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## Making News at Nevada Press Awards Fallon Journalists Rack Up Over 20 Honors

By Leanna Lehman

Saturday, September 14, was a big day for Fallon newspapers. Not only was long-time journalist Steve Ranson inducted into the Nevada Press Association Hall of Fame, but both *The Fallon Post* and *Lahontan Valley News* earned several prestigious awards in the Rural Newspaper category.

Ranson, a Nevada Army National Guard officer and veteran, began his news career as a military broadcaster in the Republic of Korea and Panama. "As both a military and civilian journalist, I followed the troops to 16 states and eight countries," said Ranson, who rode in armed convoys in Afghanistan and flew aboard a Chinook helicopter over the area numerous times early in his career.

As a civilian, he worked for several entities, including the Wyoming Game and Fish's public affairs section, the *Wells Progress*, the *Elko Daily Free Press*, and the *Lahontan Valley News*, where he served as editor from 2008-2017. Ranson has received 150 newspaper awards, and although he officially retired in 2017, he continues to write for the *LVN* and is a member of the International Society of Weekly News Editors. "I am so honored to be inducted today into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame," said Ranson, who has been news writing for 44 years.

Ranson expressed his sincere appreciation to the many journalists and news professionals who helped him throughout his career, as well as thanking those closer to home, stating, "Thanks to my family for understanding those missed dinners and holidays, and to



2024 Press Awards, left to right Victoria Crystal, Sylvia Nash, Rachel Dahl, Robert Perea, and Leanna Lehman. Photo by Sara Dowling.

Charlotte, my love, for all her support."

Ranson earned first place for Entertainment Spot News Story for "The Case of the Missing Artwork." Additionally, he placed second for his local news column, earned second place for Sports News Spot Story, first for Sports Photo for his coverage of the state swim meet, and third for Sports Feature Photo.

Thomas Ranson, son of Steve and top-notch sportswriter and photographer in his own right, also with the *LVN*, earned first place in Rural Sports Feature Writing for his "McCormick Brothers Return Home, Get Big Win," and first place in the Rural News Spot Story category for "Greenwave Hall of

Fame Inducts 13 into 6th Class."

The *LVN* was not the only Fallon newspaper that racked up a host of awards in the rural newspaper category. *The Fallon Post* team made an excellent showing, earning a total of 13 awards including Special Section second place for the "2023 Fallon Post Graduation Edition" and "Fallon Magazine: Artisans Edition," and Special Project third place for the "2023 Graduation Edition."

Publisher Rachel Dahl ranked first place in the Email Newsletter category for her "Captain's Log," which included "The Messengers," "We Won a Major Award," and "Sunrise, Sunset." She also earned second place for Headline Writing, which included

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## Fallon Ford Helps "Voice of Greenwave" Hit the Road in Style



"Voice of the Greenwave" van. Photo courtesy of Fallon Ford.

Staff Report

Larry Barker, the voice behind the "Voice of the Greenwave," has been broadcasting sports for the Churchill County High School teams since 1988. Rain or shine, and with relentless dedication, the voice of the Fallon Greenwave has hauled his own equipment up and down countless bleachers to bring live, play-by-play action to the community.

On September 6, Fallon Ford, known for its many generous contributions to area organizations, donated a Ford van to bring "Voice of the Greenwave" sports action from Northern Nevada to the community through the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Be sure and keep an eye out for Fallon's first sports mobile, which broadcasts on KKTU.

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain's Log

## Where the Magic Happens

By Rachel Dahl

The kittens and I are finishing up stories and listening to the rain. I finally had to shut the window – the rain-soaked rabbit brush smelled so dang good, but it just got a little too chilly for me. Fall is in the air; summer is waning.

Early morning kitten zoomies that normally take place outdoors got called on account of the rain, so Magic Mike and Hector had the zoomies indoors this morning. Another beautiful plant is down – crashed onto the floor, shattered terra cotta and dirt, roots, and Heartleaf Philodendron scattered at the foot of the bookcase where its friend, the Orange Prince Pathos, was sacrificed yesterday.

The little devils then graduated to the closet, where they proceeded to climb long dresses to the top shelf, snagging silk and chiffon fabric hem-to-collar of several formerly pretty outfits.

With a tip of the hat to Stu's guest column this week, "Talk Like a Pirate," it was feeling fairly mutinous around here, but now they've settled down for naps, tucked between the laptop and the wall behind my desk, purring away their soothing song as I steadily type away.

Few things in life are better than a kitten purring.

Rain in the rabbit brush and roosters are crowing as the sun peaks over the Stillwater. Peaceful, perfect mornings at the Boyer Bunny Ranch before the chaos of press day starts and my paying job begins.

It's a cool thing to run the gamut nearly every day between this sort of solitude and serenity of Nevada desert mornings to the excitement of local newspapering to the



oddties of federal service that come with working across the state in our rural communities for the USDA. Sometimes, I feel a little schizophrenic swapping hats throughout the day, one minute pulling together the strangest of bedfellows to build a water tank so a community can grow and the next covering a story about a school district struggling to educate its kids. Then, the day ends with grooming bunnies, getting a saddle on a green horse, or planting grass seed.

"My life is rich and full," a good friend used to chant when things got a little Western. She was my first boss and would tell me, "Rachel, if you can't get your work done in 24 hours a day, you're going to have to start working nights." Apparently, I've always been like this.

So, while we enjoy every little part of life we can (as Lorretta Guazzini instructed), we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel

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Steve and Thomas Ranson. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

titles: "Art Heist at Home," "Smoking Success, Mamma's Meat Co Firing Up Maine Street," and "A Dream Ten Years in the Making Comes True."

Leanna Lehman earned six awards, including four first-place writing awards for her Investigative Story, "Nevada - There's a New Sheriff in Town and You Need to Take a Look" series, Feature Writing for "Eureka Airport to Participate in NASA Spacecraft Reentry," Business Feature Story "Fifty Bucks and Hotel in Mexico- How Skiver Bootmakers Reintroduced Art to the American Cowboy Boot," and Arts and Culture Commentary, for "Carving a Path to Healing: One Woman's Transformative Artistic Journey."

Lehman additionally earned a second-place ranking for "Taking Stock in Fallon's Western Heritage" for her coverage of Battle Born Broncs and de Goyler's rough stock rodeos. She ranked first place in Headline Writing, which included titles: "Art and Soul Sisters,"

"Parsons Makes the Grade," and "Fifty Bucks and Hotel in Mexico."

Also taking their place among awards winners was *Fallon Post* court reporter Teresa Moon, who earned third place in Police/Criminal Justice Reporting for "Martyn Sentenced to Prison for Attempted Sexual Assault, Maintains His Innocence." Robert Perea earned second place in Breaking News Reporting for his four-story series covering the murder of Naomi Iron and the subsequent arrest and suicide of Troy Driver.

*The Fallon Post* would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for our staff, all our contributors, and the many volunteers help us publish our paper, "One more week." While awards are a most welcome boon after a year of hard work, newspapers like ours and the *LVN* are in the business of keeping our tight-knit community informed and could not exist without our readers. Thank you for your ongoing support of local news reporting.

FEATURE

# 23 Years Later: *Fallon's Tribute to 9/11 Victims and Heroes*



Keynote Speaker Capt. Andrew Mariner. Photo by Victoria Crystal.



NASF personnel, along with Fallon Police officers, and Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox during Mayor Tedford's opening remarks.



Mason Valley Fire Protection Bagpipers.



Churchill County Search and Rescue.

Story and photos by Leanna Lehman

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, marked the 23rd anniversary of 9/11, the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Each year, Mayor Ken Tedford and the City of Fallon host a ceremony of remembrance for the thousands of Americans who lost their lives that day and pay tribute to the heroism and sacrifices that followed.

Several local first responders, including Fallon Police Department, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, and others were in attendance and recognized for their ongoing service to the community. Officers from Naval Air Station Fallon, including Commanding Officer Capt. Shane Tanner and keynote speaker Capt. Andrew Mariner and other base personnel were also present. They were thanked for their service and joined in honoring the lives lost on 9/11, as well as the many men and women who fought in the Global War on Terror that followed.

