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Millions Approved for Churchill County Improvements

By Anne McMillin, APR

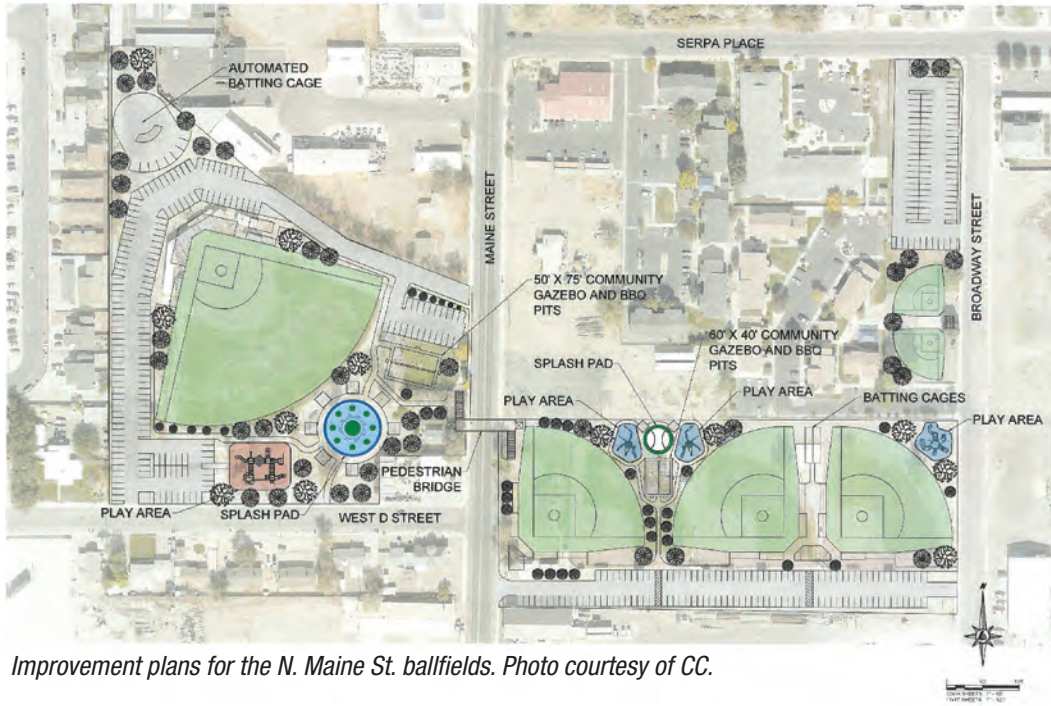
Get ready for big changes to the 3C Event Complex and North Maine Street. The U.S. Department of the Interior announced last week that Churchill County will receive \$42 million in funding for improvements as part of an overall commitment of \$375 million by the department to fund 36 projects aimed at enhancing recreational opportunities, conserving wildlife habitat, reducing hazardous fuels, and preventing wildfires across Nevada and the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

“This funding will be transformative for Churchill County residents, allowing us to start several improvement projects at the 3C Event Complex and the North Maine Street ballfields for the benefit of the community. We will completely overhaul both facilities with vast improvements for teams, events, vendors, and spectators,” said Myles Getto, Chair of the Churchill County Commission.

Improvements include renovating the county’s current fairgrounds, focusing on improving facilities to expand the number of participants for a variety of outdoor events, and completing renovations of the baseball/softball fields on North Maine Street.

At the 3C Event Complex, the project includes construction of a covered equestrian arena, expansion of existing arenas, renovation of the multipurpose building, bathrooms, concessions, field house, splash pad, shade structures, playground areas, seating areas, parking, biking, and walking paths, RV hook-ups, general beautification, and ADA and safety upgrades.

At the North Maine Ball Parks, the funds will be used to com-



Improvement plans for the N. Maine St. ballfields. Photo courtesy of CC.

pletely replace existing ball field infrastructure and update and expand with more efficient facilities, including fields, concessions, restrooms, a field house, walking/biking paths, and paved parking.

The funding, sourced from the Bureau of Land Management Las Vegas Valley land sales under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), marks a continued investment in sustainable community infrastructure for Churchill County and the City of Fallon.

Churchill County became part of the Southern

Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) upon Congress passing the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, which authorized NAS Fallon to modernize its ranges. As part of SNPLMA, Churchill County is now eligible to apply for funding generated by the sale of federal lands in Southern Nevada.

In early spring of 2023, the county submitted three projects for consideration as part of the Round 20 submittal process. Through several scoring rounds, the SNPLMA Executive Committee selected the 3C Event Complex renovation and the North Maine Street Ballfield improvements as eligible projects. It recommended their inclusion to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval.

SNPLMA funds must benefit communities and public lands in one of seven project areas, including the creation of local parks, trails, and natural areas and projects that facilitate economic development and new employment.

Draft improvement plans have been drawn up, and renovations will begin in the coming months.

Funding for NDOT to Widen I-80

Staff Report

Nevada Department of Transportation will receive more than \$275 million in federal funding to widen I-80 from Vista Boulevard to USA Parkway between the Reno-Sparks metro area and Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC). The improvements funded by this grant award include an additional lane in each direction, shoulder widening, bridge reconstruction, new pavement, and intelligent transportation system facilities.

The Nevada Congressional Delegation, including U.S. Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV)

and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), along with Congressman Mark Amodei (R-NV), advocated specifically for this project, citing the need to reduce congestion between the Reno area and the 102,000-acre industrial center.

TRIC is home to some of the nation’s largest manufacturing and distribution centers and some of the most technological industries in data and computer processing. The industrial center currently has 25,000 employees, and local stakeholders anticipate the number will increase to 50,000 to even 75,000 over the next few years.



Busy day on I-80. Photo courtesy of Rachel Dahl.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

By Rachel Dahl

Ahhh, it's the end of Daylight Savings Time, it's chilly, the Spooktacular is over, and plans are taking shape for Shop Small Saturday on November 30. We got word that Carey Transport is headed over the hill to get the tree, and before you know it, Tree Lighting! The event of the year in Downtown Fallon.

The holidays are upon us. Halloween candy has ravaged the office, and this week, I'll make my first pumpkin pie of the season for a Friendsgiving event. I may actually consider going to the gym for something other than tanning.

Maybe. I don't want to get ahead of myself, you know.

One of our dearest friends and biggest supporters stopped by the office the other day. Can I just tell you how much I love having the office on Maine Street? We got to visit for a bit and do a little catch-up. She's in the process of retiring, and she's feeling a mix of emotions, from gratitude and excitement to the white knuckles of learning to let go of something she built and birthed from scratch, turning over her legacy, and having to trust someone else to carry the load now.

Being self-made as we are, the little group at the Post spent some time commiserating, and then she gave us the best compliment ever. "You know, when you're emailing back and forth at 10:30 at night, you just know someone else is pouring their heart and soul into what they're doing. You do this for the community just like I do."

The coolest thing ever is when someone gets how important this little paper is to us.

Maybe in the grand scheme of things, a local, community paper isn't the highest priority ever, but when a new dad comes in to get extra papers with the birth



announcements, or families come in for copies of the obituary, grandmas call wondering if you have extras from the soccer story three weeks ago, you get a real good feeling.

We love telling the stories of all the other good things that are happening around town, and we love being able to help promote community events with our special sections. And we love our advertisers who make that possible. We'll be working on the Shop Small Special this next week, so be sure to let us know if your organization or company is having any sort of special on November 30 that we can help you promote. Be watching for announcements as we get that ready for the Nov. 29 paper.

So, while we press on this morning wrapped in heavy socks and my stocking cap, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach

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The I-80 corridor is also a significant national transportation asset as the primary route for interstate commerce from the Port of Oakland into the western United States. Regionally, this corridor provides access from smaller communities such as Fernley and Winnemucca to the Reno-Sparks area for a multitude of services, including access to higher-level medical treatment for trauma patients who cannot receive the appropriate life-saving treatments in the rural communities where they live.

