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Merry Christmas CAPS County Contributes Toward Needed Repairs

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County Commissioners approved a request for additional funding to the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS) in the amount of \$106,010 at their regular meeting last week. The funding will be used to make repairs to the floors inside the building, including patching and sealing the floors and walls.

County Manager Jim Barbee explained that CAPS fills an important function in the community, “helping to offset costs to the county relative to having a full-blown animal care shelter.”

CAPS has been a fixture in the community since 1986, when a group of volunteers came together to address the excess animal problem across the area. It exists primarily on the generosity of volunteers and an annual contribution from Churchill County, which was reduced this year to \$17,000 from \$20,000 as the county



CAPS donation from County.

trimmed programs to meet budget shortfalls.

Members of the organization were thrilled in 2022 when the city and county jointly purchased a pre-engineered building and agreed to move CAPS near the sewer treatment plant off Moody Lane.

However, county budget cuts this year canceled that project, leaving the staff and a team of dedicated volunteers scrambling to keep the dogs fed, the building safe, and the organization afloat.

As the CAPS team works on much-needed improvements to their building, they continue to urge the community to adopt dogs. CAPS works closely with the Fallon Animal Shelter and will pull dogs from there when they have an open kennel at their facility on Pasture Road.

CAPS is also eager to assist anyone willing to foster animals. Those interested in adopting or fostering can call CAPS at 775-423-7500.

CCSO Receives Generous Donation for K-9 Program

Courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox

It is not often we get surprised, however a few days ago we received a phone call that surprised us. The caller was Miss Margie, a kind-hearted and generous soul who as it turns out is a big supporter of K-9 programs and the difference they make in communities. During the conversation Miss Margie advised us that she wished to donate \$20,000 to our K-9 program.

On Wednesday, December 18, K-9 handler Noel Ugalde and K-9 Tokos along with the administration of the Sheriff’s Office met with Miss Margie who graciously presented us with a check in the amount of \$20,000 for our K-9 program.

Miss Margie, we are extremely grateful for the generosity and compassion shown to us through this most gracious gift. Thank you is hardly enough to say for we are blessed by your kind and generous spirit and the people of Churchill County are in your debt as we will utilize these funds to assist with and enhance our narcotics detection and suppression efforts.



Captain Chad Sweeney, Sheriff Richard Hickox, Miss Margie, K-9 Tokos, K-9 handler Deputy Noel Ugalde, Captain Matt Timmons and Undersheriff Lee Orozco. Undersheriff Bill Lawry present but not pictured.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log
Holiday Traditions



By Rachel Dahl

Ahhhh, the holiday schedule. We have to get the papers done early so everyone can have some time off and enjoy this beautiful time of year, so our Tuesday deadline moves to Monday for Fernley and Fallon, but we're on the same schedule for Lovelock on Thursday.

Between that will be dinner at sister number four's house on Christmas Eve and then dad's for Christmas. A lot of living will happen in between the papers this week. And then we do the same schedule again for New Year's.

When they were first married, number four's husband, who also was one of six siblings like we are, said as they lived in their apartment while he was in law school, that they would eventually have a big house with a big table so they could host the holiday family gatherings. A few years ago they got the big house and this year, right before Thanksgiving, they got a huge, family-hosting table. So off we will go.

Technically, I'll be alone this Christmas. This has happened before – when the kids were little, they would go to their dad's every other year, and I would run off to an island or something. The last few years someone has always been home with me and a few times

everyone at once. There is nothing like hanging out with your adult children and hosting your traditions for your grandchildren.

This year they're all grown up and off doing their own life things, building their own family traditions. There is no island for me this year – newspapering is my island now.

It's a double-edge sword of sorts. I love watching these kids build their own lives but also miss those amazing years when they were little. And now I'm the one telling them to "enjoy it while they're little, they grow up so fast," just like my mom told me.

I remember when my grandma would come for the holidays, or we would go to Reno to spend time with her and our great grandma. We always went shopping at Park Lane Mall, have lunch at Sizzler, and then go to the movie theater that was on South Virginia.

That song from Lion King is now playing on the soundtrack in my head – "It's the circle of life..."

So while we walk down memory lane and wish you a late Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel



Happy New Year

From all of us at Fallon Media

we wish you and your loved ones a year
of happiness, health, and prosperity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mattie Serna who was sworn in December 5 as the newest member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Nevada Legal Services Kiosk Available in Fallon

Courtesy Nevada Legal Service

Nevada Legal Services (NLS), which works to strengthen the community by ensuring fairness and providing equal access to justice for low-income Nevadans, has announced the expansion of the Nevada Legal Kiosk Project. Since its statewide launch in summer 2023 with 22 kiosks, the project has added four Legal Kiosks at new library locations.



The user-friendly and free Nevada Legal Kiosks are located in libraries throughout the state and are designed to serve as a portal for Nevadans, providing greater access to the civil legal system for seniors and others lacking adequate access to technology. At a Legal Kiosk, community members can find free legal information and forms, locate legal aid and community resources, print documents, and attend online meetings and remote court hearings.

“The feedback has been tremendously positive,” said Susan L. Myers, Esq., Nevada Legal Services’ Director of Litigation and Project Manager for the Nevada Legal Kiosk Project. “We communicate regularly with the libraries and their staff, and the consensus is that this free access to legal information and resources is filling a gap. Expanding legal kiosk sites to additional libraries was the natural next step to assist even more Nevadans.”

The Nevada Legal Kiosks provide curated and up-to-date information on topics including housing issues, divorce and custody, protection orders, guardianship, health care and financial powers of attorney, debt collection, Social Security, and veterans’ resources.

Nevada Legal Kiosks are now available at 26 library locations statewide (alphabetically by library name, with city or town included in parentheses if not part of the library name), including the Churchill County Library, Fernley Library, Hawthorne, and Silver Springs.

All Nevada Legal Kiosk sites are free and open to the public during individual library branch hours. They are available in English and Spanish and are equipped with printers and scanners.

For a complete list of Nevada Legal Kiosk sites and additional information, visit www.legalkiosks.com/projects/nevada. To learn more about Nevada Legal Services and additional legal resources, visit www.nevadalegalservices.org.

Movies & More

December 27 & 28

By Kelli Perez



Last weekend’s Grinch event was packed with joy and laughter, and we sincerely appreciate everyone who joined us in celebrating the holidays just before Christmas arrived. It is truly rewarding for our volunteers to see the community enjoying the results of our collective efforts over the years. We are deeply grateful for your support and are thrilled that you value this historic building as much as we do.

We’re closing out December and the year of 2024 with two fun, light-hearted films. Kicking it off at 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday we have the 2002 animated adventure, Ice Age. Join Manny the mammoth, Sid the loquacious sloth, and Diego the saber-toothed tiger as they embark on a comical quest to return a human baby to his father across a world on the brink of an ice age. This film is rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 21 minutes.



We’re also excited to present the 1974 cult classic slapstick western parody, Blazing Saddles, at 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, in honor of its 50th anniversary! In an attempt to destroy a small town and seize its land, a corrupt politician appoints a black sheriff who soon becomes his most formidable adversary. This film is rated R and has a runtime of 1 hour and 33 minutes.