NAS Fallon Chaplain Reiner Harper offered the opening invocation followed by the Churchill County High School ROTC's presentation of the colors and the national anthem, sung by the CCHS choir. Churchill County District Attorney Art Mallory led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Milinda Lira delivered a powerfully moving rendition of the National Anthem.

Mayor Tedford introduced the event's keynote speaker, Capt. Andrew Mariner, or "Grand" as he is otherwise known, and denoted his impressive military career. Mariner's first duty station was NAS Lemoore, where he began training with the FA-18 Super Hornet. He went on to complete two combat deployments aboard the USS Nimitz and USS Ronald Reagan.

"Throughout his career, Captain Mariner has served on the USS Nimitz, USS Ronald

Reagan, the USS George Washington, the USS John Stennis, the USS Dwight D Eisenhower, and the USS Theodore Roosevelt," said Tedford, "In addition to his deployments, Captain Mariner's a graduate of the Naval War College... He's received an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies. Capt. Mariner is an aviator's aviator."

Honored to be invited to speak, Mariner reflected on his experiences during the attacks and the profound impact on his life and career. "I was able to piece together the memories of where I was on that early fall morning in 2001," recalled Mariner. "In a time before instant data at your fingertips... it was surprising to me, at least, how fast the news of that day spread."

He recounted being a young ensign preparing for his first solo flight when the news broke. "That fateful day was supposed to be the day that I would solo for the first time," he said, recalling the shock and chaos that ensued. "I vividly remember being on the phone with a good friend who lived in D.C. at the exact moment the first tower fell, and we were both so incredulous that neither of us could really say anything... All we could say was, 'It came down.' Everything in the world was turned upside down in a few hours on a seemingly normal weekday morning... We were under attack."

While 9/11 was catastrophic, America's response was swift and resolute. "In the long run, after the chaos and disorder subsided," Mariner said, "it would prove to galvanize our country and our military in ways most of us hadn't seen in our lifetime."

Confident in the strength of the U.S. military and the American people, Mariner urged the audience to remain vigilant. "I know I will never forget the events that defined a



Mayor Tedford with NASF officers.

generation, and the memories of the lives lost and sacrifices made will forever provide inspiration for me in my military career and beyond," he said. "I say never forget."

After Mayor Tedford read the Chronology of Terror recalling the events of 9/11, NASF Chief Officer Electees, performed the Old Glory Flag Ceremony, which was narrated by Chief Petty Officer Daniel Huntly. American Legion Post 16 performed the Three Volley Salute, followed by Taps, after which Fallon City Council members Karla Kent and Paul Harmon offered the Placement of Roses. Mason Valley Fire Protection's bagpipers, providing special music for the event, performed "Amazing Grace."

Parkside Pastor Brennen Behimer gave the benediction, followed by Mayor Tedford and Capt. Mariner's Placement of Roses at the 9/11 Memorial, which includes a brick from the Twin Towers collapse, offered by New York City in appreciation of Fallon's contribution to post-9/11 efforts. The Placement of Rose continued by first responders, military personnel, veterans, and the community.



Officers salute during Presentation of the Colors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Duane and Andrea Carnahan Wedding Celebration

By Nancy Chapman

On August 10, 2024, Duane Carnahan Jr. and Andrea Carnahan reaffirmed their wedding vows. The couple was originally wed in a private ceremony on January 8, 2024. This date has extreme importance for Duane, the date was his late father's birthday.

Their reaffirming ceremony was held at the Grid Market Place and Brewery decorated beautifully with sunflowers and lilies. Standing at the end of the aisle was a handmade arch made specifically for the ceremony, and handsomely decorated also with sunflowers and lilies. The room's decorations matched the bride, bridesmaids, and mother of the bride bouquets.

Their guest book was metal and artfully constructed by Bill Masterpool, heated and bent into the shape of two hanging hearts with a solid metal plate in the center so that it could be signed by all their guests. Later the hearts can be hung on a wall at their home. The metal used was salvaged from items that had memories for Duane.

Andrea was escorted down the aisle to her waiting husband by her eldest brother, Jeremy Judd. The bride's maid of honor and bridesmaids



L-R: Chad Coverston, Shaun Benninghove, Patrick Carnahan, Duane Carnahan, Andrea Carnahan, Jolene Coverston, Briget Mariezcurrena, Kari Maffi. Photo by Crystal Kontny Photography.

all wore full length, off the shoulder, matching white dresses. Andrea's dress a full-length beautiful charcoal gray. Since Duane and Andrea had been married earlier in the year, they decided to have a "backwards" wedding. She in a gray dress and her wedding party in white dresses, rather than the traditional bride in white. The men all wore gray shorts and matching floral shirts.

Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan said their vows, officiated by Paul Kluever and witnessed by their many family and friends. Standing with Duane, his younger brother Patrick, served as his best man. Andrea chose to have her best friend, Jolene Coverston, as her bridesmaid. Their

floral arrangements were provided by Stargazing Blossoms and Custom Gifts Florists.

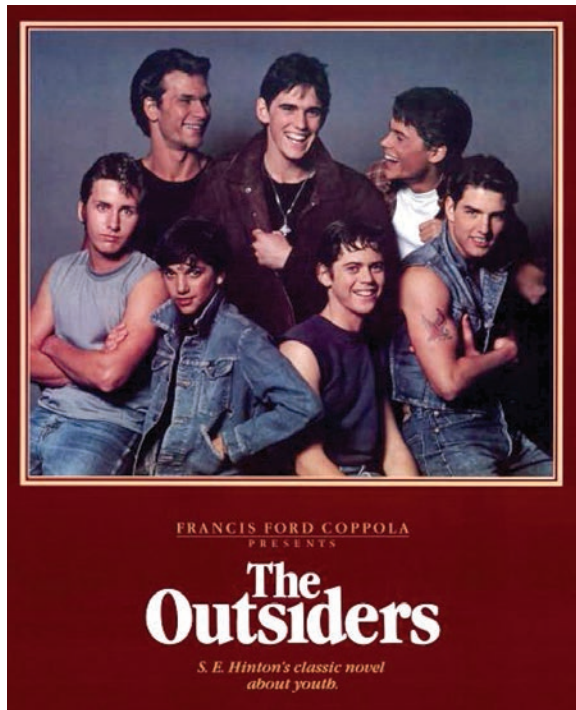
The couple chose a light lunch for their wedding guests, catered by The Market Place and Brewery. Their cake was artfully decorated in sunflowers to also match the rest of the room and flower arrangements. The cake was beautifully made and arranged by Cavanaugh Confections.

Andrea and Duane will continue to make Fallon their home.

## Movies & More Fall Flicks

By Kelli Perez

Cooler weather is showing up and the hints of Fall are all around, which means we're thinking about Halloween and therefore the Maine Street Spooktacular which will be held on Thursday, October 31 from 4-6 p.m. and we're still looking for more sponsors, so please spread the word.



Kicking off this weekend's schedule, we have "Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie" playing at 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Two overly imaginative pranksters hypnotize their grumpy principal into thinking he's a ridiculously enthusiastic, incredibly dimwitted, underwear-themed superhero. This film is rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 29 minutes.

Playing at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday we have the classic 1983 teen drama, "The Outsiders." In a small Oklahoma town in 1964, the rivalry between two gangs, the poor Greasers and the rich Socs, heats up when one gang member accidentally kills a member of the other. This movie is rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 31 minutes.

Coming up soon is our 2024 Show 'N' Shine on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maine Street will be closed for walking traffic only as we once again host this fantastic display of great looking vehicles. You can find our full movie and event schedules for both September and October on Facebook, Instagram, or our website, [www.fallontheatre.com](http://www.fallontheatre.com).

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OBITUARIES



**MARIA GUERRERO**  
1949 - 2024

Maria Guerrero, 75, of Lovelock, Nevada, passed away on Sept. 7, 2024, at her home of natural causes. She was born in Zapotitlán, Mexico, to Jose and Graciela Aries.