In a letter to Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, the delegation said, "Without these improvements, the I-80 corridor will continue to incur unacceptably high levels of congestion and have a negative impact to commuters, freight travel, and general business operations in one of northern Nevada's most significant and growing employment areas."

The letter continued, explaining that the improvements from this funding will bolster public safety, decrease travel delays, reduce congestion... and increase freight reliability along the Interstate commerce network. "This improvement is high priority for the region, and addressing safety and traffic issues on this route is a top concern of many northern Nevada residents who rely on it every day."

Funding was made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"I'm proud to have worked across the aisle to secure more than \$275 million in federal funding to widen I-80, which will help reduce

traffic and support local economic growth," said Senator Rosen. "This funding was made possible thanks to the landmark Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that I helped write and pass. I'll keep working with Senator Cortez Masto and our bipartisan Congressional delegation to deliver real results for Nevadans."

"Interstate 80 is a critical corridor for so many Nevadans—that's why Senator Rosen and I worked in a bipartisan way to help secure these federal dollars coming to Northern Nevada to ease congestion, drive economic growth, and save lives along the corridor," said Senator Cortez Masto. "This investment is essential for our communities, and it was made possible thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Senator Rosen and I fought to pass. I commend her steady partnership in improving transportation access for hard-working Nevadans, and we'll keep fighting to deliver the infrastructure investments that Nevada needs."

Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto worked to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to create good-paying jobs and upgrade road infrastructure in Nevada. Both senators have secured funding to improve pedestrian safety, expand clean energy public transit, and modernize and expand critical roadways to shorten commute times and improve driver safety. Last month, they announced \$4.7 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to enhance road safety in Northern Nevada.

FEATURES

Churchill County FFA Shines

By Laci Peterson, FFA Recorder

This year, Churchill County Future Farmers of America (CCFFA) members had the exciting opportunity to attend the 27th National FFA Convention. The trip was extraordinary as CCFFA Secretary Madison Gregory represented the chapter in the Prepared Public Speaking competition, where she proudly earned a Bronze medal.

Reflecting on her experience, Madison shared, "Nationals was an amazing experience for me. I got to meet amazing and well-educated FFA members in the prepared public speaking competition. The competition allowed me to walk away with more confidence in my speaking skills and some more knowledge of beef cattle feed programs. I hope that everyone gets a chance like the one I was presented with because it is truly unforgettable."

The convention also offered CCFFA members numerous opportunities to network and explore potential career paths at the National Convention Expo. Members engaged with representatives from various colleges and learned about diverse agricultural opportunities, connecting with key businesses in the industry.

CCFFA President Liam Few highlighted the value of the expo. "While at the national convention, I was able to talk to many colleges and learn about what they have to offer.



Back row (left-right) - Logan Worth, Carley Dock, Liam Few, Ryan Gomes, Jackson Barbee, Laci Peterson. Front row (left-right) Konnor Jackson, Garrett Gardner, Claire Barbee, Hannah Montalvo, Bailey Prinze, Madison Gregory, Jace Few, Chava Bonds.

This is very useful for planning my future and making an educated decision on which college to attend. I also had such a fun time getting to explore the expo, meeting with some of the leaders of the agriculture industry, and learning more about how major companies are working together to create a better future for farmers and ranchers."

The support of advisors Ryann Kulbeth and Brittany Pimental's support was instrumental in making this opportunity possible for the FFA chapter. Kulbeth emphasized the significance of the National FFA Convention, stating, "The National FFA Convention is a

transformative experience for students, fostering leadership and teamwork skills that extend beyond the classroom. It provides a unique opportunity to connect with peers who share a passion for agriculture and advocacy. Through engaging workshops and competitions, participants leave inspired and equipped to make a positive impact in their communities."

The experience at the National FFA Convention showcased the talents of CCFFA members and reinforced the chapter's commitment to personal growth and community service in agriculture.

Military Working Dogs at NASF

Staff Report, photo by MC1 Ryan Batchelder



Headed by Master-at-Arms Chief Petty Officer Jean Carriere, the military working dogs, and their handlers are integral to maintaining base security. Thank you for all you do.

MA3 Samantha Sanchez-Garcia with "Gerda", MA3 Conor Dickens with "Jozi," MAC Jean Carriere, MASN Caleb Gutierrez with "MWD Granger," MA2 Edgar Rivera-Gomez with "Rex." Front and Center is MA1 Eryk Weber with "Tallahassee."



City of Fallon Ice Rink. Photo by Jane Moon.

Ice Rink Opens Nov. 16

Staff Report

The City of Fallon is gearing up for the Opening Day of the Ice Rink on November 16 at 11 a.m. Dive into the magic of the season. Admission will be free on opening day. Experience the joy of ice skating, explore festive activities, and savor delicious offerings from local food trucks. Don't miss the unique craft booths, perfect for holiday shopping. With fun for all ages, it's the ultimate winter wonderland experience. Mark your calendars and get ready for a season full of joy.

The Spectacle of Spooktakular

Photos courtesy of Spooktakular.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movies & More
November 8 & 9

By Kelli Perez



Movie Lone Survivor.

The 2024 Spooktacular last week was a huge success and so much fun. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen and to everyone who attended.

This weekend, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the 1998 action adventure, "Small Soldiers," rated PG-13. When missile technology is used to enhance toy action figures, the toys soon begin to take their battle programming too seriously. This film has a runtime of 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Also playing on both Friday and Saturday is the 2013 movie "Lone Survivor" at 7 p.m. In late June 2005, Marcus Luttrell and his team set out on a mission to capture or kill notorious Taliban leader Ahmad Shah, but they are left to fight for their lives in one of

the most valiant efforts of modern warfare. This film is rated R for severe violence, gore, and profanity, with frightening and intense scenes, and has a runtime of 2 hours.

Next week, Lee Hardin will be on stage for a live comedy show on Friday, November 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and the link to purchase them online can be found on Facebook and at www.fallontheatre.com. The following weekend, on Saturday, November 23, Steve and Raena will perform with special guest Annabelle. Admission is \$12 at the door, and the show starts at 7 p.m.

For more information on your local non-profit community theatre, to book a Marquee Message, or to reserve an auditorium for a party, please call 775-423-6210.



*53 Animals Found
New Homes in October*



The Fallon Animal Shelter is happy to announce that 53 animals found new homes in October. The adoption numbers are 24 felines and 29 canines. In addition, thanks to the organizations who relocated animals from the shelter, including FAWG Fallon Animal Welfare Group, Res-Que, SPCA of Northern Nevada, and Pet Network Humane Society. If you want to make a home for a cat, kitten, dog, or puppy, visit the shelter at 1255 Airport Road. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Or call 775-423-2282.

MEETINGS
November 11-15, 2024

<p>Planning Commission Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p> <p>Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. County Complex, Room 102 155 N. Taylor St.</p> <p>Central Nevada Health District Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p>	<p>Board of County Commissioners Canvass of Votes of General Election 2024 Thursday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. Commission Chambers 155 N. Taylor St.</p>
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WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Nov. 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	121,400 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	259 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	30.1 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	0.69 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	94.0 cfs

Nov. 4, 2024	Nov. 4, 2023	Nov. 4, 2022
121,847 acre feet	204,747 acre feet	17,616 acre feet

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

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COALITION
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CHAMPIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Churchill Community Coalition would like to recognize champions in our community for the prevention efforts and the support they have provided in our community.

As our member, I hope you will participate in our Community Champions nomination. Recognition of these individuals will be presented at the December Quarterly Meeting.

Nominees are not required to be members of the Coalition. It is only necessary, that they have made a difference in Churchill County through their efforts or collaboration.

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS!

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS LLOYD HUTCHINGS
March 14, 1943 - October 11, 2024

Thomas (“Hutch” “Tucker Ryan”) Lloyd Hutchings was born March 14, 1943, in Caliente, Nevada, with his identical mirror twin John (“Dobe” “Hutch”) Alexander Hutchings to Thomas (“Speed”) Lowell Hutchings and Janice (“Sue”) Margaret Lloyd Hutchings. Tom passed away on October 11, 2024, from a brain bleed at Northern Nevada Medical Center in Reno at 7:45 p.m.



