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## Library Board Ranks Final Three Applicants for Director Position

By Rachel Dahl

Three candidates sat for final interviews before the Library Board of Trustees on Monday and were ranked in order of preference to fill the open position of Library Director. Allison Peyton, currently serving as the Reference Librarian for San Bernardino Community College District, came out three points ahead of Cathy Thorsen, the Library Services Manager for Mohave County Library. Vanna Bells, who serves as the branch director of the Tahoe Library for Douglas County, was the third choice.



after the previous director, C.L. Quillen, was terminated earlier this summer.

The three candidates were chosen from a field of 11 applicants, narrowed to five through interviews over Zoom with Spross and Lloyd. According to Spross, several questions during the interviews had been asked in the first interview, but he felt the board should ask and hear those answers in person.

During the interview, Peyton shared her views on programming, after-school issues with the middle school, her experience with

The Board approved allowing the Human Resources department to make the offer and negotiate a salary at Step one—four level and determining a start date within 30 days of the offer.

Chris Spross, Human Resources Director, said he hopes to bring the final candidate's name to the next Library Board meeting "if the candidate isn't sitting in the chair next to me."

The Library Director position is one of the two positions in the county that requires actions to be taken in a public meeting. Both the Library Director and County Manager are appointed by the Library Board and the County Commission, respectively, and thus, any actions, including interviews, are done in public.

Each interview on Monday was scheduled to take 75 minutes, and each candidate answered the same 17 questions formulated by the HR Director Spross, and Library Interim Director Carol Lloyd, and the board members and submitted questions to the public. Retired Library Director Lloyd returned to assist the Library Board and the County

budgets, and her position on censorship and intellectual freedoms with the library board members. She has experience dealing with middle school students after school and worked to solve a similar situation in a former position.

"We worked with local law enforcement on the problems affecting students at home that spilled over into school that spilled over into the library. We had a strong Unattended Minor policy as well as a Patron Behavior policy, and when they were violated, there were consequences. Yes, the library is public, but you can't keep us from doing business for the public," Peyton said.

She is a strong supporter of technology and, as a current teacher of basic research methods, has explored and supports utilizing and teaching the community about ChatGPT and its potential benefits and cautions. "People will come to the library wanting to learn," she said.

Regarding censorship and the balance between intellectual freedom and community values, Peyton has extensive experience dealing with

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## City of Fallon Memorializes Val and Kirk with Mural

*"Their immense kindness and love of art stood out above all" – Mayor Tedford*

Story and Photos by Rachel Dahl

Mayor Ken Tedford spoke as the families of Valerie Serpa and Kirk Robertson joined the community in unveiling a mural on the south side of the annex building at 98 S. Carson Street this week.

Valarie's passion for art led her to join the Art Council at its inception in 1986, putting to work her Art History and Cultural Anthropology degrees from the University of Nevada. She also earned a graduate degree in Visual Culture from Antioch and "was a world-class cook, lover of poetry and travel, and someone who was very patient with me," Tedford said.

Shortly after, she met and married Kirk Robertson. They turned their love into action and continued to transform the Oats Park School into the Oats Park Art Center.

Following Kirk's death in 2017, Val continued to channel her love and passion into the arts in Fallon by finishing the building and the ongoing performances and exhibits.

Val was a giver, driven by a desire to spread love even in the face of her own loss. Her devotion to her friends, family, and the community exemplifies her unwavering commitment to bringing people together and shows the importance of infusing the beauty of art into our lives.

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log

## The Great Pinenut Caper

By Rachel Dahl

Leanna and I got to go on a High Adventure Saturday.

We left town in the dead of the night – 3 a.m., to be exact, and watched the sun rise over Silver Peak as we dropped down into Fish Lake Valley. We were headed for Lida Summit, where industry had run straight into NIMBY. Or better put, the Not-In-My-Back-Yard Karen who had brought the industry of pinenut picking to a screaming halt.

For the past 42 years, an enterprising entrepreneur from El Paso and his family have had a side gig picking pinenuts. They sell them and sock away the money, and that is their retirement plan. These people have nine children, and they work hard all year round at their regular business. Then, in the late summer, they go to where the pinenuts are, with permission from private landowners, and they harvest the pinenuts.

They are familiar with and regularly use the H-2A Temporary Farm Worker Visas. This year, they had 30 Venezuelans with them to do the work. They stayed out for several weeks, feeding their crew better than they ate in their homes and paying better wages than they could make anywhere else until the neighbor lady down the mountain saw them. She called the sheriff because she didn't want them coming into her yard to pick her pinenuts.

The sheriff decided there would be no more pinenut picking and ordered the operation to move out and shut down. There had been a lengthy negotiation that resulted in a 5 p.m. on Friday deadline for everything to be off the private ground. The remains of the operation were staged on the summit, waiting to clear the last bags of pinenuts before the sheriff said he would be back. He was expected at high noon on Saturday for a final inspection.

The old rancher, who had originally permitted the picking on his private land, had tried all week to save the operation.

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reconsideration processes when books and materials are challenged and feels having a solid policy to guide the collection is essential. She has worked closely with community members who have concerns about specific books and feels that communication with the public and the board is critical to solving any issues.

Budgeting, managing employee resources, and fundraising come second nature to Peyton, who believes it important to cross-train her staff and participate in fundraising activities. She supports library cooperatives that provide more materials to patrons but is aware of the downfalls when technology and computer systems fail and how to overcome those challenges with paper check-outs when necessary.

She has extensive experience dealing with the social services side of libraries and believes the library's number one policy is to protect patron privacy. She believes in a diverse collection of materials and the importance of broad collection development. "Our job is to serve the community as a whole; if you don't like it, you don't have to read it," Peyton said.

Although she is not yet ready for retirement, Thorsen and her husband are making plans for when they do retire and want to be in Nevada when they do. She said her management style is to lead by example and make it easy for her employees to do their jobs. "I believe in the work we do and how we support each other. I'm very good at communication. I can have hard conversations, but I believe in encouraging my team," Thorsen said. "Community engagement is important – outreach is my jam."

When it comes to programming, she does not believe interaction with the community is ever a failure, and it sometimes takes trying different things to find sustainable success. She sees the afterschool issue with the middle school as a built-in opportunity for engaging a captive audience. "We get respect by giving respect; we give these kids a voice, redirect them, and be consistent. They need to know they can't run amok in the library." She said she reads a lot of Young Adult literature and feels she can connect with students that way.

Technology is a significant opportunity to

Producers stick together. But when he stood with his cane in hand facing a half-moon semi-circle of lawmen, armed and apparently ready to follow their leader in his interpretation of real estate law, it became clear there would be no winning this battle.

When one of the deputies shouted a warning that there was a gun in the truck – a little .38 pistol lying on the console of the empty truck while the rancher talked to his lawyer on the phone, he yelled back, "Of course, there's a gun, what did you expect?"

When he got off the phone, he told the sheriff and his posse they were crazy. There may have been cane-shaking.

And then, as we sat Saturday morning at the top of the summit and visited with the owner, watched his crew fill the last moving van with burlap bags, and ate a picnic lunch with the rancher, I could hear spaghetti western music in the background of my imagination anticipating a run-in with the small-town lawman. Black Bart, if you will.

But he never showed. Probably for the best, but it was a bit of a letdown. Big build up, good story, flop of an ending. Except everyone was safe, and the Sagebrush Rebellion remains dormant.

Sometimes it goes like that, I guess. Stupidity prevails, and the good guys lose. This is strange for a place like Esmeralda County, which exists at the hands of natural resource production and the harvesting of gold, alfalfa, solar energy, cattle, and yes, pinenuts, which has always been a way of life.

But the winds of change whistle across the summit, and the nosy NIMBY neighbors have a strange influence.

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— Rachel

engage the community, and as the library, there is a responsibility to help people use technology in their lives. In relating her position on challenges with censorship and intellectual freedom, "there is a line that librarians should not cross. It is not in our ethics." Having a solid policy to follow is essential. Thorsen said the policy supports the library when there are issues, and educating parents is critical. "You can choose what your child reads, but you can't choose what someone else's child reads."

Vanna Bells provided cautious and thoughtful remarks during her interview, citing data and research to support her answers. "Your community needs a strong librarian here. I've looked at your Strategic Plan and the ideas for expansion, and can bring my experience with fundraising, advertising, and grant writing to this community."

Bells said her leadership style is to listen and follow up, develop and practice, collaborate, and credit as she directs her team to work as a family. "We need to be there for each other and the community."