In January, we’re excited to introduce a new live music event featuring the Reno-based dark folk duo, Sweet Decay, on Friday the 10 at 7 p.m. with a \$10 admission. Their music combines gothic country with a touch of spice, and we can’t wait to welcome them to our stage.

If you would like to book a Marquee Message or reserve an auditorium for a party, please leave us a message at 775-423-6210 or email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

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Obituary

DONNA JEAN BROWN

September 30, 1929 – December 16, 2024

Donna Jean Brown, at 95 years of age passed away on December 16, 2024.

She was born September 30, 1929, in Novinger, Missouri along with twin sister Dorla Dean to Roy and Hazel Van-Laningham.

Jean was in the 5th grade, in 1939, when the family moved to Nevada so her father Roy could work in a mine near Ely with his brothers. The family lived in a very small community called Goody Station. When the girls reached high school age the family moved to Fallon.

Jean graduated from Churchill County High in 1947. She met Frank Brown at a Methodist Youth League fellowship dance and on June 5, 1949, Frank and Jean were married in Fallon.

Jean worked alongside Frank as they owned and operated many businesses over the years, most notably Crown Auto Body & Paint Shop, which they operated from 1958 to 1998 and Fallon Cycles from 1982 to 1989.

Frank was an avid motorcycle rider, and they made many trips around the United States on their motorcycles. In later years Jean preferred to ride her own motorcycle rather than be a passenger. She was a hobbyist photographer and documented the trips with slides and photos.

Frank and Jean built a house on Drumm Lane in 1956 and lived in it the remainder of their lives, raising their two sons, Terry and James. Her collection of rocks, purple glass, tiny shoes, travel trinkets and books became a treasure trove of delight once her two grandchildren, Michelle and Ben, were born.

Her years of dementia did not stop her from being a sweet smile and popcorn lover. Jean was preceded in death by her husband Frank and son Terry. She is survived by son James Brown and daughter-in-law Linda, grandchildren Michelle (John Christiano) and Ben (Carlee), and one great-grandson, Creed.

There will be no services. Just family remembrances of a life well lived.



PET OF THE WEEK

Scar is Available for Adoption



If you think he would make a good addition to your household, check him out. Visit the shelter at 1255 Airport Road. The hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

City of Fallon Animal Shelter
775-423-2282



Santa's MH-60 Sleigh soared high over Fallon last week, spreading some holiday spirit over our town. Santa flew over each school building, thrilling students and teachers alike. A special Happy Holidays from NAS Fallon.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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

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

Monday, Dec. 30

Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans w/Mushrooms
Mixed Berry Cup
Tossed Salad

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Tangy Beef Meatballs
Black-Eyed Peas
Normandy Blend Veggies
WW Bread
Tropical Fruit
Butterscotch Pudding

Wednesday, Jan. 1

- Closed for -
New Year's Day

Thursday, Jan. 2

Honey Garlic Chicken
Red Pepper Pasta
Diced Peaches
Brussel Sprouts
WW Bread
Salad w/Dressing

Friday, Jan. 3

Chuckwagon Chili w/Beans
Buttermilk Biscuit
Chuckwagon Corn
Fresh Apple
Butterscotch Pudding

FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

Monday, Dec. 30

All you can eat
Pancakes

Thursday, Jan. 2

Buffet Night
Variety of Dishes

Monday, Jan. 6

Breakfast Sandwiches
Fruit

Thursday, Jan. 9

BBQ Pork Sandwiches
Celery & Carrot Sticks

All are Welcome!

COMMUNITY

Rotary Donates Dictionaries

Photos and text by John Baker

The Fallon Rotary completed their long-standing tradition of promoting literacy by gifting Fallon third graders their own dictionary this week. The Rotary team visited all the local elementary schools and distributed 325 dictionaries to the students. Once the students received their dictionaries, they were instructed on how to use them to find words and the other information that dictionaries can provide.



Rotary members Zip Upham and Priscilla Baker.



Mrs. Shawcroft Learning About the Dictionaries.



Mrs. Ware Helping a Student.



Mrs. Mitchell's Class at Logos Christian Academy.



CCHS CTE Intern of the Week

Courtesy Sue Segura

The Churchill County High School Intern of the Week is Kaden Solinski who is working at Kent's Supply Center. He said he loves working for Kent's and likes being outside.

Solinski was also recognized recently at the high school for his entrepreneurial spirit. He has started washing windows and is a hard worker and meticulous. He has plans to get his CDL in June and go on to Lineman School this summer.



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WEDNESDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm
THURSDAY 6 am, (7 am), 8 am, 9 am, 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm
FRIDAY 6 am, 8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm
SATURDAY 7 am*, 8 am, 9 am, 10 am

Underlined class times are JUMP classes.
*Mat class

95 Whitaker Lane, Fallon

GOVERNMENT

Commissioners Conclude Term with Key Decisions and Farewells

By Rachel Dahl

In a full meeting last week, Commissioners Bus Scharmann and Justin Heath made their last decisions as commissioners, as their terms come to a close. The next commission meeting will see newly elected Matt Hyde and Eric Blakey seated as new commissioners.

Heath thanked the staff for their hard work and urged the incoming commissioners to focus on bringing affordable housing to the community.

Scharmann commended County Manager Jim Barbee for his work, "Jim is a good county manager, he's brought a lot of money into this community."

Barbee expressed his gratitude, saying the commissioners have the lowest paying jobs at the county. "Thank you for believing in the county, this is not the shiniest, most glorious gig in public elected service, and I commend you for your service to the community."

In other business, commissioners reallocated \$500,000 in funds to renovate the Dry Gulch Building at the fairgrounds. Previously, in August 2022, the commission had approved \$529,125 to construct a 60-space RV park at the fairgrounds property on Miners Road. However, because the county is now eligible for the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act funding, the county submitted an application to that program for a fairground rehabilitation project and was approved for \$32 million.

The SNPLMA funding will cover the cost of the RV park, freeing that funding to make renovations to the Dry Gulch.

As the fairground rehabilitation project under the SNPLMA funding gets underway, there will be limited access to the facilities under renovation, including the Multi-Purpose Building and the Miners Road facilities, but by then the renovated Dry Gulch will be able to absorb many of the activities that are currently scheduled. It is anticipated that the revenue generated by providing a venue during construction will help offset the cost of the project.

Barbee said that there are currently 430 events booked for the 2025 calendar year at the fairgrounds facility. He said that original projections for economic activity into the community this year from the fairgrounds was set at \$5 million. "We're at roughly \$12 million this year and estimate that we'll close at \$15 million," Barbee said.



Commissioner Justin Heath recognizes Officer Daniel Michel for 15 years of service with Sheriff Richard Hickox, and Commission Chair Myles Getto.



Commissioner Justin Heath recognizes Taylor Clark for 5 years of service with Commission Chair Myles Getto.

"We want to get the construction done on the Dry Gulch before June and send events there while the other construction begins. We want to keep events here and not take a chance of losing them to other communities," he said.

Additionally, there was a revision to the scope of work and budget for the new position of Juvenile Outreach Specialist at Juvenile Probation. Under the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program and the Attorney General's office,

there was some additional funding in the amount of \$24,932 that will be awarded to support this position, which will do juvenile outreach and is a partnership between JPO and the school district.

The county commission meets on the first Thursday at 8:15 a.m. and the third Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the commission chambers at 155 N. Taylor Street. Agendas can be found at churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes.

