not forget. As people from other states overtake this valley, they ought to bow their heads just every now and again to remember those who brought the oasis to this end of the 40-mile desert. And thank them for it.

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## COLUMNS

### What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

This last week was a doozy. Four days after returning from a week-long trip to Atlanta, I was packing my bags for two action-packed days in Vegas. I spent Friday in the kitchen, cheffing for the Churchill Arts Council. A new side hustle preparing food for touring musicians. On Saturday, I played in the Regan Golf Tournament before high-tailing it over to Oats Park for dinner service before the Lucky Chops show. I need another weekend to recover from my weekend. Despite sore muscles, it has been a minute since I swung my clubs, and being a little tired, it was a blast.

Unsurprisingly, I talked a lot about beans this weekend. First, I found a fourth member of the Rancho Gordo Bean Club. It is statistically unlikely that there would be four of us in the club as there are two Kelli (Kelly) Kelly's in our community, but both are true. Second, I featured two varieties of Rancho Gordo legumes in the Lucky Chops menu: Coconut Midnight Black Beans with Cardamom Rice and RG Garbanzos in hummus. Neither dish was particularly hard to make, and both were delicious and stand-out. I hope you will give each a try.



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

#### Coconut Black Beans

##### Ingredients:

1/2 lb.	Midnight Black Beans cooked until soft or 2 (15-oz) cans black beans
2 tbsp.	Coconut oil
1 tsp.	Cumin
1 tsp.	Coriander
3 tbsp.	Grated ginger
1 can	Full-fat coconut milk
	Salt and black pepper
1 each	Lime, zest, and juice
	Cilantro, chopped



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

##### Directions:

1. If using canned black beans, rinse one can and set aside. In a large saucepan, heat the coconut oil over medium heat. Add cumin, coriander, and half of the ginger and cook until fragrant, stirring constantly. Add the rinsed can of beans, followed by the unrinsed/undrained second can of beans. If you have cooked the beans yourself, add all the beans with some of the cooking liquid. Add the coconut milk and season with salt and pepper.
2. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until the beans are soft and the mixture is flavorful. Smash some of the beans with the back of the spoon for thicker beans.
3. Turn off the heat and stir in the rest of the ginger. Adjust seasoning to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the lime zest and add the juice a little at a time until the beans taste bright. Garnish with chopped cilantro and serve over rice.

#### Hummus from Scratch

##### Ingredients:

1/2 lb.	Dried garbanzo beans or two (15-oz) cans rinsed well
3	Bay leaves
1 tsp.	Baking soda
6 tbsp.	Tahini
3 cloves	Garlic, chopped
1	Lemon, juiced
1 tsp.	Cumin
1 tsp.	Smoked paprika



Linda Xiao for The New York Times.  
Food Stylist: Monica Pierini.

##### Directions:

1. If using canned beans, skip to step 2. In a large pot, cover the garbanzo beans with 2 inches of water and bring to a boil for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer, add bay leaves and baking soda, and cook until tender, adding more water as necessary to keep the beans submerged. Strain.
2. Set aside about a ¼ c of whole garbanzos for serving. In a food processor, add the rest of the beans, tahini, lemon, garlic, cumin, smoked paprika, and salt. Process until smooth. Taste and adjust the salt, tahini, lemon, and spices to your liking.
3. Transfer hummus into a bowl and draw a pattern with your (clean) finger into the top. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with more smoked paprika and the reserved whole garbanzo beans. Eat with raw vegetables or pita bread.



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COLUMNS

# Allison's Book Report

## "Happy Medium" by Sarah Adler



We are almost a week into fall, and I am starting to feel that little snap in the air in the mornings, making me reluctant to leave the warmth of my bed. Out of nowhere, we are officially entering the days of pumpkin spice lattes, football Sundays, and soup for dinner. And this is a perfect time to bust out those hoodies and slip into your favorite

flannel pajama pants because I have a cozy, cute, and not-very-spooky, but maybe a little bit spicy, paranormal rom-com for you this week that I just know you will love.

"Happy Medium" by Sarah Adler is the story of Gretchen Acorn, who is barely making a living pretending to contact her clients' dead loved ones from beyond the grave. She is happy to help when her best (read: wealthiest) client hires her to investigate unexplained paranormal activity preventing the sale of her bridge partner's struggling goat farm. Gretchen knows that her powers are phony, but if "cleansing" a nice old man's house will help him retire and put some money in her pocket at the same time, it is just quid-pro-quo, right?