Regarding the middle school after-school issue, she said she was concerned about how the library handles the matter. "The library is supposed to be open to all." She said that when kids are unruly, something else is usually going on. "Maybe they're hungry, and we need to see about a food closet situation, and they need snacks. We need to be open to all; we need to get to know them, having an unattended minor policy, and working with the school district and law enforcement at the table."

She said that having barricades in the parking lot gave the impression of being unwelcoming.

A technology plan is key to meeting the digital divide, and knowing your community is essential for addressing censorship issues. "Douglas County cannot do the kinds of things Washoe County can. There will be no Drag Queen Story Hour in Douglas," Bells said. "Having solid policies in place aids with difficult challenges."

The interviews can be viewed on the Churchill County YouTube channel at [youtube.com/watch?v=CB\\_8x84aow](https://youtube.com/watch?v=CB_8x84aow).

## FEATURES

# Churchill County Opens Frazzini Furniture Building as New Home for Two County Departments

*Frazzini family has a long history in the Lahontan Valley*

By Anne McMillin, APR

Churchill County cut the ribbon on its “new” building at 270 S. Maine Street in Fallon on September 5, marking the resurgence of this 100-year-old building as the home to the county’s Social Services, Public Works, Planning, and Building departments.

Both departments are now open and operating out of this downtown location, which is a one-stop shop for contractors, indigent services, and the public.

In his remarks, County Manager Jim Barbee said that with the support of the county commissioners, the new location meets the current and future needs of these two departments while contributing to a vibrant downtown.

“The county is pleased to be part of preserving some of the history by revitalizing the Frazzini Building for use by some of our departments to serve our citizens while driving more people downtown,” Barbee said, adding that about 20 county staff are in the building between the two departments.

The county facilities staff completed the majority of the renovations to the building, including adding and removing doors, windows, and walls, cleaning up the original flooring, and applying new paint throughout.

“They have done an outstanding job, and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I’d like to thank Gary Rothery, Sean Hessey, Mike Nolan, Darryl Viera, Rick Eyster, Yolanda Camacho, and Asela Lopez-Vega for all their efforts,” Barbee said.

He also thanked county employees Colin Utterback, Chris Spross, Randy Hines, and Shannon Ernst for their efforts in getting the building ready to occupy along with Jonathan West from the Nevada State Department of Health and Human Services.

## FRAZZINI FAMILY HISTORY

The Frazzini Building has significant historical relevance in this area. At age 15, Eliodoro Frazzini (E.D. or Ed to his friends and family) immigrated from Italy to America, arriving at Ellis Island in May 1896. For the next several years, Frazzini worked his way across America as a laborer and track-walker on the railways, eventually becoming a citizen in 1902.



Members and descendants of the Frazzini and Getto families, together with county officials and County Facilities staff, gathered as Churchill County Commissioner Miles Getto cut the ribbon to dedicate the new Social Services and Public Works offices downtown. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

In 1909, 18-year-old Vienna Clarita Ferretti came from Monte Porozio, Marche, Italy, to marry E.D. They were unknown to each other until she stepped down from the train, and they walked to the Reno Courthouse, where they were married on July 6, 1909.

“E.D. was always looking for an opportunity to be his own boss. He and a fellow Italian, John Getto, my great-grandfather, opened a store in Tonopah where they sold lanterns and other mining gear. Before long, they moved to Blair and opened a grocery store, clothing store, and bar. E.D. and Vienna’s first child, Louisa, was born there,” said Myles Getto, Churchill County Commission Chair, during his remarks at the ribbon cutting.

In 1911 the Frazzini and Getto families moved to Fallon. They first set up a boarding house at the sugar beet factory in Churchill County, the La Industrial Hotel, which E.D. built. Later that year, they bought 150 acres along the Carson River for \$10 in gold coin. The purchase included one bay mare named “Babe,” one black sucking colt named “Queen,” one 1911 roan heifer named “May,” about 30 chickens, and 3 Peking ducks.

Fallon remained home and the Frazzini’s had four more children while living here: Carson (named after the river E.D. helped settle), Etna, Ida, and Norma.

“In January 1912, E.D. sold the La Industrial Hotel and his share of the farm to John

and Andrew Getto, which remains under my stewardship today,” Myles said.

E.D. rented space in the New River Hall on the east side of Maine Street and opened Frazzini Furniture Co. By May 1920, he had overseen the construction of his store on the west side of Maine Street – which later became Heck’s Meat, now Momma’s Meat.

But E.D. had been dreaming of constructing a 50 x 100-foot structure with a thirteen-foot balcony running around the entire building. Having purchased two more lots south of his original store, E.D. went to San Francisco in 1921 to copy floor plans of a renowned San Francisco furniture emporium.

He brought the plans back to Fallon and, using Italian stone masons who had been working on tunnels for the railroad at Truckee, quarried stone from Rattlesnake Hill to construct stone walls all the way to the basement of the 15,000-square-foot building at 270 South Maine Street.

E.D. believed in community participation and served as a Fallon City Councilman from 1923-1927.

Following E.D.’s passing in 1956, Vienna continued to work at Frazzini’s alongside her sons-in-law until her passing in 1965. The Frazzini’s continued to run the furniture store until 1982.

E.D.’s granddaughter, Vienna Beeghley, and members of the extended Getto family attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening last week.

# Spanish Teaching Duo Inspires CCHS Students

Staff Report

At Churchill County High School (CCHS), Spanish teachers Lance and Laurianne Lattin have become well-known for their relatable approach to teaching. Their passion for the Spanish language and culture is clearly seen in their classroom, where students feel excited to learn and supported in their efforts. The Lattins co-teach their Spanish classes, bringing perspective and an engaging environment to language learning.

“We’ve always shared a love for the Spanish language and culture,” says Mr. Lattin. “When the opportunity came to work together, it felt like a natural extension of our lives.”

What makes the Lattins’ classroom special is how they connect with each student. Mr. Lattin uses creative lessons that include music, art, and technology to make learning Spanish fun and exciting. “Learning a language should be fun,” he says. “We try to create an atmosphere where students can explore and express themselves.” Meanwhile, Mrs. Lattin focuses on creating a caring classroom where students feel safe to take risks and learn from their mistakes, something that’s particularly important when learning a new language.

Students are often seen smiling in the classroom. The Lattins’



Mr. Lattin in his classroom. Photo courtesy of CCHS.

fun and interactive lessons and group activities make students eager to participate and learn every day.

The Lattins’ impact goes beyond their classroom. They also organize cultural events, language immersion trips, and after-school programs to help students better appreciate Spanish-speaking cultures. Many students say that the Lattins have inspired them to continue studying Spanish or even consider careers that involve the language. The Lattins’ kindness and patience have built strong relationships with their students, who feel comfortable asking them for help and advice.

“They’re more than just teachers. They’re mentors and role models,” says William Urso, a sophomore at CCHS. “They’ve helped me realize that learning a language is about

more than just words; it’s about understanding and connecting with people.”

In a time when education faces many challenges, the Lattins show what’s possible when teachers are truly dedicated to their work. Their love for teaching, their students, and each other makes CCHS a welcoming and positive place for everyone.

Story and information compiled by CCHS student Syriana Manciu who is planning to pursue a career in journalism.