Commissioners Receive Annual Financial Report

By Rachel Dahl

The Certified Public Accountants, Hinton-Burdick, issued a "clean" opinion of the Churchill County financial statements last week at the commission meeting. Sherry Wideman, County Comptroller, reported on the audit after a presentation by the CPA firm, saying governmental activities are up \$5.48 million this year, and business activities are up \$911,000.

Overall, the change from Fiscal Year 2023 shows governmental revenue down \$13.2 million, and governmental expenses up \$4.6 million. Wideman reminded commissioners that the county received \$20 million from the Navy last year as part of the Fallon Range Training Complex agreement, which explains such a large decline. Business-type revenue (phone company and golf course) is up \$1.3 million, and expenses are up \$3.96 million.

According to the financial reports presented, general revenues decreased to \$37,126,669 from \$52,559,218—a decrease of \$15,432,549 or -29.36%. The county's primary general governmental revenue sources

are ad valorem taxes of \$11,592,153 and consolidated taxes at \$8,630,989. These two revenue sources comprise 31.22% and 23.25% of countywide general revenues, respectively. Ad valorem revenues increased by \$907,343 or 8.5%, due in part to the increase in the assessed value and abatements. The assessed value increased as a result of plant expansion in the geothermal/solar sector, new housing starts, as well as increases in real estate values. The consolidated tax revenues, which include sales tax revenues (SCCRT & BCCRT), cigarette, liquor taxes, real property transfer tax, and government services tax, decreased \$36,454 from \$8,667,443 to \$8,630,989, down .4% primarily due to a decrease in taxable sales. The general revenues decrease is mainly due to the fiscal year 2022-23 one-time federal funding for the Navy's Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization with the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act.

Total expenses were \$71,564,058, an increase of \$8,575,907 or 13.62% countywide over the prior year. The governmental activities expenses were \$48,100,768 or 67% of the total expenses. Whereas the business-type

activities expenses were \$23,463,290 or 33% of the total expenses. The increase in governmental activities was \$4,618,870 or 10.6% higher, mainly due to overall costs of operations. The largest functions are public safety, general government, public works, welfare, and judicial. These account for 86% of the governmental activities. The increase in expense of the business-type activities was \$3,957,037 or 20.3% from \$19,506,253 to \$23,463,290. Telephone operations continue to be the largest business-type activity at 55% of the business-type activities. Telephone expenses increased \$1,671,961 or 15% from \$11,193,980 to \$12,865,941, due to higher operating expenses.

Current year revenues, including capital grants, unrestricted investment earnings, and contributions, general revenues exceeded expenses by \$3,814,574. This indicates that current year resources provided for necessary services during the year.

The audit also covered CC Communications and the Central Nevada Health District, both of which also were issued "clean" opinions.

CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, December 17, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Jillian Olivia Yesslith appeared for sentencing on the Category B felony of Battery by a Probationer or Parolee or a Prisoner in Lawful Custody.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said the state is standing silent. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer set the record, explaining Yesslith is still in treatment in Las Vegas where “she is doing exceedingly well;” and she was transported for court by treatment personnel. Sommer argued, “There are times when clients that I represent make such substantial changes that you can see it in their countenance; this is one of those ...” He said Yesslith has become a different person; she has been in inpatient treatment for many months; she is now at a point where she is beginning to lead groups; she is excited about her opportunities she has connected to the treatment facility; and she regrets the behavior that got her here. The defendant told Sommer, “It is actually good that I got in trouble because it has produced some wonderful things for me.” The defense asked for probation for the minimum term.

Yesslith told the court about the work she is now doing at the treatment facility and the opportunities that are open to her there.

Fees and assessments were imposed; and the defendant received a sentence of 24-60 months in the Nevada State Prison, which was suspended, and she was placed on probation for 36 months. In addition to standard conditions of probation, Yesslith is to follow the recommendations of her substance abuse evaluation.

David Scott Ehling, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category D felony of bestiality a Second or Subsequent Offense, which carries a potential penalty of one to four years and a fine of not more than \$5,000. The factual basis explained that Ehling engaged in an inappropriate act with an animal for a second time — sexual conduct with a goose. Judge Stockard asked if this is true; the defendant said it is. A new Presentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for Feb. 18, 2025.

Nicholas Pierre Ashley, in custody, pleaded not guilty to the following counts:

Count I: Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim Which Constitutes Domestic Violence, a Category D felony that carries a potential penalty of one to six years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of not more than \$5,000 or less than \$1,000. This charge carries a mandatory prison sentence. Count II: Battery by a Probationer or a Parolee or a Prisoner in Lawful Custody, a Category D felony that carries a potential penalty of one to six years in the Nevada State Prison; there is no fine associated with this charge, which is probation eligible.

Ashley waived his right to a speedy trial, and trial was set for July 14-18, 2025.

Troy Holbrook, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category D felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, which carries a potential penalty of one to six years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Sentencing was set for Feb. 18, 2025.

Churchill County Public Defender Wright Noel then addressed custodial status, asking that his client be released to the Western Regional Drug Court Program to decide if he should be released or not.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford opposed release based on Holbrook telling Court Services he does not have a drug or alcohol problem, and on his record. “From the State’s perspective we have a behavioral criminal activity problem, not a substance abuse problem,” Sanford said.



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

Judge Stockard set a status hearing for Jan. 7, 2025, and ordered a new Court Services Risk Assessment, saying he wants to see criminal history, a substance abuse evaluation, and what it recommends.

Marissa Marie Tybo, in custody, admitted to the non-technical sentencing violation of intoxicants, controlled substances, financial, missed appointments, and failure to complete the Western Regional Drug Court Program. DDA Priscilla Baker said, “This defendant was given chance after chance after chance to get a hold of her addiction ... Drug Court is a privilege, and she just squandered that privilege.” The state asked that probation be revoked and she serve the underlying sentence of 19-48 months without modification. CCPD Jacob Sommer told the court the defense stipulated to revocation of her probation; he asked for modification to a lower sentence. Tybo thanked the court for the opportunity she was given. Fees and assessments were imposed, probation was revoked, and the sentence was modified to 14-48 months in the Nevada State Prison. Tybo was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Letisha Sage Johnson, in custody, admitted to a non-technical sentencing violation of intoxicants, controlled substance, and failure to complete specialty court. DDA Chelsea Sanford asked that probation be revoked and Johnson serve the underlying sentence. “She received specialty court as a gift ... But as you can see, she has not availed herself of all this opportunity,” Sanford said. CCPD Jacob Sommer told the court this is Johnson’s first appearance for a probation violation, that she does indeed struggle with substance abuse addiction, as well as mental health problems with which she wrestles. He said she wants to get on top of this problem and prove to the court that she can actually do something. The defense asked for reinstatement to probation, with the condition of spending the next 10 weekends in jail if the court feels it is needed. Sommer said his client works at the Homestead, and they are holding her job as she has been a valuable employee.

Johnson read from a statement that she would like to make maintaining her sobriety her “number one priority again.” Probation was revoked and she was ordered to serve the underlying sentence of 14-48 months in the Nevada State Prison. Johnson was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Robert Charles Schostag admitted to the technical sentencing violation regarding spending weekends in custody and securing gainful employment for 32 hours a week.

