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Official Toys for Tots Drive in Full Swing

By Rachel Dahl

As is the tradition each year, the Marine Corps League High Desert Detachment 762 is running their Toys for Tots program in partnership with the American Legion and several local community organizations and businesses.

Volunteers with the Toys for Tots group will be at Walmart every weekend until December 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting. Donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children ages birth to 18 years old will be collected for local children in need.

Last weekend in conjunction with the toy drive at Walmart, there was a toy run at the American Legion, and the Marine Corp League held a shopping spree for local youth.

Santa and Mrs. Claus also made an appearance at the toy drive booth and will be making appearances throughout each weekend – watch the Toys for Tots Fallon notifications on Facebook for times.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also be on hand at the American Legion Hall for the Meals on Wheels on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Additional collection boxes for the Toys for Tots can be found at the Fallon Golf Course and Fitness for 10.



The Marine Corps League High Desert Detachment 762 members at the Toys for Tots drive at Walmart, from L to R: Chris Hansberry Brown, John Ezzell, and Steve Ezzell.

New Permanent Exhibit at Museum Green Energy in Churchill County

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Museum officially opened its new permanent exhibit last Friday, Green Energy, in Churchill County.

According to Museum Director Mel Glover, during COVID Enel, the Italian-owned green energy company that owned geothermal and solar plants in Stillwater and Salt Wells donated grant funding to build a permanent exhibit. Enel has since been sold to Ormat, but this exhibit is the culmination of that grant.

“Rae (Sottile, Museum Curator) has been researching geothermal, hydroelectricity, and solar,” Glover said. “We went out to Lahontan Reservoir, and TCID (Truckee-Carson Irrigation District) took us on a tour of the dam; we saw the equipment from the early 1900s, the new power plant, and we



Water being released from Lahontan Dam, generating hydroelectricity. Old and new Lahontan power plants are on the left.

toured the 26-foot drop and saw the generation there.”

He explained that coming to Fallon from Wyoming, he was initially worried about the oil and coal industries but was assured those were not concerns here. However, in their re-

search, the team learned of the early, failed oil exploration in Stillwater that eventually led to the discovery of steam and modern geothermal developments.

“We found several instances where speculators had taken pictures of oil rigs drilling exploration wells and using those to promote “land sales” speculation,” Glover said. “They would claim to hit oil, advertise bond for sale, and then they would split, never to be seen again.”

Churchill County was before its time in producing green energy and electrifying the community because of the Newlands Project, which was begun in 1905, leading to the production of hydroelectric power as water was released through the dam into the Carson River.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

It's Great When It Works



By Rachel Dahl

Tech Support.

Neither technical, nor supportive. It got so bad yesterday that I thanked the nice man through the phone line in whatever country, far away he was in, and slowly lowered the phone to the desk instead of throwing it through the front window of the shop.

Creating local, community newspapers from scratch has sometimes not been good for my personality and before the phone became a missile, I thought maybe the better course would be to extricate myself from the situation.

The ladies here in the shop with me yesterday could tell things had not gone well – I had been on the phone with He Who Shall Not Be Named for the better part of five hours trying to get our team access to our OneDrive that suddenly had quit its availability one day back in August.

This was week two of our troubleshooting together, me and my far away friend, stuck in the tech department of some call center where it's probably hot and muggy and mosquito infested. There had to be some explanation for his sour disposition that had slowly seeped into my normally sunny temperament, sucking with it every drop of sense of humor I've ever possessed.

We had talked in circles for the better part of a week through phone and email and were no closer to a solution before I gave in to the impossibility of our team ever retrieving the 153,000 files we've built up over five years that we desperately needed to access.

For about 25 minutes this tech guy had been telling me he had five minutes left in his shift and we had done a good job of making progress and we could pick this up tomorrow and keep trying. I had spent those 25 minutes explaining deadline day and we needed

to get it fixed now and asking him to find someone else to jump in and keep helping us.

It was the point at which he asked if I would love to take the survey about his service, that I could feel myself starting to jump out of my skin. "Yes, yes please I want to complete the survey about your service," I said thinking the call would be blissfully over and he would send me to the automated survey where I could vent my spleen.

Nope. Nope. He then asked me to rate his service on a scale of one to five with one star being not satisfied and not likely to ever recommend the tech support to five stars being fully functioning bliss.

Miraculously, the better angels of my nature took control, and I gently hung up the call.

Cheryl and Leanna thought perhaps hanger had taken over and they hied on over to the taco truck for soothing carbs which did help significantly. But we were not successful getting the access we need and now Leanna has no email, and Cheryl is missing an entire program. Denice couldn't access any folders, and Sylvia was completely shut out of everything.

Chaos reigns.

But never fear, the supervisor of tech support man just called. To follow up. A day later. He let me know the call was being recorded for training purposes.

So while I sit here, with blood running out the corner of my mouth from biting my tongue so hard, listening to when they can reschedule us with a new tech guy, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel

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from you.

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Have a
story?

FEATURES

Churchill County Library Director Cathy Thorsen

Cathy Thorsen Takes the Reins as Churchill County Library Director Nebraska Native Eager to Work in a Small Town

Story and photo by Anne McMillin

Cathy Thorsen, the new Churchill County Library director, followed her professional dream of becoming a library director when she applied for the open position here in Churchill County. The fact that the library was located in a small town sealed the deal for her to apply for and accept the position.

“I lived in Laughlin, Nevada, and liked the peacefulness of this state,” she said, adding that she has family in Arizona, which also helped her decide to move further west than her native Nebraska.

A tried-and-true Cornhusker, Thorsen and her husband Chris, who is a Wyoming native, were drawn to this small desert community for the next stage of their lives. “Churchill County was the right place at the right time for us,” she said.

One of her first orders of business from the Library Board of Trustees was to reopen the library on Mondays to give the public access six days a week. The library’s new 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 on Sundays and most federal and state holidays.

Thorsen believes consistency of hours and staff is vital to a successful library and is already working hard to guarantee that for Churchill County patrons.

“We will start slow and maintain consistency in the public eye. I want to increase programming and outreach while providing a consistent and reliable model. Stability and reliability are really important to build up our services for the public.”

She has already participated in several outreach efforts, including Churchill County High’s career fair. She also wants to provide device training for cell phones, computers, and similar technology.

She said she appreciates the opportunity to be the director of a clean, welcoming library with supportive patrons and is thankful to the community for the warm welcome.

Thorsen comes to Fallon from the Mohave County Library in Kingman, Arizona, where she served as library services manager,



handling all aspects of library branch management, including facilities management, budgets, and selecting, training, supervising, and evaluating staff.

Before her position in Arizona, she worked as a youth services manager at a library in Papillion, Nebraska. She also serves as an adjunct instructor at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, for a Capstone course in Library Science practicum every semester. She will continue to teach this course from Fallon.

Thorsen earned her master’s degree in elementary education (early childhood) and a bachelor’s degree in library science from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, before entering the workforce in library management.

The Fallon Depot



By Nancy Chapman

Celebrating one of the more iconic casinos in Fallon, The Depot Casino and Diner, and its 37 years of continuous business along with the rich heritage of “The Depot” itself.

Construction on the train depot began in 1905 and was completed in 1907. Senator Warren W. Williams, from Fallon, donated 10 acres of land for the depot to be built on. Southern Pacific Railroad wanted a train depot in Fallon to help grow local commerce. Senator Williams wrote a bill to move the county seat from Stillwater to Fallon, and in 1906, this was finalized.

Sadly, the train depot would quit accepting train passengers in 1960, and the building would be empty for about 20 years. An entrepreneur purchased the building, which was moved to Kaiser Street in early 1980. The train depot would be transformed into a bar and restaurant, using the original building and the train depot dock. The business would never really prosper. The building was then sold to three partners, one having access to land and the others having a financial background. Together, they purchased the 80-year-old building and relocated it to a better location.



On May 1, 1987, the old train depot moved again, down Williams Avenue, headed to its new location. This would be a coordinated effort among several Fallon entities and Churchill County to move the building to its current location at 875 W. Williams Avenue.

Moving a building that weighs 65 tons, made almost entirely of redwood, along with the dock, weighing in at 50 tons, was no easy task. The decision to bring the building down Williams

Avenue from Kaiser Street was made because the building had to be backed into its new location, and the street was wider, making it easier to maneuver. Of course, in 1987, there was nowhere near today’s traffic. The dock was moved to the parking area on the west side of Tedford Lane, where it was repurposed, along with railway cars, for storage.

