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CANTALOUPERS GET READY

It's Almost Festival Time

By Leanna Lehman

This year's Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair is just around the corner. With organizers gearing up for 2024 as soon as last year's event concluded, this year promises many new and exciting additions to Fallon's favorite festival.

VENDORS

One notable addition to the festival was the new automated vendor registration program. According to festival executive director Adrienne Snow, this technology has made things much easier for everyone involved. Gone are handwritten notes, Excel spreadsheets, and the innumerable hours spent coordinating vendor registration, fees, booth placement, etc. Now, vendors do everything electronically themselves.

The festival hosts over 120 vendors, and that number is continuously increasing. With a wide variety of offerings like fresh produce in the Farmers' Market, concessions, handmade crafts, jewelry, merchandise, services, and more, this is excellent news for the 20,000 or so expected attendees. This digitized registration allows vendors more time to focus on their booths and event organizers to focus on other festival needs.

NEW EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

Also new to this year's Cantaloupe Festival is the Junior



Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, photo courtesy of CFCF.

Roughstock Challenge. Presented by Battle Born Broncs, this new junior rodeo event is a direct qualifier for the YETI Junior World Finals held in Las Vegas in December. In the world of junior rodeo, these qualifying events are similar to traveling sports clubs and are separate from official junior and high school sports events. They will draw riders from around the western states' region, giving our local economy an additional boost. And great news - admission is free with a festival ticket.

Another exciting element will be the new and improved Ag Experience. With Joe Frey taking the reins on this completely redesigned feature, visitors will be treated to a more immersive experience. Additionally, several local ag-related organizations like FFA, 4-H, High Desert Grange, and Churchill County Farm Bureau will be part of the exhibit. "People will love it," says Snow, looking forward to the fun awaiting this year's festival

goers who venture into the Ag Experience.

MUSIC

And, of course, great music is on tap this year, with three concerts lined up for Friday night. First to hit the stage will be an award-winning songwriter and performer, Reno's Eric Henry Anderson, who Snow says is "phenomenal." Nine Days (also Ninedays), a rock band from Long Island that made the charts in the 1990s and is

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Festival Sponsor Shoutout!

Walker River Disposal

By Leanna Lehman

The festival committee, dedicated to making each Cantaloupe Festival better than the last, says it could only put on such an outstanding event with the help and generosity of its many sponsors.

Sponsors like CC Communications, New Millennium, Nevada State Bank, Edison Electric, Stockman's Casino, Big R, and others are as crucial to the festival as the eventgoers, vendors, attractions, and their many volunteers.

This week's special shoutout goes to Walker River Disposal. According to festival executive director Adrienne Snow, the local waste and disposal company is essential for a smooth-running production. While most of us might not consider the crucial need for fast and efficient waste management and removal, it's a vital component of an event that expects to host over 20,000 attendees and spans several days.



Photo courtesy of WRD.

According to Snow, Walker River Disposal does "the heavy lifting" but also offers this service as a contribution to the festival. Fallon is extraordinarily fortunate to have fantastic businesses, like Walker Lake Disposal, that strive to serve the community.

Walker Lake Disposal offers efficient, cost-effective waste solutions for construction, demolition, industry, mining, and agriculture. It serves both commercial and residential customers. Visit it at www.walkerlakedisposal.com.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log
Home Means Nevada to Me

By Rachel Dahl

“There is a land that I love the best, fairer than all I can see...” I’ve lost my heart to the deserts of Nevada.

What a beautiful state we live in. I’ve had the privilege of trekking across the better part of every square inch of the southern climes of this gorgeous landscape for the past two weeks. My moonlighting day job has taken me to places we don’t normally cover, from Laughlin to Fish Lake Valley, Pahrump to Tonopah, with stops in Goldfield, Beatty, Searchlight, and Cal-NevAri.

Most of us are unaware there is a tiny little spot in between Vegas and Laughlin where the mountains to the west stack in ever-impressive stair-steps into the hazy distance. Nancy and Slim Kidwell acquired 640 acres there from the federal government in the mid-60s to develop an airport-based community where, today, 244 people still live. There is a casino, a motel, a convenience store, and 100 residential lots. And a private water system owned by the company that bought the town in 2016.

There are so many stories.

Last week I staged out of Tonopah, returning each night from community meetings in the wilds – the Frontier – as the locals say. There just happened to be a gem and rock show going on in Tonopah at the same time, so of course I had to go see. One of the booths, run by a husband-and-wife team selling gorgeous turquoise and fancy gems, also had a glass case full of metal pieces that Mr. had found over the years as he scavenged through our tiny desert towns.

Right there, next to car emblems and hotel memorabilia, was a genuine Tiffany Co. sterling silver heart, numbered and everything. He had found it years ago in the dirt in Goldfield.

You know how sometimes there are just things you do without question. Take a trip. Change your name. Buy a horse. You know, the crazy, nonsensical, fabulous things that make life matter. The things we really live for – the things that make it all fun and enjoyable and all the slogging worthwhile.

Of course, I ran out to the truck and scrounged through the console for whatever cash might be lying around discarded at the coffee drive-through, and I came up with enough to get myself that pretty little silver heart.

Leanna and I always talk about how easy we are to please. A nice steak, a beautiful notebook, a pen that writes smooth and rich. An old, tarnished silver heart with a story no one will ever know, lost in the magical dirt of a town rich with lore.

So, while I wear my new treasure in Laughlin this week and wonder about who lost her heart in Goldfield, we’ll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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Cantaloupes and Ice Cream. Photo by CFCF.

famously known for “Absolutely (Story of a Girl),” will follow. Wrapping the music for Friday night will be Dishwalla, an alternative rock group from Santa Barbara. Most known for “Counting Blue Cars” (Tell me all your thoughts on God...because I’d really like to meet her), Dishwalla more recently released their fifth studio album, “Juniper Road,” and

have toured with long-standing alternative greats like Fuel, Marcy Playground, Gin Blossoms, and Tears for Fears.

On the country front, Cantaloupers can look forward to Patrice, known as a versatile county music singer and songwriter. Hailing from Sparks, Patrice has been featured on the Cowboy Channel for her song “Headlights” and has performed with Americana/Red Dirt favorite Reckless Kelly. The audience loved Patrice’s performance last year so much that the festival committee is bringing her back for what is sure to be another fantastic concert. The main performance for Country Night has yet to be announced after a “snafu” with the initial headliner, according to Snow. Fear not; Snow promises information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

Regrettably, the roster is full for anyone still waiting to sign their child up for the Cutest Little Cowboy and Cowgirl Contest.

With so many amazing things on tap, the 2024 Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair might be the best yet.

Stay posted for a feature story on this new youth roughstock rodeo festival event, more on the exhibits, concert showcase stories, and more.

We’d love to hear from you. admin@thefallonpost.org

Have a story?

FEATURES

Nevada Judicial Practice vs. Legislative Intent: Decriminalizing Minor Traffic Violations

By Leanna Lehman

January 1 marked the effective date of a new law passed on June 8, 2021, decriminalizing certain traffic infractions. Legislative attempts to decriminalize minor citations date back to 2013, but they were unsuccessful largely due to concerns about implementation and lost revenue. Perhaps those concerns were not unfounded, as AB116 has run into significant practical challenges that have resulted in inconsistencies and conflicts with standards of judicial practice.

The new law downgrades outstanding offenses that fall under the purview of the law to civil. Warrants are no longer issued for unpaid civil tickets, nor are individuals arrested unless a more severe infraction occurs.

Some of the reclassified offenses include speeding (less than 20 mph over the speed limit), driving too slowly and obstructing traffic, talking on a cell phone, failure to use turn signals, broken taillights, and similar other low-level traffic infractions.