DDA Chelsea Sanford asked that probation be temporarily revoked. Sanford said Schostag did not comply with almost all the conditions of his probation, missing 220 days. She said the defendant just disregarded the conditions. The state asked that the sentence be modified, that Schostag do his jail time as straight time rather than weekends. After straight time is served, he should still have to comply with all other conditions, including employment.

Defense Attorney Charles Woodman told the court it was his understanding that his client was doing well and had graduated drug court; that the defendant came out of drug court thinking he did not have to continue to do weekends because he has his children every other weekend, and that his client says his probation contract does not have the employment condition. Woodman added that his client did what a lot of folks don’t do: he completed drug court. The defense asked if a 30-day revocation is invoked, that the defendant be given credit for the 18 days he has been in custody.

Schostag told the court he is sorry; he was confused and should have asked instead of assuming, and he does not remember the condition regarding employment being on his probation contract. He said if he is given the opportunity to continue weekends, he will not miss one. Judge Stockard told Schostag, “When words come out of my mouth, I want you to understand that I expect those to be followed. This is a case that I probably should have sent you to prison on. The level of a break I gave you is so substantial that you better stop assuming, you better stop cutting corners.” Schostag’s probation was temporarily revoked for 30 days; if he misses one weekend, Stockard ordered a memo from the Sheriff’s Office and a violation report be filed. Within 30 days of his release, the defendant is to provide proof of employment and hours worked weekly to his probation officer. Schostag was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Shawn Michael Webb appeared via Zoom, as he is currently incarcerated at Pelican Bay State Prison in California, for sentencing on the Category D felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer. DDA Chelsea Sanford told the court that Webb has 13 prior felonies, 27 misdemeanors, and a Court Services violation. “These types of offenses are not just no harm, no foul ... every single time the defendant makes a run for it, it’s not positive for this community,” Sanford said. The state asked for incarceration and a consecutive sentence to the California sentence. CCPD Wright Noel asked that the case run concurrent with the California case. He said his client is regretful for his actions and apologizes for his behavior here. Webb’s expected parole date from California is July 14, 2025. Webb apologized to the court for the inconvenience, and said, “If this could be run concurrent, I’d really appreciate that.” Fees and assessments were imposed. Webb received a sentence of 19-48 months, to run consecutive to every case in California.

CONTINUED:

- Arraignment for Nicholas Wesley Neal has been continued to Jan. 14, 2025.
- Sentencing for Rebecca Welch was continued to Jan. 7, 2025.
- Arraignment and sentencing for Henry Andrews were continued to Jan. 7, 2025.
- Sentencing for Donald Patrick Browning was continued to Feb. 18, 2025.
- The competency hearing for Melvyn Sanders-Hahn was continued to Jan. 21, 2025.

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Ribbon Cutting for Telegraph Coffee and Tap

By: Nancy Chapman

Telegraph Coffee and Tap, owner William Kennedy and manager Crystal Bowman, have been transforming their shop into a larger facility to hold more events and create a more beautiful space for their daily customers. Bowman, who has managed Telegraph for over 8 years, said that the transformation has been gradual, and more small changes are to come. The Handy Man Inc. has handled all of the remodeling.

Kennedy, builds the coffee roasting machines that Telegraph Coffee and Tap use to roast the coffee. Telegraph Coffee and Tap is the only coffee shop with the ability to roast their own coffee beans.

Opening a stand-alone bar in the new expansion, they will feature 12 beers on tap from Reno and surrounding areas, as well as our local Frey Ranch selections.

STABLE Pro

The All-in-One Business Solution for Horse Trainers

By James Dexter and Nancy Chapman

What do you get when you take a rural Nevada ranch kid who became a pharmacist, add a life-long passion for horses, and compound it with cutting-edge software technology? You get STABLE Pro, a platform created to simplify the lives of horse trainers.

STABLE Pro is an innovative software tool, built to help trainers overcome the challenges of book-keeping, inventory management, and client billing, that helps manage a horse operation for both the trainer and the client.

With STABLE Pro, clients can view updates, sort and pay bills, and even sign up for lessons or clinics through the program. By taking the frustration out of managing the business side of horse training, the platform allows trainers to focus on what they do best: training and caring for horses.

James Dexter, PharmD, AE-C, is the Managing Director of STABLE Pro, as well as the Chief Pharmacist for the Fallon Tribal Health Clinic and a staff pharmacist at Fallon Walmart Pharmacy. Raised in Orovada, Nevada, James grew up working with hay and horses and now owns Fifty Horse Ranch in Fallon. His parents, Robert (Bob) and Wendy Dexter, prioritized his education, sending him to a boarding academy at Monterey Bay in California to broaden his horizons.

As a horseman himself and the owner of a number of horses in training, James saw firsthand how much time his trainers spent on bookkeeping—time that could have been spent with family, on personal interests, or working directly with horses. Recognizing the problem, James created STABLE Pro as the solution.

With a vision for solving these challenges, James assembled a team of developers and designers to bring STABLE Pro to life, launching the first iteration as a mobile-responsive web platform. This functionality means users can manage their businesses seamlessly, whether they're on a computer or from horseback on a mobile device. With just a tap, trainers can publish invoices or update



James Dexter, Stable Pro, Managing Director, and Dave Thacker, Owner/trainer Thacker Training.

records. No more late nights sorting through paperwork.

STABLE Pro incorporates feedback from trainers, enabling constant growth and improvement of the platform. Early adopters like Dave Thacker experienced immediate relief. "My girlfriend just wants me to get all the invoices off the kitchen table!" he laughed, as STABLE Pro's automated invoicing gave him back valuable time and a clearer workspace.

The trainer starts by creating a horse profile, where all relevant billing details are logged. From monthly maintenance costs like farrier visits or boarding fees to

miscellaneous charges like show expenses, the system allows trainers to automate their billing process. Trainers can also add unexpected charges throughout the month. For example, if a trainer charges \$1,000 for training and \$500 for boarding, those fees are automatically added to the client's invoice. If the horse destroys a winter blanket, the trainer can add the cost of a replacement to the invoice, with the client's approval, at any time. Clients have the flexibility to pay immediately or at the end of the billing cycle through several built-in payment options.

STABLE Pro also focuses on keeping costs low for clients, building in options that allow clients to pay trainers with minimal or even no additional fees. This commitment ensures that trainers receive payments quickly and clients aren't burdened by unnecessary expenses, further strengthening the trust and transparency between both parties.

STABLE Pro's delegation tools empower trainers to assign tasks to assistants, team members, or spouses with ease. Whether they're in the saddle or traveling for a show, trainers can keep operations running smoothly right from their mobile devices.

STABLE Pro is continually evolving to meet the needs of trainers and their clients, enabling better communication, improved transparency, and smoother business experience for everyone. For more information you can reach James at Stable Pro at www.stablepro.us, Dexter@stablepro.us or 775-741-8339.

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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News



Melissa Humphrey's class showing off their final animal projects.

CCHS

Last week, the staff at CCHS had a "Staff Underground" spirit week to celebrate the holiday season and the end of the first semester. Vice Principal Reema Pulsifer planned five dress-up days that were festive and fun. Monday was Unity Day where staff united in all-black attire. Tuesday was Santa Hat Day and staff came wearing Santa hats. Wednesday was Flannel Frenzy Day where staff wore some cozy plaid to school. Thursday was Anything But a Cup Day where staff members brought a unique item to drink out of that was not a cup. Friday the school held an ugly sweater contest. This was the grand finale as staff came to school wearing the most outlandish holiday sweaters they could find. "I want to give a huge shoutout to our incredible crew for making our first Underground Staff Spirit week an absolute success. Thank you for putting up with my wild and holly-jolly ideas," Pulsifer said.