In 37 years, the old train station depot has undergone several renovations, including adding and later upgrading utilities, heating, and cooling, and adding space for the up-to-date casino, restaurant, and bar areas.

The three partners, Ralph Mills, David Widmer, and Mike Lister, are proud to invite customers to help celebrate Fallon Depot Diner and Casino’s 37th anniversary of continuous operation on November 23, 2024.

[Museum Exhibit continued from page 1]

With the modern development of geothermal resources and one of the first-of-its-kind hybrid geothermal/solar projects, Churchill County officials have said for years that, on the net, the county can boast of being 100% powered by green energy.

Brian Wignall, who has twenty years of experience working with museums and is a recognized expert in his field, helped develop the exhibit and was on hand for the setup. “He helped us with the exploded view of the solar panel, and there is a piece that is bike pedals that you can crank with your hands to actually light up an LED, a fluorescent, and an incandescent light bulb and you can actually feel the [heat] difference,” Glover said.

He is particularly excited about this exhibit and encourages the community to stop by and take a look. “From the machinery built in the early 1900s that is still generating power through the hydro plants at Lahontan on the west of the valley to the high-tech machines that run the geothermal and solar plants on our eastern side, we have a community that has always embraced the renewable energy industry.”

“Come see the energy exhibit. It will be really fun for the kids and the big kids,” Glover said.

The Museum is at 1050 S. Maine Street and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Mel Glover, Rae Sottile, and Brian Wignall installing the Green Energy exhibit. Photos courtesy of Churchill County Museum.

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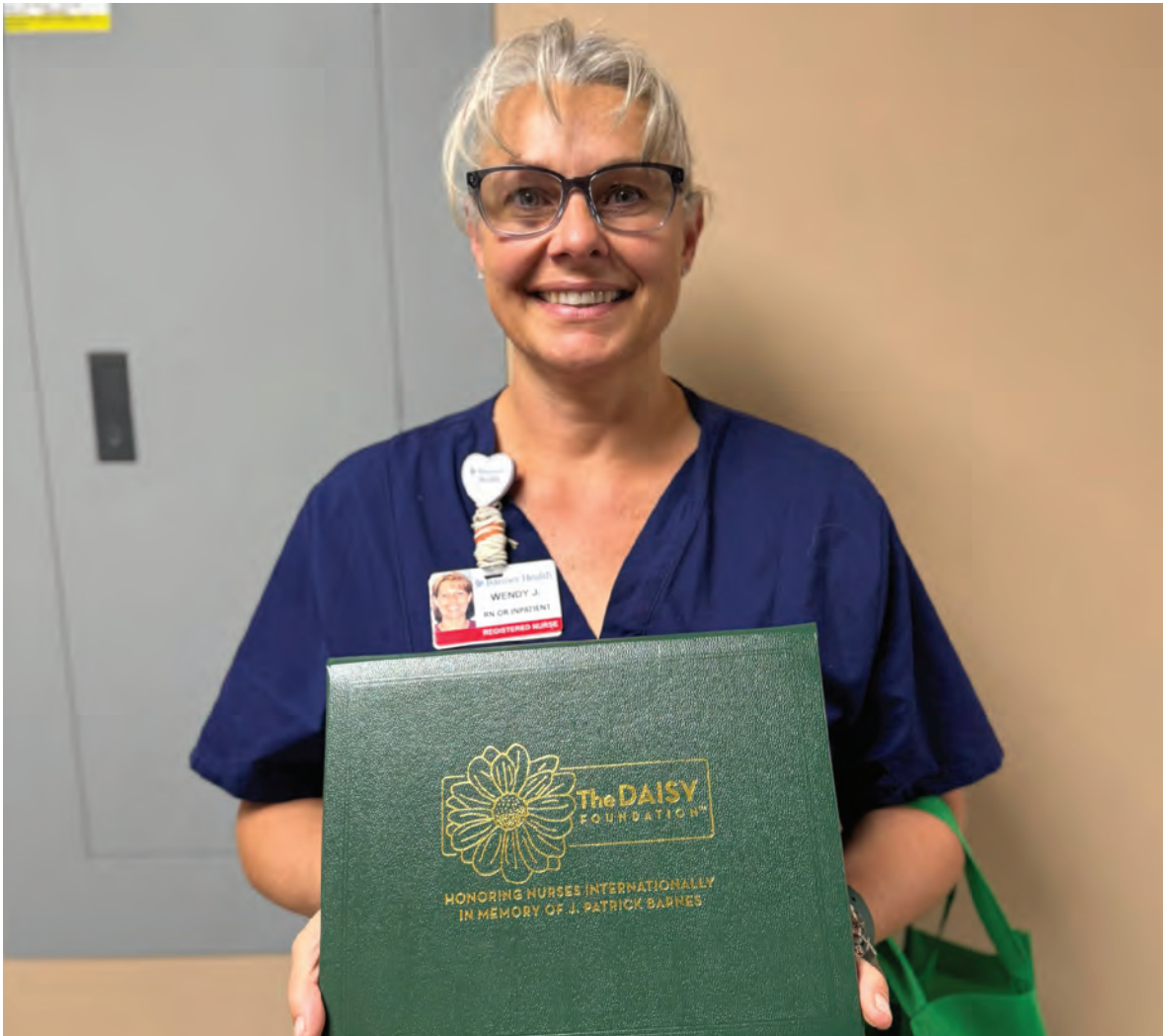


Photo courtesy of BCCH.


Banner Churchill Community Hospital Daisy Award

Staff Report

Congratulations to Wendy Jensen, who was named the DAISY Award winner at BCCH.

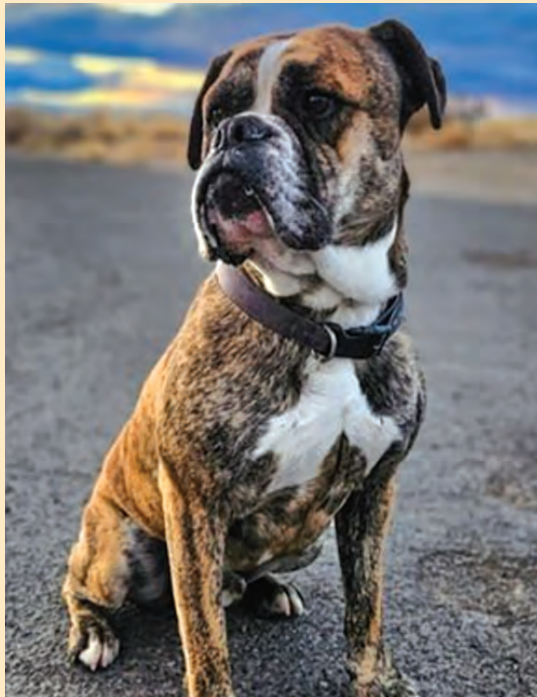
Wendy was nominated by a patient who wrote to the CEO: "I was a patient in your hospital for some minor surgery. I must tell you what a great staff you have working in the surgery pre-op department. ... That one hour I spent with some great employees before my surgery was the best time I had in a long time. We were 20 minutes early, but Wendy took me right in and got me ready. She made me feel as if I didn't have a worry in the world ... All of the staff was so friendly and very professional at the same time on my behalf. Since they made my day, I thought this good news would help make your day too."

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care nurses give daily. Banner Health is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing its nurses with this special honor.



PET OF THE WEEK

Mr. Oden is Available for Adoption



Mr. Oden (D-759) is an American Bulldog patiently waiting for his adopter. We were told that he is around 3.5 years old, scared of cats, good with small dogs, and better with females. He has been around people of all ages and is told he does well with everyone. If interested in this handsome boy, call us at (775)423-2282 or come check him out at 1255 Airport Road. The hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Cadet/Lt. Humphrey Arata.



L-R: Cadet/Lt. Ren Thompson, CCHS Principal Spencer, District Superintendent Parsons.

CCHS ROTC Review Honorees

Story and Photos by Sue Segura

Two cadets were recognized for their exemplary accomplishments at the yearly ROTC review. Cadet/Lt Ren Thompson was chosen to serve on the Nevada State Superintendent of School Advisory Council to represent Churchill County at state-level meetings. Cadet/Lt Humphrey Arata was honored for receiving an ROTC scholarship in the sum of \$200,000 to further his military and educational goals at the University of Idaho. Congratulations to you both!

MEETINGS

November 25-29, 2024

Planning Commission
Tuesday,
Nov. 26, 6:30 p.m.
Commission Chambers
155 N. Taylor St.