Bench warrants are no longer issued for nonpayment, and individuals do not face jail time when they cannot afford to pay tickets or elect not to. From the legislature's standpoint, these changes provide a more equitable system for handling minor infractions and allow the criminal justice system to focus on more serious crimes.

However, the new law has challenges. According to New River Township Justice Court Judge Benjamin Trotter, every jurisdiction addresses these new civil offenses differently. For example, the district attorney's office no longer handles minor traffic citations in Churchill County.

Previously, the DA might bring evidence against a driver, call the arresting officers as witnesses, or negotiate with the driver for an improved outcome. That is no longer the case in Fallon. The court and arresting officers are now responsible for successfully resolving these cases.

Trotter explained that law enforcement officers who issue civil tickets provide affidavits but often do not attend court. "There is a presumption that their [officers] affidavits will be taken as testimony," However, that is incorrect. "Not being able to question officers



Law enforcement officer patrolling the road near Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Photo by K.A.

is basically hearsay," he said. "This new way of doing things conflicts with the judicial process and many rules of evidence."

In some jurisdictions, judges may tell drivers they cannot dismiss or reduce the charge because the citation is civil. In a recent minor incident in another county reported by a semi-truck driver, his dashcam video showed he was not at fault. However, the judge said, "his hands were tied," despite his desire to drop the charge. As a result, the driver now has demerits on his driving record – a severe issue for commercial truck operators, and his employer took a substantial financial hit after his insurance rates increased.

Judge Trotter said if the dashcam video showed the driver was not at fault, he would have dismissed the ticket. This

highlights the contrasting way courts handle similar cases. "This contradicts long-standing, hard-won judicial process," he explained.

As a result of AB116, Trotter reports that he now dismisses more contested tickets than not. "Fines have increased, but drivers don't have to pay," he explained. "They can now make payments, but there is no real penalty for nonpayment." The court has fewer unpaid ticket collection options without warrants or potential jail time. "It took away a lot of our ability to suspend licenses and weakened traffic enforcement."

"Individuals still get due process, but civil tickets might hurt defendants," explained Trotter. "With civil infractions, the burden of proof for conviction is a preponderance of evidence, which is only 51 percent. When the same infractions were considered criminal, there must be evidence beyond reasonable doubt."

AB116 may not have streamlined the process of handling minor traffic infractions as the legislature hoped. According to Trotter, it has not decreased the workload for judges or made things easier for officers, and there is no method for collecting unpaid fines. "What is the net gain?" asked Trotter, "other than minor traffic offenses are no longer criminal," as contested civil tickets still must be handled in court. From his standpoint, Trotter believes that the legislature needed a solid implementation plan that does not contradict judicial practice. "It's a soup sandwich," said Trotter. "There is no real gain."

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OBITUARIES



LUELLA GARNER
1930 - 2024

Luella Garner passed June 22, 2024, at age 94. She left home in Idaho at age 19 to embark on a 72-year journey with her husband Lee.

They became business owners in Reno, NV, the most remembered of which was the Chocolate Pit. When they decided to leave the city, they bought the Spud Nut shop in Fallon. They remodeled, added on, and once again built a thriving restaurant, The Cock N Bull.

Luella is remembered for her pancakes, waffles, and chili. Her pies were

very much loved, baking 58 of them one holiday. She received a write-up in a magazine comparing her pies to Marie Callender's. Quite a compliment!

In her spare time, she knitted or crocheted, constantly creating many beautiful things.

Luella is preceded in death by her husband, Lee Garner; she is survived by one sister, two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Luella will be greatly and deeply missed by those who were lucky enough to be a part of her journey.

A graveside committal was held on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 9 a.m. at the Fallon Cemetery.

I miss you.
I miss your voice. I miss your smile. I miss your smell. I miss your hug. I miss your jokes. I miss how you made me feel.
I miss your everything.

Gary Ridenour
1948 - 2020

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Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

- Loaded Sweet Potato Fries
- Pulled Pork
- Cheese & Onions
- Cole Slaw
- Peach Cobbler
- Garlic Green Beans

Wednesday, July 31

- Lasagna
- Chopped Spinach
- LFLS Italian Dressing
- Garlic Bread
- Fresh Orange

Thursday, July 25

To be announced

Friday, July 26

To be announced

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Monday, July 29

- Pot Pie
- Salad
- Bread

Thursday, August 1

- Chinese Chicken
- Sesame Noodles
- Salad

Monday, August 5

- Cheeseburger Pie
- Salad
- Dessert

Thursday, August 8

- Pasta Salad
- Green Salad
- Garlic Bread

All are Welcome!

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken July 23, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	240500 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	848 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	61.6 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	42.6 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	11.2 cfs

July 23, 2024	July 23, 2023	July 23, 2022
240,670 acre feet	296,724 acre feet	98,082 acre feet

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

MEETINGS

July 29 - August 2

Thursday, Aug 1, 8:15 a.m.
Board of County Commissioners

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Thursday, Aug 1, 1:45 p.m.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon NDOW Moves to Reno Highway

Staff Report

After decades at its West B St. address, the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has moved its Fallon office to 4082 Reno Highway. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on holidays.

The new location was purchased on December 30, 2022, and came with a hefty price tag of \$1,170,560. However, NDOW officials believe the 1.06-acre parcel, which includes 6,632 square feet of office space and an 8,000-square-foot warehouse, will offer improved customer access, boat inspections, and a larger area for NDOW operations.

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of our new office in Fallon. This strategically chosen site will not only provide a more convenient location for our operations but also provides an improved workspace for our dedicated staff and experience for our valued customers,” said NDOW Deputy Director Caleb McAdoo. “Our goal is to create an environment that fosters greater efficiency and collaboration among our team while ensuring that visitors receive the highest level of service and accessibility. We look forward to welcoming you to our new office.”

Customers with boats are asked to park in the boat inspection



lanes to the east of the office adjacent to Reno Highway (US 50). NDOW asks customers not to park on the highway and to avoid pulling into the parking lot in front of the building.



Photo courtesy of Churchill County: A girl considers her selection at a vendor's table at the 2023 Community Day event.

Free School Supplies at Community Day

Staff Report

Churchill County will host its annual Fallon Community Day event on August 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Rafter 3C Arena.

This event is designed as a free, fun, family back-to-school outing that will include a barbecue, bounce house, school supplies for children in attendance, swimming at the Fallon City Pool at Oats Park, and a chance to see local first responders and their vehicles.

Clothing vouchers for the Blue Sky Thrift store will be available, and the Central Nevada Health District is offering on-site back-to-school vaccines.

Fallon Community Day is a tribute to the area's strong community spirit. Sponsored by Churchill County, the City of Fallon, and the New Frontier Treatment Center, the event is a collective effort to provide a memorable and beneficial event for all.

All are welcome to come out and take advantage of this free back-to-school community resource.

Back to School
Don't Miss It!

CCHS Back to School Night, Bigger and Better than Last Year

When: August 8 at 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rafter C3 Events Complex
What:

- ✓ Momma's Meats Hotdogs and Hamburgers
- ✓ Ice Cream from Country Creamery
- ✓ 63 Booths of Trade Schools, Post High School Training Programs, Colleges, and Employers
- ✓ 38 Local Businesses
- ✓ Guest Motivational Speaker
- ✓ Presented by CCHS with help from major sponsors like M-D Tree Surgery, New Millennium, Model Dairy, and more.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 p.m.