Mr. Clifford, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Sluyter, Mr. Josephs, and Mrs. Sammons show off their Santa Hats during Staff Underground Spirit week.

CCMS

On Friday, December 20, CCMS celebrated their students who achieved perfect attendance during the first semester with a pizza party. "We had 44 students who made it to school every single day during the first semester. We could not be prouder of this huge accomplishment and wanted to be sure they were celebrated before leaving for Winter Break," Principal Victor Schoenfeldt said. As an extra reward, all perfect attendance students were entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Sixth-grade student Emerson Weldon Word was the lucky winner. Each quarter, the reward for perfect attendance will grow bigger. In the final quarter, students who have perfect attendance will receive a reward and have the chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card.

NUMA

Students in Aspen Johnson's 5th-grade class held snowflake races the week before Winter Break. Students received a paper that said "slow" or "fast" and had to create a snowflake that either fell slow or fast. Students also had an opportunity to select an extreme design challenge that added another specification to their snowflake, such

as, "design a 12-sided snowflake" or "cut a star-shaped hole in the middle of your snowflake." Students had 20 minutes to design and cut out their snowflakes before they were called up to race them. In the fast category, Cash Craig won with his six-pointed snowflake. In the slow category, Gio Martinez won with his large and rectangular snowflake.

E.C. BEST

For the last three weeks, students in Melissa Humphrey's class have been learning how to write an informative text by researching an animal they chose from the National Geographic Kids website. Using their note taker, they had to find out their animal's habitat, appearance, diet, and adaptations they have in order to live in their habitat. After obtaining information on their animal students had to put the facts into a five-sentence paragraph using a topic sentence,

three strong sentences, and a closing sentence. The next step was to draw a diagram of their animal and label their body parts. The finished product was a poster with their animal diagram and report. Students completed the project and practiced their speaking standards by presenting their animals to their classmates.

LAHONTAN

Kindergarten students in Traci Ledesma's class enjoyed hearing several versions of the gingerbread man story. The gingerbread man even visited their classroom each morning. "The kids were so excited to come in, find his hiding spot, and see if the gingerbread man had left a treat or tricked them," Lesdema said. To end the gingerbread unit each student created their own giant gingerbread boy or girl.

NORTHSIDE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Before Winter Break Octavia Merritt's class had a visit from Santa Claus and got to practice their cookie decorating skills by decorating cookies he brought for the students. "This was such a fun day for the class. They really enjoyed seeing Santa and each of them got to tell him what they wanted for Christmas and got peppermint candy from him," Merritt said.

VERITAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Classical & Christian

Veritas Preparatory School students have spent the last few weeks leading up to Christmas Break remembering Jesus and the reason we celebrate Christmas. The 3rd through 8th grade classes visited the Out of Egypt Food Pantry on Thursday where they distributed Mugs & Mittens to patrons. The kindergarten through 2nd grade classes travelled to The Homestead to sing Christmas

Carols to residents. All of the students were blessed to share the joy of Jesus with members of our community at this special time of year.

The school also celebrated the success of our recent See's Candy fundraiser with top seller Dixie Jensen acting as "Headmaster for the Day." Headmaster Jensen spent the day writing thank you notes to her many loyal

volunteers, visiting classrooms to promote physical education with impromptu dance parties, and attending an important lunch meeting with her classroom friend Charley Frey.

Veritas was also excited to welcome a new friend to the K4 classroom this past week. Veritas Prep wishes all of our students, families, friends, and community members a Merry Christmas!



Dixie Jensen as Headmaster for the Day along with Charley Frey.



Students from Veritas sing Christmas carols to residents at The Homestead.

EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Taylor Sowersby.



Addison Allegre, Marco Apolinar, Damon Edgmond, Avery Laca, Luke Moffitt, Erin Mullins, Sadie Nuttall, Drew Palanivelu, Bailey Peixoto, Angie Pratt, Gianna Salisbury, Willow Saunders, Honey Mattson, Annie Sorensen, Savannah Lewis, Payton Sowersby, Weston Starr, Mandy Wadsworth, Addielyn Peel, Dakota Prinz, Isabel Anaya.



Bighorns are all about spreading Christmas cheer with their caroling, traveling around town on an Action Crane & Trucking truck – FFA students carol one night and the eighth grade class picks up the duty another night.

SECOND ANNUAL LA POSADA CELEBRATION

The 2nd Annual Latino Family Night La Posada Celebration was held on Wednesday, December 18 at the Oasis Cafeteria. The night was an opportunity for families to celebrate the holiday with fun, food, family, and friends.

Oasis Academy ELL teachers Jose Ramirez and Page Hiskett headed the event with approximately sixty people attending.

The Posada celebration is a culturally rich event that honors the traditional Mexican custom of Las Posadas, which commemorates Mary and Joseph’s search for shelter before the birth of Jesus. Typically held over nine nights from December 16 to 24.

The Oasis celebration featured a feast of traditional Mexican dishes like tamales and hot chocolate, along with fun activities such as breaking piñatas filled with treats, games, ornament making, and raffles. This gathering not only fosters a sense of unity but also allows participants to engage deeply with their cultural heritage, making it a cherished annual highlight of the school year.

“This has turned into a really fun

multicultural event for all of our families,” said Rochelle Tisdale, High School Principal. “It helps us further understand each other and our cultures much better. Huge thank you to Page and Jose for all their hard work starting this annual tradition and coordinating it each year.”

MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA FILLS KARMA BOXES FOR CHAMBER

Middle school FFA students from Oasis Academy were recently engaged in a meaningful community service initiative by filling Karma Boxes for the Churchill County Chamber of Commerce. This project is part of the community’s broader Karma Box Project, which aims to provide essential non-perishable food items and hygiene products to those in need within the community.

The involvement of FFA students in filling Karma Boxes highlights the importance of youth engagement in local charitable efforts. By participating in this project, students learn valuable lessons about empathy, responsibility, and the impact of giving back to their community.

Students walked donations to the Chamber Office on Thursday, December 19.

The Karma Box Project itself plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity and providing essential resources to vulnerable populations. To learn more about how you can help with Fallon’s Karma Box project contact Lucy Carnahan at lcarnahan@fallonchamber.com.

STUDENTS CAROL THROUGH TOWN

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear. Tradition was kept alive through song with two nights of Oasis students caroling throughout Fallon.

FFA students started the week off on Monday, December 9 with caroling and the eighth-grade class continued it on Tuesday the 10th.

Students were driven on an Action Crane and Trucking truck and flatbed with Oasis Alumnus Eddie Morrow driving.

After both groups were done caroling, they returned to school for fun holiday activities, including hot chocolate, games, and gift exchanges.

Remembering the Reason for the Season at Logos Christian Academy



Logos students at the Angel Breakfast, dressed in their Sunday best.



Logos students enjoy caroling through the town.