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Nov. 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	118,000 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	2.47 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	0.98 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	7.43 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	89.3 cfs

Nov. 19, 2024	Nov. 19, 2023	Nov. 19, 2022
117,727 acre feet	200,455 acre feet	20,558 acre feet

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Banner Hospital Auxiliary President Named Volunteer of the Year

Story and photo by Leanna Lehman

In a heartfelt recognition of selfless dedication, Fallon’s own Penny Valentine-Faith, president of the Banner Churchill Community Hospital (BCCH) Auxiliary, has been awarded the Nevada Hospital Association’s prestigious Volunteer of the Year honor. The award, presented at the association’s annual conference earlier this fall, highlights Valentine-Faith’s significant contributions to BCCH and the Fallon community.

Valentine-Faith was nominated by BCCH Chief Nursing Officer Brittany Hert, who described her as an essential pillar of the hospital’s operations. Due to unforeseen circumstances, including contracting COVID-19 while visiting family in New York, Valentine-Faith could not attend the ceremony. Instead, her daughter, Kelli Kelly, graciously accepted the award on her behalf.

The long-awaited moment came on Monday, November 18, when Valentine-Faith was formally presented with the award during the auxiliary meeting. The room was filled with appreciation as BCCH Chief Executive Officer Ron Carnahan and CNO Brittany Hert offered their thanks for her leadership and vision.

Valentine-Faith has been the driving force behind the BCCH Auxiliary for eight years. Under her guidance, the organization provides warm greetings and wayfinding support for hospital visitors. It operates two vital community resources: the hospital’s gift shop and the Stuff N Such thrift store. These ventures generate funds for scholarships for aspiring healthcare professionals and finance essential hospital equipment.

While much of her role as auxiliary president involves administrative responsibilities—attending meetings, compiling data, and drafting reports—Valentine-Faith’s impact extends far beyond paperwork. Her leadership fosters a sense of camaraderie and purpose among the volunteers she coordinates. In 2023, the Auxiliary achieved an impressive milestone of 17,000 volunteer hours under her direction.

“I don’t see the thousands of people you see on what could be one of the worst days of their life,” Valentine-Faith remarked. “My thanks is to all of you.”



R to L: BCCH Chief Executive Officer Ron Carnahan, BCCH Auxiliary President Penny Valentine-Faith, and CNO Brittany Hert. Photo courtesy of BCCH.

Reflecting on why she nominated Valentine-Faith, Hert explained that it stemmed “from a heart of gratitude.” She emphasized the auxiliary’s profound impact on BCCH’s operations, highlighting last year’s financial contribution of \$212,000, which funded critical new equipment.

“The funding and the capital items that you guys generously donate really make a huge difference,” Hert said. “And I don’t know another way to say thank you other than to share that award.”

Among the auxiliary’s recent contributions was a massage chair for hospital staff—a thoughtful addition to alleviating the physical and emotional toll on healthcare workers.

“Staff absolutely loves it,”

Hert said. She noted that the chair helps combat burnout and fatigue, allowing nurses to provide compassionate care without the strain that often leads to emotional exhaustion.

Hert expressed her gratitude for Valentine-Faith’s leadership and the entire auxiliary team. “I have so much respect for the work that you do, and I really just want to say thank you,” she said. “This award is for Penny, but it also reflects the collective work of our Banner Churchill Auxiliary. Thank you!”

In her acceptance speech, Valentine-Faith shifted the spotlight to the volunteers who make the auxiliary’s work possible.

“This is your award,” she said. “I am the voice, but this is for all of you. This is not for me. I don’t give the thousands of hours every month; I don’t see the hundreds and thousands of people coming into the hospital that you greet warmly and make feel so good on what could be one of the worst days of their lives.”

Thanks to Penny and the auxiliary for all their time, hard work, and service to the hospital and our community.

To read more about Valentine-Faith’s nomination and all she and the auxiliary have been doing, check out <https://www.thefallonpost.org/article/6761,banner-churchill-hospital-auxiliary-president-nominated-for-2024-nha-volunteer-of-the-year>.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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

Monday, Nov. 25	Tuesday, Nov. 26	Wednesday, Nov. 27	Thursday, Nov. 28	Friday, Nov. 29
Pesto Chicken Florentine Penne Pasta Tossed Salad LSLF Italian Dressing Strawberries WW Roll	Baked Fish Fillet Creamy Cole Slaw French Fries Tartar Sauce Garden Salad Balsamic Dressing Seasonal Fruit	Roast Turkey Mashed Potato/Stuffing Turkey Gravy Green Bean Almondine WW Roll Cranberry Sauce Pumpkin Pie	Closed For Thanksgiving Day	Closed For a Family Day

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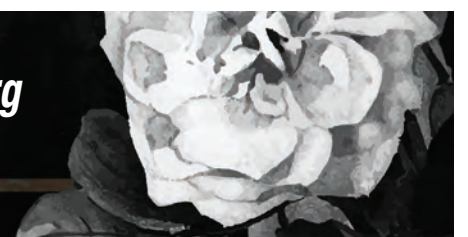
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Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Feast All the Trimmings	Thursday, Nov. 28 Closed For Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 2 Turkey Tetrazzini Rice & Vegetables	Thursday, Dec. 5 Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles & Dessert
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COMMUNITY

Fallon Christmas Traditions Kick-off the Holidays

Story and photos by Rachel Dahl

The City of Fallon is known across the state as the “Oasis of Nevada,” and that place in our Northern Nevada culture has been cemented by the reputation of Fallon as an “Oasis” of small-town Christmas spirit.

In keeping with that spirit and its reputation as THE place for Holiday Magic, the City of Fallon kicked off the holiday season last Saturday with the opening of the Fallon on Ice Skating Rink. As the official launch of the Christmas Season, the city opened the ice rink in anticipation of holiday festivities for the 2025 season.

The city will be hosting its ice rink, Fallon on Ice, for a second year, as well as its annual holiday open house and tree lighting ceremony.

November 16 marked opening day, with the rink south of the Douglass House at 10 S. Carson Street. To celebrate the opening of the rink’s second year, the community was invited to gather for free and celebrate at 11 a.m. with unique craft booths, local food trucks, and festive activities for the entire family.

“We are incredibly proud to bring the Fallon community together through a shared love of the holiday season,” said Mayor Ken Tedford. “With the ice rink returning for its second year, we hope even more families will come out to create lasting, cherished memories.”

Special discounts and events will be offered on specific days throughout the skating season, including:

- First Responder Night (Mondays): Show ID, get in for \$10
- 2 for Tuesdays
- Movie Night Wednesdays



Zip Upham, Bob Erickson, and Councilman Paul Harmon welcome Northern Nevada to Fallon on Ice.

- Friday Theme Nights: Specific dates include 80’s Night, Onesie Night, Marvel Night, and more. Visit fallonnevada.gov/fallononice for specific dates
- Student Night: Show school ID, get in for \$5
- Canned Food Drive: Bring in 5 or more canned food items and get \$5 off adult admission
- Toys For Tots: Bring in an unused-unwrapped toy and get \$5 off Adult admission

Fridays at Fallon on Ice will bring spirit through themed-dress nights, which will include the following:

- 80’s Night
- 90’s Night
- Disney Night
- Marvel Night
- Sports Fan Night
- Crazy Wig Night
- Onesie Night
- Adults Only Night

The ice rink will be open for four sessions Sunday through Thursday, at 12-1:30 p.m., 2-3:30 p.m., 4-5:30 p.m., and 6-8:00 p.m., and Friday - Saturday for five sessions: 12-1:30 p.m., 2-3:30 p.m., 4-5:30 p.m., 6-7:30 p.m., and 8-10:00 p.m.

Pricing for individuals is: Kids 5-17, \$12.00; Adults 18-Up, \$15.00; Seniors & Military, \$13.00; with Children 4 & under FREE.

There is a \$3.00 Discount when you bring your own skates.

Pricing for Parties includes Birthday Party Tables - \$25, VIP Party #1 - \$200, VIP Party #2 - \$650, VIP Party #3 - \$850. To book large parties or events, call 423-4556. For more information about Fallon on Ice, visit fallonnevada.gov/fallononice.

Annual Christmas Open House and Tree Lighting

The City of Fallon is also making plans for the ever-favorite annual Christmas Open House on December 6 at 4:30 p.m. The event, hosted by Mayor Ken Tedford, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, Councilwoman Karla Kent, and Councilman Paul Harmon, will be a lively environment for the community to gather and enjoy refreshments, cookie decorating, and good tidings. The festivities will be located at Fallon City Hall and The Douglass House, followed by Fallon’s annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, held at 6:30 p.m. Come to the city’s historic downtown Maine Street to witness the tree lighting at the epicenter of Fallon.

