

THE FALLON POST



KEEPING YOU POSTED ON LOCAL NEWS

TheFallonPost.org | Vol. 6 No. 11

\$2.00 | The Week of January 17, 2025

MISSING Casey Duby

Staff Report

The Fallon Police Department requested public assistance on January 7 for help in locating Casey Duby. Casey is 21 years old and was last seen by her family around December 29, 2024, at her residence in Fallon.

Casey does not have a car and could be staying with friends in the Fallon or Reno area. The National Center For Missing and Endangered, Inc. has been notified and is sharing the information. On Monday, January 13, 2025, Fallon Police Department confirmed there are no updates on Casey's whereabouts.

If you have any information on Casey, please call Fallon Police Department at 775-423-2111 and ask to speak with Detective Daniel Groom. A \$5,000 reward is offered for confirmable information leading to Casey's whereabouts and return.



Blooming Success:

Fallon's Yellow Petal Flower Farm Named Nevada's Best in Agriculture



L to R: Dillon Davidson - Senior Trade & Policy Officer Nevada Department of Agriculture, Kylie Pack, Kim Urso, Kelli Kelly, Agriculture & Food Systems Business Advisor Nevada SBDC, and Brad Scribner - Made in Nevada & Grown in Nevada Program Manager, Nevada SBDC. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

By Rachel Dahl

The Nevada Department of Agriculture, along with Made In Nevada, honored one of the state's top small businesses Thursday in the agriculture, food, and beverage industries.

The winner of the '2024 Nevada Agriculture, Food and Beverage Small Business of the Year Award' is Yellow Petal Flower Farm – the

largest cut flower farm in Nevada, run by a mother/daughter duo, Kimberly Urso and her daughter, Kylie. The Fallon-based family farm grows and cultivates locally grown, pesticide-free flowers. They also offer field space for elopements, as well as small weddings or events.

Initially started in 2018 on a two-acre farm in Dayton, Yellow Petal has made Fallon its home for a few years now. Their primary crops are flowers, but they have also experience growing a wide variety produce, all using responsible and sustainable farm practices.

"I love Yellow Petal Flower Farm," said Nevada Small Business Development Center's Agriculture & Food Systems Business Advisor Kelli Kelly in a prior interview, "This is four generations of women on this 15-acre property." According to Kelly, Yellow Petal is a fun, full-on family operation, with a good deal of assistance from their "men folk."

"Day-to-day farm operations are still managed by our family who live on the farm, but we frequently welcome help from other family members and volunteers," writes Kim and Kylie.

The Agriculture Food and Beverage Small Business of the Year Award is now in its fourth year, celebrating the contributions of local businesses that drive Nevada's economy. Yellow Petal wasn't Fallon's only operation named as a finalist. Huck Salt, Fallon's family-owned and operated salt harvesting operation with roots that date back to 1938 when Elmer Huckaby put a shovel and wheelbarrow to work, was also included in the honors.

[Yellow Petal Farm continued on page 2]



IN THIS EDITION

From the Publisher2	Business9
Features3	Education9
Announcements4	Sports11
Community6	Columns12
Government7	Crossword12
Courts8	Legal Notices14
	Business Directory14

PERIODICAL
POSTAGE
PAID AT
Fallon, NV

Wrangler **BIG R**

20% OFF MEN'S & WOMEN'S
Boy's & Girl's
JEANS

Jan 13-26

BIGRWEST.COM SPARKS FALLON FERNLEY LOVELOCK WINNEMUCCA BURNS OR

The Fallon Post
25 South Maine Street
Fallon, Nevada 89406
Address correction required



THE FALLON POST

Publisher/President

Rachel Dahl
rachel@fallonmediallc.com

Editor

Leanna Lehman
LeannaLehman@thefallonpost.org

Advertising

Toni Barbetti
For advertising contact:
775-481-3582, or email
Advertising@FallonMediaLLC.com

Layout & Ad Design

Christine Bryner
christine@studio509llc.com

Office Manager

Cheryl Venturacci

Logistics Manager

Denice Pinder

Contributors

John Baker
Winston Brooks
Nancy Chapman
Stuart Cook
Allison Diegel
Suzann Gilliland-Peterson
Isis Harris
Sonya Johnson
Vicki Jones
Kelli Kelly
Christy Lattin
Trina Machacek
Michon Mackedon
Anne McMillin
Teresa Moon
Sylvia Nash
Robert Perea
Kelli Perez
Kaitlin Ritchie
Angela Viera
Patricia Whitten
Vic Williams

Volunteers

Victoria Crystal
Nancy Coon
Jim & Tina Dakin
Tess Fife
Mike & Beth Reese
Harry Smith

Mail

25 South Maine Street
Fallon, Nevada 89406
775-423-4545
admin@thefallonpost.org

The Fallon Post (ISSN 2767-6234) is published weekly, on Friday, by The Fallon Post, 25 South Maine Street Fallon, NV 89406

Periodical Postage is paid in Fallon, NV
POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to The Fallon Post, 25 South Maine Street Fallon, NV 89406
Copyright © 2024

TO SUBMIT A LEGAL NOTICE

please email:
publicnotices@thefallonpost.org.

TO SUBMIT AN OBITUARY

Please send via email to:
admin@thefallonpost.org
You can attach a photo. Obituary text must be sent in Word document format, or in the body of an email, no images or pictures of text, please.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OR ADDRESS CHANGE

Can be placed online, and by mail at 25 South Maine Street, or by phone: 775-423-4545. Single copies may be purchased for \$2 at local merchants listed on the back page.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

And We Forge On, Through Windmills and Rivers

By Rachel Dahl

It's been a hell of a week at *The Fallon Post*. We almost didn't make it. But there are a lot of people who believe in what we're doing here, and we're really grateful for them. We may also finally be learning to sell ads, and that part has been really fun.

To all of you who have been buying ads this past week and who have paid their invoices, we are super grateful for you. And if you love this paper, please go see those businesses and buy some stuff.

There's probably a reason local, community news has gone away and we're just too stubborn to admit it, but man, we face the reality of that every week, blithely turn our back like we're Scarlett O'Hara or something. And always, there you are our supporters, wishing us on, buying subscriptions, sending us story tips, and volunteering in the office. And too, there's Leanna, "just push a little longer. We can go one more week."

It really is a thing of beauty.

I have a dear friend, C.J. Hadley. I call her affectionately "Mum" because she raised me in my writing life. She's the first person who ever paid me for words. And she's from England originally. She owns "*Range Magazine*" which she started and has been running since 1991. We've spent a lot of time together over the years, more recently commiserating over what passion publishing actually means.

She cries a lot. I've always found it so endearing – a sign of how much she cares about what she's doing. I do not cry. But she'll be

waxing on about the West and ranching and how much it matters, and her subscribers, and the joy of what she's doing and the pain of watching the impacts on ranches across the country. And then she'll get choked up, and the depth of the meaning of all this smacks you in the face.

I've always thought it lovely, but not something I would do. There's no crying in newspapering.

Until this week. I've cried a river. Are we doing the right thing? Are we going to make it? Why is that damn windmill in my way? C.J. said, "Little one... I cry often, which is probably why I'm still upright. I highly recommend that, plus animals surrounding us."

She's actually the only person on the planet who could call me "Little One" and she is a Great Dane lady too. And she's made this work for 33 years.

So while we push a little longer, and we slowly learn how to do this and make it work, we're going to be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel

[Yellow Petal Farm continued from page 1]

This year's other finalists included 7 Hawk Ranch, Park Ranch Meats, and Urban Roots. Nevada Department of Agriculture Director J.J. Goicoechea presented the award, joined by representatives from Governor Lombardo's and Lieutenant Governor Anthony's offices.

Something Truly Amazing Happened, wrote Kim and Kylie, once learning of the award.

Yesterday was a day we will never forget. Alongside four other incredible farms, our farm was recognized for its contributions to our community and the State of Nevada. We were utterly speechless when our little flower farm was awarded 2024 Nevada Agriculture, Food, and Beverage Small Business of the Year.

We are deeply honored and humbled to stand among some of Nevada's most notable agricultural players. This achievement is not just ours; it is shared with many and is a testament to the hands, hearts, and mentors who guided us along the way.

When we moved to Fallon four years ago, we brought with us a dream: to create a beautiful and peaceful space where people could come to pause, reflect, and to find solace in the stillness of the flower fields. That dream has blossomed, thanks to the incredible support of our community and beyond.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of our journey. We especially want to thank Kelli Kelly for her unwavering friendship, support, and guidance, AND for nominating us for this incredible award.

This is only the beginning, and we can't wait to welcome you back to the flower fields. Here's to more growth, connection, and beauty ahead.

With love, Kim & Kylie



Peonies. Photo courtesy of Yellow Petal Flower Farm.

Goicoechea also announced the launch of the 2025 Food and Beverage Passport, featuring 52 small businesses across the state. He emphasized the vital role these businesses play in strengthening Nevada's economy.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and what we do," said Goicoechea. "These businesses are the backbone of Nevada agriculture, and this is what we're trying to promote more of. So, we're very proud of what these guys do, and we want the public to know that they can come down here, have a beverage, have a good time, and actually support the businesses that give back to your local economy."

Congratulations Yellow Petal Flower Farm and Huck Salt! Thank you for venturing into and helping sustain agribusiness in Churchill County and Nevada.

Explore the food and beverage passport to support local businesses across Nevada. Passports became available at participating locations starting Jan. 10.