FREE concert at the Fallon Theatre
featuring River Rogue



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Free breakfast at the Oats Park Arts Center - Lariat Patio
Free Show-n-Shine Car Show and Antique Tractors display
Tour the Oats Park School and Art Center

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tours: Old High School Cottage Schools Douglass House
Fallon Police Department
The Old Post Office Tour City Hall with Mayor Tedford
Fallon/Churchill Fire Department

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tour Churchill County Museum

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free swim at the city pool
and the new splash pad area

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Historic Theatre Tours 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Community Karaoke 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Frey Ranch Distillery Tours

4:00 p.m.

Gather at Oats Park

Bring your own chairs, some classes will have tents
set up. We will be honoring the Class of 1964.
Purchase food, ice cream, coffee, beer and wine,
or pack a picnic. Enjoy the photo booth, face painting,
balloon art, reuniting with friends,
and other fun-filled activities.

7:30 p.m.

Free concert

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For questions contact:

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COMMUNITY

August Library Events and Happenings

Dive into a variety of free events and programming
at the Churchill County Library in August. Please note there
will be no storytime on August 7 and 8.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The seed library is open, and it's not too late to plant cool-weather flowers and vegetables. Visit the seed library just inside the front door to make your selections.

Senator Rosen's office representative will be at the library on August 8 at 1 p.m. for "office hours." Stop by and let the Senator's staff know what is on your mind.

Reading with Rover will be held on August 8 at 3:30 p.m., a great opportunity to Practice your reading skills with the best listeners.

Elementary Book Club meets August 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Annex at 3 p.m. for those in grades 3 through 5. Reserve your spot at bit.ly/CCL1000BBK.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" encourages youngsters to read books before entering school. Recognition is given for every 100 books read on the way to 1,000! Sign-ups are accepted at any time at bit.ly/CCL1000BBK.

The Spice Club features a different fair-trade spice every month for the community to try. August's spice is caraway. Use this spice to make a tasty dish, then tag the library on social media to share your culinary creations.

WEDNESDAYS

Children's story time is at 11 a.m. (except August 7). 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 board game night is at 4 p.m. Come with the whole family to enjoy board games supplied by the library...or bring your own to play together.

THURSDAYS

Children's story time is at 10 and 11 a.m., except for August 8.

FRIDAYS

STEAM sessions at 1:30 p.m. Choose from science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities that vary weekly. It is geared to kids ages 6 through 11, but all are welcome.



Reading with Rover. Photo courtesy of CC Library.

OTHER SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Desktop computers are free for public use while 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 audiobooks, movies, music, and more.

As always, the library does not charge overdue fines.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Library hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and major holidays.

Call (775)423-7581 for more information on 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.

Nevada SBDC Launches Third Annual Small Business Challenges Survey

Staff Report

The Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is set to launch its third annual Small Business Challenges Survey in 2024. The survey aims to gather crucial data to aid in strategic planning and enhance understanding of Nevada's small business landscape.

The survey will be conducted from Monday, July 22, to Sunday, September 1, and available in English and Spanish. All responses will remain completely anonymous.

Jake Carrico and Brad Scribner from Nevada SBDC are reaching out to organizational partners to help spread the word about the survey. They emphasize the importance of broad participation to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the community's needs.

Nevada SBDC has provided a partner package to facilitate survey distribution. This package includes messaging templates, graphics, and custom survey links specific to each partner organization. The more responses collected, the better the insight into the challenges faced by small businesses across the state.

The partner package includes:

- Messaging Templates: Email and social media templates in English and Spanish can be modified to suit the target audience.

- Survey Banners: Graphics for use in email blasts, website embeds, and social media posts, with an option to include the partner organization's logo.
- Survey Social Graphics: These graphics are designed for Instagram and Facebook posts and can be customized with the partner organization's logo.

Each partner organization has received a unique survey link to ensure that all responses are attributed correctly, eliminating the need for participants to select a referral source.

To maximize response rates, partners are encouraged to share the survey at least two to three times over the six weeks via newsletters, social media, or their website's homepage. The results will be compiled and shared with the partners by September 23, 2024.

For more information or assistance, partners can contact Jake Carrico at jearric2@unr.edu or Brad Scribner at bscribner@unr.edu.

Nevada SBDC appreciates the support of its partners in this significant endeavor to better serve Nevada's small business community. To access the Partner Package, visit <https://nevada.box.com/s/i3pvn1i7175soohjw5un35i39avclbh>. For more information, visit www.nevadasbdc.org.

ELECTIONS

Secretary of State says Voter ID Qualifies for November Ballot

By Robert Perea

Nevada voters will decide whether identification will be required to vote in future elections.

The Nevada Secretary of State's Office confirmed Friday that a petition for a proposed ballot requiring voter ID has ob-



Photo by Rachel Dahl.

tained enough signatures to be placed on the November election ballot.

The initiative was proposed by Repair the Vote, a political action committee led by former Nevada Republican Club president and former Clark County GOP Chair David Gibbs. It would require each voter in Nevada to present photo identification when voting in person at polling places and the last four digits of their Nevada driver's license or Social Security number if voting by mail.

If the measure passes in November, voters will also have to approve it in 2026 to amend the state constitution.

Repair the Vote PAC was required to gather more than 102,000 signatures by June 26. Secretary of State Francisco

Aguilar said his office verified 131,590 signatures in the letter to Repair the Vote PAC. Aguilar's letter also said a Secretary of State's Elections Division member will contact PAC to begin discussions regarding the establishment of committees to prepare arguments advocating for and against the initiative.

"We are elated to have met another massive milestone in this process; now it is up to Nevadans," Gibbs said.

In February, Carson City Judge William Maddux rejected a legal challenge filed against the measure by Jennifer Fleischmann, Development Director for Make the Road Nevada, an immigrant advocacy group that argued that voter ID essentially amounted to an unconstitutional poll tax. The Nevada Supreme Court unanimously upheld Maddux's decision in May. In their decision, members of the State Supreme Court wrote that they were not convinced that the ballot question would require an expenditure or appropriation to create a free form of identification for voters who do not have a form of identification.

Following the Secretary of State's announcement, the Let Nevadans Vote Coalition released a statement from Emily Persaud-Zamora, Executive Director of Silver State Voices, arguing that voter ID laws disproportionately impact voters of color and do nothing to make elections more secure.

"The use of government issued identification is not as popular as many people would believe with 15% of low-income voters lacking acceptable forms of photo identification," Persaud-Zamora said. "We strongly oppose any effort to make it more difficult for BIPOC voters and low-income voters to cast their ballots."

COMMENTARY

Supporting Nevada's Hospitals

By State Senator Robin Titus

Throughout my career as a physician, my patients always came to me with unique and different stories. But there was one common challenge they faced: Barriers to accessing healthcare here in rural Nevada. My goal, first and foremost, is always to help my patients achieve and maintain strong health outcomes. So when I learn that there's a systematic problem that consistently gets in the way of that, I will always use my voice to bring the issue to the public's attention and work towards a solution.