“The Fallon City Council and I are eager to invite our community and visitors to this year’s holiday festivities,” said Mayor Ken Tedford. “We look forward to celebrating the good tidings with loved ones and hope everyone will join in on the Christmas delight these celebrations have to offer.”

Mountain Lion Sighting on Powerline Road

By Leanna Lehman

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.

The most recently reported mountain lion sighting was on Powerline Road, near the 45-degree curve at Sheckler Road and Sheckler Cutoff. Area resident Diana Edgmon said she first became aware of the cat last Thursday, November 12, noting that neighbors have recently lost small livestock – primarily goats, lambs, and some chickens.


According to Edgmon, neighbor Eric Johnson saw the mountain lion crossing Powerline Road and later discovered a large deer carcass in a nearby drain ditch. Edgmon urges those nearby to keep an eye out, stating several residents are older, and many have small dogs and other pets.

On July 20, the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office reported numerous goats killed in the area of Harrigan Road and Drumm Lane, which were believed to be the result of a mountain lion attack. In April of 2023, residents near OK Mobile Home Park off the

Reno Highway spotted a mountain lion that presented an active threat to the area, which resulted in removal action by the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office. Mountain lions are not uncommon in the Lahontan Valley; however, they are seen far less frequently in populated areas.

According to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), mountain lions, the second-largest wild cats in North America, are about three to four times the size of bobcats, with adults typically weighing 100-150 pounds. Recognizable by their long tails, which comprise about a third of their body length, these elusive predators avoid human interaction but occasionally traverse areas near towns, farms, and ranches while following migrating mule deer herds. With the broadest range of any cat species, mountain lions travel great distances to hunt.

Mountain lion encounters are rare, and attacks are extremely uncommon. However, these animals occasionally venture into populated areas. They are protected big game in Nevada and must be dealt with accordingly. Residents should report mountain lion sightings to the NDOW Nevada dispatch line at 775- 688-1331 or contact the sheriff’s office. Residents in the Powerline Road-Sheckler Cutoff area are encouraged to take extra care with children, pets, and small livestock.



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*Mat class

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COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Safety

By Stu Cook

Thanksgiving Dinner is a time for family, friends, and holiday traditions. It is also when family members may want to join in the food preparations. The sheer scope of the holiday feast can strain the chef and kitchen alike. In the final hours, there will be all the helpful assistant cooks your family can produce, and they all need to be kept safe. Start with a few ground rules for a fire-safe kitchen. Declare the kitchen off-limits to young children and any adults who are not actively participating in food preparation. Fewer people mean fewer chances for spills, burns, and fires.



Stuart Cook was a career firefighter and served as the Chief of the Fed Fire at NAS Fallon for five years. He likes long walks on the beach and pirates.

It has become a Thanksgiving tradition with many families to deep-fry the turkey. Turkey fryers can potentially cause fires and severe injury. If you plan to deep-fry your holiday bird, be sure you know how to safely use the fryer.

TAKE THESE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR GUESTS, AND YOUR HOME:

- Keep fryers off decks, out of garages and safe distance away from trees and other structures.
- Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups and spill flammable oils.
- Never operate a fryer outdoors in the rain or snow.
- Place the fryer on a level surface. Avoid moving it once it is hot.
- Leave two feet between the tank and the burner when using a propane-powered fryer.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it contacts the burner.
- To determine how much oil you need, put the turkey in the basket and place it in the pot. Add water until it reaches 1 or 2 inches above the turkey. Lift the turkey out and use a ruler to measure the distance from the water to the top of the fryer. This will be the amount of oil you should use. Pour out the water. Be sure to dry the fryer completely before filling the pot with oil. Make sure turkey is completely thawed. Pat the turkey dry with paper towels before placing it in the fryer to keep the hot oil from splattering and popping.
- Choose a smaller turkey for frying. A turkey that’s eight to ten pounds is best; pass on turkeys over 12 pounds.
- Never leave fryers unattended.
- Purchase a fryer with temperature controls and watch the oil temperature carefully. Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off.
- Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner back on.
- Wear goggles to shield your eyes, use oven mitts to protect your hands and arms, and keep an “ABC” fire extinguisher nearby. Do not use water or a garden hose on a fire related to turkey fryers. Before you cook, check your fire extinguisher pressure gauge. If it is less than fully charged, have it recharged or purchase a new one.
- Skip stuffing the bird when you fry a turkey. Avoid water-based marinades.
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer at all times.
- Once finished, carefully remove the pot from the burner; place it on a level surface and cover to let the oil cool overnight before disposing of it.
- If you are purchasing a fryer, consider an oil-less fryer that uses infrared heat rather than oil to cook the turkey.

LIGHTS/ELECTRICAL TIPS:

When using lights, make sure they are UL-approved. Check electric cords for cracks and frayed wires. Don’t overload electrical outlets, and never run extension cords under carpets. Check extension cords to ensure they are not pinched under or behind furniture. Always unplug decorative lights before you leave home or go to bed.

CANDLE SAFETY TIPS:

- Put candles in non-tip candle holders.
- Candles should never be by curtains, Christmas trees, and all combustibles. Never leave candles burning when they are within reach of young children.
- Blow out candles before you leave the room or turn in for the night.

FALL AND WINTER SAFETY TIPS:

Thanksgiving comes at the start of the heating season. Your home needs to be safe and warm. Have central heating furnaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned once a year and as appropriate or when you suspect a problem. Keep space and portable heaters at least 3 feet away from anything combustible, such as walls and furniture. Use the right fuel for liquid fuel heaters. Ensure they are properly vented and refilled in a well-ventilated area when cool. Install CO2 detectors to alert you to dangerous carbon monoxide levels. Pellet stoves typically should be four inches from the walls at the sides and one to two inches from the back wall. Most need to stand on a non-combustible surface such as stone. Read the manufacturer’s instructions.



Dispose of ashes from fireplaces and pellet stoves into a metal container. After your metal containers are cool, you can dispose of them at the city transfer station. The metal container for the ashes should never be stored indoors. I have responded to fires where the container was stored on a wooden porch or under it, and the whole porch went up in smoke.

PARTY SAFETY TIPS:

For party safety, flame retardant or non-combustible materials should be used for costumes and decorations. Smokers should have deep, non-tip ashtrays. Be aware of guests that drink and smoke and empty ashtrays often, ensuring ashes are disposed of in metal containers outside; wet the ashes before dumping them. After the party, inspect cushions for smoldering cigarettes and cigars. With common sense, you can ensure tragedy doesn’t come between you and the festive holiday you have planned. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Sales to Benefit Local Youth Groups

By Rachel Dahl

There's a new Christmas tree lot in town, filling a void left when the Churchill County High School Track & Field team discontinued the tradition of its tree lot in the Louie's Home Center parking lot. This year, the D50 Custom Designs Tree Lot will open for Christmas tree sales on November 22, in the lot behind Fallon Physical Therapy at 2170 Reno Highway.

Rusty Diaz, co-owner of D50 Custom Designs, said, "We have chosen to continue with the tree lot tradition and are opening it up to all local youth activities to volunteer to work at the lot."

The idea is that when a youth group volunteers to work the lot, they will earn a percentage of the tree sales for the time they work. Diaz explained there are two reasons they decided to operate the tree lot: first, the proceeds from the sale of trees will help fund local youth programs and other youth-related activities in our communities, and second, groups that volunteer get the added visibility that operating a tree lot will give to the various youth programs throughout the community.

"We are extremely grateful to Fallon Physical Therapy for offering the use of their parking lot for our Christmas tree sales this year," Diaz said. She also said at press time that Matt Louie has reached out and offered the use of Louie's Ace Hardware's parking lot.

Trees available at the lot include fresh-cut Douglas and Noble Firs and wreaths and garlands.

Volunteers can sign up for specific times at signupgenius.com, where they can search for 024 D50 Tree Lot Volunteers. The volunteer signup schedule at that link has the available days and times. Diaz said that if too many



The Christmas tree lot at D50 Custom Designs will be ready this weekend. Photo by Rusty Diaz.

volunteers show up, volunteers who signed up will be given preference. On weekends, she expects to "use a ton of help."

Rusty, Dan Diaz, Corey Rasmussen, and Destry Johnson will act as lot managers. One, or all during peak times, will always be on the lot. Questions relating to the operation of the lot should be directed to them. Before the start of every shift, lot volunteers will huddle with the lot manager for work assignments and informational updates.