She moved to Lovelock in 1964, where she quickly became a pillar of the community, raising a family, being an active member at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and opening and operating La Casita restaurant (1991-2014).

Cooking was a major passion in her life and an expression of love, not only for her family but also for all the people who walked through her door looking for a warm meal. In her free time, she enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, and sharing funny stories.

She is survived by her beloved husband Jorge, three children, Marco, Jorge, and Liza, and five grandchildren, Marco, Madison, Hailey, Howard, and Rylie.

A rosary service was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Friday, September 13, at 5 p.m. in Lovelock, Nevada. A funeral mass was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m., followed by a burial service at Lone Mt. Cemetery, with a reception at Meisokothan Hall.

**JOYCE KOEPKE**  
1944 - 2024

Joyce was born August 25, 1944, to Norbert and Jean Pankau in St. Joseph, MO. The family moved to Tucson, AZ when Joyce was eight years old. There, she went to Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's Academy, and Flowing Wells High School, where she graduated. Joyce married and moved to Fernley, NV and had two daughters, Carolee & Oreana. In 1969 she moved to Fallon, NV and made it her home.

Joyce had several different and interesting jobs. While in high school she was a carhop, then after moving to Nevada she learned to write Keno at North Shore Lake Tahoe. Her last Keno position was at the Pinetop Casino in Arizona. In the meantime, she found her true calling. Joyce loved Aussie dogs and horses and began working for Gallagher Livestock for many years until it was sold. She was an avid barrel racer and won four saddles after the age of 60.

In 1984 Joyce went to work for New Frontier Treatment Center and at the age of 40 she went back to school and earned her associates degree and became a licensed substance abuse counselor. Joyce was instrumental in the creation of Step 2 Transition House for women in recovery in Reno, NV. She commented that Step 2 had been her favorite job in the substance abuse field.

Joyce married Doug Koepke on October 19, 1994, and continued to reside in Fallon, NV. They shared many wonderful years and adventures together.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, John H. Greenwood Jr. She had six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She leaves behind husband Doug Koepke, a sister, Barbara Allenza, daughters Carolee Mobry and Oreana Henry and stepdaughter Cynthia Koepke Kelly.

Joyce had a positive and profound effect on countless people and always tried to be fair and never unkind. She left behind a legacy of service to others and passed that down to her children and grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at New Beginnings Community Church, 1191 E. Stillwater Avenue, Fallon, Nevada on Saturday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.



Beloved K-9 Bear Laid to Rest



Staff Report

Last week, on September 10, the Churchill County Sheriff's Office lost one of its most cherished officers, K-9 Bear. The following day, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, ambulances, and area first responders took part in a motorcade funeral procession to lay Bear to rest.

According to Sheriff Richard Hickox, a few weeks prior, officers noted that Bear was acting lethargic and not his usual energetic self. Bear received excellent treatment from local and Reno area veterinarians who determined that he had an autoimmune disease along with a large tumor.

Bear served with Churchill County Sheriff's Office as a partner to Deputy Noel Ugalde. "He was an outstanding narcotics detection K-9," said Hickox, "He loved to work and

interact with people as he was a very loving dog. He will be greatly missed."

Hickox reported that citizens stepped out of their cars and saluted as the procession passed. "We had other citizens step out of their businesses, stop what they were doing, and salute or hold their hands over their hearts," said Hickox. "I am sure there were other gestures of support and love that I did not get to see but others in the procession did and for all of these I say thank you!"

Hickox shared his sincere appreciation for the outpouring of respect, stating, "Your support, love and kindness today meant the world to us as we took Bear to his final resting place."

"RIP Bear and thank you for all your hard work, dedicated service to this community and love that you shared," said the sheriff on behalf of the department.

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Thursday, Sept. 26

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Monday, Sept. 30

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Thursday, Oct. 3

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COMMUNITY

# Arrr! Thursday is Talk Like a Pirate Day



Fallon's favorite pirate and fire prevention contributor, Stuart Cook.

By Stuart Cook

Ahoy Mateys! It be "International Talk Like a Pirate Day," September 19. If you were to tell someone that it was "Speak Like a Pirate Day" they would most likely say "Arrr". Robert Louis Stevenson wrote the pirate book *Treasure Island* in 1881 and the first time we know of "Arrr" being used was 1950 in the movie *Treasure Island*. The actor was Robert Newton – he thought it made him sound menacing and fierce.

I have always been interested in pirates. Living at the Jersey shore as young boy, I camped on an island called *Treasure Island* and of course we searched for treasure. We never found treasure but did find quite a few sharks teeth. Reading the book *Treasure Island* in my youth led me to become Pirateologist. When I got out of the U.S. Navy I started my federal firefighting career at Naval Station, *Treasure Island*. We dressed like pirates for events like chili cook-offs and I have a vast library and many movies on pirates and shipwrecks.

Some years ago the family was working on our ancestry when they asked me if I heard of Captain John Cook. Please don't confuse him with James Cook the British explorer. I knew some history about him, but never connected him to my family.

John Cook started his pirate career in 1682. He got the crew of a French ship to mutiny, and he became the captain of the ship *Revenge*. He died in 1684, and is buried at Cabo Blanco, Costa Rica. So, I really have pirate blood in my veins, and this explains my fascination.

I've been very lucky this past year to go out on the dive boat *Dare* to the shipwreck of the Spanish treasure galleon *Nuestra Senora De Atocha* that sank in a hurricane in 1622 off the coast Key West, Florida. A gentleman by the name of Mel Fisher dedicated his life to finding the King of Spain's treasure ship. After looking for 15 years he found the front half of the ship and now the search goes on for the stern section, the back half for you landlubbers.

*To help you sound like a pirate for the occasion, here arrr words that you can add to your vocabulary:*

- Jolly Roger:** a pirate flag that can be plain red or black and sometimes have skulls, bones, and swords on them
- Matey:** friend and is short for shipmate
- Maroon:** to intentionally abandon someone
- Mutiny:** Revolt against someone "Captain" with the purpose of taking over the "ship"
- Scurvy:** deadly illness caused by lack of vitamin C
- Motley Crew:** described the multi-colored outfits pirates wore
- Chow:** chow down, to eat
- Starboard:** right

- Port:** left
- Bow:** front of the ship
- Deck:** floor
- Avast:** stop or give attention
- Ahoy:** hello
- Aye:** yes
- Booty:** treasure
- Bulkhead:** wall
- Landlubber:** person unfamiliar with the sea or sailing
- Midships:** middle of the ship



CCHS Intern Derek Lattin.

## CCHS Student Intern Highlight

Story and photo by Sue Segura

This week's intern is Derek Lattin who started working last spring for Oasis Online.

"They are amazing to work with," Lattin said. "They explain everything in detail to me and I know exactly what to do."

He is currently working six hours per week through the school year managing the Chromebooks for the school district. Lattin has learned nearly every major component of the Chromebooks and is able to fix all Chromebooks sent his way.

Lattin is a member of the class of 2026 and plans on majoring in Software Engineering. He has yet to declare the college of his choice.

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PARK INTERPRETER I,  
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"Mormon Station and the Establishment of Nevada's First Commerce".  
A short lecture on the history of John Reese, the founder of Mormon Station, in the context of Nevada's earliest commercial endeavors.



September 24th, 6:00 p.m.

**JEANETTE HAYHURST,**  
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ETI CORRAL 14, WESTERN WAGONS  
"Emigrant Trail Wagon Drive - 2024".  
How modern-day "pioneers" travel the Emigrant Trail in covered wagons.



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BUSINESS

# Wellness Summit Offers Tools for Mental and Spiritual Growth

By Christy Lattin

If you've ever been curious about alternative healing methods, the upcoming Wellness Summit on Sept. 29 will offer a glimpse into several different practices. The Sound Vibing Soul Sisters created the free summit and invited five speakers to talk about maintaining your physical and mental wellness through all seasons of the year, especially as the busy holiday season approaches.