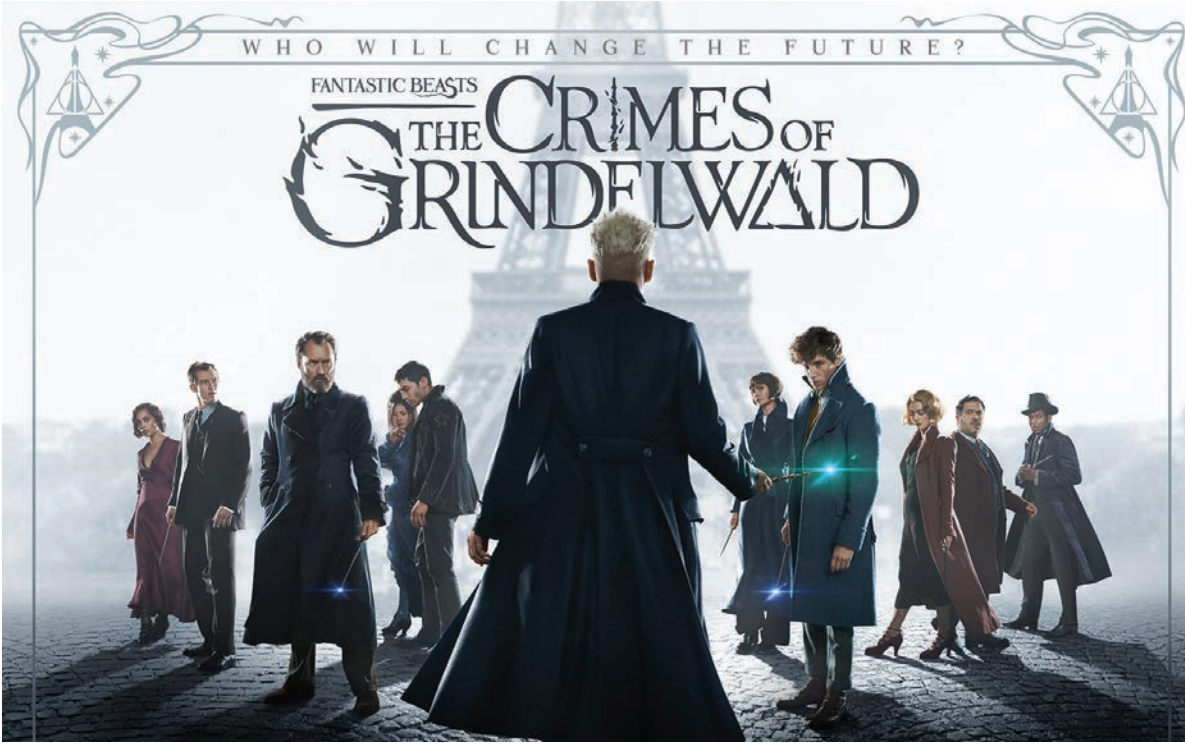
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*Movies & More*  
**September 13 & 14**

By Kelli Perez



The Fallon Theatre is here for some weekend fun if you need a break from the daily routine and back-to-school schedule.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, throwing it back to 1996 with the animated/live-action crossover comedy adventure "Space Jam." In a desperate attempt to win a basketball match and earn their freedom, the Looney Tune characters seek the aid of retired basketball champion Michael Jordan. This movie is rated PG with 1 hour and 28 minutes runtime.

Also on Friday and Saturday, the 7 p.m. film is the second installment of the Fantastic Beasts series, "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald." The powerful wizard Gellert Grindelwald plans to raise a magical army to rule over non-magical beings while Albus Dumbledore seeks help to stop him. This movie is rated PG-13 and has a 2 hour and 14 minute runtime.

There is a special movie event coming up on Monday, September 16, 6 and 7 p.m. Sponsored by Fallon Family Dental Care and RE/MAX Connection, "Escape from Germany" is the true recounting of eighty-five American missionaries who fled Nazi Germany as World War II began. Admission is free.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fallon Theatre's 2024 Show 'N' Shine on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maine Street will be closed for pedestrians only as the theatre hosts this fantastic display of great-looking vehicles again.

The theatre's full movie and event schedules for September and October are on Facebook, Instagram, or [www.fallontheatre.com](http://www.fallontheatre.com).

*Obituary*



**GAYLE LYNDA LONG GOINS**  
 September 8, 1943 – August 25, 2024

Gayle Lynda Goins, age 80, passed away on August 25, 2024, in Fallon.

She was born September 8, 1943, in California to Earl and Dorothy Norine Biggs Long and had been a Fallon resident for approximately 20 years.

She had worked as an office manager in a printing shop.

Graveside services were held on September 7, 2024, at 9 a.m. at the Churchill Public Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home, 775-423-2255.

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*August Marriages*



- 8/2/2024 Jade Susan Deadrick, 22, and Ryan Philip Adams, 25, both of Fallon
- 8/5/2024 Amanda Mary Payne, 31, of Reno, Nevada, and Jamin Tanner Sween, 35, of Fallon
- 8/6/2024 Mandy Ranae Elmore, 48, and Orville Willard Wempner, Jr., 47, both of Fallon
- 8/8/2024 Emma Olivia Fullerton, 29, and Justin James Johnson, 34, both of Fallon
- 8/9/2024 Ashley Jean Sorensen, 22, and Toby Alex Anderson, 20, both of Fallon
- 8/9/2024 Rachel Kelly Franklin, 21, of Fallon, and Ryan Patrick Damron, 22, of Augusta, Virginia
- 8/15/2024 Desirey Sharon May, 24, and Mahmoud Ibrahim Abuhendi, 38, both of Fallon
- 8/15/2024 Morgan Lee Callihan, 27, and Cullen Quinn Bryant, 37, both of Fallon
- 8/16/2024 Isabel Guadalupe de la Cruz Martinez, 25, and Christopher Daniel Gomez-Payan, 26, both of Fallon
- 8/16/2024 Jolie Louise Roat, 41, and Garrett David Long, 30, both of Fallon
- 8/16/2024 Shelby Jean Plilar-Collier, 23, and Zachary Thomas Collier, 24, both of San Antonio, Texas
- 8/19/2024 Jennifer Michelle Lundlee, 34, and Phillip William Plunkard, 25, both of Fallon
- 8/20/2024 Richard Charles Thompson, III, 42, and Nicky Mae Plural Mendoza, 28, both of Fallon
- 8/21/2024 Kayla Lynn Biggs, 26, and Ramiro Alejandro Sanchez Rodriguez, 27, both of Fallon
- 8/22/2024 Ashley Rose Kieszowski, 29, and Jacob Dylan Sieling, 25, both of Fallon
- 8/22/2024 Leetah Claire Weatherfield, 40, and Jeffery Michael Gresham, 49, both of Fallon
- 8/26/2024 Victoria Elaine Engelman, 23, and James Randell Ross, 23, both of Fernley, Nevada
- 8/27/2024 Evelea Elizabeth Rose Espinoza, 25, of Bakersfield, California, and Zachary Isaak Brown, 22, of Elgin, Oregon
- 8/28/2024 Kendal Hope Williams, 25, and Travis Lee Gibson, 34, both of Fallon
- 8/30/2024 Karen Rene Rathbun, 62, of Truckee, California, and Jason Eric Webb, 60, of Fallon
- 8/30/2024 Michelle Marie French, 47, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Matthew Lloyd Grissom, 45, of Fallon
- 8/30/2024 Desiree Dawn Winship, 21, and Brandon Kyle Hamilton, 26, both of Fernley, Nevada
- 8/30/2024 Kaytlin Anne Corry, 23, Christopher Jack Hartley, 22, both of Iwakuni, Japan
- 8/30/2024 Jessica Eileen Vinsonhaller, 48, and Christopher Joel Cole, 48, both of Fallon

*August Births*



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**Lief Lindh Hansen**  
 born August 1  
 to Lorilea Hunter  
 and Brian Hansen,  
 weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz.,  
 measuring 19 1/2 inches.

**Josiah Romero**  
 born August 11  
 to Andrea Barriga,  
 weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz.,  
 measuring 20 inches.

**Millie Auna DeSotel**  
 born August 21  
 to Payton and Cole DeSotel,  
 weighing 8 lbs.,  
 measuring 20 inches.

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L-to-Right: Commissioner Myles Getto, Amber Getto, Mayor Tedford, Julie Serpa, Brooke Fitch.

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Her vibrant personality and dedication to giving back to the community that raised her are forever woven into Fallon's history. "When it became time to decide how best to honor her legacy, we knew Eric Burke, a celebrated fifth-generation Nevadan and artist with 20 years of mural experience, was the best choice to encapsulate Valarie's radiant spirit and energy. That legacy aligned with our intention to shine a light on the lives of Val and Kirk. It stands as a lasting tribute to these two outstanding pillars, and their legacy will continue to inspire us all," said Mayor Tedford.

Valerie's sister, Julie Serpa, attended the ceremony with her daughter, Brooke Fitch, and expressed her appreciation for the memorial. "This is beautiful, and our family is honored to have her here. We miss her dearly."

"This is a great way to memorialize her in the town she loved and did great work in," said Brooke.

After the ceremony, Steve Ranson and Julie talked about the Art Center and Val and Kirk's memories there. "Every time I drive by there," said Ranson, "I think of them. I remember Kirk calling to let me know his column would be late, their writing, their trips to New York to find artists."

Julie said she could always "hear her heels walking through the halls. We can't replace her."

Mayor Tedford said after the mural was done, he and Bob Erickson stood appreciating the work, but it took a minute to see Kirk in the painting. "Finally, it hit me," Tedford said. "That was him in the shadow. He's always in the back, in the background. It's the way she always was out front and so gregarious. He was always in the background, the driving force; he was a world-renowned writer and poet. I get to see it every day when I go to work."