FEATURES

Rafter 3C Arena Hosts 2025 4-H and FFA Horse and Livestock Judging Contest

Story and Photos by Nancy Chapman

Churchill County 4-H Positive Youth Coordinator Karen Bogdanowicz, Ben Matley, Fernley FFA livestock and horse judging coach, Heather Hancock, Fallon 4-H livestock judging leader, Jackie Bogdanowicz, Oasis FFA advisor, and Rebecca Glocknitzer, 4-H livestock specialist, hosted the 2025 4-H Horse and Livestock Judging Contest at the Rafter 3C Arena on Jan. 10-11.



Lee Stockhorses warming up. Photo Credit: Nancy Chapman.

Lee Stock Horses, Flint and Bea Lee, Barbara Hodges, and Marissa and Patty Julian provided horses for the contestants to judge in all reining and halter classes on Friday, Jan. 10. The officials and reasons judges for the horse contest were Clay and Emily Damuth of Carson Valley, Carol Dotson of Fallon, and Tara Sallee of Washoe Valley.

Following the horse judging, a livestock judging clinic gave contestants the opportunity to practice evaluating and placing animals on a judge's scorecard. Hannah Montalvo, a Churchill County FFA member, brought her show steers, while goats were provided by Debra Hoffmann, sheep by HH Livestock's Heather Hancock, replacement heifers by Spear S Cattle Company, and pigs by the Barbee and Lewis families.

On Saturday, contestants judged beef, sheep, goats, and hogs. After evaluating the animals, they scored them on a judge's card and presented oral reasons to a panel of



Pershing County 4-H team, L-R: Ezie Hostman, Ezie's mom, Bailey Portman, Paisley Portman, Blake Portman.

judges. The officials and reasons judges for the livestock contest included members of Lassen College's livestock judging team—Taylor Lauritsen, Spencer Blackorby, Blaine Wolf, Joseph Richard, Hayle Hancock, and Sydney Botts—along with Fernley FFA advisor Jacki Bodanowicz, Oasis FFA advisor Angel Artega, and Fallon's Ben Matley.

The primary goals of the Churchill County 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest are to help participants recognize and interpret visual differences between livestock animals. These skills are valuable for youth to learn, comprehend, and apply. Judging contests also build confidence and increase knowledge of livestock. Contestants must defend their placings with memorized oral reasons, which helps develop public speaking and debate skills. Many successful contestants go on to earn scholarships and compete at the collegiate level.

There were four levels of reasons judged: novice, junior, intermediate, and senior. The High Point Reasons Junior was Emma Elmore of Fallon, High Point Reasons Intermediate Macady Bogdanowicz of Fallon and the High Point Reasons Senior was Ial Richardson of Eagle Point, Oregon.

Sponsors who supported the event included Troy and Nicole Adams, Jon and Rene Hancock, Heather Hancock, Snyder's Pinenut Livestock Supply, the Nevada Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Association, and Gail Kolbe of Carson Valley.

Teams from Winnemucca, Lovelock, Elko, Lyon County, and Eagle Point, Oregon, competed in the two-day contest.



Judging Instructions to all the members present.

THE BELLAMY BROTHERS
FEB. 14TH

GREAT BASIN BULL SALE SCHEDULE

RAFTER 3C ARENA | FALLON NV

Thursday Feb. 13th

Free admission
Bar & Concessions open at 3:30pm
Ranch Rodeo Contestant Check in at 4:00pm
Ranch Rodeo at 5:30pm

Friday Feb. 14th

Doors open 7:00am
Bull Sale Preview
Ranch Rodeo at 8:00am (free admission)

Doors open for Concert at 4:30pm
VIP Dinner served at 5:00pm
Bucking Bulls & Broncs at 6:00pm
Concert Kickoff at 7:30pm

PURCHASE BELLAMY BROTHER TICKETS HERE!

Saturday Feb. 15th

Bull Sale Preview 7:00am
Bull Sale Lunch 12:00pm
Sale 1:00pm

QUESTION DIRECTORY:
RANCH RODEO | RICHARD ALLEGRE 775.848.2108 CONCERT & VENDORS | HUNTER GIOVANETTI 775.460.4327 BULL SALE GREATBASINBULLSALE@GMAIL.COM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Holly!



Holly is a sweet little female kitten with a shy personality that blossoms into pure affection once she gets to know you. She's a playful girl who enjoys the company of other cats, loves her toys, and absolutely adores being pet.

Once Holly feels comfortable, her loving nature shines through, making her a wonderful companion. She's ready to find her forever home and bring joy to her new family. Could that be you?

If you're looking for a furry friend to fill your home with love and purrs, Holly is waiting to meet you!

FAWG Fallon Animal Welfare Group
 4629 Reno Hwy, Fallon
 775-217-4745
 For barn cats call Pat 775-217-7248

CAPS Animal Spotlight



This sweet and spirited one-year-old mix is full of energy and ready to leap into your life—literally. Known for her impressive jumping skills, Bambi loves being around people and thrives on attention. She's looking for a home that can match her high energy and provide her with plenty of love and affection. While she is still in training and hasn't been tested with other animals or children, Bambi is eager to learn and bond with her forever family. Could that be you?

CAPS would also like to recognize some of its dedicated volunteers: Genevieve, Rebecca, Miranda, Dave, Shane, Randal, Judy, Jim, Brad, Dan, and Aidan.

Churchill Animal Protection Society
 5894 Pasture Rd, Fallon
 775-423-7500 | capsnevada.org

City of Fallon Animal Shelter



The shelter expressed appreciation for: SPCA of Northern Nevada, which pulled 133 animals, Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG), which pulled 109 cats, Pet Network Humane Society, which pulled 41 animals, CAPS, which pulled 40 animals, and Res-Que, which pulled 13 dogs.

Come check out Izzy (D-16), a two-year-old Cane Corso who is playful and affectionate. Izzy loves being around people and craves human companionship. She is reportedly already spayed, microchipped, house-trained, crate-trained, and leash-trained. For more information on Izzy, give us a call or visit the shelter.

City of Fallon Animal Shelter
 1255 Airport Rd, Fallon | 775-423-2282

Amelia Ginny Rose Leggett
 First Fallon Baby of 2025



L to R: New parents Aaron and Alisa Leggett with Baby Amelia and BCC's Nurses Alexis Ernst and Terry DeVault. Photo courtesy of BCC.

Welcome, Amelia Ginny Rose Leggett, the first baby of the new year born at Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon. Amelia was born on Jan. 2 at 2:41 a.m. to Alisa and Aaron Leggett. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

BCCH donated a basket of goodies to the happy first-time parents, who said, "We are thrilled with our miracle baby." Congratulations!

Births
 December Births at Banner Hospital

- Oceanna Violet Rose Typhair was born Dec. 2** to Destiney and Christopher Typhair weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz., measuring 19 inches.
- Maisie Rae Ramsay was born Dec. 2** to Kendra Ross and Troy Ramsay weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz., measuring 19 inches.
- Adriana Lee Barstow was born Dec. 4** to Kyle Barstow and Angelica Sorensen weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz., measuring 20 inches.
- Koda Allen-Trujillo Clark was born Dec. 8** to Shane Allen Clark and Chaunacy Dallas June weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz., measuring 20 inches.
- Aaron Jacob Gonzalez Jr. was born Dec. 13** to Aaron and Majic Gonzalez weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz., measuring 19 inches.

Kitty Toots Passes Away



Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS) is saddened to announce that resident Kitty Toots has passed away at 15 years old, finally losing her battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope 2025

By Pastor John Poundstone, Joy Church, Fernley

Happy New Year. I mean that. But can we be real for a few minutes? This year, many pose that more as a question: "Happy New Year? How? When?"



Highway 50 east of Fallon. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

AS I WRITE THIS:

The holiday season brought varying experiences. Pleasant or unpleasant, we're still recovering.

Thousands of fire-affected families and businesses in the Los Angeles area and storm-affected people in the Southeast face incomprehensible losses and monumental challenges. The presidential inauguration is at hand. What will that and the next several years bring? Hideous violence and war rages in 15+ nations. Our national borders are still unsolved frontiers. Lone-actor terrorism and hate crimes continue unabated.

School violence and active shooter events remain shockingly frequent. Our national politics see-saw between stuck-in-the-mud nonsense and hostile feuds. Violence against women, children, and the disempowered remains sickeningly prevalent. Lawlessness and utter disregard for others' property seem to know few bounds. Affordable access to quality health care is becoming nearly impossible for most people.

High prices force unwanted lifestyle choices for most of us. Tech conglomerates are now a new ruling class whose unfettered power we and our leaders currently endorse. Social media, AI (artificial intelligence), and the web are fostering a no-holds-barred frontier wherein truth, civility, and order appear to be becoming choked out.

Our community and region dramatically differ from what we knew just 10 years ago. Property development already committed and inbound will yet again alter our physical and cultural landscape... though none of us knows for sure how and when.

In our ministries, we are seeing marriage and family stress, strife, and worse, at levels not seen before. Tragically, our community has recently seen horrific and tragic family violence.

This list could be expanded, but why? Isn't it already too draining?

THE POINT:

Many are experiencing some or more anxiousness, confusion, dissatisfaction, stress, disconnection, or a sense of being unmoored. How about you? To what extent are you or those you care about just putting their head down and doing their best to plow ahead in their own strength?