The event is hosted by Julie Jadofsky-Lynch, a local licensed massage therapist and owner of Zen 4 Wellness. She specializes in aromatherapy, healing sounds and frequencies. Her co-host is Rhonda Doyle who is also a sound practitioner, a Reiki master, and life coach. Jadofsky-Lynch and Doyle jointly own the Sound Vibing Souls Sisters enterprise that offers monthly sound journeys (or sound baths) with singing bowls and tuning forks.

**THE LINEUP OF SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

- Jessica Homer, a licensed clinical social worker and owner of Apricity Counseling Services in Fallon. She had worked in the mental health field in Northern Nevada for several years and has served as a therapist, and drug and alcohol counselor.
- Laura Engleman, a Reiki master. Reiki is a form of energy healing, originating in Japan, that transfers energy from the practitioner to the client.
- The Sound Vibing Soul Sisters – Julie and Rhonda – will speak about the healing benefits of sound, frequencies, and vibration. The “soul sisters” often host sound journey events in Fallon which feature instruments like tuning forks, singing bowls, and gongs.
- Julie Jadofsky-Lynch will talk about aromatherapy methods, acupressure points, and the therapeutic benefits of essential oils.
- Brandy Keenan will speak about breathwork, different breathing techniques said to help improve mental, emotional and physical health.



Rhonda Doyle, left, and Julie Jadofsky-Lynch, founders of the Sound Vibing Soul Sisters, are presenting a free Wellness Summit on Sept. 29 at Zen 4 Wellness in Fallon. Photo by Christy Lattin.

Each speaker is given about 35 minutes to speak, with short breaks between if a participant needs to leave early. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

“There are different modalities to use on your journey to healing. People need to know about them,” Jadofsky-Lynch said. “Even if they only take one modality away to use, it’s worth it. Take control of your own journey.”

The wellness summit is being offered free because the Sound Vibing Soul Sisters want to offer this knowledge to the community without any barriers. Doyle simply explained, “I just want people to feel better. We want them to be open to finding different ways to alleviate their pain and improve their wellbeing.”

Registration for the free event can be found at [www.soundvibingsoulsisters.com](http://www.soundvibingsoulsisters.com). Prior registration is not required, and guests will be welcome the day of the event.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 12-4 p.m.  
Hosted by Zen 4 Wellness  
1676 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, NV  
corner unit of Frontier Village

## Economic Issues for Farmers and Ranchers a Serious Concern

Commentary – Nevada Farm Bureau

“The drop in net farm income is not just an economic hiccup, it’s evidence of an agricultural downturn.” American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) President Zippy Duvall said in response to the September 5 announcement by USDA’s Economic Research Service that since 2022, America’s net farm income is estimated to decline by 23 percent this year.

“High inflation, severe weather and plummeting crop prices should serve as a wake-up call for Congress to finally step up and do the right thing by modernizing the farm bill.” Duvall continued adding, “We’ve lost 141,000 farms in five years -- is Congress going to wait to act until we lose another 150,000 or 300,000? It has been two years of kicking the can down the road when it comes to the farm bill, and there is no road left for some farmers in light of the current economic realities and antiquated safety net programs.”

Along with the effort that Farm Bureau has been working with other agricultural and groups interested in the food assistance programs that the Farm Bill provides, AFBF Economist Daniel Munch has prepared a Market Intel report which details the estimate of our country losing nearly a quarter of the net farm income over the past two years.

Some segments of our nation’s agriculture, like the livestock industry have made some improvement. Others, like crop farmers, have lost even more, keeping the net loss at about one-fourth of farmers and ranchers income.

The costs for labor, interest, and taxes, along with reduced government support, continue to present significant challenges for U.S. farmers, who remain financially vulnerable as they head into another difficult year.

In Nevada, a training session is being offered this month “Ranching For Revenue.” This session is planned for Sept. 26 in Elko. For more information, contact Adrienne Snow, Extension outreach specialist at [adriennes@unr.edu](mailto:adriennes@unr.edu) or by calling 775-247-6458. The link to sign up is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ranching-for-revenue-tickets-1007218516697?aff=oddtcreator>



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## CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

## Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, September 10 - Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Craig Thomas Smith pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance with a Prior Felony Conviction for DUI, which is punishable by 2-15 years in a Nevada State Prison and a fine of \$2,000-\$5,000. This charge carries a mandatory prison term. Smith had a blood-alcohol level (BAL) of .165, over twice the legal limit of .08. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for November 12.

Lester Leigh Johnson pleaded guilty to Category D Felony DUI, a third or a subsequent offense with a potential penalty of 1-6 years and a fine of \$2,000-\$5,000. This charge carries a mandatory prison term unless Johnson qualifies for and is allowed to attend the three-year DUI Diversion program. Johnson had a blood-alcohol level of .169. Judge Stockard ordered a PSI and set sentencing for November 12.

Hubert Craig Allen, in custody, admitted to the Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of Absconding. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas asked that probation be revoked and Allen's underlying sentence imposed. "Being placed on probation is a privilege; in this case, the defendant had been absconding for 85 days at the time he was brought back into custody," said Thomas. Additionally, a Domestic Battery relates to this Possession case, which presents a concern for community safety. Thomas recommended imposing Allen's underlying sentence of 12-32 months.

CCPD Wright Noel said when he first met Allen, he was homeless, living in the desert, rode his bike into town for testing and court, and took advantage of all the Social Services programs provided. Eventually, Allen obtained employment, secured housing, and did well on probation. "Mr. Allen has some challenges in his life. But the special thing about Mr. Allen is he has worked exceptionally hard to comply with things that he's been asked to do. While on probation, he messed up a little, and he didn't check in," said Noel, who reported that Allen had lost his housing and jobs since being taken into custody. He plans to work with Social Services and regain employment and housing. Noel asked for probation reinstatement.

Allen told the Judge, "I just want to do the right thing." He explained he had an urn with his children's ashes that went missing from his home; when his friends found it, it was smashed to pieces, and the ashes gone. "That is what was my get-through day to day." Allen is hopeful that both Walmart and Safeway will hold spots for him.

Judge Stockard reinstated Allen on probation under all his previous conditions, with credit given for time served.

Sara Michelle Jones appeared for a disposition on a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of Absconding, to which she admitted in June. Court Services Director Brenda Ingram told the court that Jones tested positive for amphetamine and methadone on July 23, 2024. "More notably to her was the positive result for fentanyl" and for metabolized fentanyl, said Ingram.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker asked for revocation of Jones's probation, citing Jones's underlying offense from 2021 in which she entered someone's home to



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

clean and took a credit card and checkbook. Baker said Jones received a suspended sentence; however, five days into her probation, she tested positive test for drugs. "Since then, she has had 30 positive tests and 15 missed tests." Jones was "given chance after chance," attending two residential treatment programs. "A year later, after being given all those chances... she absconded," said Baker, who asked that Jones be held responsible for her actions and that the court impose her underlying sentences of two 19-48 month prison terms.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel asked for Jones's probation to be reinstated, telling the court, "While Ms. Baker is correct that Ms. Jones performance with Parole & Probation has been severely lacking, it's not that there hasn't been any progress."

Noel read a letter from Margaret Dickson, who runs a medication-assisted treatment program in Washoe County. Dickson wrote that it is vital that the court knows how much Jones has done in her recovery work. "Sending her to prison would be detrimental to her progress, her pregnancy, her daughter, and her family unit."

Noel agreed, concluding that even though his client knows she did not check in as she should have, good things are going on in her life; she started her own business and is working hard to ensure her family stays together.

Jones told Judge Stockard, "I do not use fentanyl," explaining her lock box containing her methadone was stolen, so she went to the ER, where they were only able to treat the withdrawal symptoms, not to give her methadone. "In fear of not knowing what to do, feeling like I didn't have any options, and scared that I could lose the baby, I did take fentanyl. It was a one-time thing." Jones said she did not do what she could have on probation, but to say she did nothing is inaccurate. Jones asked to prove herself on probation.

Judge Stockard, after serious consideration, reinstated Jones's probation and is allowing her to continue methadone treatment. He directed P&P to immediately violate Jones if there is any use of fentanyl.