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Wednesday, Sept. 18

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Thursday, Sept. 19

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Tossed Green Salad Dressing  
Warm Peaches  
Watermelon

Friday, Sept. 20

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FF Italian Salad  
WW Bread  
Orange Mango Cup

FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

Monday, Sept. 16

Meatloaf, Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans

Thursday, Sept. 19

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Cornbread  
Dutch Cherry Pie

Monday, Sept. 23

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Thursday, Sept. 26

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COMMUNITY

# CCHS Student Intern Highlight



Madison Keller.



Rafe Brown.

Story and photos by Dr. Sue Segura

This week's interns both plan to pursue careers as veterinarians. Rafe Brown graduated last spring and is attending the University of Nevada, Reno. He received his associate degree last spring from Western Nevada College.

Madison Keller, a current senior and future veterinarian, is continuing her internship throughout her last year of high school.

Both interns had valuable experiences at Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic, with Brown and Keller noting that "every day was a new learning experience."

## CCHS Wins \$5,000 in T-Mobile Sweepstakes

Staff Report

Churchill County High School (CCHS) won \$5,000 in T-Mobile's \$5K Fridays Sweepstakes, Athletic Director Brian Mello announced Tuesday, September 3. The school now has a chance to win \$25,000 and a grand prize.

Mello entered CCHS into the sweepstakes on Aug. 24 after learning about it from T-Mobile's Rural Market Manager, Ed Romero. "I thought it would be an incredible opportunity for our athletic program and our school community as a whole," Mello said.

Only rural schools were eligible for the competition. Mello submitted two essays: one about how the school would use the money and another about the significance of Friday night football to the community. After the school was approved, CCHS launched an Instagram page, @cchs\_greenwaveathletics, to promote the contest.

"We encouraged the community to post their school spirit on Instagram to increase our chances of winning," Mello said. Using hashtags #FN5GL and #Sweepstakes, students and community members shared Greenwave pride to boost CCHS's odds in the sweepstakes.



On September 3, Mello received the news that CCHS had won the \$5K prize. "I had no doubts that our school and community would prevail. I already have plans to use the \$5,000 to improve our athletic facilities," he said.

CCHS is now in the running for the \$25,000 prize and a grand prize of \$100,000, which includes a donation from NFL player Rob Gronkowski for a new or upgraded weight room. "Winning would show that this small, rural community can come together and achieve anything," Mello said.

To support CCHS, community members are encouraged to share their Greenwave moments on Instagram, tagging @TMobile and @cchs\_greenwaveathletics with the hashtags #FN5GL and #Sweepstakes.

T-Mobile will present the \$5,000 check at the homecoming game on Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m. with giveaways for attendees.

## Fourth Potential Threat Strikes CCSD This School Year

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County School District officials reported a potential threat to its schools on the morning of September 9, marking the fourth incident since classes began on August 12. This is the second such incident at an elementary school, following a recent toy gun scare at Numa Elementary.

According to the district, the Fallon Police Department alerted them to a possible threat posted on social media. Police quickly tracked down the source of the post and determined there was no credible danger. Only once did the threat require further police action: a Churchill County Middle School student was taken into custody for posting language on social media that included the words "shooting up a school."

As a precaution, Lahontan Elementary School initially instructed staff to keep students inside and implemented a soft lockdown. "Out of an abundance of caution," district officials said, the school took these measures. Additional information was provided within minutes, and the school resumed normal operations.

"We remain diligent and will continue working closely with the Fallon Police Department to investigate all potential threats," the district stated. "Safety is our number one priority, and we are committed to ensuring the security of our students and staff."

The district thanked the community for its understanding, support, and cooperation during the incident.

For the full story or recent threat-related incidents at CCSD Schools, check out False Alarms, Real Fear - Gun-Related Threats and Concerns in Fallon Schools.

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# Nevada 4-H Expo Showcases Youth Skills in Animal Care, STEM, and Arts

Staff Report

Nevada’s 4-H youth will have the chance to demonstrate their skills and knowledge at the upcoming Nevada 4-H Expo, set to take place from September 19-21 at the 3C Events Complex in Fallon. The annual event, organized by the University of Nevada, Reno Extension’s 4-H Youth Development Program, offers a platform for young participants to showcase their expertise across a range of disciplines, from animal care to creative arts and STEM.

The Expo, free and open to the public, will feature over 160 4-H members, ages 5 to 18, displaying more than 570 individual entries. Participants will present projects in areas such as livestock care, science, art, and shooting sports. The event serves not only as a celebration of youth achievements but also as an opportunity for the public to witness the impact of 4-H on Nevada communities.

“4-H is about more than just agriculture. It is about equipping young people with the skills they need to succeed in life,” said Lindsay Chichester, Nevada’s 4-H Youth Development Program leader. “The Expo is a celebration of their hard work and dedication throughout the year and a testament to the impact 4-H has on our communities.”

Throughout the event, youth will demonstrate their skills in various categories, from animal care—from amphibians to horses and cows—to shooting sports, art, cooking, sewing, and STEM activities. A series of livestock competitions, including skill-a-thons and quiz bowls, will allow senior participants (ages 14 to 19) to vie for a spot at the Western National Roundup.

The Expo also marks the statewide finale of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. In addition to exhibitions, a silent auction will be held to support the Shooting Sports Program.

**EVENTS LINEUP**

On Friday, Sept. 20, attendees can observe livestock health inspections, static exhibits, and livestock showmanship events. The day will conclude with a two-mile “glow run” from 6 to 8 p.m., open to the public. The fundraiser for the Expo has a \$20 entry fee, which includes a T-shirt and other give-



Exhibition winners proudly display their coveted badges earned through perseverance, dedication, and excellence in livestock care. Photo by Nevada 4-H Youth Development staff.

aways. Participants can sign up at the event. Saturday, Sept. 21, will feature more activities, including dog showmanship and obedience competitions, shooting sports, a livestock quiz bowl, and a poultry show. The Expo will also recognize 4-H volunteers for their contributions to the program and their efforts in fostering youth development throughout the year.

**NURTURING FUTURE LEADERS**

The 4-H program fosters personal growth and leadership among young participants. According to Sarah Chvilicek, Northern Nevada’s 4-H program coordinator, “We often say 4-H is a youth’s first college course because it prepares them for further education and helps them build essential life skills.”

A 10-year study by Tufts University shows that 4-H youth are four times more likely to give back to their communities, two times more likely to make healthier choices, two times more likely to participate in STEM activities,

and two times more likely to be civically active. As the largest youth development organization in the nation, 4-H serves nearly 6 million young people across the U.S., equipping them with the skills needed to make positive impacts in their communities. In Nevada, the program caters to youth aged 5 to 19, offering hands-on learning experiences and opportunities for mentorship.

Parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in the Nevada 4-H Youth Development Program can contact their local county Extension offices to learn more about available clubs and programs. The program also welcomes adult volunteers, who can find registration details online.

For more information about the Nevada 4-H Expo, call 775-784-4779 or email Lindsay Chichester at lchichester@unr.edu. Those in need of special accommodations should contact Paul Lessick, civil rights and compliance coordinator, at plessick@unr.edu or 702-257-5577 at least five days before the event.

## The Chamber and The Sailors



VFA-195 Desert Clean Up. Photo courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

Staff Report

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce sponsored a rural clean-up day with VFA-195 personnel. Eleven squadron members met chamber staff at Grimes Point. Taking a hike, they collected 200 pounds of garbage along the way.

Without the sailors’ support and the collective efforts of other volunteers, this event would not have been possible. Thank you for devoting some of your off-duty time to such a meaningful cause and being an integral part of our community efforts.

*Pictured here from left to right are:*

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- A01 Mahorney, Janelle
- A01 Mahorney, Blake
- PRAN Kennedy, Devin
- LS3 Terry, Jay Lynn
- PR3 Frazier, Blesseth
- AE2 Reed, Jack
- PR1 Zaleski, Ryan
- AM2 McDonald, Benett (Sitting above Ryan)
- LS3 Wherry, Shayquon
- LS2 Reid, Evrood

**PET OF THE WEEK**



This is Sammy (D-616). We were told she is a Caucasian Shepherd born November 24, 2022.

She’s a playful, affectionate girl who would snuggle up on your lap if you let her. She was an owner surrender due to killing chickens. We were told that she gets along with other dogs, and due to her size, we recommend older children. If you think she would be a good addition to your household, please give us a call or come check her out at 1255 Airport Road.

Fallon Animal Shelter 775-423-2282



CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, September 3 - Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Tyler James McElvain pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Conspiracy to Making Threats or Conveying False Information Concerning an Act of Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Lethal Agents, or Toxins, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. The factual basis provided stated that McElvain, during a phone call, threatened to get a firearm and shoot someone. Judge Stockard ordered PSI and set sentencing for November 5.