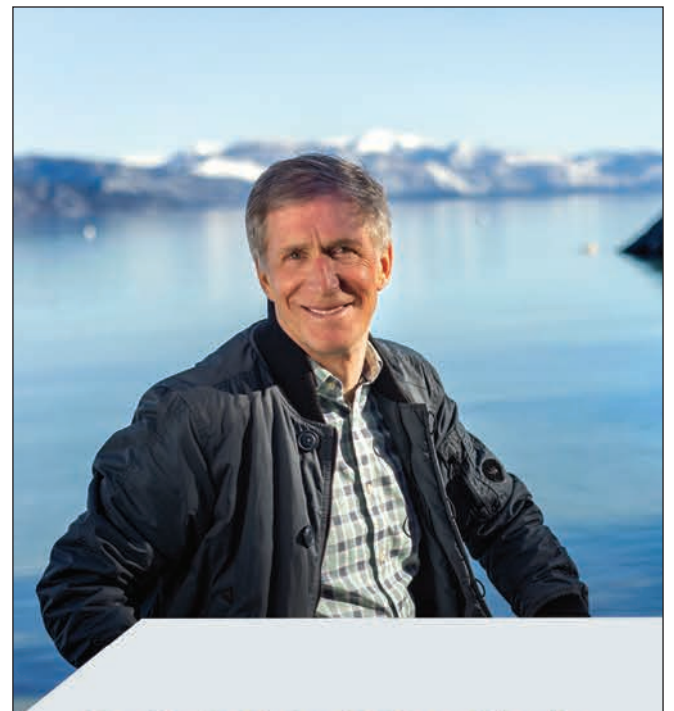
Nearly one in ten Nevadans who live in rural areas – or 308,000 people – experience grave challenges in accessing care that we must address immediately. For example, many residents of Nevada's rural communities have to travel long distances to receive the care they need. According to the University of Nevada, the average distance patients must travel between acute care hospitals and the next level of care or tertiary care hospital in rural Nevada is a staggering 118 miles. This is unacceptable. Hospitals often serve patients who require urgent, life-saving care. If you are suffering from a heart attack or stroke, you need urgent intervention. You may not be able to afford to travel two hours to the next closest provider. That's why it is absolutely imperative that we protect and even strengthen our hospitals. Rural communities rely on these critical lifelines for life-saving care, day-to-day preventive medicine, and everything in between.

Despite their importance to the communities they serve, few people are willing to stand up and speak to a harsh reality: hospitals and health systems face fierce financial headwinds that threaten their ability to treat their patients. Inadequate reimbursement rates don't just make it harder for providers to do their jobs; they punish patients. And when the financial pressure becomes too much to overcome, some hospitals have been forced to close service

lines to remain afloat or even close altogether. This problem is particularly dire in rural Nevada, where 40% of our hospitals are at increased risk of closure over the next six to seven years. One thing is certain: we must reject the false notion promoted by corporate special interests that cutting hospital rates will solve the cost of care crisis and instead diagnose the true root of the problem. Our nation's hospitals and healthcare workers are not some cost center that can be slashed to satisfy insurance companies or lobbyists. They are heroes who save lives, who communities count on day and night.

The notion that our nation's healthcare providers are to blame for this crisis is not only disrespectful to those who put their lives on the line to take care of others, but it's also a distraction from the real issue at hand. Corporate insurers regularly delay and deny care to patients who need it, forcing them to pay out of pocket or go without treatment their doctors deem necessary. Not only do these practices increase costs for patients, but they harm their health outcomes as well. In fact, nearly nine in ten physicians report that insurance companies' prior authorization requirements have a negative effect on patients' clinical outcomes. They also employ other predatory tactics to cut costs and deny care, like using AI to make life-altering coverage decisions in mass rather than a human being taking the time to actually review another human being's file. Corporate insurers have been driving costs up, and it isn't to benefit patients – it's to pad their own profits.

Both as a physician and a State Senator, my mission is the same: to improve the lives of the people I serve. To do that, we need to support the hospitals and health systems that care for us, not head in the opposite direction with the reimbursement cuts pushed by special interests. Together, we can protect and expand access to care in rural communities and give Nevadans the future they deserve.



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DISTRICT COURT

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened on Tuesday, July 16, with Judge Robert Estes presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Justin Lee Overson, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in a Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Estes provisionally placed Overson in the Western Regional Drug Court program and set sentencing for July 30.

Salvador Pena-Gonzalez appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, to which he pled guilty in May. Defense Attorney William Swafford, Esq., stated that his client has minimal history, was drunk at a bar, and had a bottle of Xanax, which he began sharing with other patrons. Swafford noted that drugs and alcohol have held Pena-Gonzalez back and that he needs some help with this. He asked the court to follow the joint recommendations of the plea agreement for probation, which was granted.

Colt Kendrick Bishop appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Driving Under the Influence, to which he pled guilty in May. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer said his client had been provisionally placed in the Diversion program and is doing well. Judge Estes officially placed Bishop in the Diversion Program.

Devon B. Dion, in custody, admitted to Non-Technical Sentencing Violations, including Absconding (since June 20, 2023), being in arrears in supervision fees, and failure to obtain a substance abuse evaluation. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas told the court Dion's lengthy absconding only ended because she was taken into custody. Thomas asked for the revocation of probation. Alternate Churchill County Public Defender Wright Noel explained her husband got sick and passed away; probation became a back burner issue, and he asked that Dion's probation be reinstated. Dion told the court that everything they say is true and hoped the court could "give me just one more chance because that's all I need." Judge Estes told Dion he understood she might have some problems. "But at some point, you have to answer for your actions," said Estes. He revoked her probation, and Dion was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the underlying sentence.

Zachary Adam Jerry Lee Eagleton appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, which carries a potential penalty of 1-6 years in prison and a

fine of up to \$5,000. Eagleton pled guilty to the charge in February, in which the allegations stated that he used a rifle to place a person in immediate apprehension that he was going to be assaulted.

CDDA Lane Mills told the court that Eagleton has a lengthy criminal history that began in 2017, and he has significant health issues. Mills said the defendant intended to scare the victims, and "you can see from the victim impact statements that he was successful; that these hunters were scared. Their spouses are scared when they go out now to hunt." Mills said this is the kind of conduct responsible gun owners cannot engage in. "He has demonstrated he does not have the ability to possess one and be responsible." The State asked the court to fashion a sentence that gives justice to the victims.

CCPD Wright Noel told the court that his client recognized that what he had done was very wrong. He saw people he thought were on his property and fired a shot across the valley. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Eagleton apologized for his actions, saying he honestly misjudged the situation. "I am here today to work with the courts, and I throw myself on the mercy of the courts," said Eagleton.

Judge Estes ordered Eagleton to serve 60 days in jail, after which he will be placed on probation for 36 months on a suspended prison sentence of 28-72 months. He was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff to begin his jail time. As a result of this felony conviction, Eagleton will lose his right to own or possess firearms.

Jeremy Wayne Southard appeared for sentencing on two charges: Count I) Gross Misdemeanor of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Mental or Bodily Harm; Count II) Misdemeanor of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence, to which he pled guilty in May.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker explained the victim in the case took her older child to the doctor. When she returned home, her infant was home alone. Southard soon returned from going to the store to buy alcohol. According to Baker, he either knocked the mother out or she lost consciousness due to strangulation. Southard then left again, leaving the 4-year-old and the infant unattended while the mother was unconscious. Baker asked for Southard to be placed on probation on a 364-day suspended sentence on the child endangerment charge and for Southard to obtain a substance abuse evaluation. On the bat-



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

tery charge, Baker asked for the minimums for domestic violence, which include 48 hours of community service, a \$200+ fine, and counseling at 1.5 hours a week for six months.

CCPD Wright Noel pointed out that Southard's psychological risk assessment deemed him at low risk of reoffending. Further, he didn't minimize what he did and took responsibility, cooperated fully throughout this case, and is dedicated to his recovery from alcohol. Noel stated, "Mr. Southard has started on the path that every court wants to see."

The victim's mother told the court that the beginning was rough; her family was torn apart. She said Southard immediately got into counseling and has done everything he was asked to do. She stated, "We are coming back together as a family," and "I am very, very proud of him." Southard said he is truly sorry about this whole situation, and he has been sober now for nine months.

Judge Estes told Southard that he had heard hundreds of cases like this; "Usually I am often cynical ... somehow, in this case, I am not quite so cynical; you sound sincere to me. So, for the sake of your fiancée and your child, I hope that you are sincere." Fees and assessments were imposed. Southard received probation on suspended sentences of 364 days in jail on Count I and 180 days on Count II, with sentences to run concurrently.