Tom, a third-generation Nevadan, was raised in Pioche, NV, before moving to Carson City in 1955. He graduated from Carson High in 1962, where he played football, ran track and field, and participated in downhill skiing. He attended the University of Nevada, Reno, Mackay School of Mines, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in geology in 1974. He married his wife, Mary Deming Hutchings, in 1971. They moved to Fallon, Nevada, in September 1972, and he was residing there at the

time of his passing. Tom and Mary have two sons, Paul Lowell Hutchings, born in 1979, and Scott Hutchings in 1983.

Tom was an avid archery hunter. He taught his boys archery and participated in archery shoots in Nevada and California as part of the Fallon Bowmen Club. He was an upland game bird hunter and fisherman and enjoyed riding his quad all over the mountains of the Silver State. Tom was a loyal friend, a proud father and grandfather, a loving husband and son who always would help those in need. He was loud, gruff, and unapologetically rough around the edges but had a heart of gold and a laugh that was recognizable even in a crowded room.

Tom worked for the Nevada road department as an inspector and road reporter and spent nine seasons as a BLM wildland firefighter on the helitack crew, traveling to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, and Nevada fighting fires. He had his General Contractors license for ten years and

worked at Kennecott Rawhide Mine for 14 years before retiring in 2006. In his retirement, he went on to serve on the Churchill County Mosquito, Vector & Noxious Weed abatement board from 2019-2023.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Lowell Hutchings of Pioche, NV, in 1974; granddaughter, Taylar Rose Mary Hutchings of Fallon, NV, in 2015; brother, John Alexander Hutchings of Pioche, NV in 2015; and mother, Janice Margaret Hutchings of Pioche, NV in 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Hutchings of Fallon, NV; sons, Paul Lowell Hutchings and Scott Hutchings, both of Fallon, NV; five grandchildren, Nathan Jakob Hutchings of Kansas City, MO, Reece Hailey Hutchings of Reno, NV, Hunter Christian Hutchings of Reno, NV, Christine Olivia Hutchings of Fallon, NV, and Jameson Mark Edwards of Reno, NV; daughter-in-law, Crystal Rose Hutchings of Fallon, NV; niece, Laura Marie Baker and her children Brandon Shimkovsky, Mackenzie Baker, and Andrea Baker of Reno, NV; as well as numerous friends and extended family.

There will be no service per his request.



NANCY PALMER KINGSWOOD JANESS
June 3, 1941 - October 20, 2024

Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend Nancy Janess passed away on October 20, 2024, surrounded by family. She was 83.

Despite battling cancer for over two and a half years, Nancy maintained a positive attitude and was determined to do as much as she could as long as she could – and she did!

Nancy’s story began in Englewood, New Jersey, on June 3, 1941. She was welcomed by her parents, Thelma and George Kingswood, and her sister, Shirley. Not long thereafter, the family moved to Southern California. As a girl, she developed a life-long love for music, books, gardening, and cats.

Nancy was a talented musician who played flute and piccolo. She was a member of the West Valley Robin Hood Youth Band. This accomplished band performed all over Southern California, including opening day at Disneyland in 1955, the Hollywood Bowl, marching in the 1957 and 1958 Pasadena Rose Parade, and a 27-day concert tour of cities along the West Coast. The band even released an album. An excellent student, Nancy graduated early from Reseda High School.

While in high school, Nancy met Bill Janess, and a romance developed. Nancy and Bill were married on April 18, 1959. Life changed for the young couple when Bill was drafted into the Army in 1961. Their first child, Teresa, was born while Bill was stationed at Fort Rucker, AL, and two years later, their son, Mike, was born at Fort Huachuca, AZ. During Bill’s one-year deployment to Vietnam, Nancy stayed with family in California and worked at North American Rocketdyne. After the military, the family settled in Chatsworth, CA. Bill worked at Clem Ruh Chevrolet, and Nancy worked at Deluxe Check Printers while raising their little family.

Bill’s love of car sales determined the next chapters of Nancy’s life. After the birth of their daughter, Katherine, the family moved to Stockton, where Bill was sales manager for Stockton Dodge for five years. While in Stockton, their youngest child, Greg, was born. When Bill received the opportunity to purchase a Chevrolet dealership in Nevada, the family made the big move to Fallon in 1974.

This time in Nancy’s life was incredibly busy. In addition to raising four active children, Nancy worked at the dealership as the insurance and finance manager. Bill and Nancy became part owners of the Fallon Theatre and Roper Drive-In. Nancy attended WNCC and earned multiple Associate Degrees along with insurance and real estate licenses. Nancy made time for church activities and various community clubs.

Life sent Nancy a plot twist when, due to economic circumstances, the dealership closed. Never one to feel sorry for herself, Nancy enrolled at UNR and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in 1999. At the same time, she began working with the State of Nevada, commuting to state offices in Carson City and later in Reno. She was glad to receive a position in Fallon at the Nevada Mental Health Clinic, where she worked until her retirement.

Encouraged by friends, Nancy pursued another life goal. A member of the Episcopal Church since she was 11, she was ordained as a deacon in 2003, becoming the Reverend Nancy Janess. She loved serving others, and her church family was a big part of her life.

Sadly, the love of her life, Bill, passed away in 2010. They were married for over 51 wonderful years. Together, they loved watching their grandchildren grow and taking long road trips.

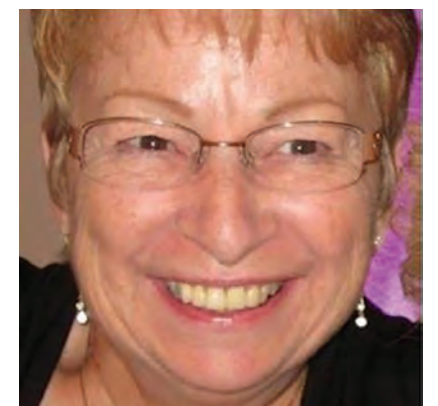
In addition to her husband, Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Charles and Eileen Janess; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Bob Cathey; son-in-law, John Tschopp; and granddaughter, Nanci RachelAnn Shaw.

Nancy is survived by her four children: Teresa Shaw, Mike Janess, Katherine Tschopp, and Greg Janess, whom she felt were her greatest accomplishments. Other family members who will miss her dearly are her children-in-law, Lawson Shaw, Ginny Janess, and Melissa Potter; six grandchildren: Keri (Mark) Rody, Crystal (Aaron) Brady, Brandon (Ashley) Shaw, Jillian (Billy) Thompson, Katie Shaw, and Caleb Shaw; ten great-grandchildren; grand-nephew, Edward Shaw; brother-in-law, Don (Sharon) Janess; sister-in-law, Charleen Roesch; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Memorial Service for Nancy will be held on Friday, November 15, 2024, at 1 p.m. at The Gardens, 2949 Austin Hwy. in Fallon. Friends of Nancy are invited to attend and celebrate the life of this remarkable lady.

In memory of Nancy’s devotion to animals, especially cats, donations may be made to Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) or Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS).

DORTHEY LOU THOMAS
March 28, 1949 - Oct. 25, 2024



Dorthey Lou Thomas, the devoted wife of Jerry Lee Thomas, Sr., passed away on October 25, 2024, in Fallon, NV.

Dorthey was born on March 28, 1949, and was a devoted mother to her three biological children and an un-measurable number of children of all ages, who affectionately called her “mom.”

In her retirement, she found immense joy in playing slot machines, winning in board games, and cherishing the company of all her family and friends.

Dorthey’s warmth and love will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, Nov. 11

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Tuesday, Nov. 12

Black Bean Soup
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Cucumber in Sour Cream
Tropical Fruit Cup

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Baked LS Ham
w/Pineapple
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Bean Medley
Fresh Apple

Thursday, Nov. 14

Tangy Meatballs
Baked Beans
Winter Blend Veggies
Fresh Orange
WW Bread
Jello Salad w/Pears

Friday, Nov. 15

Chili Cheese Baked
Potato
Buttered Carrots
WW Apple Muffin
FF Yogurt
Orange Juice

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

Monday, Nov. 11

Buffet Night
Vegetables & Bread

Thursday, Nov. 14

Citrus Baked Fish
Potatoes & Vegetables

Monday, Nov. 18

Breakfast for Dinner
Potatoes and Biscuits

Thursday, Nov. 21

Tahitian Chicken
Rice & Vegetables

All are
Welcome!