"We've worked hard to build a successful community tradition, and we want to continue to make a positive impression on those who choose to purchase their tree from us," Diaz said. "Our goal is to have each customer leave our lot with a good feeling having purchased a quality tree while supporting the activities for young people."

The tree lot will be open weekdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Trees can also be delivered within ten miles of the lot, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays and between noon and 9 p.m. on the weekend. There is a \$22 charge for deliveries, and orders placed after 8 p.m. will be delivered the following day.



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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, November 12 - Judge Robert Estes Presiding

By Teresa Moon

William Garnet Bergman pleaded not guilty to four charges of the Category C Felony of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child with a Prior Conviction for Child Abuse. Each charge carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$1,000. The court scheduled a jury trial for April 21-25, 2025.

Cory Beckett, in custody, pleaded guilty to Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas told the court that the state would agree to a suspended sentence of 19-48 months in prison, with an additional condition that Beckett be placed in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel agreed to the state's recommendation for probation and drug court and asked for Beckett to remain in custody until his first appearance in drug court.

Judge Estes sentenced Beckett to 18 months of probation on a suspended sentence of 19-48 months, placed him in drug court, and imposed standard fees and assessments.



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

Maverick Woodward Richards' Review Hearing was continued to January 7, 2025. Richards has had multiple court appearances and continuances related to a probation violation for failing to check in with Parole and Probation.

Court Hearing for Murder Suspect Scheduled Nov. 19

By Robert Perea

A status hearing for the man accused of murdering a woman who went missing last March was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19 in Canal Township Justice Court.

Robert Richards was extradited from Utah to Nevada on Nov. 5 and made his first court appearance for a bail hearing on Nov. 7. At that hearing, Richards was appointed a public defender, Patrick Mansfield of Mansfield & Mayo Law Firm. The charges

against Richards were read and his rights were explained to him, and both his attorney and the District Attorney's Office agreed to reserve bail arguments for a later date.

Richards was ordered to remain in custody of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office with no bail.

At a status conference on Nov. 12, Mansfield again reserved bail arguments for a later date and also waived the defendant's right to a preliminary hearing within 15 days. The hearing was then continued

to Nov. 19. Watch for updates to this story online at FernleyReporter.com.

A criminal complaint was originally filed against Richards on July 25, and an amended complaint with the same charges was filed Aug. 13.

In the complaint, Richards is charged with killing Sara Filiatraut by strangulation and/or blunt force trauma at or near Desert Rose RV Park, Space 237 on or between March 22 and 23.

FALLON YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION



This year was the most successful fundraiser we have had. It was especially successful in that it was held at the Fallon Youth Club Pennington Street Facility. The Annual Dinner also served as the Club's Open House.

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EDUCATION

Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

AUTHOR BEN MIKAELSEN VISITS SIXTH GRADE

Acclaimed children’s book author Ben Mikaelson visited Mr. Andrew Gilliland’s sixth-grade English class last week. Mikaelson wrote the popular book “Touching Spirit Bear.”



Ben Mikaelson and students.

During his visit, Mikaelson read the book and discussed the creative process of creating the characters and bringing their stories to life with the students.

He also talked to the students about loving adventure and shared insights about his life experiences, emphasizing how he transformed challenges into compelling narratives.

His interactive presentation inspired the young audience to pursue their passions. It addressed critical issues such as bullying, reinforcing the message that every individual has the power to make a difference through their words and actions.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: HAILEY ARENDS

From a bright-eyed second grader to an accomplished high school graduate, graduating Oasis Academy senior Hailey Arends’ journey has been marked by dedication, diverse interests, and academic excellence.

Arends is set to graduate in May with her high school diploma and two associate degrees - an Associate of Art and an



Hailey Arends.

Associate of Applied Science - along with an American Sign Language certification of achievement. The senior has truly made the most of her educational opportunities.

Beginning her college classes and building relationships have been her favorite memories during high school.

This includes Mr. Eric Grimes’s college History class.

“Mr. Grimes’s history class was my favorite. He showed that he cared about the students and their opinions. He didn’t pick favorites,” she said.

She has also been active in co-curricular activities, including archery and FFA, and is an active student council member.

Arends’ advice for future students is based on experience in the college classroom.

“You can’t turn things in late in most college classes, so don’t procrastinate,” she said.

Upon graduation, Arends aims to pursue a master’s in journalism and a Ph.D. in forensic anthropology.



Principal Amanda Barbosa and some of Buster’s Best.

BUSTER’S BEST RECOGNIZED

At the start of the school year, one of the goals for K-8 Principal Amanda Barbosa was to implement recognition for students who are going above and beyond. Students are reminded daily of the principles of the Bighorn HERD (honesty, empathy, respect, and determination).

Each quarter, one of these principles is the focus of the students. This past quarter, the focus was honesty.

The 108 students who consistently demonstrated honesty by being sincere and genuine throughout the semester were honored at the assembly on Wednesday, November 13. They received recognition by showing honesty in the classroom, on the playground, in the cafeteria, and throughout the school.

The assembly included messages from high school students Mathew Bird, Grace Laca, and Eli Jones about what the HERD principles mean to them as student-athletes.

“The assembly was a great way to celebrate not just the achievements of our students but their unwavering commitment to honesty,” said Barbosa. “It is honesty that builds trust, fosters community, and paves the way for a brighter future. I’m grateful for our high school students for taking the time to come and share their experiences with the students as well.”

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Veritas Preparatory School



By David Ernst. Photos courtesy of Veritas Preparatory.

Thanks to a generous donation from Peek Brothers Construction, Veritas volunteers spent the last month preparing and laying sod for a new lawn.

“We cannot begin to express our gratitude and appreciation for the generous donation from Peek Brothers Construction and the Peek family,” says Headmaster Jill Rosario. “Our students will greatly benefit from having such a large space for play and classroom activities.”

Numerous parent volunteers have provided maintenance services such as fertilization, mowing, and additional lawn care. The school is holding a Veritas Giving Field Day today to kick off the Thanksgiving Break and act as the first day students are officially permitted on the lawn. Unite, the Veritas Parent Group, is planning and running the event.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

On November 13, CCHS Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) had its Annual Navy Inspection, led by Master Chief Ken Ballard, the NJROTC Citizenship Development Manager for the area. The event kicked off in the auditorium with a student-led staff brief, where Keileene Kato, Humphrey Arata, Tyler Mackuliak, Phoebe Dowler, Mariel Jamela, Clayton Bennett, Sandra Marquez-Garcia, Sydney Hilliard, Alec Lecker, Phoenix Bloomer, Magui Basurto, Claire Hahn, and Ren Thompson delivered their presentations with confidence. The inspection concluded with a pass and review (drill) in the main gym, highlighting the students' dedication and precision. The students received well-deserved recognition, with special thanks extended to NJROTC instructors Lieutenant Commander Jason Bardin (Retired) and Master Chief Petty Officer James Walker (Retired) for their leadership and support.



NJROTC students with instructors Lieutenant Commander Jason Bardin (Retired), Master Chief Petty Officer James Walker (Retired), and NJROTC Citizenship Development Manager for the area Master Chief Ken Ballard.

CCMS

Students in Kailyn Simpson's Algebra 1 class who scored 90% or higher on their last test and had no missing assignments were able to take their success to the next level by tutoring other 7th and 8th-grade students. These one-on-one sessions provide personalized explanations, benefiting both the tutors and the students being tutored. This initiative reinforces key concepts and fosters a sense of responsibility and leadership among the students while offering valuable academic support to peers.



Peer-to-peer tutoring in Kailyn Simpson's Algebra 1 class.

Lahontan

In celebration of Veterans Day, Lahontan invited all veterans and active duty military family members to join their students for a special Camo and Croissants Event. This event offered a meaningful opportunity for military families to unite and honor those who have served and are currently serving. Veterans and active duty military family members enjoyed a complimentary breakfast with their students. Then, they accompanied their students to their classrooms, where they shared their personal military experiences and engaged with the class. This event aims to promote a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by military service members while providing students with the unique opportunity to connect with veterans and active duty personnel. It's a special way to celebrate Veterans Day, build community, and honor those who have served our country.



Kindergarten student Carson Schnepf with his parents, Dallin and Abby, at the Camo and Croissants Event.

Numa

Students in Tara Rogers' class dove into "The Water Cycle and Earth's Systems" through a hands-on lesson demonstrating how water cycles from the Earth's surface to the atmosphere and back. To simulate this process, students needed to "make it rain" by creating simple models of the ocean and sky to see how these two systems interact.