Angelina Ferguson appeared for sentencing on the wobbler charge of Attempt to Fail to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer While Under the Influence, to which she pled guilty in June. This wobbler can be sentenced as a Gross Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail, or as a Category E Felony, punishable by 1-4 years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker explained that Ferguson drove a vehicle while intoxicated with a blood alcohol level (BAL) of .15 while her children were in the car. She then failed to stop at an officer's signal, forcing another officer to block her path. Baker asked the court to sentence the offense as an E Felony to ensure Ferguson understood the consequences of her actions.

Charles Woodman Esq, defense for Ferguson, told the court, "When a law enforcement officer lit her up, she panicked, and she did take off." He explained that she did not stop because an officer blocked her. However, she came to her senses and stopped. She experienced a very brief lapse in judgment but was not belligerent or anything like that. Woodman asked the court to sentence the charge as a Gross Misdemeanor.

Ferguson told the court, "I'm not only sorry for putting my kids in this situation, but.... for the decision to get in the car after a few drinks... panicking for a second... I'm just sorry for the entire situation."

Judge Stockard granted Woodman's request, suspending a 364-day jail sentence and placing her on probation. He further



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

ordered Ferguson to follow the recommendations of her substance abuse evaluation.

Michael Patrick Gauthier pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI, which carries a mandatory prison term of 2-15 years and a fine of \$2,000-\$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for November 5.

Patrick Michael Mineard appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, to which he pled guilty in June. The Psychological Risk Assessment, which is required for the court to consider probation, concluded that Mineard is not at high risk of reoffending.

DDA Priscilla Baker said the defendant had two children in the car when he was driving intoxicated with a BAL of .100 to .104 and hit a power pole. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

Defense Attorney Woodman stated, "The facts are the facts. My client was driving under the influence and ran into a pole." He noted that the Risk Assessment states Mineard has risen above being a concern for repeat offenses; however, this does not let Mineard off the hook. The assessment also recommended that Mineard get his high

school diploma and become employed.

Woodman said that, when asking for probation, the defendant is a bright young man with plenty of potential and hopes the underlying sentence will provide motivation.

Mineard told the court he is trying to get things in order, keep his head on straight, look for employment, and get his high school diploma. He cares for his diabetic father and does side jobs like fixing cars and odd jobs.

Judge Stockard placed Mineard on probation on a suspended 364-day jail sentence and ordered him to get his high school diploma within the next twelve months, secure full-time employment, obtain a substance abuse evaluation, and follow the recommendations thereof.

CONTINUANCES AND WARRANTS:

Hubert Craig Allen – case continued until September 10.

Jordan Adam Cunnington – case continued until October 1.

Sara Michelle Jones – sentencing violation hearing continued until September 10.

Bradley Nelson Rogne failed to appear for an arraignment. A \$50,000 cash-only warrant was issued.

Jose Carlos failed to appear for sentencing. A \$10,000 cash-only bench warrant was issued.

Failure to Register Earns Sex Offender Up to Four Years in Prison

By Teresa Moon

Shawn Patrick Stallings, in custody, appeared for sentencing before Tenth Judicial District Court, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding in Fallon on Tuesday, September 3.

Stallings pled guilty to the Category D Felony of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in September 2023. Stallings, who was convicted in Santa Rose, received 14 years for Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child Under the Age of 14 in 1993. He is a Tier Level III offender assigned the most stringent lifetime registration requirements.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court that Stallings failed to appear for his first sentencing hearing, and the state had to obtain a Governor's Warrant to extradite Stallings, who fought extradition. According to Mills, he has a long and extensive criminal record. In asking for a maximum sentence, Mills stated, "The defendant is undeserving of the privilege of probation given the fact that he did not show up for his sentencing here." He also asked Judge Stockard to order Stallings to pay extradition costs of \$3,025.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court that his client got the message loud and clear, and once released, he registered. Sommers asked for a suspended sentence, stating, "If the court were to grant him the absolute privilege of probation, he would make sure that he was maintaining his registration." His living arrangements are in Lake Port, California, explained Sommers, who noted this is where Stallings currently receives medical care. Stallings went to California, where he had some issues to take care of – he was held in custody, and those were resolved.

Stallings said he wanted a life and a fresh start back in Lake Port. He shared with the court that he has acute liver failure, stating, "I don't want to die in prison."

Fees and assessments were imposed.

Judge Stockard ordered restitution and sentenced Stallings to 19-48 months in a Nevada State Prison with credit granted for time served. The judge said he considered probation but did not find Stallings amenable to probation.



Shawn Stallings. Photo courtesy of CCSO.



Divorce / Annulment Report / August 2024

Involved Parties	Disposition
Bernier, Samala Marie v. Sugia, Ernesto Guzman	Annulment
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Sullivan, Eric Paul v. Sullivan, Gabrielle Rose	Annulment
Anderson, Stephanie Alexandra v. Anderson, Samuel Eric Chamberlain Jr., James M. v. Chamberlain Sasha	Divorce
Coleman, Caresse Marie v. Coleman, Charles Matthew	Divorce
Davalos, Jose Luis v. Ramirez, Domenica Teresa Castro	Divorce
Foster-Martin, Gabriela v. Martin, Jason	Divorce
Fusi, Molitoni v. Fusi, Kelly	Divorce
Grabowski, Earl J. v. Grabowski, Benita Lu	Divorce
Hoyopatubbi, Erica v. Hoyopatubbi, Bob	Divorce
Magaru Jr., Maximo P. v. Magaru, Teresita Amargo	Divorce
Marshall, Carlynn Kay v. Marshall, Ronnie D.	Divorce
Martinez, Charles v. Martinez, Brittany	Divorce
May, Devin v. Montclair, Angelica	Divorce
McLavey, Martin v. McLavey, Myra	Divorce
McMichael, Roberta v. Bentaberry, Rodolfo	Divorce
Morrow, Sarah M. v. Morrow, Anthony L.	Divorce
Myers-Jackson, Ivy v. Crocker, Jeremy	Divorce
Oney, Courtney v. Oney, Clint	Divorce
Rai, Drona v. Kamboj, Aviraj	Divorce
Rodarte, Victoria v. Rodarte, Cecilio H.	Divorce
Santos, Eduarda Klafke v. Barboza, Henrique Corso	Divorce
Sibley, Tyler v. Sibley, Sedne	Divorce
Sumpter, Kreey C. v. Sumpter II, David M.	Divorce
Burkes, Rhonda v. Sims, Tracy	Divorce



BUSINESS

# NAS Fallon CO to Speak at CEDA Breakfast

Staff Report

Captain Shane Tanner, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fallon, is the featured speaker for the Churchill Entrepreneurial Development Association’s breakfast on September 25 at 7 a.m. at Stockman’s Steakhouse.

A 27-year military veteran, Tanner became NAS Fallon’s 34th commanding officer in March 2022. He was born in Auburn, New York, and received his commission from Texas A&M University in 1998 as a member of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets. He completed Primary and Intermediate flight training in Pensacola, Florida, and Advanced Flight Training in Norfolk, Virginia, earning his Wings on October 20, 2000.

Tanner graduated from the United States Naval War College as a “Halsey Group” member with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2009. He graduated from the Joint Forces Staff College in 2014, earning Full Joint Qualification. He is also a graduate of the United States Navy Strike Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School (CAEWWS).

Tanner’s operational tours span the East Coast, West Coast, FDNF-Japan, and FDNF-Europe. He has flown with the VAW-121 Bluetails, the VAW-115 Liberty Bells, the VAW-117 Wallbangers, and the VAW-120 Greyhawks and commanded the VAW-125 Tigertails, where he led the Fleet’s first E-2D squadron in the historic homeport shift from Norfolk, Virginia, to Iwakuni, Japan.

Tanner has accumulated more than 3,000 flight hours, logged more than 600 carrier-arrested landings, and completed 174 combat missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

During his command in Fallon, Tanner has been actively involved with Rotary and strongly supported the local Purple Star Schools Program. The Churchill County School District became the first in Nevada to have all schools receive the Purple Star designation.

The Purple Star School Program, administered by the Nevada Department of Education, stresses the importance of assisting military children with school transition and develops programs that recognize the value of military service and civic responsibility.



Captain Shane Tanner. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.



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# Green Goddess Collective

By Nancy Chapman

The Green Goddess Collective is the creation of Kim Urso, who manages the setting. It allows people to sell their products in a Farmer’s Market open on Thursdays from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 960 Auction Road, Suite D. In the past, the Green Goddess Collective operated from June through October; however, this year, it will stay open throughout the end of the year.