This week at Logos Christian Academy (LCA), we joyfully celebrated the Advent season with a special focus on love, symbolized by this week’s Advent candle. Reflecting on 1 John 4:10, we were reminded of God’s incredible love: “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

LCA had lots of Christmas activities take place this week. On Wednesday students and families came together for Christmas caroling, riding a float through downtown. Their joyful songs spread cheer to the community and continued at two local assisted

living facilities, Homestead and Highland Village, where they brought smiles to residents. The day concluded with cookies and hot chocolate, provided by UPLIFT.

Throughout the week, classes made gingerbread houses and Christmas crafts. The creativity and festive spirit were evident as students worked together on these projects. A highlight of the week was a reenactment of the Christmas story of Mary and Joseph, where there was no room in the inn. This performance brought to life the Christmas story for many students.

The week’s festivities concluded with the

cherished tradition of the Angel Breakfast. Children, dressed in their Sunday best, enjoyed a lovingly prepared breakfast. The highlight of the morning was a special book reading of *The Legend of the Candy Cane* by Connie Heath. Each child received a candy cane—a touching symbol of the true meaning of Christmas and the love of Jesus Christ.

LCA feels deeply blessed during this Christmas season. Surrounded by love, joy, and faith, we are grateful to share this spirit with our community. From all of us at LCA, we wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with love and peace!

SPORTS

Oasis Academy Basketball Tourney



Oasis basketball boys Fenn Mackedon Blocking a Shot.



Oasis basketball boys Trevor Barrenchea Putting Up A 3.



Oasis basketball girls Taylynn Maynez.



Oasis girls basketball Kaylee Craig Putting Up A Shot.

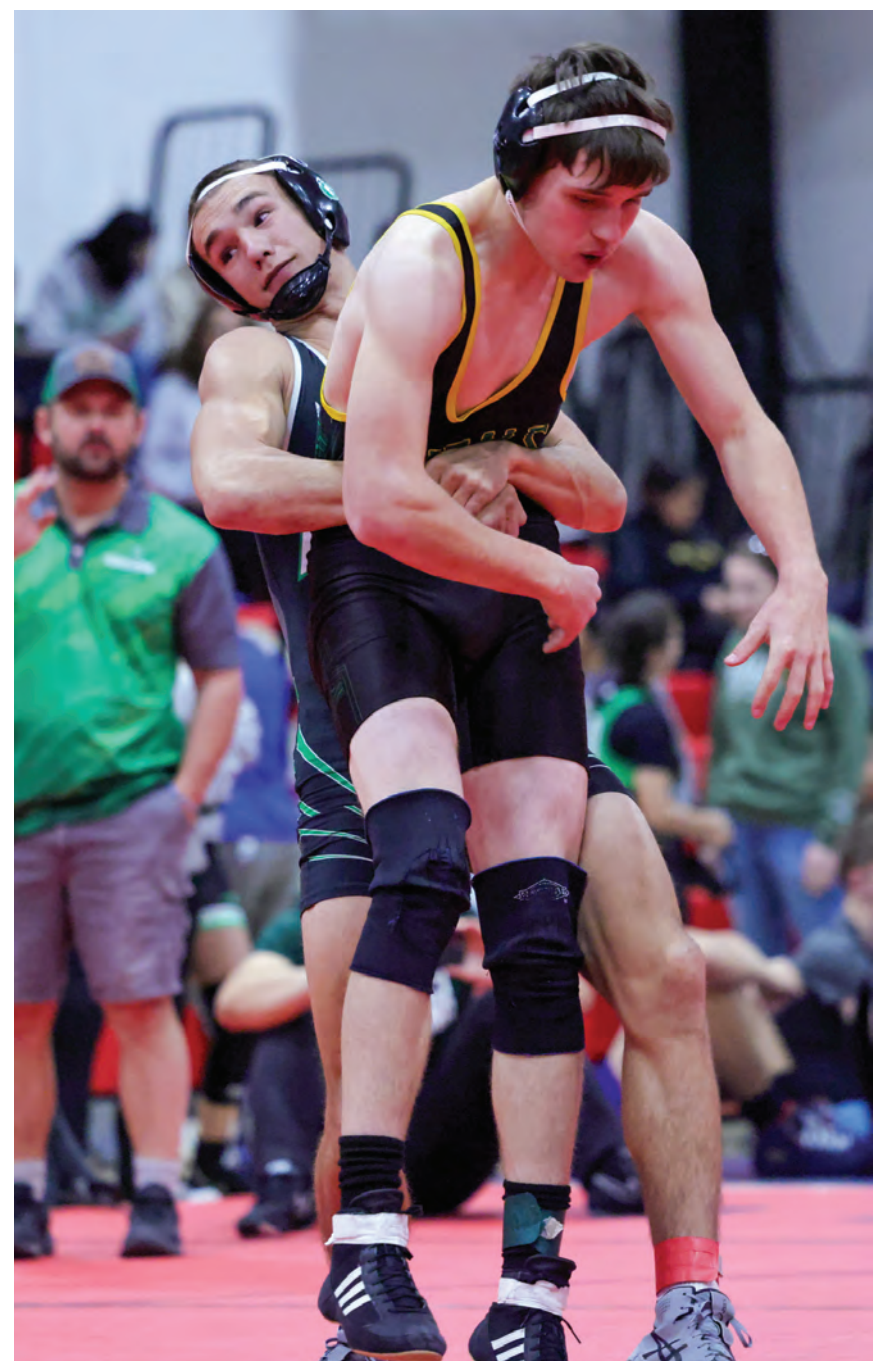
Story and photos by John Baker

Oasis Academy Bighorns recently hosted Sierra Lutheran Falcons at the City County Gym for a basketball matchup. All three games were well contested. The day started off with the boys JV team that put up a good effort but lost 31 - 45. Up next was the girls varsity. Both teams were evenly matched and behind Grace Laca's 10 points, the Bighorns were able to pull out the 28 - 26 win. The boys varsity finished the night off in the final game. They fell behind early but managed to take a one point lead into the half. The Falcons came out strong in the second half and wound up winning the game 40 - 51.

Greenwave Grapplers at Lovelock Tourney



Greenwave Grapplers Nathan Anderson.



Greenwave Grapplers Matthew Bird.

By John Baker

The Lady Greenwave and JV Boys wrestling teams started their winter break off by testing their skills at the 2024 Lovelock Mustangs Tournament. Tommie Fitzer led the Greenwave with a second-place finish, Melody Garcia-Bishop placed third, and Zoe Rasmussen finished fourth. The JV Boys did well on their own with Nathan Anderson and Matthew Bird both placing first and Lars Rasmussen finished in third.

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COLUMNS

Postcards: Rattlesnake Hill

By Michon Mackedon

I grew up—as did many of you—on familiar terms with Rattlesnake Hill. Citizens of Reno are equally familiar with Rattlesnake Mountain to the east, framed at dawn by the rising sun. Just how many Rattlesnake features are there in Nevada? Helen Carlson in “Nevada Place Names” adds Rattlesnake Creek near Elko, Rattlesnake Canyon near McGill, Rattlesnake Peak and Rattlesnake Spring in Clark County, and another Rattlesnake Mountain in the Ruby Range.