EC Best

Students in Tina Koenig's music classes have been working on C scale explorations. They began by learning to sing the C scale using solfege syllables, helping them understand the relationship between each note. Students then took their learning further by exploring the scale with rhythmic patterns on Orff xylophones. The fun continued as second and third-graders learned to sing "Do Re Mi" from "The Sound of Music," applying their knowledge of the C scale. In addition to scale work, students have honed critical musical skills, including creating quarter-note and eighth-note rhythms, matching pitch with their voices, and distinguishing between steady beat and rhythm. These activities are helping these young learners build a strong foundation in music theory and performance.

Northside Early Learning Center

Students in Octavia Merritt and Montana Koplin's class enjoyed a delicious spaghetti lunch and took a nice break after a morning of learning. This meal provided a much-needed energy boost, helping students refuel and recharge for the rest of their day. A healthy lunch is essential for maintaining focus and staying sharp, allowing these young learners to stay focused and absorb the lessons and concepts they learn throughout the day. Merritt and Koplin reminded students how essential proper nutrition is for physical and mental well-being.

Logos Christian Academy



Story and photo by Bridget Slentz

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SPORTS

Greenwave Tiny Mite Cheer Team

Places first in Santa Clara in the Pacific Northwest Cheer & Dance Regional Competition



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Muckdogs Fallon pitcher Chase Carnahan.

Fall Baseball 18Us

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

The Muckdogs baseball team, based in Reno, Nevada 18U, consists of players from Fallon, Fernley, and Reno/Sparks. The 18U's are high school baseball team players keeping their "game" up to be ready when spring comes for their junior and senior years of high school baseball, playing for their respective schools.

The NCS Winter World Series is split into two different weekends. With Fallon Hornets 16U Head Coach Brian Bird, and 9U Fallon Hornets Head Coach Aaron Gonzalez, the Muckdogs 18U played four games at the Golden Eagle Regional Sports Complex in Sparks, Nevada.

The first was a 5-5 tie game, the second they lost 5-1, then they pulled a third game 8-0 win, which led to their 13-5 championship game.

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SPORTS

SLAM Tops Greenwave in State Semifinal Double Overtime Thriller



Carson Melendy carries the ball.



Matthew Bird runs with the ball.

By Robert Perea, photos by John Baker.

Before his team even took the field on offense for its second overtime possession in last Saturday's 3A State semifinal game against Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Academy, Fallon Coach Calvin Connors had decided to go for two and the win if his team managed to score a touchdown.

The Greenwave had scored a touchdown with the first possession of the first overtime and, under high school overtime rules, would have had the ball again for the first possession of the third overtime if the game were still tied.

Instead, Connors wanted to give his team the chance to win right then and there.

"We have the momentum, and we have the opportunity to put the game away and seal it," Connors said. "We want the ball, and we want to dictate whether we're going to win or not."

Matt Bird hit Barry Mitchell with a six-yard touchdown pass to set up that game-winning two-point try, but the SLAM defense stuffed a run by Carson Melendy for no gain, sending SLAM to its third consecutive 3A state championship game with a 28-27 win.

"We had multiple opportunities to put that game away and just didn't capitalize on those, but that's sports in general and life in general, so you live, and you learn and reflect on this season as far as the highs and lows," Connors said. "It's one of those that I don't know if I'll ever get over, but it's something that was a special season, and ending the season that way doesn't take away from the amazing things that happened this season for those kids."

In overtime, both teams can score, starting with first-and-goal on the opponent's 10-yard line. After the first overtime, the teams switch the order for the scoring attempts for the second overtime.

Both teams scored touchdowns on their first overtime possessions and kicked the extra point. Then SLAM took a 28-21 lead in the second overtime with a three-yard touchdown run by Damien Nevil and an extra point kick by Grant Ploetz.

Fallon had taken a 21-14 lead in the first overtime with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Bird to Wyatt Peek and an extra point kick by Bird. But SLAM answered with a 10-yard touchdown run by quarterback Alajiah Young and an extra point kick by Ploetz.

SLAM had missed a chance to win in regulation when Ploetz missed wide left on a 31-yard field goal attempt with six seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Fallon largely dominated the first half but was in a tie game in the third quarter because of two unlucky breaks. Leading 14-7, the Greenwave was threatening to take a two-score lead, but a fumble at the SLAM four-yard line ended the drive.

Fallon had just gone ahead 14-7 moments earlier on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Bird, then the ensuing kickoff hit a SLAM blocker, and the Greenwave recovered at its own 49-yard line. A 24-yard run by Melendy got the Greenwave in business, and five plays later, the Greenwave was at the SLAM 14 before turning the ball over.

The Greenwave opened the second half with a time-consuming drive, but they were forced to punt on 4th-and-22 from their own 33-yard line because of penalties. The punt was blocked, and SLAM recovered at the Fallon 11-yard line, leading to a 7-yard touchdown run by Damien Nevil that tied the game at 14.

In the third quarter, a 52-yard screen pass from Bird to Calin Anderson down to the SLAM 1-yard line was called back because of a penalty for an illegal formation.

"Whether we agree with that or not, that was the call, and you gotta live with that, just making sure that throughout the course of the game, you're on point with everything and making sure that you leave no stone unturned, which I thought we did," Connors said.

That led to another unlucky bounce for Fallon. The Greenwave was forced to punt after the penalty, and the SLAM returner fumbled the ball, but it went out of bounds before the Greenwave could recover it.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Greenwave scored with a 5-yard touchdown run by Bird with 9:23 left in the second quarter. But Nevil answered right back for SLAM with a 59-yard touchdown to tie the score at 7-7.

The Greenwave were successful with Connors' game plan to control the ball on offense and keep it away from SAM's explosive offense, running 61 offensive snaps to SLAM's 50 in regulation. Melendy ran for more than 180 yards for the Greenwave. Bird passed for 88 yards, including two touchdowns in the overtime periods.

"I thought our defense did a great job throughout the game of containing their studs and really containing that quarterback," Connors said.

The Greenwave graduated more than 20 players last year and had only three or four starters returning on each side of the ball this year, with Connors coming in as a new head coach. He credited the team's seniors for leading the way as the Greenwave won four straight games after a loss to Fernley on Oct. 4.

"I can't thank them enough because they could have packed it in, folded after that Fernley loss," Connors said. "We were able to do something great that not a lot of people thought we'd be able to do, but our staff knew, and our team knew that we could do something special this season. I'm just thankful for this group and this community. Those kids lit a fire under me every single morning."

John Baker contributed to this report.



Greenwave crowd cheering during over time.



Wyatt Peek after 1st over time TD.



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Allison's Book Report

"A Season for Second Chances"

by Jenny Bayliss

If you have been following this column even a little bit, you know that I am a rom-com junkie. I cannot get enough meet-cutes, humorous and embarrassing dates, and first kisses. Most of the books in this genre feature younger women, but in honor of my forty-third birthday this weekend, this week's rom-com features a woman in her early forties who is facing changes and reclaiming her life.

"A Season for Second Chances" is a bit different from her regular fare. The inclusion of a female main character who is in her 40s is refreshing. I love a rom-com about the younger crowd as much as the next reader, but I long to see women like me reflected in the pages of the books I read, and Annie fits the bill. Her relationships with Matt, the village residents, her grown sons, and even her ex-husband create touching and humorous moments on every page. Bayliss dives deep, exploring the healing power of change, personal growth, and taking risks. Through its heartwarming narrative and vibrant setting, "A Season

"A Season for Second Chances" by Jenny Bayliss follows the journey of Annie Sharpe. Annie's spark for life has fizzled out. Her sons are grown and beginning their own lives, her restaurant is doing fine, and her 26-year marriage has come to an unceremonious end. At a crossroads, feeling untethered for the first time in decades, Annie decides to make a fresh start. She accepts an offer to spend the winter as the caretaker of a crumbling seaside house in a quaint coastal village, hoping the change of scenery will offer the opportunity for healing and reflection. As she settles into her new life, Annie falls in love with the quirky little house and the magic little town. The colorful cast of characters there welcomes Annie with open arms – all except for the surly landlord of her little cottage, Matt. He is charming and good-looking but seems to be packing some baggage. As Christmas draws near and the tension grows, Annie manages to make this, the most challenging time in her life, a season for positive change.

Jenny Bayliss is one of my favorite authors of holiday romance, but "A Season for Second



for Second Chances" is about finding new beginnings in unexpected places and embracing the future with hope, no matter the past.

In honor of my birthday weekend, grab this cozy little read, pour yourself a glass of wine or a cup of tea, gather a sweet treat, and dive right in. Remember to visit my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and chat about what I should read next.