COMMUNITY

Jera Reidenbach Selected as New Building Official

Staff Report

Jera Reidenbach, a seven-year county employee, was recently selected as the new county building official. She follows in the footsteps of her mentor, Marie Henson, who retired earlier this year.

Reidenbach started her career with Churchill County, splitting her time between the human resources and building departments. After a while, she decided to go full-time with the building department, where she rose through the ranks, serving as an office specialist, permit technician, building inspector, and finally, building official.

She has pursued professional development and training opportunities and has earned 16 International Code Council certifications on her way to achieving the Building Official Certification this past summer.

Reidenbach says one of the joys of her job is helping the public understand the sometimes complicated building codes.



Churchill County Building Official Jera Reidenbach. Photo by Anne McMillin.

“Building codes are interesting and I’m always learning something new. Codes and techniques are never stagnant, so there is always something more to learn,” she said.

She added that integrating the public works, planning, and building functions into one department earlier this summer provides better integration and communication with the ultimate goal of better public service.

Randy Hines, Director of the Public Works, Planning & Building department, said that with the departure of Henson, Reidenbach stepped right in to tackle the daily tasks left behind. “The knowledge she has gained working in the department over the last several years has made it a seamless transition into her new role as building official. This, along with her willingness to learn, makes her an asset to the department.”

Reidenbach can be reached via email at buildings@churchillcountynv.gov. She encourages folks to make an appointment before stopping by, as she is often out on inspections. The office is at 270 S. Maine Street, Suite A, in Fallon.

Governor’s Conference on Agriculture Coming Up

Staff Report

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is hosting the 2024 Governor’s Conference on Agriculture on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at the Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon, NV. The conference will cover regulatory and economic development information and resources for Nevada’s farmers, ranchers, food producers, and industry partners.

“We are very excited to bring back the Governor’s Conference on Agriculture after a six-year hiatus and hope this programming will be beneficial for our agriculture industry,” said NDA Director J.J. Goicoechea.

The free conference will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., immediately preceding the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association 89th Annual Convention and Trade Show.

“We hope that by partnering with the

Nevada Cattlemen’s Association and hosting this before their annual meeting will make it more accessible for our agriculture community to attend,” said Director Goicoechea.

Go to agri.gov/GovCon to register.

The NDA’s mission is to preserve, protect, and promote Nevada’s agriculture. The department has 225 dedicated employees providing services in its five divisions, Administrative Services, Animal Industry, Measurement Standards, Food and Nutrition, and Plant Health and Compliance. The department’s \$288 million budget facilitates regulatory and administrative work in agriculture and food manufacturing industries, protecting public and environmental health and worker safety and providing food distribution and oversight for the United States Department of Agriculture’s school and community nutrition programs.

Departments Return to Regular Locations

By Anne McMillin, APR

Now that the demolition is complete and the old jail has been removed from the District Court building, two Churchill County departments have returned to their regular locations.

The 10th District Court is now back on the second floor of the District Court building at 73 N. Maine Street, and the Court Services department is back on the first floor of the Justice Court building at 71 N. Maine Street.

Hours of operation and phone numbers have stayed the same for both departments throughout the transitions.

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GOVERNMENT

Senior Coalition Helps County Fund Two New Meals on Wheels Trucks

By Leanna Lehman

The William N. Pennington Life Center Coalition for Senior Citizens met last Monday, October 28, to address several upcoming expenses. The coalition chair and Churchill County Commissioner, Dr. Justin Heath, presided over the meeting, with Karla Kent, Rinnie Barrenchea, Dawn East, Pat McDougall, Crystal Muschetto, and Secretary Pam Moore in attendance.



\$24,246.95 to complete the purchase. Ernst stated at the July meeting that the coalition’s contribution could wait if the county knew the funds were coming. Ernst also appreciated the coalition’s commitment to filling this funding gap. “Knowing that these funds are committed will allow us to move forward without interruption to this essential service for our seniors,” she added. The board resolved to transfer \$25,000 from the CD into the checking account in January.

The coalition also reviewed an invoice for \$10,081.16 from the IRS for a filing issue dating back to June 2019.

Before delving into multiple financial matters, the board approved implementing a process allowing Life Center staff to request items from the coalition more easily. A new form was created to simplify and clarify, which will help expedite future requests.

Following previous discussions, the board approved the purchase of five tables for the Life Center dining room at a cost of \$2,054.45. To minimize fees, members decided to withdraw funds from the Coalition’s CD during the January grace period, allowing the board to avoid extra penalties and interest.

The most significant expense facing the coalition is the ongoing need for two new trucks for the Meals on Wheels program. Churchill County Social Services Director Shannon Ernst explained at the coalition meeting in July that there is a critical need for Meals on Wheels service, which is vital to area seniors. “We’ve had ongoing issues with the hot and cold boxes and the trucks themselves,” Ernst explained. “The previous models wore out long before their mileage reflected it because the boxes ran directly off the truck’s engine and refrigeration system. Our road department found an alternative: box units that run independently on a compressor inside. These new models mean the trucks will last significantly longer.”

Meeting documents indicated that Churchill County has raised \$150,553.05 through state grants but still needs an additional

stemmed from a filing error by a former accountant who submitted documents on paper rather than electronically, as required by IRS regulations. Additionally, the accountant incorrectly attempted to adjust the organization’s fiscal year-end date. While the board’s current CPA is working to dispute the penalty, members approved a motion to pay in January. The board hopes to obtain a refund on the payment if a penalty waiver is not secured before January.

In preparation for Dr. Heath’s term ending on January 1, 2025, the board discussed filling his position and another, agreeing to post the openings in the newspaper, on the county’s website, social media, and at the Life Center. Members also discussed the possibility of appointing non-voting members to support specific initiatives.

Financial reports indicate assets at \$171,676 across all accounts, with \$5,028.76 in checking, \$2,520.13 in a money market account, and \$164,127.60 in a CD.

Income for the fiscal year, which runs from July 2024 to June 2025, was reported at \$7,794.66, with expenses at \$12,268.91, which means a net operating loss of \$4,474.25 for the fiscal year.

The board plans to withdraw funds for the tables, IRS penalty, and trucks during the CD’s January grace period, which will allow them to minimize interest and penalties and manage the budget most effectively.

The next coalition meeting was scheduled for January 27, at which officer elections will be held.



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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, October 29 - Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Jessop Reece Morrison appeared for a Status Hearing with his retained attorney, Steve Evenson, Esq., who appeared via Zoom. According to Evenson, Morrison is still in long-term residential treatment at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission and will complete the program soon. Morrison told Judge Stockard that he is in a leadership position at the Mission, in the program's third phase, is taking four classes, and attends chapel every morning. Additionally, Morrison participates in therapy every two weeks, attends anger management classes, and is on track to finish in March. He said he is considering moving to Colorado with his brother when all is done here. "Things are going very well," Morrison stated.

Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and scheduled Morrison for sentencing on April 29, 2025.

Roman Clark pleaded no contest to the Category C Felony of Non-Support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or Child, which carries a potential penalty of one to five years in Nevada State Prison and a fine up to \$10,000. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer noted that his client's first payments were withheld from his paychecks, so payments are now scheduled and regular. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas reported the defendant is \$28,843.42 in arrears. Per the plea agreement, the court will reduce the charge to a Gross Misdemeanor if Clark remains current with his payments for the next 12 months. Judge Stockard set sentencing to November 4, 2025.

Timothy Michael Riddle pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property (valued at \$1,200 - \$5,000), which is punishable by one to four years in prison and a fine of up to



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

\$5,000. Under the plea agreement terms, sentencing was set for April 29 to allow Riddle six months to pay restitution.