CONTINUANCES AND FAILURES TO APPEAR

Christopher Richard Cleverger failed to appear for a status hearing on a 2014 warrant renewal. Judge Estes renewed the warrant.

Robert Henry Lisenbee was not present for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, to which he pled guilty in May. A bench warrant was granted.

Timothy Eugene Tiboni was absent for a hearing regarding being removed from Drug Court. The case continued until July 23.

Kevin Frank Russo was not present for sentencing. The case was continued until September 10.

From the Office of the Sherrif: Public Alert

Staff Report

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office released information on July 21 informing the public that there have been numerous goats killed in the area of Harrigan Road and Drumm Lane.

A preliminary investigation indicates this is a mountain lion attack. However, the information has been relayed to the Nevada Division of Wildlife for further review.

NDOW reminds residents that Northern Nevada is mountain lion territory, Churchill County included. However, like most wild cats, mountain lions are solitary animals that prefer to remain unseen. If humans see them in urban or residential areas, they can threaten the safety of children, adults, pets, and livestock.

As mountain lions have the most extensive longitudinal range of any cat species, they are willing to go great distances to follow their prey – and, therefore, hunt. While encounters with mountain lions are rare, and the risk of an attack is extremely low, they can – and do, occasionally encroach on occupied areas, as was recently evidenced by an adult mountain lion on the outskirts of Fallon.

Residents in the vicinity should be mindful of their animals and their surroundings when walking in the area.



Mountain lion that encroached on a residential area in Fallon last year, photo by Lisa Fritcher.

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GOVERNMENT

City Approves Sewer Bond Refinancing for \$150K Savings

Council also Aids Local Homebuyers and Discusses Infrastructure Grants

By Leanna Lehman

The Fallon City Council met on July 16 to discuss a resolution related to transferring the city's 2024 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority along with a resolution authorizing the City of Fallon staff to arrange the sale of general obligation (additionally pledged revenues) sewer refunding bonds. Also discussed were Community Development Block Grant applications for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The Fallon County Council votes to transfer its Private Activity Bond (PAB) volume cap to Nevada Rural Housing (NRH) each year. A bond volume cap is a limit the federal government sets to control how many tax-exempt bonds can be issued in a state each year. Fallon receives an allocation of the state's PAB volume cap each year. This allocation is essentially the city's share of the total amount of tax-exempt bonds that can be issued within the state.

Since 2006, the city has transferred \$6.5 million in bond volume cap funds to help Fallon residents buy and finance homes through NRH. Council members Karla Kent and Kelly Frost voted to transfer the available \$588,190.26 bond volume cap funds by passing Resolution 24-7-11. City Councilman Paul Harmon was not in attendance.

Since its inception in 1973, NRH reports a \$2.4 billion contribution toward Nevada homeownership. Since 2006, NRH has provided \$32.3 million in mortgages to 131 City of Fallon homebuyers, delivered \$449,000 in tax savings, and provided \$975,915 in downpayment assistance.

"One of my favorite programs is the downpayment assistance program," said Mayor Ken Tedford. Launchpad is available to first-time homebuyers in jurisdictions under 150,000, with exemptions for veterans and non-first-time homebuyers buying in targeted areas. NRH Launchpad offers 4% downpayment assistance (with 30-year fixed-rate government loans) and \$25 million in mortgage funds.

While thrilled with the benefit it can offer local homebuyers, Tedford expressed dismay at Fallon's recent low participation rates. "We were so supportive and were cut off when our board member retired," he told NRH Directory of Community Development Beth Denning,

One problem in the Fallon area is the need for more local realtor



Fallon City Hall. File photo.

and lender program participation. "I don't think realtors or banks are sold on the downpayment assistance program." According to Tedford, the process takes more work and requires lender participation. To his knowledge, only one local realtor, Faught Group, currently assists homebuyers in utilizing NRH funds.

"You have a responsibility to an entire generation of Nevadans," Tedford told Denning with NRH, "They are being cut out of homeownership – and a lot of them aren't even trying anymore."

Denning could not provide Fallon's 2023 statistics but promised to make that information available soon.

Additionally, Denning said she would convey the city's disappointment

regarding the decline in local participation.

Next, the council discussed Resolution 24-7-12. City Attorney Trent deBraga explained in 2015, the city issued General Obligation (Limited Tax) Sewer Improvement and Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues). The city is looking to refinance its old bonds with new ones to get a better deal and save money, which will help reduce costs for maintaining and improving the sewer system. According to Johnson, by taking advantage of current terms offered by the State Bonding Bank, the city will save approximately \$150,000.

Council members Frost and Kent approved the resolution authorizing city staff to arrange to sell the general obligation bonds. This will later be followed by an ordinance presented for adoption.

Fallon City Engineer Derek Zimmey presented information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. According to Zimmey, the Community Development Block Grant has existed since 1982. Fallon has received 26 CDB grants that equate to a combined received amount of \$4,451,588. The current project is a \$500,000 grant awarded for reconstructing a portion of Kaiser Street, which was changed to a planning grant, with \$172,000 awarded to the city for the design of that street. Zimmer reported that the city requested qualifications (RFQ) for designers, with the remaining funds to be de-obligated back to CDBG.

Several street upgrades, including Court and Front Streets, North Broadway, and North Sherman, have primarily resulted from CDBG funds. No new CDBG projects or applications are currently being considered.

Churchill County Commission

Notes from the Notes from the July 17 Meeting

By Rachel Dahl

Three new library board of trustees members were appointed during the last County Commission meeting. Ryan Swirczek and Sari Koehler will serve four-year terms ending June 30, 2028, and Sue Segura will serve an unexpired term ending October 31, 2026. Swirczek and Koehler replace Ashlee McGarity and Tara Price-Gritzmacher, whose terms expired on June 30, 2024. Segura will fill the vacant seat left when Kelli Kelly resigned earlier this year. Open positions were advertised, and seven applications were received.

The Bureau of Land Management Acting Stillwater Field Manager Shedra Rakestraw presented to commissioners, providing an update on implementing the National Defense Authorization Act and activities associated with the Fallon Range Training Complex expansion. The District Office is working through the federal hiring process to hire a project manager for the NNDA. So far, the office has hired two Realty Specialists and a Land Law Examiner and is still setting the Range Specialist's start date.

Work toward planning Sand Canyon Road is in process, and the BLM is meeting regularly with the Nevada Department of Agriculture and the Navy regarding affected grazing permittees.

The BLM is currently involved in two geothermal projects in Churchill County: Dixie Meadows, which is hung up between the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Navy, and Diamond Flat, which is in the NEPA process (National Environmental Policy Act).

The Vegas to Reno Off-Highway Vehicle Race is scheduled for August 14.

The BLM is continuing work on the Vero Fiber Optic Line that will cross eight

counties, install 450 miles of buried fiber, and the Green Link West transmission line spanning 477 miles between Reno and North Las Vegas.

Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, Inc., also reported on the items he tracks concerning public lands and natural resources on behalf of Churchill County. He said that federal agencies are working on the FRTC implementation and the Lands Bill that was part of the NNDA, which Radestrow discussed. According to Drew, the Navy has been focused on private land acquisition in Dixie Valley to implement range expansion. Their second focus has been on the B-16 Range and working toward the Lone Tree and Sand Canyon Road changes. The work on getting funding in place is also a parallel focus.

The grazing appraisals are being worked on, and that process will shape the compensations in other ranges in the future. The Gabbs Valley Highway realignment work is also in process and is part of the B-17 Range mitigation.