When did you last do a caring but unvarnished wellness check on

A Celebration of Life for JACK BARNES June 21st 93 YEARS OF MEMORIES Starting at 3:00 p.m. Eagles Hall, 7977 Reno Hwy. Refreshments RSVP: joyce@cccomm.net or TEXT: 775-217-5757

yourself? How are you doing, really? Are you, like so many, adopting ways to survive and cope you know better than to do, or are you less healthy than you wish for yourself?

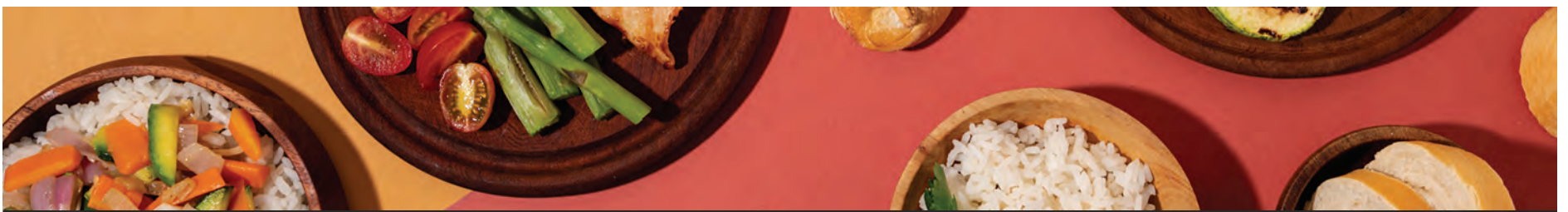
You and I were designed by God for more and for better than that—to know hope, to live from hope, and to be hope for others. Hope is fuel to endure, to overcome, to find opportunity in adversity. How full is your hope tank?

Want more? I encourage you: Take a first step in a hopeful direction. Please consider one or more of these:

- Attend a local church, or more than one, several times in the next few weeks; Reach out to someone whose hope tank seems fuller. Invest in personal time together. Have them over, or go for coffee or a meal with them. Do something you know is replenishing: Watch a favorite inspiring movie, read an inspiring story, spend some time outdoors (especially near water), listen to some of the kind of music you know fills you, talk with an old friend, etc. Laugh a lot, even if you're faking it (science shows that actually works). Reach out for some professional help. It is more than okay to do so. Do something to serve a neighbor, relative, friend, or group in our community. Talk with God, even if you are not sure He is real. Pour out your heart, a bit at a time... and be sure to rest in quiet to see if maybe you sense something He might be indicating back to you.

My wife and I find our hope in a person who is knowable, touchable, and tangible: Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about that, don't hesitate to reach out to a trustworthy person you know, or us.

May the God of hope touch you and fill you with hope enough for the journey today, tomorrow, and all the days ahead. We love you. Yes, you.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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

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

Monday, January 20

-Center Closed for Martin Luther King Day -

Tuesday, January 21

- BBQ Chicken Breast Sandwich on WW Bun Onion Rings Baked Beans Broccoli & Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks

Wednesday, January 22

- Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Beef Gravy Green Bean Almondine WW Bread Fruit Cocktail

Thursday, January 23

- Italian Beef & Rice Tossed Green Salad Buttered Carrots Spiced Applesauce Dinner Roll

Friday, January 24

- Turkey Pot Pie WW Bread Diced Pears

FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESERALDA AVE., FALLON NV | 775-423-4714

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

Monday, January 20

- Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Vegetables

Thursday, January 23

- Tahitian Chicken Rice & Vegetables

Monday, January 27

- Baked Potato Bar Salad & Cookies

Thursday, January 30

- Chili Mac Corn Chips Salad & Dessert

All are Welcome!

COMMUNITY

CCHS Intern Spotlight

Story and photos By Dr. Sue Segura

CCHS student Owen Warstler is gaining hands-on experience at Cooter's Custom Creations, an auto repair and mobile service owned by Cody Chenoweth.

During CCHS's School to Careers Advisor Dr. Sue Segura's visit to the shop last week, Warstler was hard at work repairing a Case grater. At school, he shared, "We do everything—big jobs and small jobs."

Warstler is learning a great deal through the opportunity and told Dr. Sue, "This is my passion." Warstler has developed a strong work ethic and shares that dedication with his employer.



Owen with Cody Chenoweth working on a Case tractor.

"Land of Make Believe: The Musical" Auditions Begin January 28

Staff Report

Audition applications are now open for the children's musical "The Land of Make Believe," presented by the Performing Arts of Churchill County (PACC). Students in grades 3 through 8 can apply online at PACC's website by 9 a.m. on Jan. 28.

Written and directed by Tim Wuth, the show follows Bruce and his sister Robin on a journey through the Land of Make Believe, where they meet familiar fairy tale characters like Little Red Riding Hood, the Fairy Godmother, princesses, the Little Pigs, the Big Bad Wolf and more!. "The Land of Make Believe: The Musical" will be performed at the Churchill County High School Theatre on April 3-5 at 7 p.m., with a 1 p.m. matinee on April 5.

Auditions run Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 at Numa Elementary School. Students will participate in small group pre-auditions, where they will memorize lines, practice simple choreography, and sing sections of the musical. A full-group audition will take place on Feb. 1, with the cast list posted by 6 p.m. that evening. There is a \$30 fee for selected cast members.

Rehearsals begin Feb. 3 at the Wolf Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. Additional rehearsals will be held on select Fridays.

PACC, a nonprofit serving Fallon and Churchill County, welcomes participation in all aspects of the production, including performing, technical support, and volunteering. To learn more, contact David Ernst (President) at davidernstmba@gmail.com.



University of Nevada, Reno Recognizes

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Staff Report

Since 2010, January has been recognized as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, raising awareness about human trafficking and educating the public on identifying and preventing the crime. The month also honors the efforts of governments, organizations, advocates and communities working to combat trafficking.

If you or anyone you know is in a concerning situation that may be linked to trafficking, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free hotline at 1-888-373-7888, text BEFREE to 233733, or dial 221 on your phone.



NATIONAL January 2025

**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION
MONTH**

Contact the Center for Civil Rights & Equal Access for a full list of resources and to submit a concern.



Churchill County Library's January Happenings Start 2025 with a Book or Free Programming at the library

Staff Report

Start the new year at the Churchill County Library with books, online resources and free programming. The library will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 20, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

All library programming is free and open to the public.

FOR CHILDREN

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" encourages young readers to complete books before starting school. Recognition is given for every 100 books read on the way to 1,000. Sign up anytime at bit.ly/CCCL1000BBK.

Reading with Rover takes place Jan. 9 at 3:30 p.m. Children can practice reading skills with the best listeners and keep the book they read. The event is geared toward ages 6-11, but all are welcome.

STEAM sessions are held every Friday at 1:30 p.m. Activities vary weekly and include science, technology, engineering, art and math. Geared toward ages 5-11, but all are welcome.

Children's Story Time is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and

11 a.m. Each session features the same content, with Children's Librarian Miss J reading picture books and offering a craft to accompany most stories. Geared toward ages 3-5, but all are welcome.

The Elementary Book Club meets Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. in the Library Annex for students in grades 3-5. Reserve a spot at bit.ly/CCLElementaryBookClub.

FOR ADULTS

A representative from Sen. Jacky Rosen's office will hold "office hours" at the library Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. Residents are invited to stop by and share community concerns.

The library's monthly adult crafting project is scheduled for Jan. 16 at 4 p.m.

The Adult BYOB(ook) Club meets Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a book they are reading or recently finished.

Spice Club continues in January and features cumin.

FOR ALL AGES

The library's new Tech Demos take place Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., featuring a different technology each week, including virtual reality, drones, stop-motion animation and 3D printing. All ages are welcome.

Game night is held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Families and individuals are invited to play games provided by the library or bring their own.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Desktop computers are available for public use at no cost. Printing and photocopying services are available for a small fee.

Online learning resources include Rosetta Stone, World Book, Libby, Hoopla and Kanopy, which offer opportunities to learn a language, explore educational topics or download audiobooks, movies, music and more. These programs can be accessed from a computer, a smartphone app or a TV.

The library does not charge overdue fines.

LIBRARY HOURS AND CONTACT

The library's permanent hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Sundays and major holidays.

For more information, call 775-423-7581. The Churchill County Library is located at 553 S. Maine St., Fallon. Programming is subject to change; visit www.churchill-countylibrary.org for updates.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Fallon Tribe Hosts Housing Project Groundbreaking Ceremony

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Housing Department held a groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 9, 2025, to celebrate the start of a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) development. The project, located on Paiute Drive, will include 22 townhouses, a community center, and a park once completed. This initiative, which has been in progress since 2022, is funded through the Tax Credit Program and grants, totaling approximately \$12 million, according to Travois, a firm specializing in housing and economic development for Native communities.

A&K Earthmovers began horizontal construction on Dec. 2, 2024, preparing the site for new housing designed for Paiute-Shoshone tribal members. Chairwoman Cathy Williams-Tuni confirmed that the project is on schedule. Pavilion Construction, led by Rick Burkette, is set to begin vertical construction of the townhouses soon.

The development will provide affordable housing options for tribal families, individuals, and elders. Units will range from one to four bedrooms, with designated income-based allocations: six units for households earning up to 30% of the area median income (AMI), 12 units for up to 50% AMI, and four units for up to 60% AMI, according to Travois.



L-R: Andrew Hicks, Maurice Page, Nevada Housing Coalition, Edwin Conway, Jennifer John, Housing Director Fallon Paiute-Shoshone, Sandra Hicks, Council Member, Jake Zamora, A & K Earthmovers, Abby Day, Travois, Elsie Garcia, Cathy Williams-Tuni, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Council Women, Tiffany Welch, Tax and Tadero, Phillip Johnson, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Council Secretary and Stan Lau, Project Manager.