Battle Born Bread owner Leesa Steven sells Cottage Foods of artisan goods and classic rounds of sourdough bread baked once a week for the collective. In addition to her traditional sourdough, she has flavor-enhanced round sourdough with rosemary or roasted garlic or jalapeno and cheddar or kalamata olives, feta, and thyme. In addition, loaves of baguettes in traditional flavor and rosemary. For additional information on her baked goods, she can be contacted at 775-217-6703.

Deep Roots Baking offers fresh-baked desserts, including Belgian chocolate cake, cookies, cherry chocolate oats, peach hand pies, and other delights. All are organic, 100% vegan, and gluten-free.

Solica Odeum of Solica’s Delicious brings her selection of hyperlocal garden-fresh sweet peppers and melons, along with gold potatoes, carrots, beets, summer and winter squash, tomatoes, and a variety of other hyper-locally grown fresh vegetables. Stop in and see what variety she will have throughout the growing season.

RHR, Rolling Horse Ranch, owners Karla and Andrew Craig, bring their grass-fed ground beef to the collective. The beef was raised at their ranch in Fallon, where it was fed hay and foraged on the grasses raised on the ranch. “If you have never had grass-fed beef, it has the best flavor,” stated Andrew Craig. The beef is frozen and packed in one and one and a half pound packages. RHR only sells ground beef at The Collective. For more information, they can be reached at 775-294-5560.

Korena Mewaldt, owner of Mewaldt Organics, brings to The Collective her fruit shrubs, honey, fresh flowers, sweet and tart jellies, and jams made from locally grown fruit. Some of the flavors are watermelon, cantaloupe, and jalapeno jam, with several other traditional flavors such as strawberry and apricot. Korena also has soy candles, seeds for your garden, and fresh eggs.

Stop by the Green Goddess Collective and check out their selection of items. It is a tiny hole-in-the-wall market with excellent products, with nine local Fallon farmers and artisans. The collective plans to remain open on Thursdays through the end of the year and will feature other non-farming hyper-local businesses that do not have their own storefront. For questions or more information, contact Kim at 775-217-1919 or hello@yellow-petalflowersfarm.com, or follow Green Goddess Collective on Facebook.

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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

Students in Laurianne and Lance Lattin's Spanish I classes read a story out loud about Batman and a zombie. Then, they had to act it out, draw pictures, and write in Spanish what happened. Students also participated in a race to find facts about different countries. The facts were posted in the hallway in Spanish, so students had to figure out which facts went where on their team papers. Only one person could go out to find a fact and return to tell it to their teammates. "It was a lot of fun watching them in both activities, and after only four weeks of school, it was pretty amazing for Spanish I students," Laurianne Lattin said.



Students in Laurianne and Lance Lattin's Spanish I class acting out a Batman vs. Zombie story.

E.C. Best

Third-grade students in Stacy Stult's class finished reading their first chapter book of the year, "How to Eat Fried Worms," and then got to eat worms. "I like to start every year off with this book because it is a good one to use to cover story elements, character traits, point of view, and context clues," said Stults. Students never believe Stults when she tells them they get to eat mealworms when they are done reading the book, and their reaction gets better each year. Students could choose between BBQ, Mexican spice, and cheddar cheese or try them all if they wanted. This year, Principal Brad Barton even stopped by to taste a worm.



Students in Stacey Stults' class choose between BBQ, Mexican spice, and cheddar cheese mealworms to try after reading the book "How to Eat Fried Worms."



Teacher Coleen Meihack assists students with math fact skills.

CCMS

Written by Principal Victor Schoenfeldt

Coleen Meihack taught her sixth-grade students in her math class math fact skills that will be vital for students to have for their future.

I was specifically pleased to see them learning the order of operations. This skill targets algebraic thinking that will be used outside the classroom. It actually applies in real-life situations and is one of those math skills students will need. Great job, sixth graders, and great job to Mrs. Meihack. Seeing so much learning happening in our school has been a pleasure. Every classroom observation or every pop-in to a classroom is a true testament to the amazing things happening here at CCMS. I am proud of our students, I am proud of our staff, and I am proud to be their leader.

Numa



Students in Dominique Johnson and Shannon Matheson's class collecting soil samples from around the school for their first science unit of the year.

Fifth-grade students in Dominique Johnson and Shannon Matheson's science classes prepared for their first science unit of the year. They took soil samples from around the school last week that will be used in activities related to their unit of the study of soil, rocks, and minerals.

Lahontan

Every year, Principal Kimi Melendy goes into each classroom monthly to do an activity with the students. Last week, Melendy started this tradition off for the new school year by going into classrooms and reading the book "Our School is a Family" to students. "Our school really is a family and I feel like this creates unity. I get to go into each classroom monthly to do an activity to bring our school together. Oftentimes, the activity starts small with each student in each classroom and then is put together as part of a larger display in the hallways. This shows our students that we are one school and reinforces that we can come together to create something beautiful even though everyone is in different classes," Melendy said.



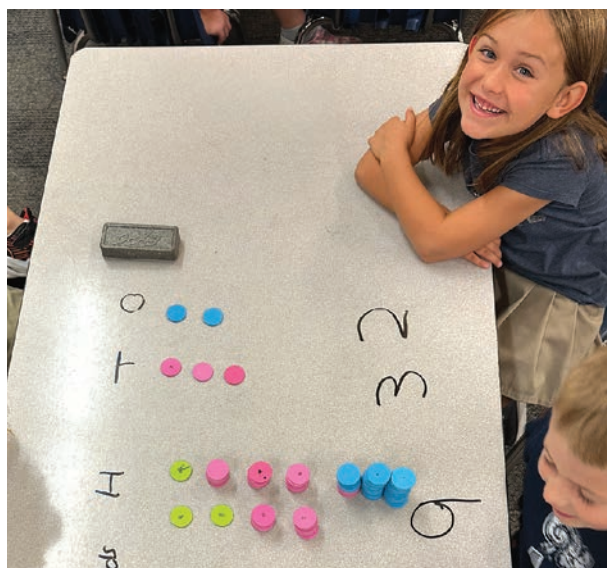
Principal Kimi Melendy reads "Our School is a Family" to students.

Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

STUDENTS LEARN PLACE VALUES IN MATH

Second-grade math students are learning about place values in the hundreds, tens, and ones places. This includes understanding that ten ones regroup into a ten, ten tens regroup into a 100, and ten one-hundreds groups into a 1,000.



Students work with place values.

Place value is a fundamental concept in mathematics that determines the value of a digit based on its position within a number. Understanding place value is crucial for performing arithmetic operations and grasping more complex mathematical concepts, such as decimals and fractions, making it an essential building block for mathematical literacy.

Teachers use manipulatives to help stu-

dents understand the concept and group items into higher place values.

"Using tools to help with place value is important because it allows students to physically manipulate and visualize the concept, making it more concrete and easier to understand," said Heather Wiessmer, second-grade teacher.

One of the goals is to lay a strong foundation for the young learners.

"Making this foundational concept easier to understand is especially important for younger learners who might struggle with abstract ideas. This concrete representation helps them grasp the relationship between different place values and the value of each digit within a number, laying a strong foundation for more advanced math concepts like addition and subtraction with regrouping," she said.

Oasis Academy will be hosting a family math night on October 9.

SPRINGFIELD'S SOPHOMORES SIMULATE GOVERNMENTS

By Taylor Sowersby

Last week, in David Springfield's American Government and Economy Class, sophomore students participated in a simulation of different forms of government. They learned about monarchies, councils of nobles, democracies, and supermajority votes.

A random leader or leaders were chosen for each turn and then presented with a list of choices for the class. Students had fun with the activity and got a good sense of each type of government in a controlled environment.

"The activity is intended to help students



Taylor Sowersby.

get a hands-on experience with what living under different government types would be like," Mr. Springfield said. "The lesson is very interactive and upbeat. It makes learning government content more approachable."

"Mr. Springfield's types of government simulation was both educational and fun." Abbie Madera said.

Learning about government will continue throughout the year, but the simulation was a good and fun way to start the class.

SAVE THE DATE - OASIS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The fifth Annual Oasis Academy Golf Tournament will be held on October 19 at the Fallon Golf Course. Tournament entries include golfing 18 holes and lunch. A raffle and tournament prizes are also part of the day.

To register or donate to the tournament, contact Angela Viera at aviera@oanv.org or 775-666-0912.

SPORTS



Karlee Simper going around defender to set up goal.



Going up for a header.