Kevin Franklin Russo appeared for sentencing on three charges. I) Category D Felony of Obtaining Money, Rent, or Labor by False Pretenses; II) Category C Felony of Willful or Intentional Failure to Return a Leased or Rented Vehicle to the Owner; and III) Attempt to Commit Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. The first two charges are felonies, with the third being a "wobbler," which the judge can sentence as a Gross Misdemeanor or a felony.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer, representing Russo on the felony charges, stated that his client has had time to reflect and work on self-improvement. Russo is employed, has taken responsibility

for his actions, and has been diligent in managing his affairs. Sommer presented a letter from Russo's employer, highlighting him as an exceptional employee who has advanced quickly. "This is the kind of behavior for a person who has begun to make a permanent reformation of his prior problems and habits," Sommer said, noting Russo's recovery from substance abuse. Russo is clean, attending Drug Court, has completed the New Frontier Inpatient Treatment Program, and is now in Battle Born Counseling. He is also paying his restitution. "Frankly, he has changed," Sommer added, requesting probation with concurrent sentences, believing it would offer a message of accountability and the opportunity for continued progress.

CCPD Wright Noel, representing Russo in the grand larceny case, argued that his client had taken responsibility for his actions, made significant changes, and worked to make amends. "Mr. Russo has demonstrated he is an excellent candidate for probation," Noel said, requesting probation and for Russo's sentence to run concurrently with Mr. Sommer's cases. Russo apologized to the victims and expressed gratitude to Judge Stockard for the opportunities given to him, stating that probation has been challenging but has opened his eyes.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford informed the court that \$3,715 in restitution had been paid. She stated, detailing his offenses, "In the Fall of 2023 it could be characterized that this defendant went through a crime spree." Russo, known for being convincing and meticulous, gained the trust of many people despite struggling with addiction, according to Sanford. In one case, he posed as a business partner at Valley Rental and took \$2,000 from a victim for a tool he never delivered. Russo also rented a bobcat excavator, kept it, and tried to sell it in Reno. In a third instance, he borrowed a trailer with hay and never returned it. When the trailer was found, the hay was gone.

Additionally, Sanford said that Russo has prior convictions for two other felonies. "When he is using drugs, he is competent enough to gain the trust of individuals and then exploit it." Sanford did not oppose probation but asked for maximum terms to ensure his recovery is sound and permanent.

Russo received probation on consecutive sentences of 19-48 months for obtaining money under false pretenses and 24-60 for failure to return the vehicle. Judge Stockard sentenced the attempted grand larceny as a felony, with Russo receiving probation on a suspended 19-48 month term. He must enter and complete the drug court and may have no contact with the victims.

**CONTINUANCES:**

Duane Edward Walsh's sentencing continued until October 1.

## Fallon Man Faces Two-Years-to-Life in Prison



Gage Elizarraraz. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

By Teresa Moon

Gage Thomas Elizarraraz, in custody, appeared in the Tenth Judicial Court before Judge Thomas Stockard on Tuesday, September 10. Elizarraraz pleaded guilty to Category A Felony Incest, which carries a potential penalty of two years to life with the possibility of parole in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The charge also requires registering as a sex offender for lifetime supervision.

Judge Stockard addressed Charles Woodman, defense council for Elizarraraz, and his concerns regarding Elizarraraz's appreciation and understanding of the plea agreement. Woodman told the court he read every sentence of the plea to his client, who

seemed to be very dialed in and appreciated what every paragraph stated. "I didn't have any concerns about his comprehension as we went through it," said Woodman.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker read the statutory definition of Incest, which refers to a relationship involving close family members, such as siblings or parents and children, where sexual activity or marriage occurs. Nevada law prohibited these relationships due to the close blood relation.

The criminal complaint alleges that from March 1 through December 31, 2022, Elizarraraz engaged in acts that were constituted as incestuous.

Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation and set sentencing for January 7 to allow time for a Psychosexual Assessment to be conducted.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Public Schools Struggle to Make the Grade
Nevada Report Card Released This Week

By Rachel Dahl

Nevada Department of Education has announced the performance results from the 2023-24 school year, including scores that measure English Language Arts and Math proficiency.

Churchill Elementary students did increase ELA proficiency from 32.7% to 33.3% of the students proficient, however, Middle Schoolers dropped from 30.9% proficient to 25.9%, and the High School students decreased from 48.8% to 37.6% proficient in ELA.

Again, elementary math students showed a slight gain from 27.7% proficient to 28.5%, with middle school students dropping from 15.6% to only 11.8% proficient in math.

Derild Parsons, Superintendent of Churchill County School District, says the district takes accountability seriously and strives to increase student performance.

Oasis Academy, which falls under the State Public Charter School Authority, came in with 59% of their elementary students proficient in ELA, 63% of the middle school students, and 68% of the high school students proficient.

In February, Gov. Joe Lombardo and the Nevada Department of Education announced the allocation of \$6 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds for Nevada's Read by Grade 3 program.

Churchill County School District serves 3,283 students in seven schools with 185 teachers. The Graduation Rate is 84.16%, and there is a 31.1% Chronic Absenteeism Rate.

"Within the data, we should also acknowledge the 4-year cohort graduation rate of 84.2% is a 4.4% increase from the previous school year," Parsons said.



Oasis Academy serves 770 students with a 24:1 student-teacher ratio and has a greater than 95% Graduation Rate with a 15% Chronic Absenteeism Rate.

Statewide, the chronic absenteeism rate was 25.9 percent last school year - an improvement compared with 34.9 percent the previous year.

District School Ratings show Numa Elementary at One Star, the Middle School at One Star, and the High School at Two Stars, scoring

26.8, 17, and 42.5 total index scores, respectively. Neither E.C. Best nor Lahontan Elementary were ranked.

Oasis Academy Elementary students ranked at Four Stars with a 68 total index score, the middle school students earned Five Stars with a 95 Index Score, and Oasis High School earned Five Stars with an 89.4 index score.

Schools receive points based on student performance across various Indicators and Measures, including Academic Achievement, English Language Proficiency, Student Engagement, Growth Indicators, Graduation Rates, and College and Career Readiness.

The Nevada Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan describes the entrance and exit criteria for the three federal school-level designations for improvement: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI).

ATSI schools have one or more student groups that meet the criteria for determining the bottom fifth percentile CSI designation.

- A total of 47 of the current CSI schools were identified as MRI in 2024.

Churchill County Middle School was identified as an ATSI school in 2023 with a one-star rating and an index score of 17.

TSI schools do not meet the criteria for CSI or ATSI but have one or more consistently underperforming student groups.

- A total of 51 new schools were identified as ATSI in 2024: 36 elementary schools and 15 middle schools.

Numa Elementary was identified as meeting the TSI criteria and ranked One Star with an index score of 26.8.

"The Accountability Report may look dismal, but I am confident that we have many good things going in Churchill County and these scores will improve. I also know that future accountability measures reflecting a wider aspect of what we do in our schools will paint a more accurate depiction of who the district is and what we do," Parsons said.

2022-2023 CHURCHILL AT A GLANCE



2023-2024 CHURCHILL AT A GLANCE



Churchill County School District proficiency rates.

County Renovations Require Temporary Department Moves

By Anne McMillin

As demolition plans progress and the old jail is removed from the District Court building, two Churchill County departments have temporarily relocated while the work is done.

The 10th District Court is now located on the first floor of the Justice Court building at 71 North Maine Street (the white 1903 building with the columns out front), at the corner of Williams Ave.

The Court Services department has temporarily moved to 151 N. Maine Street, filling the extra space in the Public Defender's office. Court Services' phone number is (775) 423-4222.

Churchill County would like to thank the community for understanding as the county works to better serve its citizens.



The old jail is being removed from the ground floor of the District Court building, forcing two county departments to relocate while work is done. Photo by Anne McMillin.