When Gretchen arrives at Gilded Creek, she discovers that this bridge partner is no kind, old grandpa. Charlie Waybill is young, super-hot, and very skeptical of Gretchen's ability to speak with the dead, which makes sense because Gretchen can't. That is until she meets with Everett, the very chatty ghost causing all the problems during property showings. Everett wants Gretchen to help ensure that Charlie avoids the same family curse that has kept him haunting

the farm since the 1920s. Gretchen has one month to convince Charlie not to sell the property. Stubborn Charlie values hard work and honesty above all else – neither of which have been Gretchen's strong points up until now. As Gretchen and Charlie grow closer, Gretchen has to figure out how to save the goat farm, its other-worldly inhabitant, and the man she is beginning to love.

"Happy Medium" is a light and quirky twist on the regular run-of-the-mill rom-com. I loved that even Gretchen knew she was a fraud, yet she was the only one who could see Everett, who is such excellent comic relief. Charlie is sexy and brooding but also tender and caring, making him a top-notch book boyfriend and making this book a perfect cozy little read for this week.

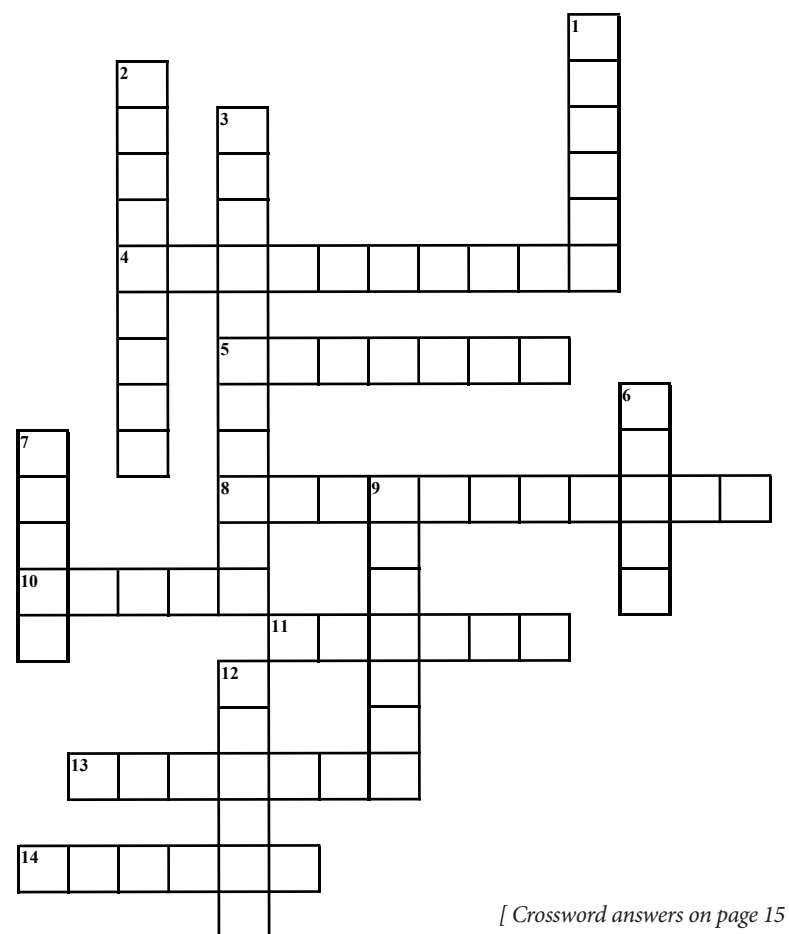
Now, it is time to make a cup of tea, light a fall candle, and get reading. Pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, let me know your thoughts, and suggest my next cozy fall pick.

*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

**ENDS WITH  
BER**



**Across**

- 4. Not a sailor
- 5. Quality
- 8. Shell hunter
- 10. Glowing fragment
- 11. Sliced tree
- 13. 2X a Disney film
- 14. Babble

**Down**

- 1. Flexible
- 2. Arthur's sword
- 3. Court reporter
- 6. Fossil resin
- 7. Fencing sword
- 9. Ventricle
- 12. Liar

[ Crossword answers on page 15 ]