Matthew P. Beyer, in custody, entered a guilty plea pursuant to Alford to the Category D Felony of Third-Degree Arson, which is punishable by one to four years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. An Alford Plea allows defendants to maintain their innocence while accepting all penalties associated with a guilty plea. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker said the state would be able to prove that in February 2024, Beyer did ignite or cause a vehicle fire. Judge Stockard provisionally placed Beyer in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program. Upon his first appearance, the presiding judge will determine if he may be released from custody. Judge Stockard ordered a PSI and set sentencing for December 31.

Dennis Allen Clark was not present for an Annual Review Hearing. Judge Stockard stated that the court received an evaluation from Dr. Patterson at Lake's Crossing,

which concluded that Clark should remain in residence and continue to receive treatment for the time being. CCPD Jacob Sommer explained that Clark has made some improvements; however, his doctors believe that appearing in court would be detrimental to his progress. Clark was arrested in August 2022 on charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon and in May 2022 for Battery. Judge Stockard ordered the next Review Hearing for October 28, 2025.

CONTINUANCES AND WARRANTS

Dominick Scott Burt's Sentencing Violation Hearing was continued to November 15.

Travis Wade Souza failed to appear for a Sentencing Violation Hearing, and the court issued a \$50,000 cash-only bench warrant.

Richard Theodore Brown failed to appear for a Status/Arrestment Hearing. Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel told the court he has not had much contact with his client. A \$25,000 cash-only Bench Warrant was issued.

Flores Sentenced to 76-92 Months Alleges Ineffective Counsel

By Teresa Moon



Anahi del Rosario Flores-Saldana. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

Anahi Del Rosaria Flores-Saldana appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon before Judge Thomas Stockard on October 29 for an evidentiary hearing on a post-conviction writ of habeas corpus—a legal request by someone convicted of a crime to ask a court to review the lawfulness of their imprisonment and contest their conviction.

Flores's writ challenged her September 2023 conviction on two Category B felonies of extortion. For these, she

received two consecutive sentences of 38-96 months each, totaling 76-192 months in prison. In April 2023, she pled guilty to both counts under an Alford plea, allowing her to maintain her innocence while fully accepting the penalties associated with a guilty plea.

The writ included multiple allegations, most of which were dismissed before the hearing, leaving two remaining issues—extradition costs, which Judge Stockard waived, and allegations of ineffective counsel.

Judge Stockard explained that allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel require a two-pronged test. First, Flores must demonstrate that her counsel's performance was deficient and fell below an objective standard of reasonableness. Second, she must show that this deficiency prejudiced her (i.e., but for her attorney's errors, the result of the trial would have been different).

Flores represented herself in the hearing, delivering a 15-minute written statement in which she argued to withdraw her guilty Alford plea, claiming "manifest injustice by advice, extreme duress, fear, and promises" by her counsel. She asserted that her attorney's ineffective and unconstitutional performance affected her decision to plead guilty.

According to Flores, she did not knowingly and voluntarily enter her plea, stating that her attorney, Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer, "put [her] in a position he could not defend" and encouraged her to forfeit her right to a fair trial. "My counsel failed his first most critical duty in my criminal case, to [conduct] a meaningful investigation defense... he also failed to include a number of regular, meaningful conversations with me... my counsel failed to interview exculpatory witnesses and to present their testimonies... he failed to raise an appeal... my counsel did not, in fact, consult with me about an appeal."

Flores claimed she proved her case by a preponderance of the evidence, stating, "including being unaware of the direct consequences of the Alford plea, I cannot knowingly and voluntarily enter my plea."

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills presented Flores with a copy of an intake form (State's Exhibit 1) and an email summarizing her conversation with Sommer (State's Exhibit 2). Flores acknowledged that the intake form bore her signature and handwriting for the date, though she said she did not recall reading either document. However, she admitted remembering the phone conversation that the letter summarized.

Mills then questioned whether Flores had been truthful with the judge during her arraignment and sentencing hearings. Flores replied that she had not understood the legal implications of her statements. "I would have never signed a plea deal. Never. I was under extreme duress throughout the whole time."

Mills questioned Public Defender Jacob Sommer regarding State's Exhibit 1. Sommer explained that he drafted an intake form to provide written confirmation of his discussions with Flores as her attorney. Mills also asked if he had explained his perspective on the extortion case to his client.

"I did... I indicated to Ms. Flores it was my preference that we proceed with the preliminary hearing and go to trial... that decision was not mine, but it was hers to make. I made sure she understood that," Sommer replied, adding that they discussed the plea offer at length. "I also followed up with an email and letter that essentially confirmed the conversation we had."

Sommer verified that the email, identified as State's Exhibit 2, confirmed their conversation the day before the preliminary hearing was scheduled. In that conversation, he said, Flores directed him to accept the offer on her behalf. The letter was then sent to her, along with the preliminary hearing waiver and a copy of the proposed plea agreement.

In her closing statement, Flores said, "I feel I have enough evidence to prove my innocence, and if I would've taken it to trial, I would have won." She also told the court, "I am a good mom. A good role model."

In closing arguments, Mills contended that Sommer had fulfilled his constitutional duty by presenting Flores with the state's offer and advising her to consider going to trial. "She is the one that signed the preliminary hearing document that says that, despite her protestations to the contrary today, she understood what she's giving up," Mills asked the court to find that Flores's testimony was not credible.

Judge Stockard commended Flores, stating, "You presented your case well today. You understood the standards." He indicated he would take the matter under submission and write his order after thoroughly reviewing the case details and arguments.

SPORTS

Buckaroo Traditions Gathering: Preserving the Great Basin's Cowboy Culture

By Andrea Van Leuven and Nancy Chapman

The Buckaroo Traditions Gathering will be held from November 15 to 17, 2024, at the Winnemucca Events Center in Winnemucca, Nevada. Admission is \$5 for adults, and kids are free, making it a family-friendly way to experience the spirit of the Western cowboy.

Founded by Scott and Andrea Van Leuven along with their daughter Kadie Zeller, the Buckaroo Traditions Gathering (BTG) was created out of a desire to preserve and celebrate the unique traditions of the Great Basin buckaroo culture. With longstanding customs like stockmanship, horsemanship, low-stress cattle handling, and bridle horse training, BTG brings together skilled ranch hands to share the art of working cattle without the pressures of time. The event provides a rare opportunity to witness these traditions firsthand while fostering a deeper understanding of the buckaroo way of life.

At its heart, BTG is dedicated to protecting the skills and crafts that are essential to the buckaroo culture. Beyond cattle handling and roping, the event also highlights the work of bit and spur makers, rawhide braiders, and Native American artisans whose contributions to Western tradition are invaluable. These crafts are passed down through generations and are an integral part of the cowboy lifestyle in the American West. Through the Buckaroo Traditions Gathering, the Van Leuven family hopes to build a lasting platform for horsemen and women, Western culture enthusiasts, and community members to gather, learn, and celebrate these cherished traditions.

These are some of the things that you can expect to see at BTG. Held over a three-day weekend, BTG offers a variety of events that showcase traditional methods used on working ranches.

DAY 1:

The gathering opens with a stock horse competition where participants demonstrate the versatility and skill of their horses in events like ranch horse cutting and steer stopping. This is followed by the men's and women's one-man doctoring competition, where competitors quietly rope and lay down an animal to "doctor" it as if treating an illness—an essential skill on working ranches.

Buckaroo Trade Night takes place in the evening, offering a chance for buckaroos to trade gear and goods in an open market setting, free to the public. The Outside Circle



L-R: Judge Dave Stoddart, Scott Van Leuven and granddaughter Arlonie Zeller, Andrea Van Leuven, Taylor Andersen, Top Hand Winner 2023 Taylor Lloyd and his son, Judge Dave Weaver, Donors of the saddle Taylor won Bill and Alene Mooney, Judge Ed Robertson and Kadie Zeller. Photo by Jennifer Dennison, owner and photographer, Cultured Cowgirl Collective.

band will perform at the Winner's Casino after the events on Friday and Saturday nights.