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe is among several Nevada tribal communities working to address housing shortages. In 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated nearly \$27 million to support tribal housing programs across the state, with a \$2.5 awarded to the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe for the project.

TCID Update: Water Allocations, Delays, Emergency Funds



By Leanna Lehman

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 7, to discuss water forecasts, infrastructure projects, automation delays, and a significant emergency maintenance funding request.

The Bureau of Reclamation and TCID reported early snowpack data for the Carson River Basin at 98% of the median, with seven of 13 monitoring sites reporting below 100%.

Water flow projections for April through July for the Truckee River are varied. A 70% flow of 130 cfs equates to 5,000 acre-feet (af), while a 30% flow would mean about 3,000 acre-feet of water, depending on weather conditions.

According to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), if minimal additional precipitation occurs, current forecasts suggest water allocations could range between 75% and 100%, with higher allocations triggering a potential drawdown of storage reserves.

The Truckee Canal remains operational, with TCID working to maximize flows while maintaining storage targets. Adjustments are being made based on fish flow requirements, with the current target at Derby Dam set at 160 cubic feet per second (cfs). As of January 13, the Truckee Canal flow at Wadsworth measures 242 cfs and Hazen at 205 cfs.

As of January 7, TCID reported Lahontan Reservoir storage at 130,145 acre-feet (af) with less than two feet of leakage at the dam and a flow rate of 277 cfs, approximately 548 af in 24 hours. On January 13, Lahontan's storage was measured at 134,300.

The board also addressed delays in its remote automation project, noting the retirement of a key employee with the needed technological skills has set the project back. The district had planned to automate check structures, but progress stalled due to the lack of expertise required to complete the project in-house.

"TCID is in the process of setting up remote access for ditch riders. "Through laptops and tablets, so we're able to make changes

on the screen to the canal... We'll be able to maintain steady flows and then keep an eye on the targets and adjust accordingly," said TCID General Manager Ben Shawcroft.

According to Shawcroft, TCID is now seeking funding to hire an integrator who will implement automation across the board, starting with the early check structure. While no firm timeline was given, the district hopes to move forward soon.

In addition to automation delays, staff shortages remain a concern, particularly in engineering roles. TCID and the Bureau of Reclamation are working to fill vacancies, with several engineering positions still open.

TCID has requested up to \$30 million in emergency extraordinary maintenance (EXM) funding to cover costs incurred during the Truckee Canal concrete lining project. Severe weather events resulted in flooding that damaged portions of the construction site, leading to unexpected expenses that had to be incorporated into the district's repayment contract.

"At the start of construction on the Truckee Canal lining, we had those big weather events that sent water down the canal and washed out the construction site," Shawcroft explained, commenting that additional costs to the contractor were incurred. "Those costs, of course, are incorporated into our repayment contract, but because it was due to an emergency, we requested emergency funding.

The funding request is under review, and approval would reduce TCID's financial burden related to the project.

In addition to the emergency funding request, TCID has applied for \$15 million in USDA funding. These funds would support long-term infrastructure improvements.

Board members reviewed an update on TCID's new website, which has launched but is still in the completion phase. The new site will include:

- Live water stream data (expected to be operational before irrigation season)
- Updated water rights and governance documents.
- Additional resource pages

Staff members have undergone training to manage website content, and final adjustments are underway.

Nevada Department of Wildlife reported that the waterfowl hunting season is coming to a close at the end of the month. With almost perfect moisture, NDOW says they are ready for road grading, with crews set to begin road maintenance in key areas.

According to Water Master Kelly Herwick, the ethylene drainage system has increased flow into Harmon Reservoir, prompting adjustments to manage water levels.

The board approved the district's annual assessment, completed standard financial reviews, and authorized bill payments without issue.

Looking forward, TCID is cautiously optimistic. Truckee and Carson River conditions appear stable, as does the snowpack in the Sierra's. However, water shortfalls are possible if precipitation levels drop. The district will continue monitoring weather conditions, working toward automation, and seeking funding for needed infrastructure improvements.

For more information, visit TCID.org.

A Family Company Since 1947

TEDFORD TIRE & AUTO SERVICE

Looking for Tires or Complete Auto Service?

✓ Complete Auto Service ✓ Lube & Oil ✓ Alignment ✓ Brake Service ✓ Batteries ✓ Diagnostics ✓ Factory Settings

225 E. Williams Ave, Fallon | 775-423-5144 | TedfordTireAndAutoService.com

CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, January 7, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Jessica Marie Topete pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Possession of a Dangerous Drug Without a Prescription, which is punishable by 364 days in the Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Topete received probation on a suspended sentence of 364 days in jail. In addition to the standard conditions of probation, Judge Stockard ordered her to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow its recommendations.

Rafael Contreras Jr., in custody, appeared for sentencing on Category C Felony Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances. Judge Stockard sentenced him to 14 to 60 months in the Nevada State Prison, to run consecutively to his 24- to 60-month sentence in a Lyon County case he is currently serving.

Brian Nigel Pettway appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI, which he pleaded guilty to in November. Pettway was sentenced to a state-mandated 24-180 months in prison. Upon release, he must install an interlock device on any vehicle he operates for 36 months.

Judge Stockard told Pettway, "It sounds like you've gained some insight. I also understand it is scary for you, it is scary for the court, and it is scary for the State." Pettway was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for the imposition of his sentence.

Richard Theodore Brown appeared for a status hearing on the Category C Felony of Non-Support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or Child. In October 2023, sentencing was postponed for a year to allow Brown an opportunity to show he would make payments. He has made no child support payments. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for Mar. 11.

Maverick Woodward Richards appeared for a status hearing related to probation violations. Richards is currently engaged in counseling. However, he missed his last appointment and had to reschedule. Judge Stockard warned Richards that his option was to wake up in custody so he would not miss any more appointments. The court set a status hearing for Mar. 4.

Jordan Adam Cunnington appeared for a hearing regarding an underlying charge related to child support issues. The defendant has been undergoing outpatient treatment. Judge Stockard found substantial evidence that Cunnington could proceed and remanded the case to Justice Court, where it originated.

Carl Wayne Sampson, in custody, denied a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation. Sampson received probation on a suspended sentence 12-48 to Category D Felony of Fourth Degree Arson in July. An Evidentiary Hearing was set for Feb. 5.

Jessica Erin Griggs, in custody, admitted to the Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of Absconding. Judge Stockard revoked her

probation and ordered her to serve her underlying sentence of 19 to 48 months in prison. Griggs was remanded to the sheriff's custody for imposition of her sentence.

Troy Holbrook, in custody, appeared for a Review Hearing regarding his custodial status. Judge Stockard denied his release on his own recognizance (OR), and bail remains the same. Holbrook previously pleaded guilty to the Category D felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, which carries a potential penalty of 1-6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Sentencing is set for Feb. 18, 2025.

Henry Lee Andrews, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Convicted Sex Offender Failure to Change Name, Residence, Employment, charged as a second offense within seven years, which carries a mandatory prison sentence. Andrews also admitted to violating his probation after being convicted of the same in Oct. 2023 and received probation and a suspended sentence of 19-48 months.

Judge Stockard imposed Andrews' underlying 19-48 month term on the sentencing violation. On the felony failure to register charge, Andrews received a sentence of 12 to 36 months in prison, to run consecutively to the underlying sentence on the violation. He has four convictions from 2005 and prior, including Indecent Exposure (x3) and Sexual Battery with Restraint. Andrews was remanded to the sheriff's custody for imposition of his sentence.

Rebecca Lynn Welch pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Conspiracy to Commit Home Invasion, which is punishable by 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Welch received probation on a suspended sentence of 364 days.

Bryant Bennett Jayne, in custody, appeared for a Technical Probation Violation. Judge Stockard continued the matter pending an evaluation.



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

Elizarraraz Sentencing Delayed in Child Sexual Assault Case



Gage Thomas Elizarraraz.

By Teresa Moon

Gage Thomas Elizarraraz, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court on January 7 before Judge Thomas Stockard. Elizarraraz is facing a charge of Category A Felony of Incest, which he pleaded guilty to on September 10.

Judge Stockard noted for the record that he received Elizarraraz's Psychosexual Evaluation in which evaluator Dr. Hixon-Brenenstall concluded that Elizarraraz is not at high risk to re-offend, making him eligible for statutorily eligible probation.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker challenged the evaluation, arguing that it clearly stated that Elizarraraz needed extreme supervision around young children. Baker said he understands that having sex with a minor is illegal but only sees

it as wrong because it is against the law. She noted that if granted probation, he plans to live with his mother, who was supervising him while he sexually assaulted a younger relative from ages 6 to 11.

"She is suffering PTSD, she is still having difficulties; she [the victim] has the education level of a second grader, and she has difficulty expressing what she wants," Baker explained. She argued that Elizarraraz needs to be incarcerated to protect society and requested a minimum five-year sentence.

Defense attorney Charles Woodman, Esq., questioned why the state requested a five-year-to-life sentence instead of a two-year-to-life sentence.

Judge Stockard ordered both sides to submit written arguments for review. Woodman has three weeks to file a brief, with Baker having two weeks to respond. Stockard continued sentencing to February 25.

BUSINESS

At Long Last, Newly Remodeled Jerry's Reopens

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Jerry's Restaurant General Manager Sara Pascale and Assistant Managers Jeremy Lampley and Maria Torres were excited to welcome customers back into the newly remodeled restaurant.