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## EDUCATION

## CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.

## CCHS

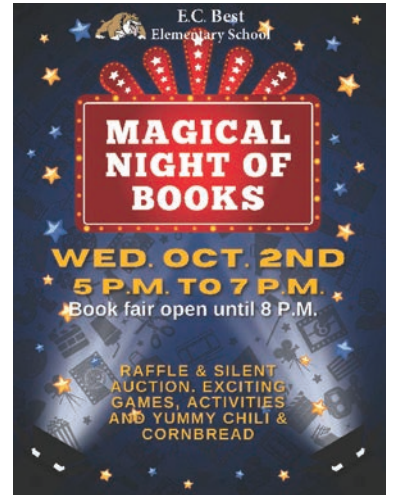
Staff members are doing their part in “Changing the Narrative on Suicide” by proudly wearing suicide awareness pins in honor of Suicide Prevention Month to show their support and raise awareness about mental health. Teacher Stephanie Kille-Reese made the pins available to staff in the office. We can make a difference in our community by starting conversations and offering support working together. Let’s continue to support each other and break the stigma surrounding mental health.



Safe School Professional Jim Dahl shows off Suicide Prevention Month pin.

## E.C. Best

Wednesday, October 2 from 5-7 P.M., EC Best Elementary School is hosting what they call a magical night of books. This event raises money for literacy materials for classrooms, library books, and funds for future student events. This will be ECB’s third annual Chili Cook-off. Families will compete for a prize of up to \$50. There will be a silent auction with themed baskets for sports, spa treatments, game nights, camping, and more. “Family engagement is vital to the literacy development of our second and third graders. The school team along with parent participation can lead the child into becoming a successful reader,” Literacy Specialist Linda Rasmussen said.



Azzie Perez and Cain Quiroz act out good friend scenarios.

## Lahontan

Students in Stacey Manning’s class participated in a social-emotional lesson on being a good friend. Ms. Manning read a story about how Tabby Cat helped Tom Cat when he had a problem. Then, as a group, students discussed what they could do to be good friends. “We had a community circle sharing what we can do to be a good friend. Then some of

our students...acted out scenarios of how to be good friends for the class. The kids were really excited to meet Tom Cat and Tabby Cat and also to act out how to be good friends,” Manning said.



Students in preparing materials for science experiments.

## CCMS

Students in Lilia Marquez’s Pep Club class made bracelets and keychains for staff members who have made them feel seen during the last few weeks of school. “I really want to encourage students to recognize and appreciate the efforts of those around them who positively impact them,” Marquez said. CCMS staff members were incredibly touched by the bracelets and keychains they received from students. “Many of them reached out to me and said they appreciated the students’ thoughtfulness and effort in making the bracelets and keychains. Some even expressed how much is meant to be recognized in such a personal way and how uplifting it was,” Marquez said.



Students in Lilia Marquez’s Pep Club class making bracelets.

## Numa

Students in Kendra Flowers’ class got to do a science experiment with their substitute teacher, Tracy McMIndes. The students used vinegar and baking soda to create and observe a chemical reaction, seeing an immediate chemical reaction that produced a fizzy gas. Students also got to use food coloring to see the reaction more clearly. “The students had a great time, and they all agreed that it was a pretty good reaction between the baking soda and the vinegar,” McMIndes said.

## Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

## MOTION AND ENERGY

Eighth grade science students were faced with the question: How is it possible to charge electrical devices when the power is out? To answer the question, students worked as energy engineers.



Angelita Montalvo and Kenslee Weissmer.

The students learned about transferring kinetic energy into electricity through a hands-on experiment and created a real-world example. This process, known as energy conversion, is fundamental to many power generation systems.

Specifically, each team of students’ goal was to engineer a system to capture the kinetic energy of rescue workers and transfer and convert the energy to power the worker’s flashlights, radios, and other critical equipment.

They created models and had to present their designs to their teacher. “Our mission was to get hands-free energy to the rescue workers,” Kenslee Wiessmer said.

The inventions required several steps which included a team meeting to develop a plan, a written sketch with labels, an energy transfer diagram, and a three-dimensional model prototype iteration.

“Our invention converted the person’s potential energy into kinetic energy with move-

ment. When the spring on the bottom of their shoe moves it transfers the kinetic energy from the movement of the spring along a wire to a generator. The generator then spins and that energy is transferred into a battery that will hold potential energy to be used on their radios and flashlights,” she said.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND 9/11 CEREMONY

Even though none of the students were born yet to experience the events of September 11, 2001, Oasis Academy seventh and eighth graders walked to and attend the City of Fallon’s annual September 11 Remembrance Ceremony.

The middle school team of teachers know the value in passing on the history of this pivotal moment in American history. They wanted to pass on the impact of that day and how it has shaped many things in their world today.

“It was very interesting to hear the stories of people that were involved in and lived through September 11. It was also inspiring to hear how the community’s response was to it,” said Nichols.

The day provided a life-long lesson for the students. “I like how Mayor Tedford said

how even though the attacks were brutal, we will never forget what happened that day,” said Nichols.

## FRESHMAN BIOLOGY CLASS COUNTS BACTERIA GROWTH

By Taylor Sowersby



Jackson Snow, Shayana McNamer, Gemma Lambson, Kylie Moya.

Last week freshmen in Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz’s biology classes swabbed their hands to count bacteria. The leading question in this investigation was, “What method of disinfecting hands is the most efficient - hand sanitizer or hand washing?”

After swabbing their uncleaned hands, the students were assigned to either wash their hands with soap or use hand sanitizing to clean their hands. Several different types of both hand sanitizer and soap were used.

“Honestly this lab was really fun and a really good team building experience for my table partners and me,” Lily Smith said.

The experiment served dual educational purposes. “Overall, the testing was really educational and helped the class better understand the scientific method and lab processes. I’m excited to see the bacteria growth after the incubation period,” she said.

Biology students will continue with labs through the year, but the germ lab is a stepping off point for the class.



Oasis students place flowers on 9/11 Memorial.

SPORTS



Abby Bird.



Grace Laca.

### Oasis Bighorn Volleyball

Story and photos by John Baker

The Oasis Academy Bighorns had a tough match against the North Tahoe Lakers Friday night, September 13. The Lakers came out hot and wound up winning the match in straight sets; 25-14, 25-10, & 25-17. The stand-out for the Bighorns were Junior Grace Laca with 5 kills, Sophomore Kiera McCoy had 3 kills to go along with her 3 aces, and Senior Kaylin Guthrie scored 2 aces.

### Bulls Rule the Day at Rafter 3-C Fallon Finale



Story and photos by John Baker

The High Desert Bucking Bull Association (HDBBA) returned to the Rafter 3C Events Complex on Saturday, September 14, to host the last event of the competition of the year, the Fallon Finale. Established in 2016, HDBBA seeks to foster growth within the bucking bull industry as a place for breeders to showcase their stock and open the door for opportunities in prestigious events, and they certainly succeed.

Futurity events kicked off the day, where 20 ranches showcased their bull stock across five events. Over 60 animals showed off their potential. While some looked promising, others showed they still needed a little work. Regardless of each animal's performance, everyone was supportive and enjoyed the athleticism that was on display.

The evening performance featured 12 ranches further demonstrating their animals' abilities with three divisions of bull riding. Ten riders put their skills to the test on the 25+ showcased animals. Some riders were able to show off their own talent, but for the most part, the bulls ruled the day.



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# Postcards



By Michon Mackedon

## Postcard from Betty to Michon

***In West Africa, oral historians called Griots memorize and carry forward the stories that travel across time, helping to define their people. For this project (“Postcards”), I see you all as Griots, keepers of the story, but I ask that you go one step further and send your story on to me at [Mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:Mackedon@phonewave.net). Communities are like humans in that they continue to change. For residents, knowledge of the past adds texture, interest, and energy to the present.***

My grandmother was a great storyteller. She told me that during the 1940’s and 1950’s, Dixie Valley made up its own voting precinct in Churchill County. The Dixie Valley schoolhouse was used as a voting center during elections. Residents remember that before each election, at a predetermined moment, a small twin engine plane, piloted by Gene York, would fly over the school and drop a canister from the air onto the schoolhouse grounds, where election volunteers would retrieve the contents consisting of a bundle of paper ballots. On election day, the qualified voters of Dixie Valley cast their votes. The following day, the completed ballots were driven back to Fallon and turned over to the Churchill County Clerk, where they were officially counted, the last ballots to be so honored in the county after each election. The story goes that in 1946, the Dixie Valley votes determined the winner of a cliffhanger primary. Democrat Wen Beeghly stood against Fred Kirn for County Commissioner. The vote was tied or nearly so until the Dixie Valley votes determined that Beeghly would advance to the general election. Unfortunately for Beeghly, he was defeated in the general election by Republican Archie MacIntosh.