DAY 2:

The day kicks off with the first round of a four-event roping competition, where teams of three people made up of a combination of men and women work together in the three-man doctoring event. Teams must sort and handle cattle with precision, head and heel the designated animal, and lay it down. The day continues with elimination rounds that narrow the field to the highest-scoring teams.

The afternoon highlights include an open goat roping event for everyone. The Big Loop Jackpot roping will follow in the evening. The rules for the classes are at Btgathering.com/classes-rules for the goat roping.

DAY 3:

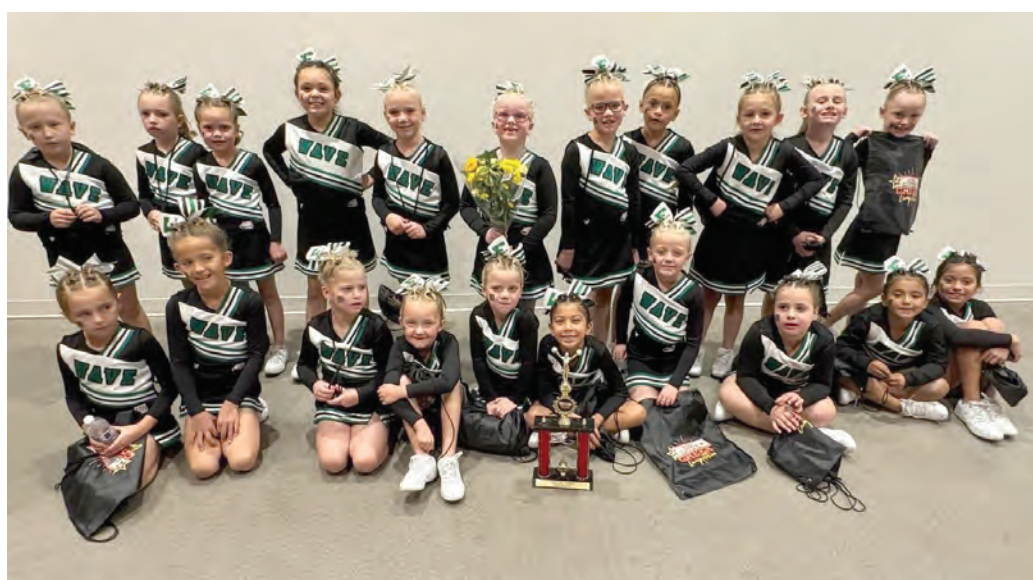
Sunday starts with the men's one-man doctoring finals, showcasing slow, careful work to sort and rope an animal without stress. The day culminates in the "Top Hands Big Loop Finals: Greatest Buckaroo Cow Doctoring," where the top four teams

sort out a cow, rope, and lay her down with finesse—demonstrating the ultimate in stockmanship and respect for the animals.

Throughout the weekend, BTG also offers diverse resource vendors providing educational information and resources to support rural living. These vendors share knowledge and tools to help ranchers, families, and the public thrive in their communities. From health and safety information to practical tools for better land and animal management, the resources available aim to strengthen and empower the local community, helping them succeed in all aspects of rural life.

In addition to the competitions and educational resources, the Buckaroo Gear Gathering features vendors throughout the weekend, offering everything from tack and clothing to handmade bits, spurs, and Western art—perfect for holiday shopping.

To learn more, view the full schedule, and purchase tickets, visit btgathering.com. Don't miss this chance to witness the rich traditions of the buckaroo culture and connect with the incredible community that keeps it alive.



Top row: Madi, Kinsley, Davinie, Lulu, Lacey, Shirley, Skyler, Azzie, Henzley, Charlotte, Brylee; bottom row: Abby, Serenity, Lindsey, Oaklee, Brynlee, Esmeralda, Harper, Darlene, Analia, Makaisley. Photo by Hailey Perez.



FALLON GREENWAVE TINY MITES

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EDUCATION

Veritas Preparatory School

By David Ernst, Photos courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.

October was a month full of field trips and special activities for Veritas Preparatory School.

Several classes, including Mrs. Cota's first and Mrs. Kelsey's second grades, visited Lattin Farms. Students explored the corn maze, took hayrides, fed the animals, and picked pumpkins.

The third through sixth-grade classes celebrated the local mining industry by holding Miner's Day. After several weeks of studying mining in class, students dressed in their best miner's attire and participated in games and activities related to mining to celebrate the end of the unit.

The seventh and eighth-grade students were fortunate to receive a tour of NAS Fallon. They visited the control tower's observation deck, attended a flight briefing, walked the flight line, donned night vision goggles, and witnessed the F-18 flown in "Top Gun: Maverick" returning from training exercises.

To close out the month, the entire school celebrated Spirit Day with a presentation from Colby and Ashley Frey of Frey Ranch Distillery. Students were treated to homemade ice cream made fresh on-site that day.

Veritas wishes to express its sincere thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time, energy, and experience to make these many activities possible for the students.



Students at NAS Fallon.



Students at Lattin Farms.

Oasis Academy Students and Staff Enjoy Halloween

Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy



Student services staff.



Alvin and the Chipmunks.



Oasis High School staff.



Fallon Rotary Annual Christmas Drive for Local Homebound Senior's

Puzzles (word search, crossword, etc.), Compression socks (XL, 8-1/2, 14, 12, 10), Warm clothes, Bed sheets, Slippers, Doormat, Wash cloth, Sanitation wipes, Hairbrush, Liquid laundry soap, Dish soap, Toilet paper, Paper towel, Tape, Tissues, Cat Litter, Cat and Dog food or treats, Hand towels, Blankets, Shampoo/Conditioner, Lotion/Diabetic lotion, Canned soup, Pancake mix, Stretch pants, Canned food, Body wash, Pillows, Paper plates, Socks, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Napkins, Gloves, Jackets, Cookies, Snacks, Garbage bags, Mouth wash, Floss, Hand soap, Warm PJ's, Winter hat/scarves, Calendar, Notebooks and anything else you think they might need. Please look for easy-to-open packaging. Items for both men and women.



Bring item's for our local homebound senior's to Kent's Supply Center, 260 N. Maine St., Fallon. If you have any questions please call 775-423-2126.

Please drop off unwrapped gifts by December 7.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of CCSD.



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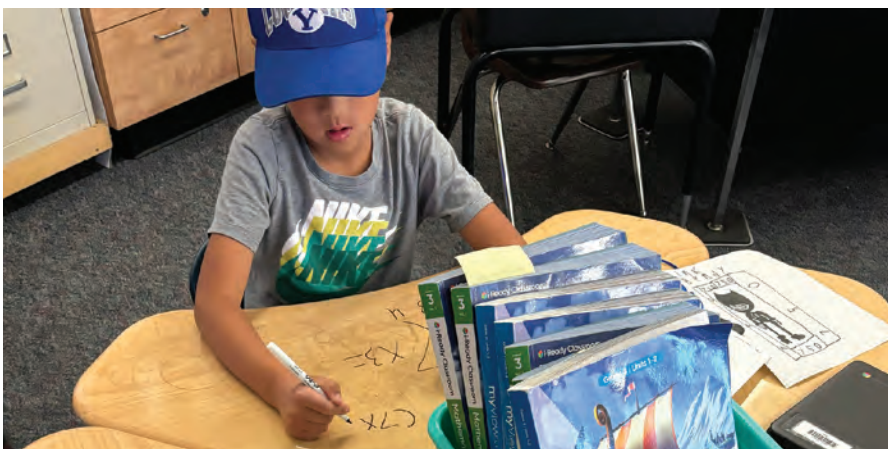
CCHS student Tieris Williams is coordinating a fundraiser for the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). The event will be held November 16, from 1 - 4 p.m., at The Fallon Theatre on 71 S. Maine St. This remarkable event, organized by Williams, aims to raise vital funds for Fallon's only nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter. With a focus on providing medical care, building necessary facilities, and ensuring access to essential supplies like food and clean water, this fundraiser is a lifeline for the shelter and the animals it serves. Admission is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple; children under 10 are free.



Student Gloria Wood as Teacher of the Day.