The commission also renewed the contract with RCI through June 2026 and authorized an amount not to exceed \$85,000 annually. County Manager Jim Barbee said, "I cannot reenforce enough the good work that RCI and specifically Jeremy does for Churchill County and how important this contract is as we move forward with the implementation of the NNDA."

In other business, Commissioners approved the transfer of the county's 2024 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority. This request is made yearly by local governments that do not allocate the bond cap to local projects, preventing them from reverting to the State of Nevada. NRHA pools the transferred funds with transfers from other counties

and municipalities for single-family housing programs to assist first-time home buyers. Since 2006, when NRHA began pooling the bond cap transfers, they have helped provide over \$67 million in mortgages to 343 homebuyers in Churchill County and provided \$1.8 million in down payment assistance to homebuyers in the county.

A contract with Lombard Conrad Architects for \$200,340 for the architecture and design work on the old Penney's building at 290 S. Maine was approved. The county received funding through the American Rescue Plan to purchase facilities to house the Central Nevada Health District, the Social Services Department, and the Rural Public Health Laboratory. Of the original \$1,600,000 award, \$595,049 remains and will be used to cover this contract. The funding expires in December 2026.

Additionally, the county commissioners approved the purchase of the property located at 65 N. Carson Street, adjacent to the current fire truck department, for \$225,000. The property will be used to construct a maintenance shop facility for the Churchill/Fallon Volunteer Fire Department.

Barbee reported that he has received notice that the county's applications for the BLM Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act funding program are being forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for approval. The \$42 million funding will be used to expand the 3C Complex and the City of Fallon ballparks on North Maine Street. He anticipates that the design of those projects will begin in the next fiscal year.

The Churchill County Commissioners meet on the first Thursday of each month at 8:15 a.m. and on the third Wednesday at 1:15 p.m.

EDUCATION

Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera
Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy

FFA LEADERSHIP CAMP AND LACA ELECTED FFA WESTERN ZONE TREASURER

Fifteen Oasis Academy FFA students attended this year's FFA Summer Leadership Camp at Lake Tahoe. The week-long camp included workshops, teaching students about FFA opportunities, developing student leadership skills, and activities for social/emotional growth.



Back Row: Washington Scott, Joshua Gusewelle, John Schoenmeier, Ryder McNabb, Talon Johnson, Caidance McCart, Trevor Barrenchea. Front Row: Dallin Sorensen, Owen Whitaker, Gabriel Houyoux, Laynee Diaz, Bailey Beebe, Reese Laca, Meirra Cavanaugh, Taylor Sowersby, Grace Laca.

Lake Tahoe provided a picturesque environment for the camp, which included recreation activities and team-building opportunities for the students.

"State FFA Summer Leadership Camp is one of the most fun events for the students," said Jackie Bogdanowicz, FFA Advisor. "They get to participate in fun activities and workshops, learn about themselves as leaders, and really get to know FFA members from all over the state. Plus, they experience a week at the beach at Tahoe."

One of the highlights from this year's camp was Oasis Academy junior Grace Laca's election as FFA Nevada Western Zone Treasurer.

"I decided to run for a zone office because I want to take advantage of every opportunity to improve my leadership skills and get the most out of all FFA has to offer," Laca said. "I'd eventually like to run for a state office, and I saw the zone office as a good stepping stone to get there. I was so excited to be elected treasurer, and I'm looking forward to working with the officer team."

Bogdanowicz knows Laca will do well in the position.

"I am really excited for Grace this year," said Bogdanowicz. "She will be a great asset to the Nevada FFA Zone officer team. I am excited to watch her continue to achieve her goals. I know she can and will do whatever she puts her mind to."

Officers are elected by their peers, and Laca will serve in the office for the 2024-2025 school year. In April, she was also elected as the Oasis FFA Chapter President.

"As our current chapter president, I hope to get our members even more involved in the community and FFA itself," she said. "Ms. Bogdanowicz is a great advisor, and with her continuous support and guidance, we will have a memorable year."

To learn more about Oasis Academy's FFA chapter, contact Advisor Jackie Bogdanowicz at jbogdanowicz@oanv.org.



Grace Laca being named FFA Zone Treasurer.

WESTERN NEVADA TITLE COMPANY DONATES TO OASIS CHEER AND SPIRIT TEAM

Fallon's Western Nevada Title Company (WNTC) is making a generous donation to help the Oasis Academy High School Cheer and Spirit Team update its look. The team needed new uniforms and pom poms, and WNTC stepped up to support the local athletes.

Western Nevada Title has served Nevada with real estate title and escrow services since 1983. It is proud to be able to help protect home buyers and sellers in their most significant investment.

"Giving back to the community is important to us at Western Nevada Title," said Craig Chacon, the company's director. "We're proud to support Oasis and other local sports teams and events. It aligns perfectly with our values."

The cheerleaders expressed gratitude by carrying a thank you sign during the town's 4th of July parade. Chacon added that supporting local schools strengthens the community.

"By shopping locally and working with schools like Oasis, we're reinvesting in our community," he said. "It creates jobs, keeps money circulating locally, and builds a sense of shared purpose. We're all in this together, and WNTC is committed to doing its part."

The team is excited about the new uniforms and what they represent.

"We are incredibly grateful to Western Nevada Title Company for their generous donation," said Bella Prewett, Oasis Cheer and Spirit Team Coach. "This donation helps us achieve our goals, and the girls are thrilled to showcase their new uniforms and school spirit. The support from Fallon businesses means the world to them."

For more information on the Oasis Academy Cheer and Spirit Team, please get in touch with Coach Bella Prewett at bellaprewett@oanv.org.



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CCHS Student Intern Highlight

Staff Report, Photos by Dr. Sue Segura

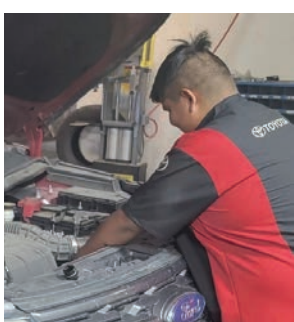
CCHS is showcasing three student interns this week.

First, meet Jose Vicencio-Chaves. Jose will be a Junior; this is his second year working in the summer internship program at Fallon Ford. He has truly become one of the staff, says CCHS School-to-Careers Program Director Dr. Sue Segura. According to Dr. Sue, Jose is proud to wear his Fallon Ford shirt. "He is dedicated, hard-working, and a great example of our student internship program," says Dr. Sue.

Also, this week, we have upcoming Senior CCHS Megan Johnson. Megan is working this summer at Getto Subs. "As I entered the sandwich shop, it was packed, and she graciously took charge of running the cash register and answering questions as they came up," Dr. Sue stated, who is always happy to encounter hard-working CCHS interns.

Jacqueline Vilchiz-Mongragon is also a senior at CCHS. Shy is currently working in the office of Hendrix Insurance, where she uses her bilingual and research skills. Jacqueline also uses her computer skills to help out wherever needed. Down the road, Jacqueline plans to become a nurse.

All of these interns are doing an excellent job for their employers and may continue working during their senior year.



Jose Vicencio-Chaves at Fallon Ford.



Megan Johnson at Getto Subs.



Jacqueline Vilchiz-Mongragon at Hendrix Insurance.

BACK TO school EVENTS

LAHONTAN

- WEEK OF AUGUST 12 - KINDERGARTEN MEET & GREET/ASSESSMENTS (TEACHERS WILL CONTACT PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO SET A DATE/TIME).
- AUGUST 9 - FIRST GRADE MEET & GREET (TEACHERS WILL REACH OUT TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS WITH TIME).
- AUGUST 22ND - FIRST GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - 5:30PM

E.C. BEST

- AUGUST 9 - OPEN HOUSE, 1-3PM

NUMA

- AUGUST 9 - OPEN HOUSE, 2-3PM
- AUGUST 14 - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, 5:30-6:30PM

CCMS

- AUGUST 7 - OPEN HOUSE, 5:30PM

CCHS

- AUGUST 8 - BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF, 6:00-7:30PM, RAFTER 3C ARENA
- AUGUST 9 - 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION, PARENTS/GUARDIANS & STUDENTS CAN ATTEND A 12PM OR 5PM SESSION.