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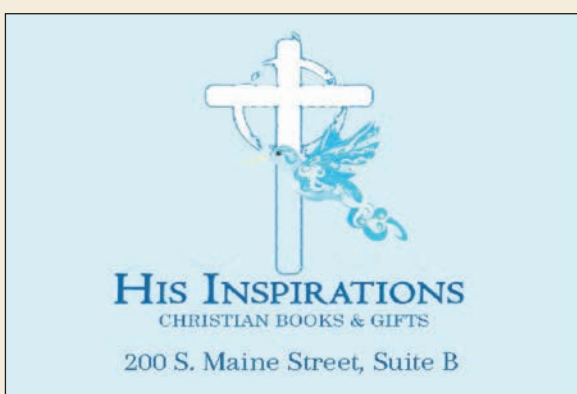
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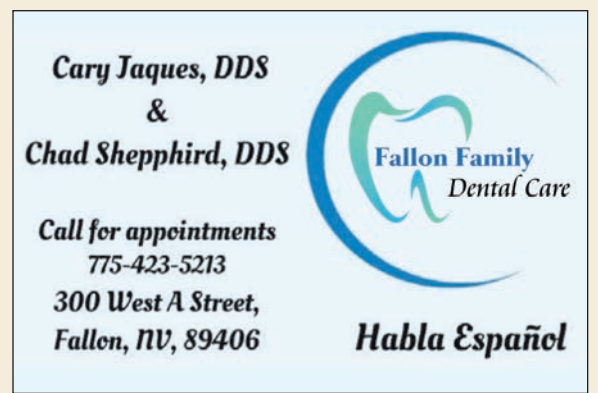
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**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2024:

TITLE: An ordinance amending Title 16 of the Churchill County Code to provide the Planning Director administrative authority to issue Temporary Use Permits and other matters relating thereto.

SUMMARY: An ordinance amending Title 16 of the Churchill County Code to provide administrative authority over Temporary Use Permits by (1) granting authority for Temporary Use Permits to be reviewed and issued by the Planning Director, (2) requiring additional documentation prior to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit in certain circumstances, and (3) limiting the period of renewal for construction of permanent residential and non-residential facilities to 3 years.

At the final reading of the above listed ordinance, the vote was as follows:

- AYES: Myles Getto, Chairman  
Harry "Bus" Scharmann,  
Commissioner  
Justin Heath, Commissioner
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: N/A

Copies of the Ordinance are available at the County Clerk's Office, 155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for inspection by all interested persons.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2024.

PAMELA D. MOORE  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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**BILL NO. 801  
ORDINANCE NO. 783**

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATED BY THE SHORT TITLE "2024 SEWER BOND ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE BY CITY OF FALLON, NEVADA OF ITS NEGOTIABLE, GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) SEWER REFUNDING BONDS (ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY PLEDGED REVENUES), SERIES 2024; PROVIDING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS, THE USE OF THEIR PROCEEDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL GENERAL (AD VALOREM) TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; ADDITIONALLY SECURING THEIR PAYMENT BY A PLEDGE OF REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TOWARD THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION AS IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled Ordinance was proposed by Councilwomen Kelly Frost at the regular meeting of the City of Fallon City Council held on September 17, 2024, and was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Fallon City Council held on September 17, 2024, by the following vote of the City Council:

Those Voting Aye:  
Kelly Frost  
Karla Kent  
Paul Harmon

Those Voting Nay:  
Those Absent:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 27th day of September, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Fallon, Nevada has caused this Ordinance to be published by title only.

DATED this September 17, 2024.

/s/ Ken Tedford Jr.  
Mayor

Attest:  
/s/ Michael O'Neill  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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**From Michon**

I received this lovely story and wanted to share it with you for many reasons. It's a beautifully written tribute to someone who should not be forgotten, and all of us know someone like Olaf, whose life stands as a testament to our valley. It also serves as a reminder of the multicultural threads that weave together to form the history of our place. Olaf was from Germany, but the valley was also settled and refreshed by Italians, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Scandinavians, Irish, English, Mexicans, Filipinos, and so many more. It's a theme I invite you to respond to.

**HERE'S A LIST OF OTHER SUGGESTED TOPICS:**

A Fallon school or a memorable teacher; the best close place for a picnic; memories of growing up in town; memories of growing up on a farm; first impressions upon moving here; the Fallon pool; the Dry Gulch Saloon; fishing and hunting; Lahontan Dam; PTA Parade; a Fallon Club; Churchill Arts Council; a friend, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, neighbor.

And, of course, feel free to write about whatever you want. Send your submission to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:mackedon@phonewave.net).

*Michon Mackedon is a native of Fallon and a retired professor of English and Humanities (WNC). She loves her family, her home, her dog, reading, writing, making good food, and sipping a glass of fine white wine. Beyond that, she refuses to be categorized.*



**CROSSWORD  
ANSWERS**

*Crossword found on page 13*

- AMBER
- BEACHCOMBER
- CALIBER
- CHAMBER
- EMBER
- EXCALIBER
- FIBBER
- FLUBBER
- JABBER
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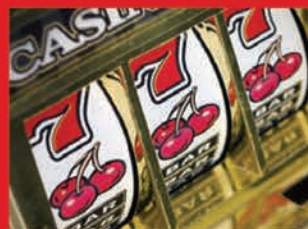
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