CCMS

Sixth-grade students in Courtney Aguilera's class build language skills by completing a language bell ringer activity to start class. This activity helps students transition into class, introduce new skills, practice daily grammar/language skills, and review previous skills. Students volunteer to go over the answers as the "teacher of the day." Aguilera has found this activity to be a fun way to engage students in their learning because students love the opportunity to be the teacher.



Working on multiplication.

EC Best

Last week, Abigail Ritts' third-grade class learned about the Distributive Property. The lesson focused on breaking down multiplication problems to deepen their understanding. Students tackled problems by deconstructing them into more manageable parts. This method helped them learn their 7, 8, and 9 multiplication facts and prepared them for multiplying larger numbers. By visualizing the problems through arrays, students developed critical thinking skills.

Numa

Last week, Kristina McFadden's class was busy. They began the week with a creative twist on language skills by going on a ghost hunt throughout the classroom. Students had to find prepositional phrases related to the spooky locations of their ghostly friends. In addition to language activities, the class wrapped up their Earth's Surface Science Unit with an assessment. Then, to celebrate their learning, students participated in various experiments, created crystals in jars, and broke open geodes to discover the natural wonders inside. As a capstone project, they built earthquake-resistant structures, applying their scientific knowledge to real-world challenges.



Ms. McFadden's class.



Codero Amaral uses secret stories.

Lahontan

Literacy Specialist Katy Loop meets daily with students in intervention groups to better support them with their reading development. When meeting with students, Loop focuses on helping them find phonics secrets in unknown words and build their reading confidence. All classrooms at LES use "Secret Stories" to help students find the phonics secrets in words. This innovative method enhances students' reading abilities. At the recent Enchanted Forest Literacy Night, families were introduced to the

"Secret Stories," they went on a phonics secrets word hunt to know more about how to use the method in helping their students at home.

NELC

Last week, Octavia Merritt and Montana Koplin's class celebrated Halloween with a fun sensory exploration activity using "monster parts." Students got to feel and touch brains (noodles), teeth (candy corn), hair (yarn), eyes (grapes), and hearts (grape tomatoes). This fun activity supported their cognitive development, language skills, and creativity. As they felt each item, they guessed what each part was, often responding with a playful "eww."



Ms. Koplin demonstrating activity.



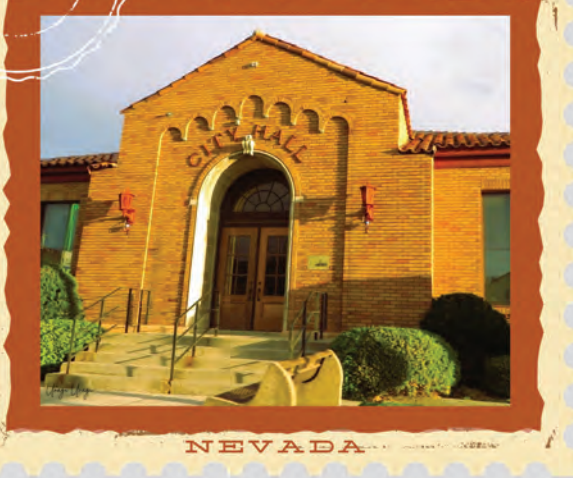
Logos Christian Academy Fall Fun

Photos courtesy of LCA.

Thank you, Lattin Farms, for a great day complete with hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a corn maze, and free yummy homemade cookies.

Logos' Second Annual Fall Festival was a great success from the great turnout to the beautiful weather. Fun was had by all.

Postcards



By Michon Mackedon

In last week's column, I included a reader's postcard which celebrated that our city streets are kept clean of dust and debris in all seasons and swept clean of snow in the winter. Our founding fathers, from the outset, were concerned about street maintenance and cleanliness. Let's have a peek at how the first City of Fallon officers raised money for services and addressed the street sanitation issues confronting them.

FALLON'S FIRST ORDINANCES

The passing of Fallon's first ten City Ordinances closely followed the election of the first city council in 1908. Mayor Judson Jones and City Councilmen C.W. Foote, Alonsa Lofthouse, and James Vannoy took office on September 28, and by February 4, 1909, they had drafted the first ten ordinances. City Ordinance 1 was aimed at placing money in the coffers of the new city by establishing fees for business licenses. Most shops and businesses were assessed \$3 or \$6 a quarter. The list of exceptions to the "ordinary fees" is quite fascinating. Although the term "sin tax" had yet to be coined, it is one lens through which to view the list of "other businesses" assessed higher license fees. Fortune tellers paid \$30 a quarter, as did peddlers. Saloons were assessed \$45 a quarter (producing good revenue in a city filled with saloons but creating anxiety among the saloon owners). Circuses paid \$30 per day for a license to set up their tents within the city limits.

For the fledgling city council, licensing businesses created an obligation to provide services in return. They focused heavily on maintaining the cleanliness of city streets and alleys. Ordinance 3 made it illegal for humans to eliminate their human waste on the streets of Fallon. Ordinance 4 was designed to "Abate the Nuisance of Dogs Running at Large" on the streets of Fallon. Ordinance 8, Section 4 made it unlawful to keep any "pit, pool or standing vat of water for tanner's or dyer's use, or for any other purpose whatever that will render it unwholesome or offensive or to discharge, leave open, place or keep in any street, alley, lot, ward or other place within the city any noxious privy, sink or cesspool, manure, stagnant water or any dead animal, bird or fish or... filth of any kind or nature whatever." Ordinance 9 called for the licensing of "City Scavengers," that is, those hauling debris or cleaning cesspools, privies, or water closets. Minutes of early Council meetings suggest that, in many instances, an entire meeting was devoted to city street-cleaning issues. As one case in point, in April 1911, in the face of what must have been a full-on invasion of flies, the council ordered Giant Fly Traps and commenced a city-wide clean-up of streets, alleys, and corrals, the trash to be hauled away by the city at city expense. At a meeting held later that year, a newly-elected city council immediately acted to employ a street-cleaning service.

How many streets were there to clean at the time? You might be surprised by how fast our little town had expanded from its humble beginnings at the corner of Maine Street and Williams Avenue. A 1910 Fallon Census shows that Fallon families were living on Maine Street, Williams Avenue, Nevada Street, East Street, Center Street, 1st Street, Richards Street, Laverne Street, Lincoln Street, Broadway Street, A Street, B Street, Carson Street, Russell Street, Taylor Street, Ada Street, Court Street, Park Street, Humboldt Street, and Edna Street. Edna Street does not exist on today's city street map, but it is thought to have been located east of Humboldt Street.

Please send a postcard to Mackedon@phonewave.net. Tell your story. Take inspiration from the following topics or write on one of your own: a Fallon school or a memorable teacher; the best close place for a picnic; memories of growing up in town; memories of growing up on a farm; first impressions upon moving here; the Fallon pool; the Dry Gulch Saloon; fishing and hunting in the valley; Lahontan Dam; the PTA Parade; a club; Churchill Arts Count; a friend, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, neighbor who is part of the fabric of this place. Let me add the topic "rodeo" to the list, and I would love to hear from the local Native American community.

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



Well, friends, the day has finally arrived when I have to write about something I have not personally experienced. When we launched the Churchill County Library Spice Club, I started by creating a list of my favorite spices and seasonings that are regularly used in Kelli's Kitchen. As the months passed, I encouraged you to try new flavors and widen your engagement with ingredients used around the world, but they were all familiar to me. This month, our spice club offering is one that I have never tasted. So, I will be making a special trip to the library to grab my sample of Black Lime to try out for the first time in Kelli's Kitchen.

Black lime is sourced from a single farm in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. The

Persian limes are grown by farmer Don Amilcar and then travel to a family-owned facility two hours outside of Guatemala City, where they spend three months drying in the sun. The hardened, sun-cured limes are ground into a powder mainly exported to the Middle East. Black lime powder can be used in any dish that calls for lime juice or lime leaves (1/4 tsp. of black lime powder replaces 1 tsp. of fresh lime juice). It adds a tart punch that levels up both savory and sweet dishes.