The Handy Man Inc. General Contractor Jesse Morrow, along with his crew Eliah, Shirley, Reese, and Walt, handled the remodeling of Jerry's Restaurant. Owner Kurt Riske wanted a complete upgrade with all new plumbing, wiring, flooring throughout the building, new booths, and all new kitchen equipment.

According to the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, the restaurant's history dates back to its founding by the Goucher family in 1964, with the Fallon location opening two years later. The recently completed work was the first major remodel to the building since it opened.

Head in and check it out!



L-R: Marlene Ward, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Director, Raven, Maria Torres, Assistant Manager, Sara, General Manager, Jeremy Lampley, Assistant Manager, Chrystal, Sidney, Albina, Cindy McGarrah, Fallon Chamber of Commerce President, Ava Case, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Director. Back row: Jim, Ruth Anne, Breanna, Cindy, Sara, Aaron, Michelle Rogers, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Secretary.

EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, with photos courtesy of OA.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: AN NGUYEN

For graduating senior An Nguyen, high school has been all about the experiences and friendships that made the last four years unforgettable.

Nguyen, who started at Oasis Academy as a freshman, says his favorite memory comes from Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz's class. "It was just such a fun and comfortable environment. We loved joking with (and annoying) her every day," he said. "One day, I came into her office to drop off a student's Chromebook I repaired, and we talked for over an hour. I lost track of time and forgot I had left my friend waiting in my car. When he called asking where I was, she and I laughed so hard together."

The friendships he made at Oasis also shaped his experience. "I'd like to thank Josh Gusewelle, Troy Underwood, Zach Budner, Josh Helm and Clint Vaughn for making school a pleasure to come to," he said. "Especially Josh G and Troy for not telling me to go kick dirt when I first arrived at Oasis. I literally just followed them to lunch one day and never stopped."

Nguyen also expressed gratitude for his teachers. "I'd like to thank Mr. Evan Brandt and Mr. Eric Grimes for being the best teachers I've ever had," he said. "Mr. Brandt made math super easy to learn and his classes fun. Mr. Grimes sparked a love of government in me and made me study like I never have before. I even considered pursuing a career in law for a short while because of him."

His time in We the People provided one of his proudest moments. "The team (Halle Feest, Michele Grossi, Anna Springfield) and I won the Unit 5 Award at Invitationals. It's a shame we couldn't go to Regionals, but I was incredibly proud of us," he said.

Nguyen will graduate in May with a high school diploma and an associate of arts degree from Western Nevada College. He plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design with a journalism minor focusing on film and media production.

"My dream job is to either work on professional films or on a content creation team like Mr. Beast as a video editor or sound designer," he said.

Nguyen encourages students to enjoy their time in high school.



Senior An Nguyen.

"Don't rush to graduate. Four years will pass ten times faster than you think, so cherish every moment with your friends. You'll never forget those moments and you'll never get to relive them, so make it special."

SOPHOMORE PHYSICS CLASS BUILDS MOUSE TRAP RACE CARS

By Taylor Sowersby

Students in Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz's physics class applied their classroom knowledge to build and race mousetrap-powered cars.

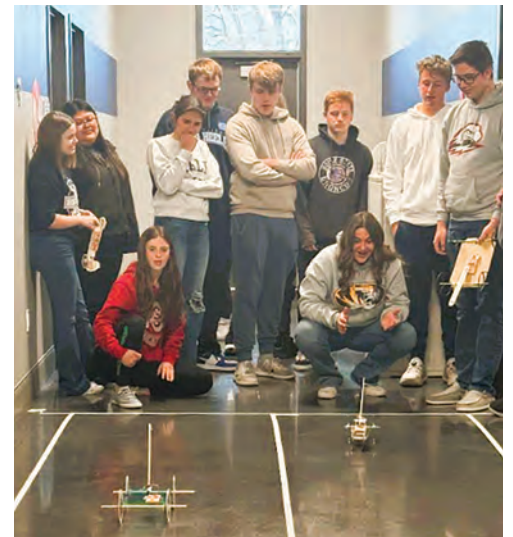
Using concepts of energy and motion, students designed their own cars, ensuring the snapping of the mousetrap served as the energy source to propel the vehicle.

Each car had to travel a minimum of seven meters in the race. The winners of each heat advanced to the next round, with the team of Riley Jacob and Leo Arcoraci ultimately claiming victory.

"The project was a fun yet educational way for us to put our knowledge to work. It was also a good way to lead up to finals," sophomore Kaylee Craig said.

For many students, it was their favorite lab so far.

"This lab was definitely my favorite of the semester. I had a lot of fun creating the cars," Craig said. "At the same time, I found this project very interesting because we were able to have a car travel using a mousetrap as the source of power."



Students racing mouse trap race cars.

OPEN ENROLLMENT THROUGH FEB. 27

By Taylor Sowersby

Oasis Academy is accepting open enrollment applications for the 2025-26 school year through Feb. 27. Enrollment is open for students entering kindergarten through high school. The lottery will be held on March 3, 2025.

Applications are available online at oanv.org. For more information, contact Oasis Academy at 775-423-5437.

Veritas Student Explore "Chronicles of Narnia"

By David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas

Veritas Preparatory School is pleased to begin the second semester by welcoming five new families to its school community. The school continues to grow as families seek classical, Christian alternatives to traditional education.

To start the new semester, classes are preparing for Narnia Day by reading books from the "Chronicles of Narnia" series. Earlier grades are reading "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," while upper classes work through the other six books in the

series. Narnia Day will be held at the end of January.

At Veritas, all classes emphasize the importance of handwriting and developing proper penmanship. Mrs. Jung's kindergarten class spent the first semester focusing heavily on students' upper- and lower-case alphabet, while middle and upper-elementary grades have been working diligently to learn and improve their cursive writing. Veritas students complete many writing assignments in cursive.

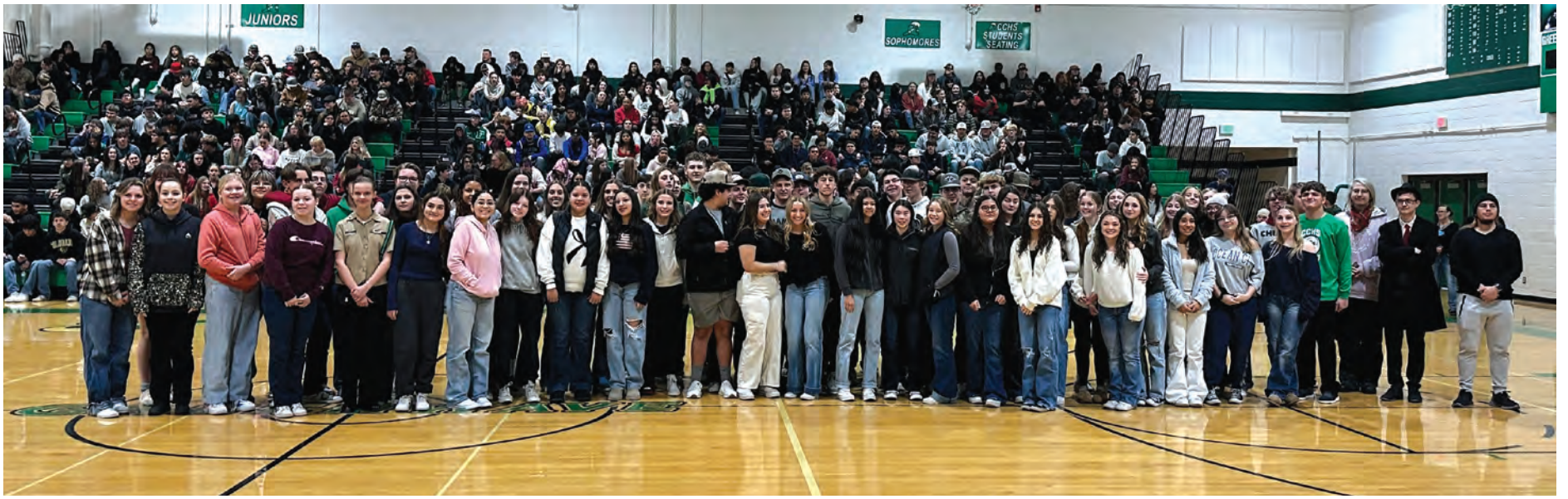
For more information about classical Christian education at Veritas, visit www.veritasfallon.org.



Students learn about money in math.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News



CCHS Sophomore Honor Roll students.

CCHS

Churchill County High School students gathered in the gym last Thursday to kick off the second semester and celebrate achievements. During the assembly, 41 students were recognized for perfect attendance in the fall semester, and 296 earned a 3.5 GPA or higher to make the honor roll. Additionally, 17 Jump Start students were named to the honor roll. Winter sports teams were introduced, and students were encouraged to start the semester strong. “We celebrate student achievements together as one school community, and every semester, there are more students to recognize. It is pretty cool,” Principal Tim Spencer said.

CCMS

Note from CCMS Principal Victor Schoenfeldt. Students are starting the second semester focusing on academic, social, and behavioral success. The school will hold a winter assembly on Thursday, Jan. 22, celebrating student achievements and discussing the upcoming eighth-grade promotion. The high school ROTC will visit for a presentation, providing insight into leadership opportunities. Students are encouraged to stay engaged with their learning, and families are encouraged to remain involved in their child’s education. “This will be an eventful and fulfilling semester,” said Schoenfeldt, I am ready and excited to hit the ground running and look forward to continuing to work closely with the staff, students, and our families.