My grandmother also knew a lot about the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camps in Fallon. Because Fallon was part of the Newlands Project, it qualified to receive two camps in 1935 as part of Roosevelt’s New Deal. One was called Camp Carson River, located directly north of where Whitaker and Williams now meet. The other camp was called Camp Newlands, located on North Taylor across the street from the original Kennametal Plant. The men came from all over, but she remembered that many were from Missouri. The Corps trained the men to work on the irrigation project, lining canals with concrete and making general improvements. She said that the men were fed, clothed, and sheltered. The camps were set up with bunk beds and kitchens. Local men were also employed as supervisors.

The men were generally well-received by the Fallon community. They formed baseball teams that were quite competitive in the CCC baseball tournaments that were held across the West. Many CCC boys stayed in Fallon when their duty was done. The camps were closed in 1942 because World War II opened different employment opportunities for young men, and the draft had called up many of them. Those she remembered staying in Fallon were Floyd Biggs, Cecil Cheek, Larry Goone, John Shamp, Nick Thomas, Newt Lumos, and “Kelso.”

If someone you knew was part of the CCC Camp history, please send me their story. Email it to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:mackedon@phonewave.net)

More information about CCC Camps in Fallon can be found in In Focus, Volume 16 (2002-2003). In Focus can be accessed online at the website of the Churchill County Museum. The Museum is planning to re-inaugurate In Focus, so if you are interested in writing an article for us, please email me at the above email address.

*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.*

## COLUMNS

### What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

We have reached the turning of the seasons. Rain is in the forecast, pumpkin spice has hit Starbucks, and Halloween decorations are on the shelves. As a Fall Fan, I am thrilled. I am ready for acorn squash, all-day braises, and hearty stews. Bring on the stroganoff, cassoulet, and Bouef Bourguignon.

Cold-weather food is my favorite. There is magic in slow cooking—humble ingredients are transformed with time and care into the most delicious mouthfuls. At first glance, a braise might seem more challenging than grilling a steak or smoking a brisket, but once you know the basic steps nothing could be simpler. You don’t even need a recipe.

At its most basic, braising is the process of cooking a tough cut of meat in liquid at a low temperature for a long time. It is mostly a hands-off process leaving you free to watch football or do Sunday chores while your house is filled with the most delicious aromas.



#### Basic braise

Here are the steps to follow for a basic braise that yields spectacular results:

##### Directions:

1. **Pick your meat.** The best cuts of meat for a braise are the cheaper ones. The low-and-slow cooking process transforms chewy connective tissue into melt-in-your-mouth gelatin. My favorite cuts of meat to braise include beef short ribs, lamb shanks, chicken thighs, and pork shoulder. Remember, everything that makes a piece of meat bad for grilling makes it fantastic for braising.
2. **Start with a Sear.** The first step in building a braise is to brown your meat. In a heavy-bottomed, oven-safe pot heat some fat until it is shimmering, season your chosen cut well with salt and pepper, then brown on all sides. Don’t be shy with this step. Your finished dish improves with the depth of the sear. Once you have a solid sear and all surfaces are well caramelized, set the meat aside to rest for a bit.
3. **Build Layers of Flavor.** Your Dutch Oven or other pot is now primed and ready to develop fantastic flavors. The only hard and fast rule at this point is to include something from the allium family in your mix (onions, leeks, garlic, etc). Sauté something oniony for a bit then add in whatever other vegetables and aromatics your heart (and taste buds) desire. Root vegetables like carrots and potatoes are great choices and I always toss in some whole herbs like rosemary, thyme, and bay leaves. Cook your veggies until they are browned, making sure to scrape up the meaty bits as you go.
4. **Get Saucy.** When you add in your chosen liquid, make sure to scrape the bottom of the pan to release all of the crunchy bits (this is called deglazing). You can add in whatever liquid you have available – red wine, stock, vinegar, beer, vermouth, even water will get the job done. Pour in a bit, wait for the “whoosh,” then get scraping. Put the meat back into the pot and add additional liquid until the meat is partially submerged. More liquid will yield a soup or stew, less liquid will result in a more concentrated sauce.
5. **Set It and Forget It.** Once you have added all of your ingredients, bring the whole shebang to a boil, cover your pot with a tight-fitting lid, and stick it in a 300-degree oven. All there is left to do is wait. Slow and Low is the Tempo! Check your meat periodically. Smaller cuts like chicken thighs will be done in about 45 minutes, while larger cuts can take up to 4 hours. There is no hard and fast rule, let the meat be your guide. Collagen turns to gelatin at 185 degrees – that is the point where the meat will be fork tender and fall apart with a gentle nudge.
6. **Finishing Steps.** You are absolutely allowed to eat a braise straight out of the oven. Or you can choose to reduce the braising liquid with an intense simmer on the stovetop. Garnish with some chopped fresh herbs and lemon zest; serve over something like mashed potatoes or polenta if you want; but whatever you do... ENJOY!



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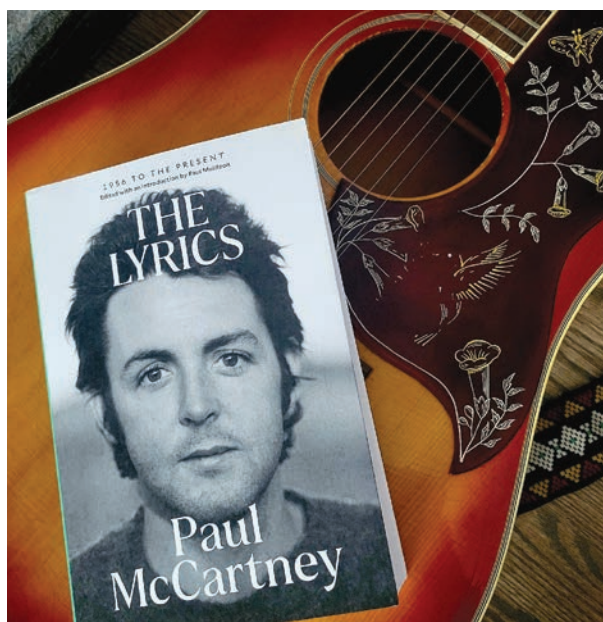
COLUMNS

# Allison's Book Report

## "The Lyrics" by Sir Paul McCartney

I am a music lover, though I would not exactly call myself "musical." Unlike my talented kids and husband, I can't sing or play an instrument at all, but I have always absolutely loved listening to music. Back in the 90s, when I was in 7th or 8th grade, ABC television released The Beatles Anthology - an epic three-night, six-hour-long docuseries where the (then three) remaining Beatles told their origin story in their own words, with tons of unseen footage and even three huge double-albums of out-takes and previously unreleased versions of songs. To say that I loved it would be an understatement - I was nothing short of obsessed. I watched the VHS tape that I had recorded straight off of TV (remember doing that?) until it wore out. I listened to all of The Beatles' albums until those songs were tattooed into my brain. I even plastered my bedroom walls with John, Paul, George, and Ringo. It was like my own mini-Beatlemania, thirty years too late.