A quick Google tour of “rattlesnake place names” delivered more information than I had expected about the apparently widespread use of the identifier “rattlesnake.” It attaches to multifarious geologic features in regions across the continent. Washington state has its Rattlesnake Ridge and Rattlesnake Ledge. Ontario, Canada, has its Rattlesnake Point. British Columbia has Rattlesnake Island. Surprising to me, central New York has Rattlesnake Gulch (there really are eastern rattlesnakes). A creek in Missoula, Montana is named—you guessed it—Rattlesnake Creek. Moving away from geology, there is an attractive prairie flower, related to the parsley and carrot family, bearing the odd name, Rattlesnake Master.



More to the point, though, we have our very own Rattlesnake Hill.

Rising about 200 feet from the Lahontan Valley floor, Rattlesnake Hill was noted in an early survey (1860’s) as “the little hill east of Ragtown.” It is not known how the “little hill” took on its rattlesnake identifier, but by the time the City of Fallon was taking shape, its citizens were divided in their opinions about the name. Writing in the April 13, 1912, “Churchill County Eagle,” the editor opined that the name was repulsive and should be changed. He suggested that the ladies of the Artemesia Club select a more suitable name. On April 19, 1913, the “Eagle” announced that the ladies had

decided on a new name for Rattlesnake Hill: Mt. Toyeh. The name seemed fitting, as the Paiute word Toyeh means “a heap of sand or rocks.”

As time passed, however, the less melodic name, Rattlesnake Hill, won the usage contest, and that’s what we call it today.

The “little hill” now means different things to different folks. If you race cars, it’s a racetrack. If you shoot clay pigeons, it’s a trap shooting range. If you live at its base in the Paiute-Shoshone colony, it’s your back yard. If you celebrate Greenwave sports, it’s the location of the iconic large white-washed “F” originally painted in 1925 and, since then, ritually refreshed by high school students. It’s a quarry – the Frazzini building on Maine Street was built from stone quarried there. It’s the site of the City of Fallon’s water storage tank. It’s a surface expression of a large basalt aquifer, the source of the water supply for the City of Fallon. The hill was sacred to Native Americans and is now a holy site, an outdoor cathedral for worshippers of many faiths, where Easter Sunrise services have found a large following. Over the years, a series of crosses have been raised on the hill, one in 1912, one in 1924, one in 1966, and perhaps others not noted in the local papers.

The history of Rattlesnake Hill crosses is profaned, though, by an incident taking place in September 1925 and reported by the “Eagle”: “Attention was attracted last Saturday evening by the burning of a large cross on Toyeh, which is understood to indicate that the order of the KKK has been organized in Fallon. The cross burned for quite a while and was seen from various parts of the valley.”

And, I cannot overlook the fact that the southeastern shoulder of the Hill slopes downward toward the final resting place for almost 10,000 of our own. The Churchill County Cemetery has been in use since 1900, before there was a City of Fallon, and was maintained by numerous organizations until the county took over responsibility for its care in 1970. The shade trees and lawn are a comforting contrast to the barren hillside.

Rattlesnake Hill, we can agree, is a singular feature of the history and life of our Lahontan Valley.

Please send your stories and ideas for stories 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.

Allison’s Book Report Reflections



Here we are again, ushering in a New Year. I am not a big maker (and especially keeper) of New Year’s resolutions, but rather reflecting on things that made the past year beautiful and carrying that positive energy into the coming year.

In 2024, I have been to Maui, New York City, the Redwoods, Huntington Beach – and that’s just the big places. I have had the absolute privilege of seeing both of my kiddos becoming intelligent, beautiful, thoughtful, and hilarious young women. They went to their first concert, learned to play guitar, made besties with sea turtles in Hawaii, lost one last baby tooth before they both got braces, and watched thousands of hours of South Park and other teenager-y programming while snuggled up on the couch with their dad and I, just to name a few. I am literally married to my best friend, and we have had a lot of love and laughs, seen the world, and been to so many Reggae concerts and festivals this year I lost count. I have learned so much about who I am and who I want to become.

Were there lows in all of these highs? Of course there were – nothing is perfect - but I would say that, over all, my own 2024 has been chock full of things to be proud of and grateful for. One of those things is this that I get to write this column and be Fallon’s very own Book Lady. I am so happy that The Fallon Post makes this little space for me every week to ramble about my favorite subject and share my love of reading with my little hometown. I love when people in town stop me to say that my article was fun this week or that my words have inspired them to pick up a book – I even kind of like it when someone tells me that they didn’t really love one of my picks. I am just grateful and excited to be sharing my love of reading with all of you! There are so many amazing books out there and sharing them with each other makes reading more than a pastime or an escape from our daily lives – it makes it the foundation of a community of book lovers.

Happy New Year, Fallon readers! May 2025 be filled with adventure and love and endless happily ever afters, both in the pages we read and the lives that we lead! I will see you back here next week with an actual book review, but between now and then, enjoy this picture of my mostly unread bookshelf (so many to read in 2025!!) and don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more reading and rambling.

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

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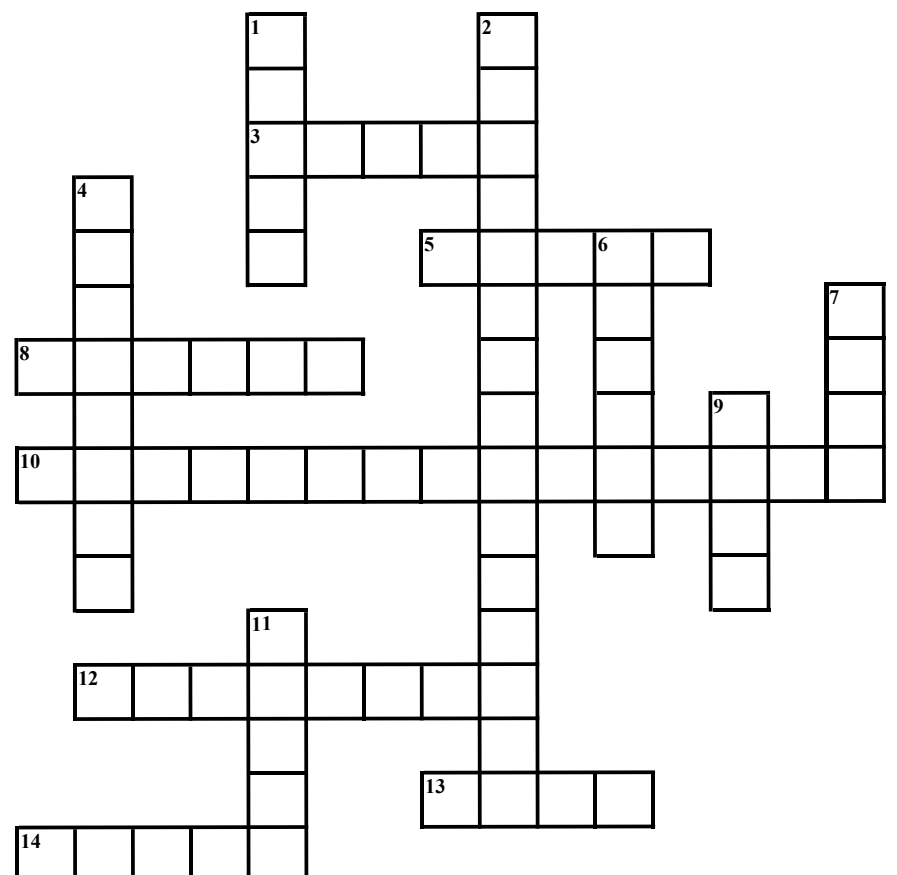
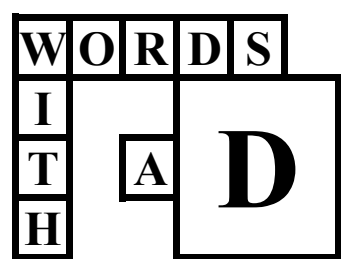
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- 5. Forest
- 8. Casino worker
- 10. Understandable
- 12. Kids
- 13. Fifty-two cards
- 14. MPH