For more information visit: bit.ly/CCSDbacktoschoolwebpage

SPORTS

Fallon Hosts Pacific Southwest Regional 11U Allstar Championships Nevada July 15 – July 20

Photos by Sheree Jensen



Mattie Byrd 11U Fallon, catching.



Jack Rowe waiting to catch a pop fly in the Fallon vs Hawaii Kai game.



Nico Martinez getting on base against Central Cal #1 Tulare. Despite outstanding playing, Tulare also took the lead.



Allstars Ariana Yamagata and Mattie Byrd.



Alexander Carreon 11U pitching to Hawaii Kai in the Cal Ripkin Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament in Fallon.

Fallon 12U Allstars in Hawaii



Fallon Allstars 12U at the team check-in at Hawaii. Front row L-R: Assistant Coach Josh McCallum, Michael Doud, Lelan White, Damon Edgmon, Weston Starr, Keagan Craig, Jackson Frey. Back row L-R: Head Coach Justin Judd, Darius Fruzza, Luke McCallum, Jackson Macy, Briar Kuntz, Mason White, Carter Larson, Pitching Coach Andrew Craig. Photo by Teresa McCallum.

Fallon's Pierce Cooper Named Nevada MVP



Pierce Cooper wins Fallon, Nevada's Team MVP in the 2024 Pacific Southwest 9U Regional All-Stars Tournament. Photo courtesy of NorCal Regional Tournament.

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"The Call of the Wild and Free"

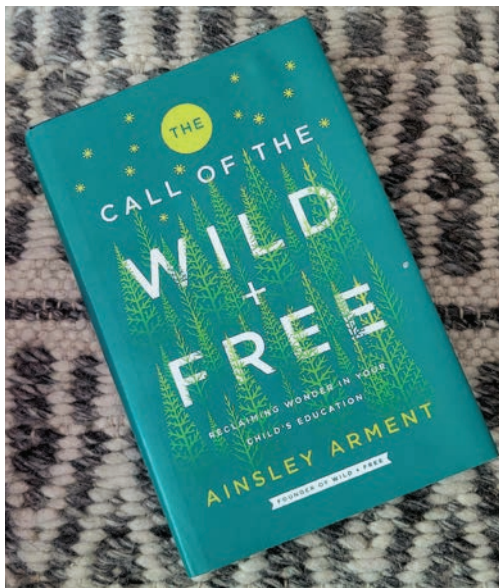
by Ainsley Arment

In just a couple of short weeks, most of the kids in Fallon will be back at school. It seems like summer has just begun. As I've mentioned before, we homeschool our kids, and here at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls, summer is an old-fashioned affair that lasts from Memorial Day until the week after Labor Day. We are only halfway through our summer, and we have many adventures left, including hot days soaking in the pool and late nights looking up at the stars, counting how many meteors we can see before our eyes get too heavy and we finally have to haul ourselves to bed.

Our girls have always been homeschooled, and now with an 8th grader and a 9th grader under our roof, we have been at this for a while. Looking back, I don't remember precisely when we chose homeschooling; it just felt like a natural thing for us. We have always based our curriculum on the girls' interests. Those interests have changed and evolved over the years - Legos, American pioneers, the Titanic, baking, Star Wars, and a lengthy obsession with Alexander Hamilton, to name just a few. Of the million things I have built lessons around, one thing has stood the test of time - a love for nature.

"The Call of the Wild and Free" by Ainsley Arment has been my go-to book on homeschooling little nature lovers for years. Inspired by the spirit of Henry

David Thoreau – "all good things are wild and free" – Arment, a mother of five, gives ideas and food for thought on giving kids a quality education and fostering curiosity, joy, and wonder. In the past, homeschooling carried a stigma of socially awkward kids in conservative clothes, sitting in a mock classroom at home, but the Wild + Free movement is focused on a love of nature, reading great books, pursuing interests and hobbies, making the entire world a classroom, and prolonging the wonder of childhood, an appealing philosophy that is unpacked in the pages of this book.



"The Call of the Wild and Free" is an excellent source of inspiration and advice. I re-read it almost every year as I begin planning our homeschool year. I recommend this book even for families and caregivers who do not choose homeschool but are looking for a little pep-talk about putting a spark of curiosity and joy back into family life with nature.

Whether you homeschool or not, I hope you pick up a copy of this book and get inspired to spend some time in nature with your kids. Make sure you pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, and let's chat about it.

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

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By Kelli Perez



Coming your way this weekend, July 26 and 27, are two fun, family-friendly flicks. Kicking it off with our 6 p.m. movie on both Friday and Saturday, we have the 1994 remake of "The Little Rascals," rated PG. "The Little Rascals" franchise began back in 1922 as a series of silent short subject films, moving into sound in 1929 and continuing until 1944. The story chronicles the zany antics of a group of neighborhood children and has a runtime of 1 hour and 22 minutes.

The 7 p.m. film for Friday and Saturday is "My Neighbor Totoro," a 1988 Studio Ghibli favorite rated G. This animated family comedy tells the tale of two young girls who move into the country with their father and encounter wondrous forest spirits living nearby. Often regarded as one of the best-animated family films ever, "My Neighbor Totoro" was released in Japan in 1988. It was later redubbed and re-released in the US in 2006. The runtime is 1 hour and 26 minutes.

Looking ahead into August is the

10th Annual Community Reunion. There will be a free concert on Friday, August 16, at 7 p.m. with River Rogue, open-house Theatre Tours on Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Community Karaoke from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Also, don't miss the annual summer fundraising 5K fun run/walk on August 24 - The Cantaloupe Canter. Early registration and sponsorship forms can be found on our website, fallontheatre.com. This event begins in front of the Indoor Pool, 333 Sheckler Rd, and is a traditional event to help celebrate the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, which will be held August 23 through 25.

For more information on your local, nonprofit community theatre, please visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/fallontheatre, or our website, www.fallontheatre.com. If you are interested in renting the theatre for a party or event, please email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com or leave us a message at 775-423-6210.

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

Refreshingly Cool Summer Drinks



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

By Kelli Kelly

Another week of 100-degree temperatures is in the record books, and I can't help but wonder when it will end? This last week, I heard about a peer-reviewed study that determined that the higher the ambient temperature, especially overnight, the worse people perform on tests. Heat makes us less smart. I am feeling that right now.

As my capacity to be insightful or creative is seriously diminished, I beg your forgiveness for the lack of pith in this week's article. Instead of using my words, I will share the words of others, specifically, the recipes for tasty non-alcoholic beverages that sound like they would really hit the spot at 4 p.m. when the mercury hits its peak.



Photo by Jenny Huang for The New York Times. Food Stylist: Susie Theodorou; Prop Stylist: Paige Hicks.

Sweet Bay-Peppercorn Shrub by Rebekah Pepler

A shrub is a drinking vinegar historically used to preserve fruit during the peak season for year-round enjoyment. This recipe relies on citrus juice to bring the tang.