Fast-forward another thirty years, my oldest daughter has started getting interested in The Beatles (be still my heart - I have waited what seems like forever for this!) and I discovered that it is impossible to watch



The Beatles Anthology anywhere in 2024. I was very sad, as I consider it to be the ultimate documentary about the Fab Four, and I wanted to share it with her. That is when I did what any Beatle-loving book lady would do, and I headed to the stacks to find a book that would scratch that itch. When I came across The Lyrics, written by Sir Paul McCartney himself, I knew that I had found a treasure. Spanning sixty-four years - from

McCartney's meager Liverpool beginnings, through the wild years of Beatle Mania, and into Wings and his solo career - The Lyrics is a celebration of Paul's creative genius and timeless music. It includes first-person commentary on 160 of McCartney's songs, along with pictures from his personal archives about each. I listened to each song and poured over every picture as I read, and I can say with confidence that if you love The Beatles, you will adore this book. It is truly a perfect read for any music lover. I often find myself wondering what a specific song I am listening to is about, if the story they are telling is true or not, and what the lyrics mean to them - reading these stories in the words of Sir Paul himself is just what I needed.

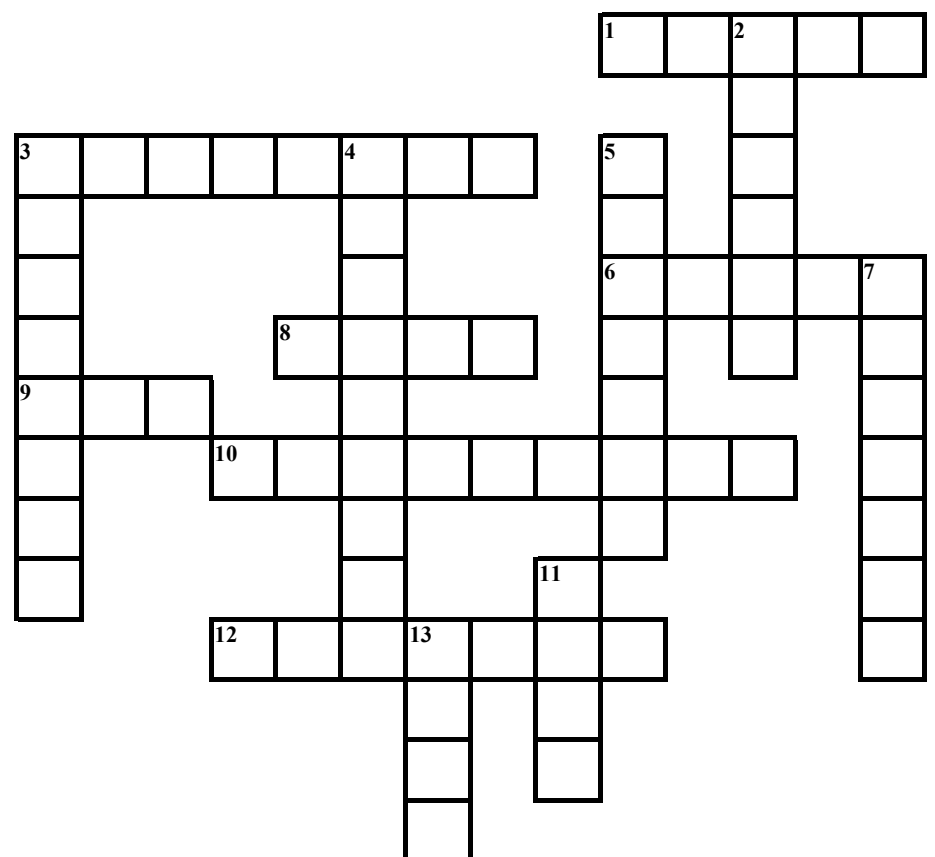
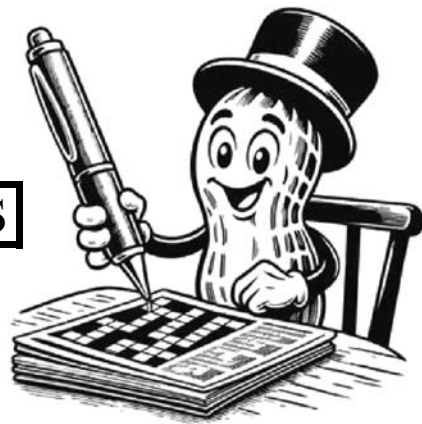
I hope you check it out this week - and then pop over to Instagram @allison.the.reader and let's talk about The Beatles and which song is your favorite, along with what books you think I should read next.

*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.*

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By Peanut

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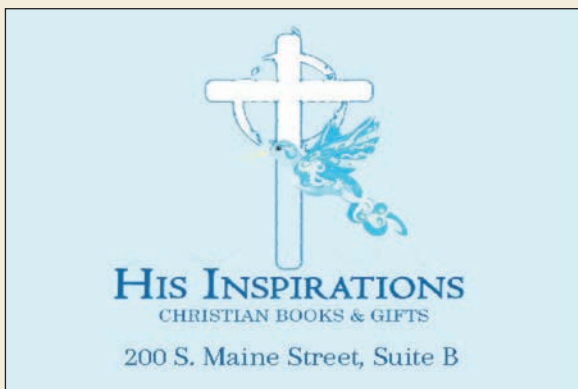
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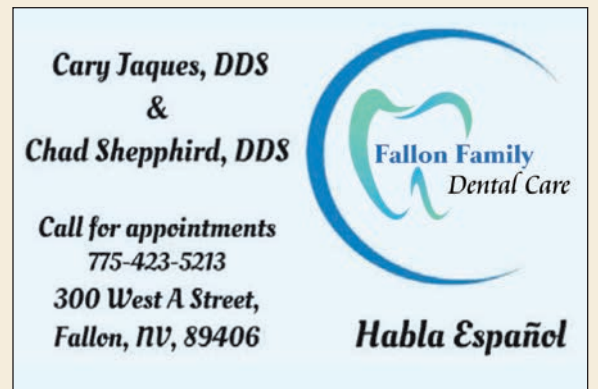
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**HVAC Removal/Replacement**

**LOCATION:**  
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Indian Reservation

**SCOPE OF WORK:**  
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*The undersigned hereby affirms this document does not contain the social security number of any person.*

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
LINDA LOUISE NYE,

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada on November 28th, 2023 as the Administrator of the Estate of LINDA LOUISE NYE. All creditors having claims against the estate are required to file the claims with the Clerk of the Court within 90 days after the mailing or the first publication of this NOTICE.

DATED: This 21st day of August, 2024.

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

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**City of Fallon**  
**2024 City of Fallon Corrective Maintenance Project**  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the **2024 City of Fallon Corrective Maintenance Project** will be received by the City of Fallon, the **Owner**, at their office located at 55 W Williams Ave, Fallon, Nevada 89406 until **10:00 AM**, local time, on **September 27, 2024**, at which time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read aloud.

The Work consists of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.

The Work generally includes but is not limited to: Rapid setting slurry seal, asphalt pavement patching, crack sealing on local roads, pavement markings, traffic control and public relations activities.

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The Owner will not award the Contract to a Bidder who, at the time of submitting a Bid, was not properly licensed under the provisions of Chapter 624 of NRS or if the Contract would exceed the limit of the Bidder's license. Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: City of Fallon  
By: Brian Byrd  
Title: Public Works Director  
Date: September 13, 2024

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**MEETINGS**

**September 23-24, 2024**

**Churchill County Planning Commission**  
September 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
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**155 N. Taylor Street Library Board of Trustees**  
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**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2024:

TITLE: An ordinance amending Title 16 of the Churchill County Code to provide the Planning Director administrative authority to issue Temporary Use Permits and other matters relating thereto.

SUMMARY: An ordinance amending Title 16 of the Churchill County Code to provide administrative authority over Temporary Use Permits by (1) granting authority for Temporary Use Permits to be reviewed and issued by the Planning Director, (2) requiring additional documentation prior to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit in certain circumstances, and (3) limiting the period of renewal for construction of permanent residential and non-residential facilities to 3 years.

At the final reading of the above listed ordinance, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Myles Getto, Chairman  
Harry "Bus" Scharmann, Commissioner  
Justin Heath, Commissioner  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: N/A

Copies of the Ordinance are available at the County Clerk's Office, 155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for inspection by all interested persons.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2024.

PAMELA D. MOORE  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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