NUMA

Victoria Purrell’s fourth-grade students started the semester with interactive activities to get to know each other. In one activity, students asked classmates, “If you could eat the same meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?” One student humorously answered, “I would create a tower of seafood and eat it every day.” In another exercise, students worked in teams to complete a “breakout” challenge based on Purrell’s welcome letter, solving word and number locks to open a box. “It was fun watching them work together, struggle productively, and succeed,” Purrell said, who was recently assigned to take over for teacher Kailey Hughes.

E.C. BEST

Students in Denise Youles’ class kicked off 2025 with a “Snow Much Fun” activity, reflecting on the new year as a fresh start.



ECB students showing off their 2025 snowflakes.

Each student decorated a snowflake with six goals: something to learn, a way to stay active, a way to be a good friend, a way to be a better classmate, a new hobby to try, and a book to read in 2025. The activity encouraged students to set personal goals. “Every year is full of possibilities, and this helps them think about what they want to achieve,” Youles said. The decorated snowflakes are now displayed in the hallway as a reminder of their aspirations for the year ahead.



LES student Liam Mendoza and the gingerbread house he made with his mother Sonia.

LAHONTAN

Before winter break, students in Faith Deller’s class celebrated the season by decorating gingerbread houses with their families. The classroom also featured a tree adorned with handmade ornaments crafted by students. “Every ornament on the tree was handmade, which made it special to see every day,” Deller said. The event allowed students to work on a creative holiday project while sharing the experience. Welcoming families into the classroom helped strengthen the connection between school and home. “It was a fun way to end the first semester and send students off for winter break,” Deller said.

Logos Christian Academy
Thank You, Mrs. Wallace!

Story and photos by LCA

Tuesdays are a favorite day for students at Logos Christian Academy, thanks to our wonderful school library and the incredible Mrs. Valerie Wallace, who has been our librarian for five incredible years.

Students can check out exciting books every week, listen to Mrs. Wallace’s story time, and receive her fun bookmarks. One of the many things that makes Mrs. Wallace so special is how she keeps the library stocked with up-to-date books that our students love.

We also want to thank the generous community members who have donated books over the years. Your support has helped make our library what it is today—a cozy, colorful space where students can develop a love for reading.

At Logos Christian Academy, reading is at the core of learning, and our library plays a big part in inspiring that passion in our students. Thank you, Mrs. Wallace, for all you do, and thank you to our community for your continued support. You’ve made a lasting impact on our school.



Mrs. Wallace helps LCA student in the library.



Student Elijah Ethridge, who is just learning to read, is checking out something fun.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Outlaws in Outlaws Wrestlers Earn Medals Beehive Brawl



Photos courtesy of the Outlaws.



Staff Report

The Fallon Outlaws Wrestling Team traveled to Richfield, Utah for the Beehive Brawl, a Utah Nationals Western States tournament featuring more than 1,300 wrestlers from Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming, and beyond. The competition was tough, but the team wrestled exceptionally well. The Outlaws plan to return next year. Congratulations to our medalists: Hudson, Harleigh, and Kaidan.

Flips Invitational 2025 Oliva Olsen Brings Home the Gold



Photos courtesy of Star Olsen.



Staff Report

Last weekend was the 2025 Flips Invitational gymnastics meet at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. Olivia Olsen earned a gold medal in the bars and floor events and a gold for her overall score in the Excel Silver Level. She is in 5th grade at Numa Elementary. Olivia is part of Fallon's TOPGUN Gymnastics competition team, competing at the Excel Silver level. She is in 5th grade at Numa Elementary. Great work, Olivia, and all the fantastic gymnasts at TOPGUN! Good luck at your next event.



Price Reduced!! **\$339,500**

3 Bedroom
2 Bath
1400 sq. ft.

MLS #240013883 • 1300 Lattin Rd.

Call Today **775-224-4163**
shannon@berneyrealty.com

Berney Realty, Ltd.
berneyrealty.com
1870 W. Williams Ave. • Fallon, Nevada

Shannon Nelson
Realtor®
NV Lic.# S.0170113

COLUMNS

Allison's Book Report

Gregory Maguire's "Wicked"

So. Let's talk about "Wicked." Unless you've been living under a rock, you've been hearing all about the new movie based on the 20-something-year-old Broadway musical of the same name. We are musical theater nerds in our house, so we're very familiar with the Broadway version. But do you remember that the musical is actually based on a book?

That's right—way back in 1995, author Gregory Maguire released "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West" as the first in a series of four books that chronicle the life of the witch before she went around terrorizing little girls (and their little dogs, too) and being all around, well, wicked.

Years before Dorothy and Toto's crash landing, another little girl makes her presence known in Oz. This little girl is named Elphaba, and she was born with emerald-green skin. Her skin color makes living in a land like Oz—where famine and natural disasters are common—challenging. Despite it all, Elphaba is smart, and by the time she enters Shiz University, she becomes one of Oz's most promising young citizens.

However, this version of Oz is no utopia, and the Wizard's secret police are everywhere. Animals are creatures with voices, souls, and minds and are being threatened with exile. Young Elphaba is determined to protect the Animals, even if it means battling the mysterious Wizard. Well-versed in guilt and sorrow, she feels almost grateful when the world declares her a witch.

Okay, so up front, let me warn you that "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West" is nothing like the musical or the movie. My oldest teen received a copy for Christmas, so we decided to read it together on our vacation last week. I don't censor what my teenagers read, but if you're concerned about content for young or sensitive readers, know that this version of the story is very dark and full of adult themes.

It's a great story and told so well, but it is not for young kids—despite what the musical or the movie might lead you to believe. Maguire's take on what made the Wicked Witch so wicked is a twisty, turny, gritty modern classic that my teen and I both enjoyed. But it may



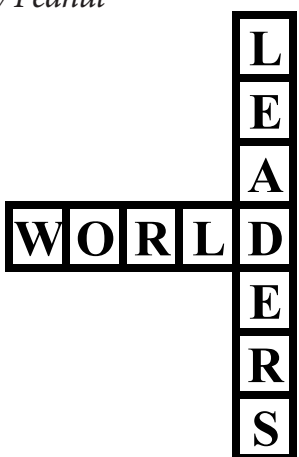
not be for every reader, and we agreed this is one of those rare cases where the movie is better than the book.

Have you read the books that started the Wicked craze? Pop over to my Instagram, @allison.the.reader, to tell me what you think and if you agree!

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

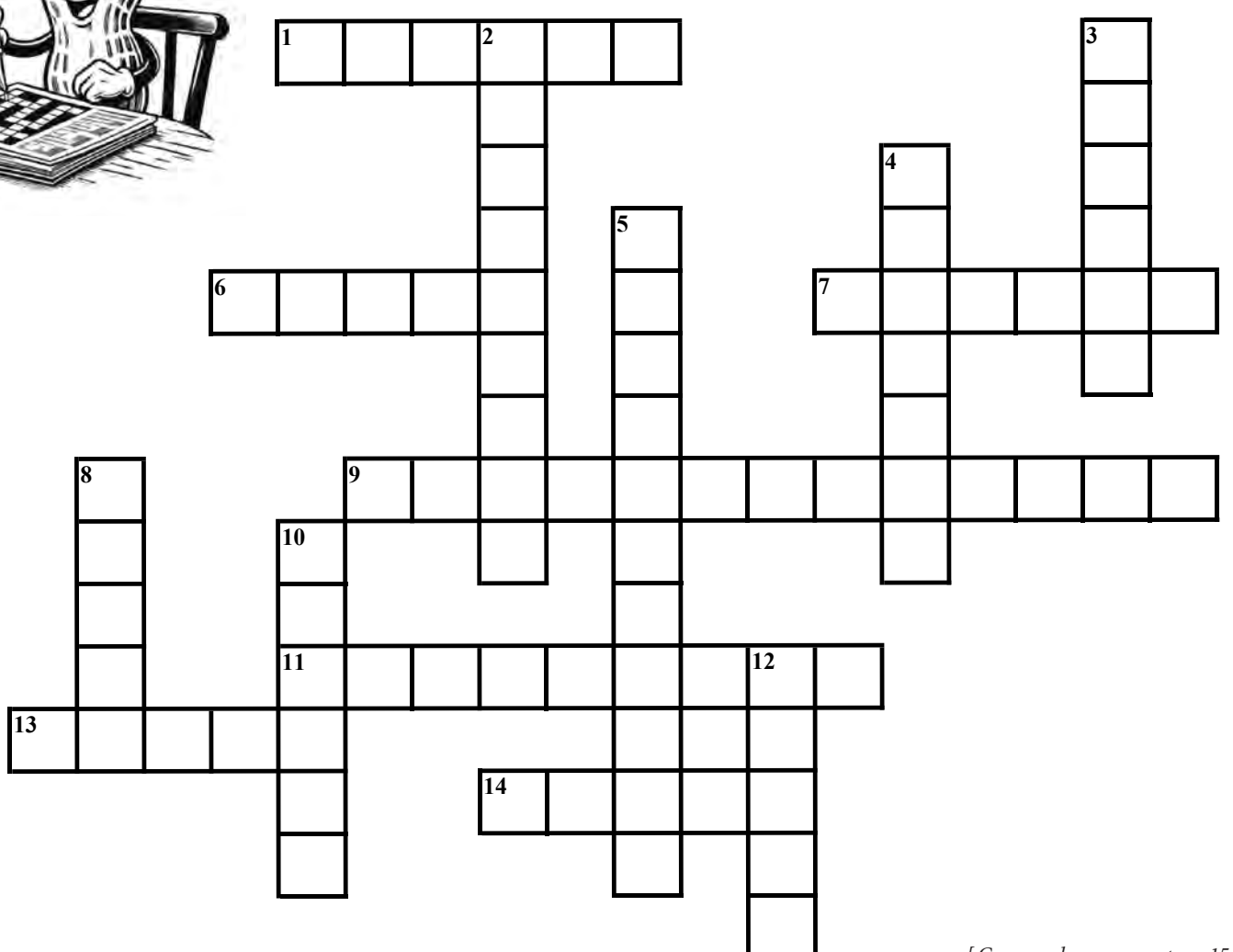


Across


- 1. Sheinbaum
- 6. Sanchez
- 7. DeSilva
- 9. Starmer
- 11. Albanese
- 13. Ishiba
- 14. Murmu

Down


- 2. Subianto
- 3. Putin
- 4. Scholz
- 5. Schoof
- 8. Xi
- 10. Macron
- 12. Meloni



[Crossword answers on page 15]



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO EARN YOUR
Diploma!