DIRECTIONS:

- Place the citrus peels in a large jar; add sugar, peppercorns, salt, thyme, cloves, and bay leaves.
- Use a muddler or the end of a rolling pin to work the sugar into the peels until they release their oils and turn translucent. Set aside at room temperature for at least six hours or overnight. Much of the sugar should be dissolved, and the citrus peels will be mostly translucent.
- Juice the reserved lemons and grapefruit (about 1 1/4 c of juice). Add the juice to the mixture and stir until the sugar and salt dissolve. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer, pressing on the solids, and transfer the liquid to an airtight container.
- To serve, pour an ounce or so over ice and top with sparkling water or tonic.

Ingredients:

- 5 Medium lemons, peeled and fruit reserved
- 1 Small grapefruit, peeled and fruit reserved
- 1 1/4 cup Sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. Whole black peppercorns, crushed
- 1 tsp. Flaky sea salt
- 3 Sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 Cloves crushed
- 2 Bay leaves



Photo by Jessica Emily Marx for The New York Times.

Roasted Banana Lassi by Niven Patel

Ingredients:

- 2 Ripe large bananas, peeled, cut into large chunks
- 1/2 cup Brown sugar
- 1/2 Vanilla bean, split, scraped
- 1 Green cardamom pod, lightly crushed
- 2 cups Plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup Whole milk
- 1/2 cup Ice

DIRECTIONS:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Put fruit in small ovenproof skillet or baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar, vanilla bean seeds and pod, and cardamom pod, stirring to coat fruit with sugar.
- Roast the fruit until soft, stirring every 5 minutes, until most of the liquid has evaporated and begins to bubble and thicken (25-30 minutes). Discard the vanilla bean and cardamom pod. Let fruit cool completely. Refrigerate until chilled.
- Measure out 3/4 cup of the cold roasted fruit. In a blender, combine fruit with yogurt, milk, and ice. Process until smooth, scraping down the sides of the pitcher once or twice. Serve immediately.

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By Peanut



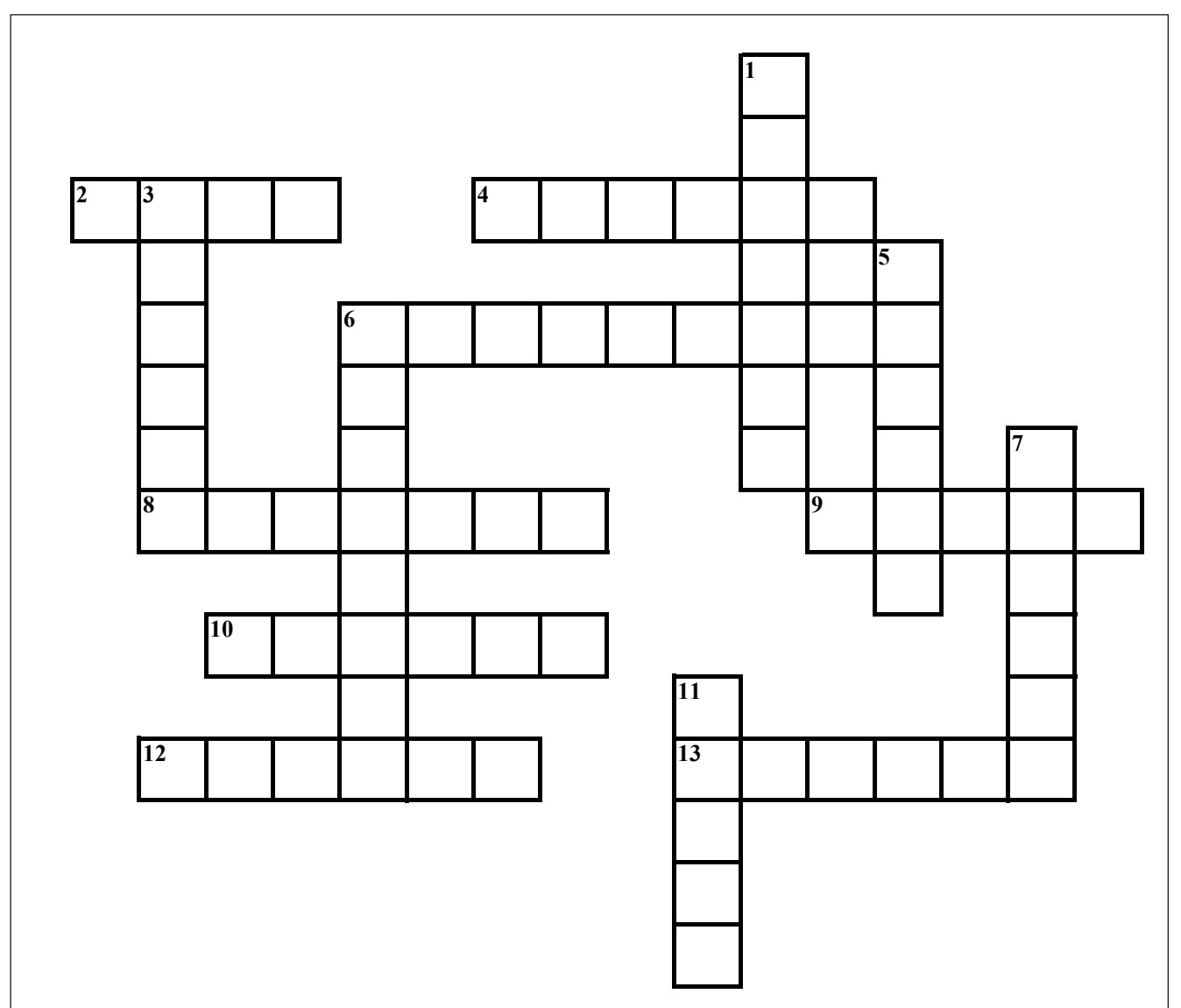
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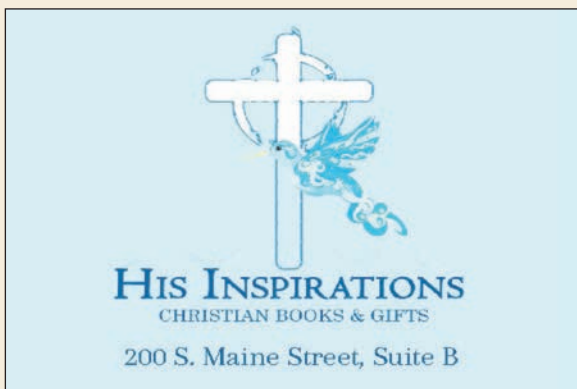
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Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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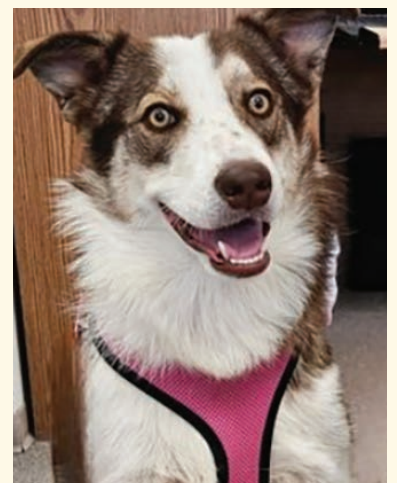
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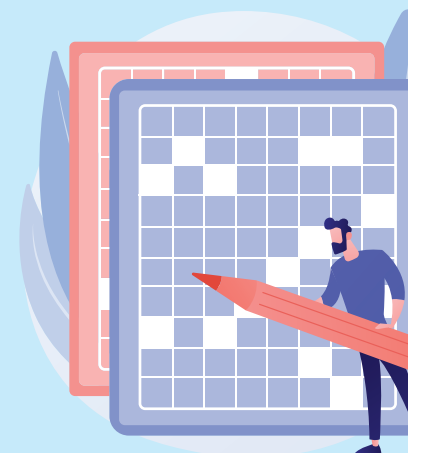
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