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.

Movies & More

November 22 & 23

By Kelli Perez



Last weekend, Lee Hardin's sold-out comedy show was super exciting, and we hope we can offer the same kind of turnout for this weekend's special guests - Steve & Raena. Also known as Wandering Songs, the singer-songwriter husband and wife acoustic duo have been traveling for two years, spreading joy with their melodies and interacting with audiences. We're thrilled and excited to have them back in Fallon.

Kicking off the weekend, we have "Over the Hedge" as our 6 p.m. movie on both Friday and Saturday. A scheming raccoon fools a mismatched family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food by invading the new suburban sprawl that popped up while they were hibernating and learns a lesson about family himself. This 2006 film is rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 23 minutes.

Also playing on Friday, we have "Escape from Germany" at 7 p.m., sponsored by Fallon Family Dental Care and RE/MAX. In 1939, Hitler's army was closing borders, and eighty-five American missionaries were in Germany serving their church. The escape of these missionaries from Nazi Germany is one of the most dramatic events to occur in modern church history. The movie is rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 37 minutes.

On Saturday at 7 p.m., we will be welcoming Steve & Raena to our stage. Admission is \$12 at the door, and they have some special guests accompanying them, including local talent Annabelle, McKenzie James Warren, and his brother Matt Warren, with violin and cello. This will be a fantastic night of music, and we hope you will join us at the event.

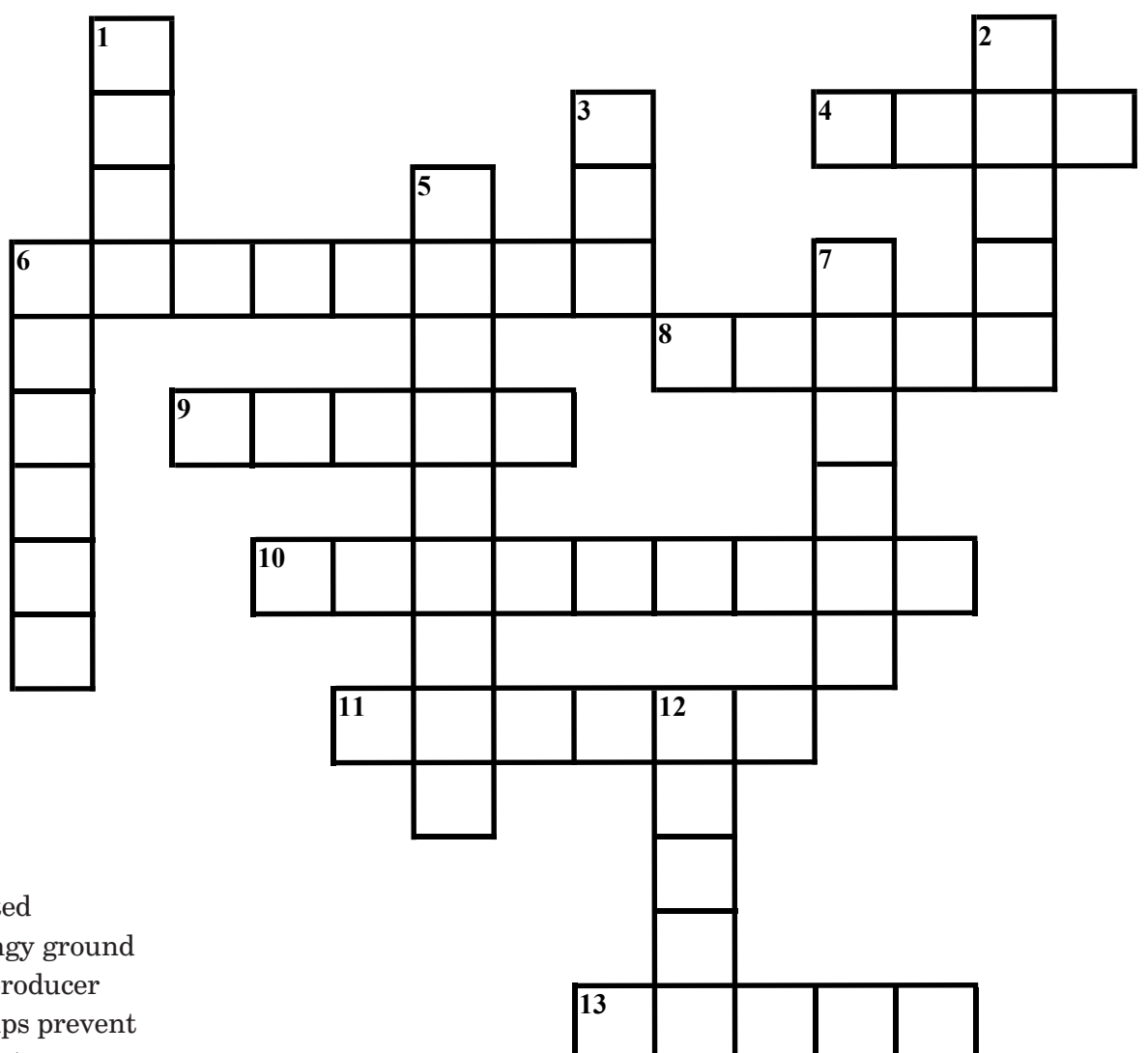
December is bringing with it plenty of fun experiences and opportunities to make memories, starting with the annual tradition of the Maine Street Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. Immediately following the lighting, we will have the Lahontan Valley Concert Choir on stage for a short round of carols, and afterward, we will be showing two films sponsored by Sierra Financial, 1979s "Jack Frost" and 1946s "It's a Wonderful Life."

The following weekend, on December 13 and 14, Bassham Furniture is sponsoring a special "Polar Express" Weekend featuring three opportunities for a 4D experience with vibrations, scent, mist, confetti, and more. The complimentary hot cocoa bar will be available, and every child will receive a small gift. You can find more information on our website and through Facebook.

As always, if you would like to book a Marquee Message or reserve an auditorium for a party, please leave us a voice message at 775-423-6210.

Crossword

By Peanut



C R A N B E R R Y

Across

- 4. Taste
- 6. Cooked in the bird
- 8. Baked in a loaf
- 9. Liquid
- 10. Essential dietary element
- 11. Champagne cocktail
- 13. Jam's cousin

Down

- 1. Small pie
- 2. Dehydrated
- 3. Wet, spongy ground
- 5. Top US producer
- 6. Vit. C helps prevent
- 7. Condiment
- 12. Stewed, perhaps with oranges

[Crossword answers on page 15]

COLUMNS

Postcards

By Michon Mackedon

It's Time to Talk Turkey. I received a Postcard from a reader asking me if it was true that, at one time, Fallon Turkeys were world famous. The answer depends on what one means by world famous. I once heard that during the 1920s, Fallon Tom Turkey was listed as a main course on the menu of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. That would make those Fallon turkeys close to world-famous. I was not able to verify the Waldorf Astoria story, but I found other tasty morsels of information for your Thanksgiving reading.

There is evidence that turkeys were raised in Churchill County in the 1860s, with reports that local turkeys graced Thanksgiving tables on the Comstock. John Townley tells us in his book "Turn This Water into Gold" that raising local turkeys was not a big business until later in our valley's history. Beginning about 1911, turkey entrepreneurs became more serious about their opportunities and better prepared to market their goods. Townley reports that about 7000 local turkeys were sold in 1914, and the numbers kept growing until well into the 1920s.

In those days, several factors favored the local turkey-raising business. A usual 20% loss of the hatch was experienced in other regions, compared to a less than 5% loss in the Lahontan Valley for reasons of soil, climate, diseases, and diet. Many local turkey growers allowed their birds to range free, eating insects and alfalfa in addition to being fed grain supplements. A poultry disease that swept through the California turkey crop in 1915 did not invade the local crop, resulting in large sales for local farmers. In that year, eighty farms were engaged in raising turkeys for sale. And, adding interest to the idea of Fallon turkeys becoming world famous, during World War I, Fallon turkeys were shipped to the Philippines to feed our troops stationed there.

The 1920s brought boom followed by bust in the Fallon turkey business. In the early 1920s, the major turkey market was San Francisco. Commission agents from the Bay Area would issue a bid for the entire area's turkey crop. The farmers were unhappy with this single sourcing and felt that they were held hostage by the commission agents and the proposed single price. They began to seek other markets, branching out to the LA area, where agents paid cash and charged less commission. In 1925, 219 turkey growers in Northern Nevada shipped 30,000 birds, the lion's share from Churchill County. In 1926, local growers banded together to increase their profits, forming the Churchill County Poultrymen, Inc. In 1927, 300 growers pooled their numbers and invited the agents to bid with eleven rail cars of turkeys going to Young's Market in LA.