Enroll in the ChurchillCSD Adult Education program and *move ahead with adult ed!*

COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen – Kelli's Roast Chicken

By Kelli Kelly



PROUD

Greetings, food fans. This past week, I had the pleasure of attending an event sponsored by the Nevada Department of Agriculture at Schussboom Brewing Company. We gathered to celebrate the top five finalists for the 2024 Nevada Agriculture, Food, and Beverage Small Business of the Year award and the 2025 Nevada Craft Beverage Passport release.

I am happy to report that Fallon showed up—two local businesses made the top five, and at least one other received a nomination.

Congratulations to Momma's Meat Company on your first nomination, Huck Salt for making the top five, and Yellow Petal Flower Farm for bringing home the award. I cannot begin to express how honored I am to be a part of your business journeys and to witness the fantastic things you are accomplishing.

EXCITED

This coming week is one I am looking forward to immensely. I have my initial live orientation for grad school, and I cannot wait to meet the other cohort members and learn more about the Master's in Urban Leadership curriculum.

Also on my calendar is a meeting with the Nevada Department of Agriculture and Assemblywoman Natha Anderson to discuss Cottage Food laws in Nevada and what changes are necessary to increase the viability of these businesses. Cottage food producers play an essential role in our local food system—helping them become more viable will benefit all of us.

NOURISH

This week, I am taking y'all back to the basics.

One of my favorite things to eat is roasted chicken. When I pull the chicken out of the oven, I almost need to be physically restrained from pulling off the golden brown, crispy skin and devouring it immediately.

Back in my Slanted Porch days, I looked forward to chicken salad prep for exactly this reason. We would roast a sheet pan load of skin-on chicken thighs for a recipe that didn't call for skin—chef snack. Here are my essentials for a top-notch oven-roasted chicken.

BRINE

I recommend dry-brining every animal protein before cooking (except for ground meats). The process is simple—liberally season the meat with kosher salt (preferably Diamond Crystal) and wait.

Thanks to osmosis, the salt on the exterior pulls water out of the meat, where it combines with the salt. After some time, that salty liquid is pulled back into the meat. Dry-brining in moist meat

prevents the dilution of flavor that occurs with added water and enables super-crispy skin (nearly impossible to achieve with a liquid brine).

Adding baking powder to the brine helps achieve next-level crispiness because science. I won't bore you with the details.

REST

After seasoning your bird, store it uncovered in the fridge for at least 12 hours. Place the chicken on a wire rack in a rimmed baking dish to catch any juices and prevent contamination.

STUFF

Before baking the bird, I like to stuff the cavity with aromatics and seasonings. Some favorites: fresh herbs (thyme, rosemary, tarragon, marjoram), garlic (a whole head with the top cut off), and citrus (lemon, orange, lime).

This is also the time to add extra seasonings to the exterior and truss the bird if you prefer.



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

BAKE

I prefer a relatively high oven temperature for roasting chicken (400-425°F).

The recommended internal temperature for chicken is 165°F to ensure all bacteria are killed instantly. However, food safety is about the intersection of temperature and time—at 165°F, bacteria are eliminated instantly, but food held at 150°F for at least three minutes achieves the same results.

Ultimately, food safety decisions are personal, so I won't make a recommendation either way. That said, I like my steak rare, and my roast chicken pulled out of the oven when the breast hits 150°F.

Kelli's Roast Chicken

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. Kosher salt (preferably Diamond Crystal)
- 2 tsp. Baking powder
- 1 Large chicken (4-5 lb.), giblets removed, wing tips trimmed
- 2 tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 Head garlic, top chopped off
- 1 Lemon, cut in half
- 1 bunch Fresh herbs (rosemary, thyme, marjoram, tarragon, sage, etc.)
- 2 Bay leaves

Directions:

1. Combine kosher salt and baking powder. Thoroughly season the chicken (including the cavity). Place chicken on a wire rack set into a rimmed baking dish and refrigerate uncovered overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 400°F. Stuff the interior cavity of the chicken with citrus, garlic, and herbs. Truss if you would like. Rub chicken with 2 tbsp. olive oil. Sprinkle chicken with additional dry herbs and black pepper if you prefer.
3. Roast until the breast registers 150°F, and the thighs are 165°F. Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before carving and serving.

FOR A ONE-PAN DINNER

Before roasting, place the chicken in a baking dish on top of assorted root vegetables. The fat and juices drip from the chicken while baking, making a delicious veggie seasoning!

Movies & More at the Historical Fallon Theatre January 24 & 25

By Kelli Perez

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our live music event with Sweet Decay last Friday! We're always thrilled to use our nonprofit community center and historic vaudeville stage to showcase a variety of incredible new and returning talent. This has always been our vision for the space, and while we continue to offer regular movie screenings, we're also excited for the stage to host a diverse range of music, theater, and community events.

We're continuing with the Despicable Me franchise this weekend and will show Despicable Me 2 at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. When a new criminal comes to town, the Anti-Villain League hires Gru to fight him off, but Gru already has his hands full raising his three little girls. Despicable Me 2 is rated PG with a runtime of 1 hour, 38 minutes.

Also showing Friday and Saturday is the 1982 Western drama The Man from Snowy River, starring Kirk Douglas, at 7 p.m. Set in 1880s Australia, the film follows young Jim Craig, who takes a job at the Harrison cattle ranch after his father dies, forcing him to grow up fast. The movie is rated PG and runs 1 hour and 42 minutes. Both films are free.

Looking ahead, our annual "Love Your Theatre" Valentine's Fun Run/Walk 5K fundraiser is set for Feb. 8. The event begins at 9 a.m. on Maine Street in front of the theater. Pre-registration is



\$25 per person or \$40 per couple. To guarantee an event T-shirt, please register by Jan. 20. Registration information is available on Facebook or our website, fallontheatre.com. Forms can also be picked up at Kent's Supply Center.

In addition to free movies and special events, we offer our beautifully refurbished marquee for personalized event messages. To book a marquee message or reserve an auditorium for a party, leave us a message at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

LEGAL ADS



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken January 13, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	130,300 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	3.22 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	242.0 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	205.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	153.0 cfs

January 13, 2024	January 13, 2023	January 13, 2022
222,761 acre feet	75,243 acre feet	76,004 acre feet

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



Send us your sports stories and photos.

admin@thefallonpost.org

Case Number 24-10DC-1420

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO CONSTRUE GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

In The Tenth Judicial District Court in and for of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Churchill, in the matter of the Petition to Construe the Power of Attorney of VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN (principal), and PAUL R. YOUNG (Agent), Petitioner.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 3rd day of February 2025, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. in the Tenth Judicial District Court, 73 North Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406, a hearing on a petition in the above-captioned matter, will be conducted to construe the General Durable Power of Attorney of VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN (Principal) and Paul R. Young (Agent). Any person interested may, on or before the day fixed for the hearing, answer the petition. Failure to answer the petition shall be deemed to be an admission of the material allegations thereof.

DATED: This 31st day of December 2024.

Taylor Clark, Clerk of the Court
Rusty D. Jardine, Esq.
824 Timothy Way
Fallon, Nevada 89406
775-666-9026
Rustyjardine1930@gmail.com

Published in
The Fallon Post
January 10, 17, and 24, 2025
Ad #6281

MEETINGS

January 20-24, 2025

Fallon City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 21 at 9 a.m. City Hall Council Chambers 55 W. Williams Avenue	Social Services Advisory Committee Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m. 270 S. Maine Street
School District Board of Trustees January 22 at 5:30 p.m. 690 S. Maine Street	Wildlife Advisory Board Highway Commission Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
County Meetings 155 N. Taylor Street	Library Board of Trustees Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. Commission Chambers
Insurance Advisory Committee Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Room 102	




For obituaries please call 775-426-4545 or email admin@thefallonpost.org

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

AUSTRALIA	ITALY
BRAZIL	JAPAN
CHINA	MEXICO
FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
GERMANY	RUSSIA
INDIA	SPAIN
INDONESIA	UNITEDKINGDOM



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Advertise today! Call 775-423-4545, or email Advertising@FallonMediaLLC.com



Fallon Livestock Processing, LLC

775 867-8595

1100 Allen Road, Fallon, NV 89406
FallonLivestockProcessing@gmail.com



Affordable Home Center

OFFERING FACTORY-BUILT HOMES FOR NEVADA



D5034

775-625-7163 | ahcnv.com | 1005 W. 4th St, Winnemucca, NV



Jill & Rooter LLC

Call Us. We'll Be There in a Jiffy!