# Greenwave Soccer

Story and Photos by John Baker

On Tuesday, September 3, the soccer teams of Churchill County took on the Truckee Wolverines. The Greenwave boys started off the day and played very tough during their match. They allowed one goal during the first half but gave up two more goals during the second half. Despite multiple opportunities, they could not find the back of the net and lost 3-0.

The Lady Greenwave also had a competitive game and played very tough. The Wolverines were held scoreless for the first 30 minutes of the game but scored two goals six minutes apart in the first half. Truckee continued its scoring ways during the first minute of the second half with their third goal. Churchill tightened up their defense and did not allow another goal for the rest of the game. Sophomore Karlee Simper started to turn things around with a goal during the 24th minute. Unfortunately, the Lady Greenwave could not score any more goals and ended up losing 3-1.

# Nevada Paint Horse Club

Story and Photos by Nancy Chapman

Another great show season is in the books, thanks to all the folks who go the extra mile for the competitors. The NPHC show management team does everything to see lots of smiling faces in the arena after their names and horses' names are told of their placing in each class they entered.

NPHC really understands that without kids showing in the classes and teaching them how to show, this could easily be a lost art in the horse world. The judges always take the necessary time to talk to each rider and encourage them to keep going, and this weekend was no different.



NPHC three generations Quincy Jensen, Lila Jensen, Patty Julian, Katerina Jensen, Dixie Jensen on her horse Smokin IZ Gauge, Dixie calls him Gauge.

# Fallon Junior Rodeo: An All-Around Success

By Leanna Lehman

This year's Fallon Junior Rodeo brought plenty of excitement to the 3C Events Complex outdoor arena, marking a successful continuation of a beloved local and longstanding tradition. For the first time since its inception, the annual Labor Day rodeo spanned two days instead of the usual three. Despite the change, the event was still packed with fun, family, and friendly competition.

With 150 contestants competing across 32 events, the rodeo was a celebration of Northern Nevada's western heritage and the determination of the region's young cowboys and cowgirls. The event, coordinated by a host of dedicated volunteers, also featured a variety of fun, family-friendly activities, including an egg toss, foot races, a boot scramble, and the ever-popular Bell Cow Rescue Race. These events offered plenty of fun for attendees of



2024 Junior Rodeo champions. Photo by Jennifur Peek.

all ages.

In the evening, ropers took to the arena for the Tommy Lee Livestock Team Roping event. Younger ropers tested their burgeoning roping skills in the 9-and-Under Heel-O-Matic Jackpot.

This year's champions include:

Senior age group, 14-18, All Around Cowboy- Jace Jepson, Reserve Champion Cowboy - Wyatt Peek, All Around Cowgirl,

Shelby Fry, Reserve Champion Cowgirl, and Olivia Process, pictured in the back row left to right.

In the front row, left to right, are the 0-13-year-old champions: Boys, ages 10-13, Reserve Champion Cowboy - Stix Lee, All Around Cowboy - Clayton Hiibel.

Boys ages 6-9, Reserve Champion Cowboy Bryton Barton, All Around Cowboy - Hayes Allegre.

Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen - Mylee Macedo.

Peewees, ages 0-5, All Around Champion - Quentin Peek, Reserve All Around - Mia Armstrong.

Girls, ages 6-9, All Around Cowgirl - Paityn Young, Reserve Champion Cowgirl - Hayden Smith.

Girls, ages 10-13, All Around Cowgirl - Stella Lee, Reserve Champion Cowgirl - Tegun Sleppy.



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# Postcards



By Michon Mackedon

Last week, I offered you my idea of collecting your memories, stories, descriptions, tales, etc., relating to this place we call home. It's too soon for me to receive a postcard from you, so I am writing one of my own in hopes of stirring your creative juices.



Douglas House. Photo by Perkadventures.

## POSTCARD TO MICHON, FROM MICHON

The Douglass House, an imposing Queen Anne structure situated on the corner of Williams Avenue and Carson Street, is one of our best-known Fallon landmarks. But, for me, it's a part of my Fallon story.

My paternal grandparents, Ernest and Clara Maupin, were married in 1896 in Louisiana, Missouri, a pretty little hamlet on the Mississippi River south of Mark Twain's famous Hannibal. Robert L. Douglass (later of Douglass House fame) was born and raised on a farm near Louisiana, Missouri. My grandfather (and his father before him) were gunsmiths and owned a bicycle repair and machine shop there, and Douglass, as a young man, developed a passion for bicycle racing. Hence, a friendship was formed. One of my most treasured vintage photographs is of my grandfather, a handsome man with a handlebar mustache, "starting" Douglass, young, strong, and dashing, in a bicycle race.

In Nevada, Robert Douglass's uncle, Joseph Douglass, had built a successful career as a banker in Virginia City, Nevada. He asked Robert (Bob) to make the westward journey and join him in his growing enterprises. When Joseph died in about 1902, he left a good share of his earthly goods to Robert Douglass. That included the Churchill County Island Ranch, now the Frey Ranch, south of town. One of the first things Douglass did was hire an architect from Reno to design the Queen Anne home on Williams Avenue and Carson Street for his new bride, Eleanor Ernst Douglass. They moved into the new home in late December 1903. One interesting feature of that home's garage was a turntable device. Douglass could drive a car into the garage, rotate the turntable, and drive the car out without backing up.

Douglass became somewhat legendary in both bicycle and automobile racing circles. He sent for my grandfather to help maintain his vehicles. My grandparents visited him in Fallon in 1903 and moved here later in 1906 with

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## What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly



September marks the first anniversary of the launch of Churchill County Library's Spice Club. The spices offered at the library are a world apart from what is available in conventional grocery stores—they are fresh, single-origin, and source-identified. We share the stories of the individual farmers or communities that grow and process each ingredient. We have chosen some spices that are likely new to most of you and others that are familiar but different in their quality and production. The whole point of the Spice Club is to make trying new flavors as easy and un-intimidating as possible.

Our flavor of

the month in the Spice Club is Lucknow Fennel, sourced from Rajasthan, India, by Burlap & Barrel Spice Company. The northern state of Rajasthan is characterized by a hot and arid climate similar to what we experience here in northern Nevada. Lucknow Fennel is a sweet, grassy variety that produces bright green, ridged seeds with rich flavors of licorice and dried mint. This is a truly versatile spice that stands out in both sweet and savory dishes.

Fennel seeds are used in many world cuisines, including European, Middle Eastern, Indian, and Chinese dishes. We use fennel seeds on the regular in Kelli's Kitchen, and the Lucknow fennel is the best that I have tried. Stop by the Churchill County Library in September for a sample of Lucknow Fennel in one of the following recipes.



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

### Everything Bagel Dip

Adapted from Ali Slagle

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. Dried minced onion
- 2 tbsp. Poppy seeds
- 2 tbsp. White sesame seeds
- 2 tbsp. Lucknow fennel seeds
- 1 tsp. Garlic powder
- 1 tsp. Flaky salt
- 8 oz. Cream cheese, cut into small pieces at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cup Sour cream
- Things for dipping (bagel chips, potato chips, pretzels, etc.)



John Kernick for The New York Times. Food Stylist: Simon Andrews.

#### Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix the dried onion, seeds, garlic powder, and salt. In a medium bowl, using a whisk or an electric mixer, blend the cream cheese and sour cream until smooth and fluffy. Stir in all but 1 tbsp. of the spice mix.
2. Eat at once or refrigerate for 15 minutes or up to 5 days for the dip to thicken and flavors to meld. Garnish with the remaining 1 tbsp. spice mixture and serve with crunchy things and fresh vegetables.

### Crispy Salmon with Mixed Seeds

Adapted from Ali Slagle

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup Soft herb leaves and tender stems (mint, dill, cilantro, parsley, or a combination)
- 1 Lemon
- 1 cup Full-fat Greek Yogurt
- 1 tbsp. Sesame or sunflower seeds
- 1/2 tbsp. Fennel seeds
- 1/2 tsp. Cumin seeds
- 1/2 tsp. Coriander seeds
- 4 (6-oz) Skin-on salmon fillets
- 1 tbsp. Canola oil



Christopher Simpson for The New York Times. Food Stylist: Simon Andrews.

#### Directions:

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# Allison's Book Report

## "By Any Other Name" by Jodi Picoult

Back in the 90s, when I was just a fledgling theater nerd and book lady, I was introduced to William Shakespeare in school by reading his popular works in English class. Shout out to Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Travis, and Mrs. Rowlett. You ladies not only started my lifelong obsession for all things related to The Bard but also played a huge part in my love of reading. Imagine my joy when I discovered that Jodi Picoult, one of my favorite authors, was releasing a new book centered around the works and times of William Shakespeare. I dropped everything to stalk the mailbox, waiting for "By Any Other Name" to be delivered, and then neglected all other responsibilities to devour this unique, well-researched story about Shakespeare. Also, imagine my surprise when it was not about ol' Will at all.