The bust came in the form of the 1929 stock market crash and the resulting Great Depression. In 1928, 60,000 local turkeys were shipped; by 1940, the number was 10,000. The demand bottomed out as down-and-out folks could not afford the luxury of a turkey dinner.

Even though the Fallon turkey business had changed and diminished over the years, one local turkey grower, Minnie Blair, persisted. Blair had established a turkey farm in 1924 on the outskirts of Fallon, near where South Taylor Street now ends at Sheckler Road. Her business, branded Atlasta Ranch, grew and thrived during the Depression and into the 1940s. Blair did her share to make Fallon Turkeys world-famous, routinely shipping turkeys to regular customers in Florida, Hawaii, Washington D.C., and New York City. An Atlasta turkey was sent as a gift to the Franklin Roosevelt White House. When she learned that one of her turkeys was on the White House Thanksgiving menu, Blair, a fierce Republican, was not amused. Another turkey from Blair's farm was sent to the Oscar Hammerstein family, who lived in a small Pennsylvania town. (The famous Hammerstein wrote the lyrics for Broadway plays, including "Show Boat," "The King and I," and "The Sound of Music.") Mrs. Hammerstein sent a personal thank you letter to Minnie Blair, acclaiming the virtues of her Fallon bird: "We loved the turkey. It weighed 26 pounds and was the talk of the town."

Please send a story, question, comment, verse, or memoir to mackedon@phonewave.net.

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

Case No.: 24-10DC-1264 Dept. No.: I
The undersigned hereby affirms this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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

JOSANN MALLORY HOMSTAD, AKA JOSANNE MALLORY HOMSTAD, DOB: 04/09/1961, Petitioner; For Change of Name.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change Petitioner's name from JOSANN MALLORY HOMSTAD to JOSANNE MALLORY HOMSTAD.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of Petitioner's name as noted above shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. DATED: 11/5/2024

// SIGNED//
JOSANNE M. HOMSTAD
aka JOSANN M. HOMSTAD
Petitioner, In Pro Per

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE LAHONTAN AND STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 7th day of November, 2024, commencing at the hour of 6:00 PM, at the Fallon Livestock Sale Yard in Fallon, Nevada, the Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation Districts, duly formed and authorized pursuant to Chapter 548 of NRS, conducted their election of supervisors. Morena Hesper and Robert Fagundes were re-elected for another four-year term to the Lahontan Conservation District and Sharon Harper and Wes Viera were re-elected for another four-year term to the Stillwater Conservation District.

Linda Rothery
Clerk/Treasurer

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10th Judicial District Court Case No. 20-10DC-1016

In the Matter of the guardianship of Leeam Randall John Silveira, a minor child. To John Sousa Silveira and/or Melissa Bass and/or Estella Sousa,

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the above-entitled court a petition seeking the resignation of guardianship over the above-named child and a petition seeking the removal of the child from the home of Zachary and Kimberly Woodward, and that the petition has been set for hearing before this court in Churchill County, on the 10th day of December, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom #1 located at 73 N. Maine Street suite B, Fallon, Nevada.

Zachary and Kimberly Woodward,
Petitioners
Fallon, NV
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NOTICE OF OPEN APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

The Coalition for Senior Citizens is seeking two public-spirited citizens who are willing to serve as a member on the **Coalition for Senior Citizens Board**. The Board is a governing board of the nonprofit to assist senior citizens in Churchill County. The board meets once a quarter. These persons will serve on a five (5) member board and commence serving on January 1, 2025.

Interested persons may obtain an application by calling Pam Moore at 775-423-4092 or emailing her at: pammoore1414@gmail.com. Applications are to be submitted to the above email address **not later than 3:00 PM on November 27, 2024.**

Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Case No.: 24-10DC-1254
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IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL

In the Matter of the Petition of: **MICHAEL BARBATO II**

for the adoption of:

AUBREY ROSE-MICHELLE ROMERO-CONSOLI

An Adult.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change the applicant's name from AUBREY ROSE-MICHELLE ROMERO-CONSOLI to AUBREY-ROSE MICHELLE CONSOLI. The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that she is not changing her name for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

DATED: This 15th day of November, 2024.

// Signed //
Aubrey Romero-Consoli

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the duly appointed and qualified Trustee of THE STEVEN MURRAY REVOCABLE INTERVIVOS TRUST AGREEMENT. The Settlor of said Trust, STEVEN ANTHONY MURRAY, died on April 14, 2024. A creditor having a claim against the Settlor or the Trust Estate must file the claim with the undersigned at the address given below within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice.

DATED: This 15th day of November, 2024.

// Signed //
DANIEL SEPULVEDA,
Trustee
P.O. BOX 801
FALLON, NV 89407

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 14

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| BOG | SCURVY |
| BREAD | STUFFING |
| DRIED | TART |
| JELLY | TART |
| JUICE | WISCONSIN |
| MANGANESE | |
| MIMOSA | |
| RELISH | |
| SAUCE | |



COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

This last weekend, I had the opportunity to cook for some fantastic guitarists performing at the Churchill Arts Council. My friend Erik, who is working towards a culinary arts degree at Truckee Meadows Community College, joined me in the kitchen. Erik and I had not talked about cooking together for a hot minute, but this was a perfect opportunity. We planned a fall menu centered around braised beef short ribs with a red wine demi-glace. He and I are both avid fans of the braise; it is a method that transforms "less desirable" cuts of meat into the best bites through low, slow cooking, in which time is the secret ingredient. We planned to serve the short ribs with brown butter mashed potatoes, a Caballero Bean ragout with mushrooms and artichoke hearts, a fall harvest salad, and chocolate pot de creme for dessert.

On Friday afternoon, we browned the seasoned short ribs in batches until they were nicely caramelized on all sides. After pouring off most of the rendered fat, Erik sauteed carrots, onion, celery, and smashed garlic in the same pan, added some tomato paste, then deglazed it with red wine, scraping the bottom of the pan to loosen all the tasty brown bits. We reduced the wine by half and added beef bone broth with bloomed gelatin. Once the stock mix reached a boil, we poured it into an oven-safe dish, nestled in the browned ribs, covered it with foil, and popped it in an oven pre-heated to 300 degree. About three hours later, our ribs had reached an ideal state of doneness—they were fork tender but still holding on to the bone. Braises are best when prepared a day before service and refrigerated overnight. We moved the ribs to a clean pan, strained out and discarded the veggies, and poured the sauce back over the ribs to store for the evening.

After chilling for twelve hours, the fat hardened into a layer at the top of the dish we removed before re-warming the ribs in an oven. We reduced the braising liquid on the stovetop for about an hour, then added a ruby port wine syrup (a whole bottle of port reduced to about 1/2 of a cup of liquid). Finally, we put our ribs and the finished sauce into a crockpot to keep them hot until it was time for service. They were perfect. The meat was tender and flavorful, the sauce had an unctuous mouthfeel, and the seasoning was on point.



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

Imagine our surprise when we realized that the braised beef short ribs were NOT the star of the show. Instead, the dish that rose to the top was the salad, which we made without a recipe. To the best of my memory, here is how we made the Autumn Harvest Salad.

Kelli's Autumn Salad

Yields a large bowl that can serve ten easily

Ingredients:

- 1 Butternut squash, peeled and diced
- 1 cup Tri-color quinoa
- 1/2 Red onion, thinly sliced
- 6 oz. Dried cranberries
- 5.5 oz package glazed pecans
- 1 bunch Curly kale, stems removed and torn into small pieces
- 8 oz. block Feta cheese, crumbled
- 2 Honeycrisp apples, cored and diced
- 2/3 cup White balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup Extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 4 tbsp. Maple syrup
- Salt & Pepper

Directions:

1. Toss butternut squash in olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and roast in a 375 degree oven until soft and browned. Set aside to cool.
2. Cook quinoa according to package directions. Set aside to cool.
3. Combine white balsamic vinegar, olive oil, dijon mustard, and maple syrup in a blender. Process until creamy and smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Dressing should be bright and tangy with an obvious hit of maple. Feel free to add more maple syrup or white balsamic to achieve this result.
4. Mix the squash, quinoa, red onions, cranberries, pecans, feta cheese, kale, and apple in a large bowl. Toss with enough dressing to make the salad wet but not sopping. Reserve the remaining dressing for another day.

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