Down

- 1. Barter
- 2. Zoom meeting
- 4. Conductor
- 6. Mojave
- 7. Feral
- 9. Sunrise
- 11. Hemoglobin



[Crossword answers on page 15]

COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

I don't know about you, but I feel like I am hurtling towards the new year. There doesn't seem to be enough time in the day; my calendar is still booked up with appointments (even on Christmas Eve), and all I can do is keep my head down and check things off a never-ending to-do list! Case in point—today I have already done a few hours of meetings (it's Saturday), I am about to load up my car to go cater the employee appreciation party at the American Legion, and its early deadline day for The Fallon Post. So, I am begging a point of privilege and sharing an article I wrote two years ago today. The recipes are perfectly timed for Christmas cookie parties or preparing for Santa's arrival!

First up is a recipe for sugar cookie bars from renowned baker Christina Tosi, owner of Milk Bar. I found this recipe in Neil Patrick Harris' newsletter, Wondercade. These "cookies" are gooey, crispy, and playfully topped with sprinkles!

Christina Tosi's Sugar Cookie Bars for Wondercade

(The way I make them)

Ingredients:

- Pan Spray
- Graham crackers
- Saltine crackers
- 1 1/2 Sticks of butter
- 1/2 cup Sugar
- 1 can Sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tbsp. Vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. Salt
- White chocolate chips
- Sprinkles



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 inch baking pan with pan spray. Place graham crackers in the bottom of the tray to form a complete layer. Stack a layer of saltine crackers on top of the graham crackers.
2. Over medium heat, heat butter and sweetened condensed milk together stirring regularly. Add vanilla extract, salt, and sugar. Continue heating stirring regularly until the mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer for 3 minutes.
3. Carefully pour the mixture over the top of the stacked crackers until evenly coated. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes then let cool completely.



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

4. Melt white chocolate chips in the microwave according to the package directions. Drizzle white chocolate over the top of the treat and scatter sprinkles to your heart's content.
5. Cut into the shape of your choice and enjoy.

Here's another playful and nostalgic recipe for a Christina Tosi treat. This one is a tasty blend of rice crispy treats and peanut butter chocolate balls—both sweet snacks that I enjoyed as a child.

Christina Tosi's Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars

Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 1/2 cup Coconut oil, melted
- 1 cup Peanut butter
- 2 cups Confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp. Kosher salt
- 3 tbsp. Peanut butter
- 1 cup + 1 tbsp. Chocolate chips

Directions:

1. Grease an 8x8-inch pan and set aside.
2. In a large skillet, toast the Rice Krispies over medium heat until a fragrant and deep golden brown, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat set aside.
3. In a large bowl, mix together coconut oil and 1 cup of peanut butter until smooth. Add in toasted rice cereal, confectioners' sugar and salt and mix until well combined.
4. Pour the mixture into the greased pan and press down firmly with a spatula to ensure a flat, solid layer.
5. In a microwave-safe medium bowl, melt the 3 tablespoons of peanut butter and chocolate chips together in the microwave in 30-second spurts, stirring after each, until smooth. Pour this chocolate/peanut butter mixture over the flattened Rice Krispies/peanut butter layer and spread into a smooth layer corner to corner.
6. Freeze for 30-40 minutes or until firm to the touch. Remove the rectangle from the pan and cut into eight 1 x 8-inch strips. One strip at a time, slice on the diagonal every 1 1/2-inch lengths to form diamonds. Serve out of the fridge or freezer!

While these recipes can be enjoyed all year long, I recommend preparing them when you don't care so much about health and wellness! You will want to eat all the cookies and all the bars. The last week of the year is the perfect time for next-level indulgence. So INDULGE!

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED WATER FEE CHANGES**

Notice is hereby given that the Lovelock Meadows Water District will hold a public hearing on the 13th day of January, 2025 at 6:15 pm during their regular meeting at the City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Pershing County, Nevada.

The purpose of said hearing is to receive any and all public input to the proposed 3% rate increases for the commodity/overage fee and the non-potable/construction water fees.

Fee	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Commodity/Overage Fee	\$3.23/1,000 gallons	\$3.33/1,000 gallons
Well 6 Water	\$5.67/1,000 gallons	\$5.84/1,000 gallons
Hydrant Water	\$6.80/1,000 gallons	\$7.00/1,000 gallons

All interested persons are invited to attend in order to express their views regarding these proposed changes and/or rate increases.

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF
DATE OF REGULARLY
SCHEDULED COMMISSION,
HIGHWAY COMMISSION,
& CC COMMUNICATIONS'
BOARD MEETINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Commissioners, Highway Commission, and CC Communications have changed the DATE of their first meeting scheduled in January 2025. The meetings will occur on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 8:15 AM, 1:15 PM, and 1:45 PM respectively at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Commission Chambers, Fallon, NV.

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**Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
Notice of Claims Approved by Board of Directors
September 2024**

Notice is hereby given by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), duly organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 539 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, of the following list of claims allowed during the month of September 2024; that this list is made based upon NRS 539.485.

Operating Expenses	September
Operations and Maintenance	381,549
Carson Lake Pasture	5,149
Administration	220,789
Total Expense	607,487
Grant Expense	459,025
Depreciation Expense	53,160
Total Other Expense	53,160
Total Expense and Other Expense	1,119,672

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/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General Manager

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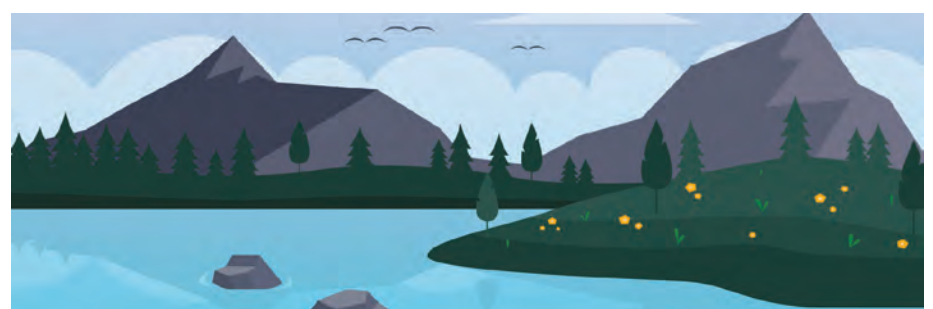
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MEETINGS

December 23-27, 2024

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No meetings this week.



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Dec. 23, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	125,000 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	1.73 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	0.00 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	0.00 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	134.0 cfs

Dec. 9, 2024	Dec. 9, 2023	Dec. 9, 2022
121,535 acre feet	208,684 acre feet	22,793 acre feet

*Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
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