Melina Green, a young and struggling playwright in modern New York City, has just written a new play inspired by the life of her ancestor, Emilia Bassano. Melina knows that seeing it performed is unlikely in a theater world where the playing field is not exactly level for female playwrights. As Melina wonders if it is worth risking failure again, her best friend decides for her and submits the play under a more masculine-sounding name.

In 1581, Emilia Bassano, a ward of English aristocrats, is given lessons on languages, history, and writing, which foster a sharp wit and a gift for storytelling. However, like most women in Elizabethan



England, she is not allowed a voice. She is sold as a courtesan to the Lord Chamberlain, who oversees all theatre productions in England, and Emilia sees firsthand how the words of playwrights can change the way people think. She begins to form a plan to bring a play of her own to life by paying an actor named William Shakespeare to front her work.

Jodi Picoult is known for doing extensive research on her book topics, and "By Any Other Name" is no exception. Emilia Bassano was a real person, and there are solid facts and many theories that support the idea that she may have penned works that we modern-day Shakespeare fans credit to The Bard. Picoult blends these facts and her imagination to flesh

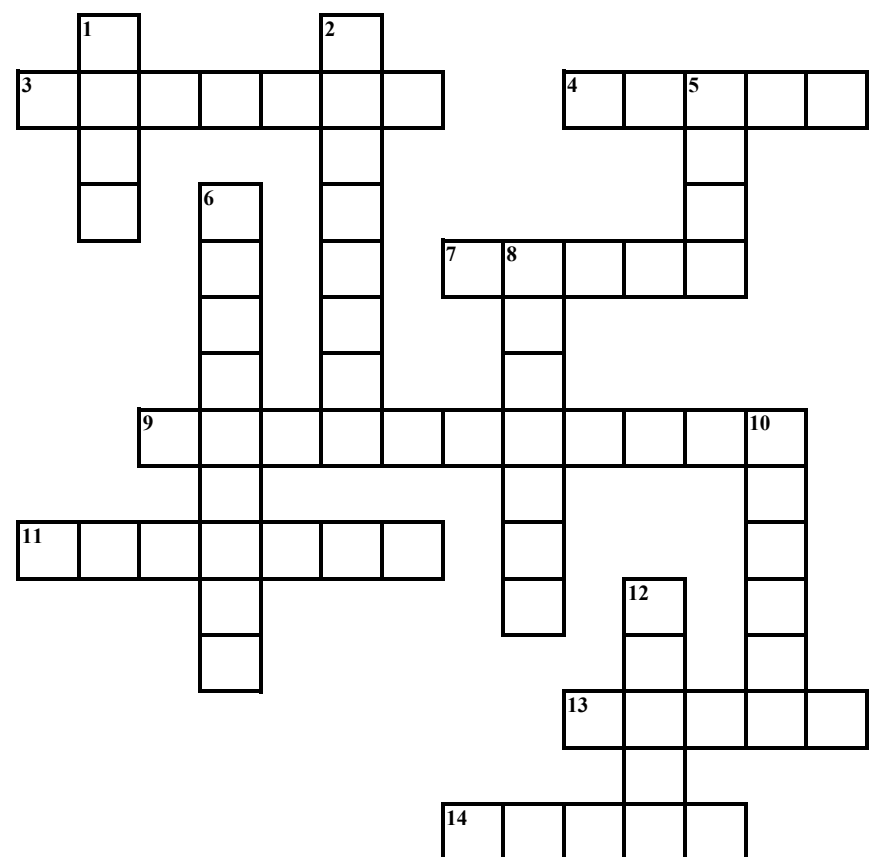
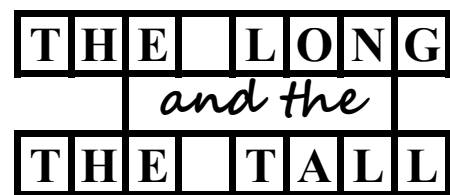
out Bassano so that readers can not help but fall in love with her and her heartbreaking story. Emilia Bassano may be a mostly forgotten name until now.

Grab this book and get lost in Emilia's world this week—especially you, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Travis, and Mrs. Rowlett. You will love this one. And don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader and tell me what you think about Emilia and 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.*

### CROSSWORD

By Peanut



#### Across

- 3. American brown bear
- 4. King of long snakes
- 7. Bullwinkle
- 9. Sea turtle
- 11. Prefers African savannahs
- 13. Plains shaggy mammal
- 14. Siberian cat

#### Down

- 1. Longest dolphin
- 2. Largest land animal
- 5. Longest whale
- 6. Camel
- 8. Flightless bird
- 10. Lizard or dragon?
- 12. Brit draught horse

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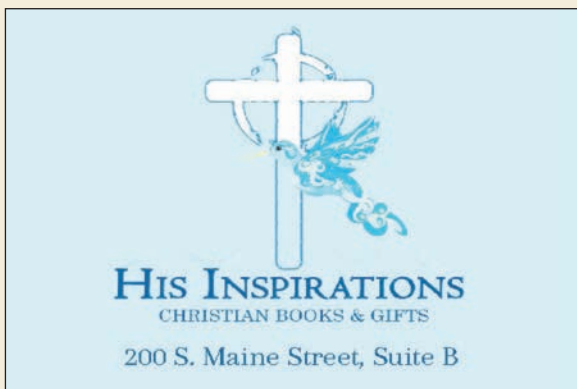
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three little boys, including my father, Ernest Maupin, Jr. Maupin, senior, established the Maupin garage in Fallon. I don't know what role Douglass may have played in helping him do so, but I think Douglass's business alone provided him with the overhead.

Although Douglass looked like a happy movie hero, his life was filled with tragedy. His wife's brother, Clarence Ernst, died of typhoid while living with them in the Douglass House. Eleanor Douglass couldn't face the sorrow there, so they moved to a new home on the Island Ranch. Eleanor developed blood poisoning in 1911. The story goes that Douglass commissioned a private train to get Eleanor to San Francisco during a blizzard. Southern Pacific sidetracked his private train, so Douglass asked my grandfather to drive him in his Stutz Bearcat on the rails over Donner Pass in a frantic attempt to rescue Eleanor. They encountered a train heading east and were thrown off the rails. Douglass escaped injury, but my grandfather spent months in recovery. Douglass finally got Eleanor to San Francisco, but Eleanor died in a hospital there. Douglass sued the railroad for sidetracking the train, and the railroad sued Douglass for driving on the tracks. I don't know the outcome. Douglass raised his three children on the Island Ranch, but in 1930, he lost his son, Robert, due to a congenital kidney defect.

When I visit the Douglass House, I view it as a character in a story—the Douglass story, of course, but also my story and a Fallon story that is still being written.

More information about the Douglass House is in Volume 14 of "In Focus."

POSTCARD TO MICHON, FROM THE CHURCHILL COUNTY MUSEUM

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If you have a postcard for Michon, send it 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.*

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DATED: This 21st day of August, 2024.

\\Signed\\ JENNIFER L. NYE Estate Administrator, In Pro Per

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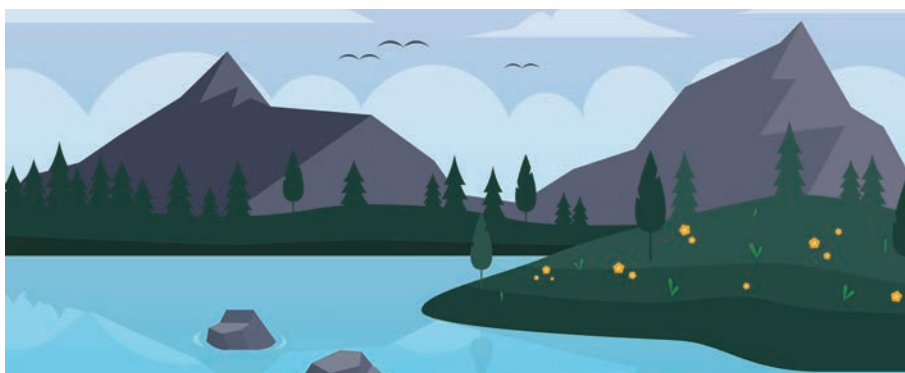
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Wednesday, Sep 18, 1:15 p.m.  
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