GIVE US A CALL! 775-867-3145

Drain Cleaning • Plumbing • Hydro Jetting

NV# 0088475 • NV# 0087807



Family Pet CONNECTION


(775) 423-6118

735 S. Taylor St
Fallon Nv 89406

Family Pet CONNECTION

Pet Grooming, Pet Food & Supplies
Selection of Reptiles,
Freshwater Fish, Aquariums & More

Familypetfallon@gmail.com
Familypetfallon.com



TELEGRAPH COFFEE & TAP



A Senior Living & Memory Care Community

A home-like environment with Personalized Care Services

The Homestead 775-428-2428

365 West 'A' Street Fallon NV, 89406



Bathtub Refinishing

Porcelain, Fiberglass, Countertops

Kevin Judah

PH: 406-471-1644
Fallon, NV 89406



Workman Farms

Quilt Shop, Classes
Garden Center & More!

775-867-3716

4990 Reno Highway, Fallon

Northern Nevada's Premier CONCRETE CONTRACTOR



CHEEK CONSTRUCTION

FINANCING AVAILABLE

775-426-8802

PATIOS - DRIVEWAYS - SIDEWALKS
MOBILE HOME FOUNDATIONS

3303 Reno Highway, Fallon, NV
www.cheekconstruction.com — NV Lic 78906

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

Call 775-423-4545,
or email: FallonMediaLLC.com

NV Lic. #0089391



EDISON ELECTRIC SERVICE

775-493-0562

CHRIS SOWERSBY
OWNER & ELECTRICIAN

ALYSSA SOWERSBY
OWNER & OFFICE MANAGER

EDISONELECTRIC.NV@GMAIL.COM

Proudly Serving all of Churchill County



Come check us out at our new and improved location

WE HAVE MOVED

2040 RENO HWY

(NEXT TO SONIC)



AFFORDABLE DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS

NVDP202110275123

Registrant, Lisa Nash, is not a NV licensed attorney and cannot provide legal representation or legal advice for a fee.

Low Cost Legal Document Preparation

- Estate Planning
- Family Law Matters
- Probates
- Property Issues
- Child Custody
- Divorces/Separations

Call for an appointment: 775-294-6200

Locally handmade leather bags by



MY GYPSY SOUL

www.mygypsysoul.shop

@mygypsysoul

380 S Maine St.
775-426-9656



JUST IN TIME

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, LLC

SEAMLESS GUTTERS

775-423-6519
jithvac.com

P.O. Box 1974, Fallon, NV
NV Lic. #0069273, #009083.
DBA: Justin and Son



CONCRETE SUPPLIER

COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL - RESIDENTIAL

CHEEK CONSTRUCTION

(775) 427-3765

9843 Carson Highway, Fallon, NV 89406

CONCRETE ON DEMAND!

CONCRETE • GROUT • ROCK
TYPE II BASE • CONCRETE BLOCKS

Only pay for what you use, no waste!
Servicing Fallon, Fernley, Silver Springs & surrounding areas. Call to schedule.

CHEEK CONSTRUCTION

(775) 427-3765

9843 Carson Highway, Fallon, NV 89406

H & R BLOCK

Five Locations to Serve You

Fallon	Fernley
775-423-8200	775-575-5100
Winnemucca	
775-623-4218	
Hawthorne	Yerington
775-945-3844	775-463-4755

OPEN ALL YEAR

The Best Choice for Preparing Your Taxes



GIVE US A CALL! 775-867-5616

Heating and Air Conditioning • Plumbing Services for Commercial and Residential • Service Contracts

NV# 0088475 • NV# 0087807



The Village

Nursery & Garden Center

2975 Reno Highway, Fallon, Nv 89406
775-867-GROW



775-423-1830
810 S. Maine Street

HOURS:
Monday & Tuesday
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Join us on our beautiful patio!



HIS INSPIRATIONS

CHRISTIAN BOOKS & GIFTS

200 S. Maine Street, Suite B

MR LAW

SERVING THE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF NEVADA

MACKEDON, DEBRAGA & ROWE

179 S LAVERNE ST., FALLON, NV 89406
775-423-2106 FALLONLEGAL.COM



71 S. Maine St., Fallon

FREE MOVIES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT AT 6 AND 7 P.M.

775-423-4454
WWW.FALLONTHEATRE.COM

FALLON COMMUNITY THEATRE, INC. A LOCAL NON-PROFIT WITH ALL VOLUNTEER STAFF. APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT.

Robertson and Koenig Optometry



Keeping an Eye on Nevada

775-423-8024



Voted Best of Fallon every year since 2008

1.800.543.1777 www.fallonfloors.com

Darwin Haffner
Owner 775.867.3777
4677 Reno Hwy, Fallon, NV 89406

CARPET LAMINATES VINYL HARDWOOD
WINDOW COVERINGS
SHUTTERS

NV Lic 021068 CA Lic 354561

BASSHAM FURNITURE

AFFORDABLE QUALITY • BRAND NAME FURNITURE



www.basshamfurniture.us

(775) 423-0777 MON - FRI 9AM-6PM
(775) 423-1444 Fax SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM
3355 Reno Hwy Fallon, NV 89408



AMERICA'S SBDC NEVADA

Your first call to grow your business!

775-423-8587
290 W. Williams Ave.
Fallon, NV 89406

www.nevadaasbdc.org
sara@cedaattracts.com

Edward Jones

> edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.



Hunter D Drost
Financial Advisor

298 S Taylor St
Fallon, NV 89406
775-423-8552

Mane Attraction

Elaine Brannen
Family Haircuts
Military Cuts


bran_96@msm.com
775-835-9978

149 S. Maine St.
Fallon, NV 89406

CRANBERRY COTTAGE

SPEAKEASY NOW OPEN

143 S. MAINE ST.
FALLON, NV 89406
(775) 427-5079
@CRANBERRYCOTTAGE

Jonny Gurr

TATTOO ARTIST

loserinlovetattoo@gmail.com
775-867-4454

2895 Reno Hwy. Fallon, NV 89406

KENTS SUPPLY

Your Hometown Lumber Yard
Since 1892

Building • Windows • Doors • Hardware • Feed

STOP Shop Compare!

MAIN STREET • FALLON

Parsons Drilling Inc.

WELL DESIGN AND REPAIRS
REINKE PIVOTS
IRRIGATION PUMPING SYSTEMS
LICENSED IN NV & CA

775-867-3009
Fax 775-867-3404
403 McLean Road
Fallon, Nevada 89406



pardrill@phonewave.net
www.parsondrilling.com



NOGGET BET HERE BONANZA CASINO


Cary Jaques, DDS
&
Chad Shepphird, DDS



Fallon Family Dental Care


Call for appointments
775-423-5213
300 West A Street,
Fallon, NV, 89406

Habla Español



OPEN ENROLLMENT

For the K-12, 2025 - 2026 school year
is December 2, 2024 through February 27, 2025.
To be included in the 2025-2026 lottery,
apply during Open Enrollment.



Applications may be completed online at:
OasisAcademyFallon.us

For more information please call
775-423-5437.

920 West Williams Ave. Ste. 100, Fallon, NV

Oasis Academy is a public charter school serving students in Fallon and the surrounding communities since 2011.

The lottery for Fall 2025 will be held March 3, 2025.





Depot
Casino Diner



*Your place for
food, fun and
entertainment!*



View our complete menu online
depotcasino.com



875 W. Williams Ave.
775-423-2411

Yes! I'd like to subscribe today!

THE FALLON POST

KEEPING YOU POSTED ON LOCAL NEWS

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Monthly Subscription. Print edition of weekly paper \$9.95 (every 31 days)

Yearly Subscription. Print edition of weekly paper. \$119.49 year

Mail to:
The Fallon Post
25 South Maine Street
Fallon, Nevada 89406

You can subscribe online by going to www.TheFallonPost.org and clicking on the Subscription button. Call 775-423-4545

A special thank you to our subscribers!



GRIT & GRACE

SALON & SPA

40 E Center Street, Suite 3, Fallon
775-545-3142
gritandgrace1997@gmail.com



THE FALLON POST

Where to find your copy today!

3D Shipping Bassham Furniture Camacho Auto Sales CEDA Cheek Construction Cranberry Cottage Digitex Edison Electric Edward Jones Fallon Livestock Family Dentist Family Pet Connection Fox Peak Frontier Liquor Galdarisi Heating and Air	Grand Slam Green Cross Pharmacy H&R Block Harmon Junction His Inspirations Homestead JD Slingers Jerry's Restaurant Kent's Supply Center Mackedon Law Mane Attraction Momma's Meats Museum My Gypsy Soul Nugget Maine Office	Parsons Drilling Post Office Qwik Stop Robertson Koenig Optometry Senior Center Skips Market Stone Cabin Stuff and Such Tedford Tire Co. Telegraph The Village Nursery Washington Federal Bank Workman Farms
--	--	--



RISE PILATES

Studio

To book a visit:
risepilates.squarespace.com

Group Classes

MONDAY 6 am, 9 am, 4:30 pm, 7 pm

TUESDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7 pm Men's

WEDNESDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm

THURSDAY 6 am, (7 am), 8 am, 9 am, 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm

FRIDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm

SATURDAY 7 am*, 8 am, 9 am, 10 am

Underlined class times are JUMP classes.

*Mat class

95 Whitaker Lane, Fallon