I hope you join me in trying this new ingredient. Stop by the library during November and grab a sample of Black Lime powder. Here's the recipe that I am going to try:

Sri Lankan Chicken Curry

Ingredients:

1/2 tsp.	Coriander
3/4 tsp.	Fennel seed
1/4 tsp.	Cumin
1/2 tsp.	Black pepper
1 tsp.	Cardamom
1 1/2 tsp.	Ground cinnamon
1-2 tsp.	Chili flakes of choice
1/4 tsp.	Turmeric
1/2 tsp.	Ground black lime
	Salt, to taste
1 tbsp.	Tamarind paste
1 lb	Chicken of choice, cut into 2" pieces
6	Cloves Garlic, chopped
2-inch piece	Piece of ginger
1/4 tsp.	Black mustard seeds
1	Cinnamon stick
1	Onion, diced
1	Can full-fat coconut milk

Directions:

1. Combine coriander, fennel, cumin, black pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, chili flakes, turmeric, ground black lime, salt, and tamarind paste to the chicken and mix well. Let it marinate for 15-30 minutes.
2. Grind the garlic and ginger to a smooth paste. Heat some oil in a pot and add mustard seeds. Let them splutter. Add the cinnamon stick and onion. Sauté until onions turn translucent and slightly golden. Add the ginger and garlic paste. Stir and cook for 30 seconds.
3. Add the marinated chicken pieces, mix well, cover with a lid, and cook over high heat for 3 to 5 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and continue cooking for 12 to 15 minutes. Stir occasionally to avoid burning.
4. Once the chicken pieces turn a light brown color, add the coconut milk. Continue cooking, covered over low heat for eight to ten minutes until the curry thickens, oil rises to the top, and the chicken is tender. Finally, taste the curry and adjust the seasonings if needed. Serve over basmati or jasmine rice.

Black Lime Spiced Mushrooms

Ingredients:

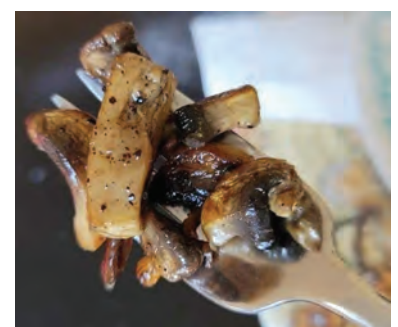
8 oz.	Mushrooms
2 tbsp.	Butter
1 tsp.	Black lime
	Salt to taste

Directions:

1. Clean mushrooms. Slice, halve, or chop them as desired.
2. In a medium pan over medium heat, melt butter. Sauté mushrooms until golden brown and tender.
3. Adjust heat to low. Sprinkle black lime over mushrooms and continue to sauté gently for a minute or two.
4. Taste and adjust. Sprinkle with salt if desired.



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



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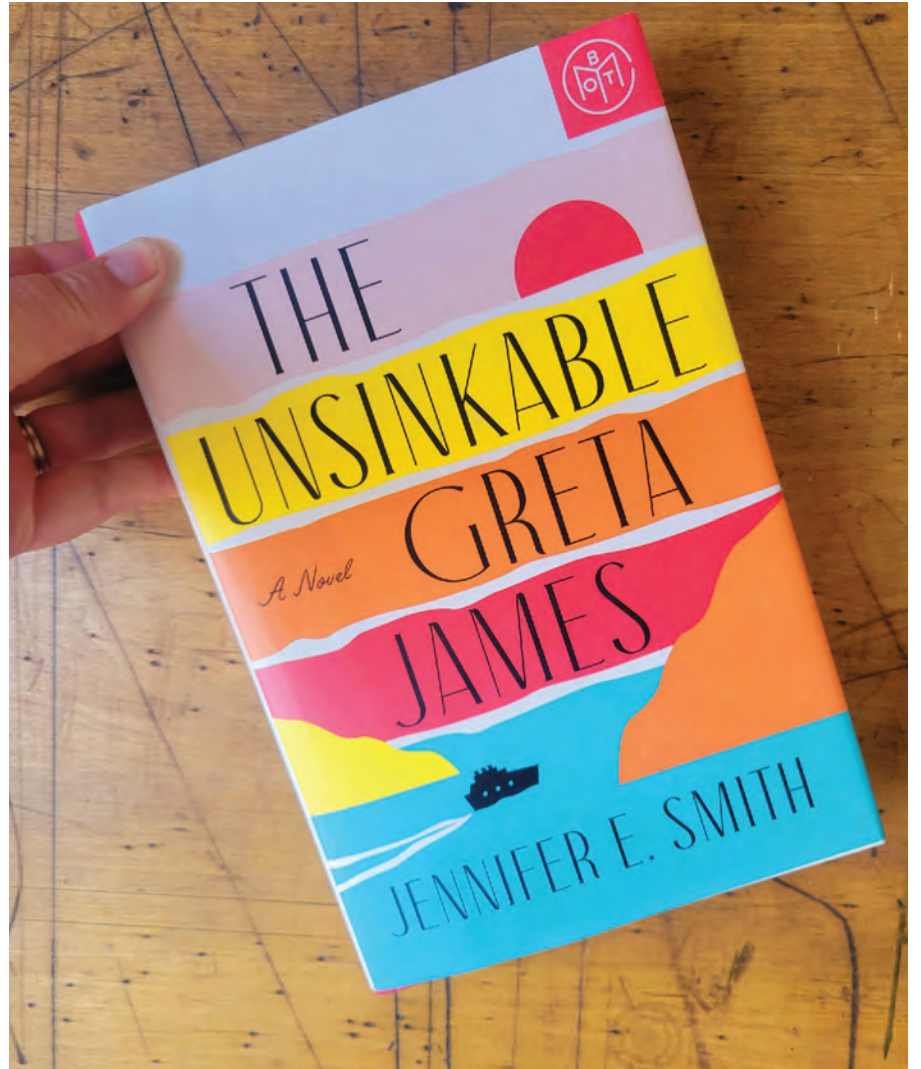
"The Unsinkable Greta James"

by Jennifer E. Smith

A random fact about me: I refuse to get on a boat. Okay, I would go river rafting for an afternoon. And maybe I would like those little bumper boats that used to be at the fair when I was a kid. But a speed boat? Nope. A rowboat? A canoe? A dinghy? Nope x3. And a cruise ship is the biggest nope of all. I occasionally see a story on the news where people are stuck on a cruise ship, septic tanks and trash cans overflowing, waiting to be rescued – or maybe just waiting for the boat to sink, I don't know. I know that I will never be involved in a scenario like this because I will never get on a cruise ship. The closest I will come is reading a book that takes place on a cruise ship, and this week that is just what I have for you.

"The Unsinkable Greta James" by Jennifer E. Smith is part rom-com, part comeback story, part family saga – and all a fun and quick read I know you will love. Just after the death of her mother and weeks before the launch of her sophomore album, indie singer Greta James has an embarrassing on-stage meltdown. The footage quickly goes viral, and she stops playing. Her career is suddenly in jeopardy – the kind of jeopardy that her father, Conrad, has always predicted. Months go by, and Greta is still reeling, but she reluctantly agrees to accompany Conrad on an Alaskan cruise that her parents had booked to celebrate their fortieth anniversary. It could be an opportunity to mend their relationship and bond over their recent shared loss. Enter Ben Wilder, a charming historian who is struggling with some major upheaval of his own. As Greta works on building back her confidence and Ben confronts an uncertain future, they find themselves drawn together. On this huge floating city against the backdrop of the Alaskan wilderness, far from the packed venues she is used to, Greta has to learn to find her voice again.

Despite my disdain for cruise ships, I adored "The Unsinkable Greta James." It has everything I love in a romantic comedy – flawed but loveable characters on a journey of self-discovery who happen to find love while finding themselves. Greta James is laugh-out-loud funny and will surely tug at your heartstrings at other times.



Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader and let me know what you think of Greta James. Maybe you can convince me to go on a cruise? Probably (read: most definitely) not, but I can't wait to hear what you think.

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.

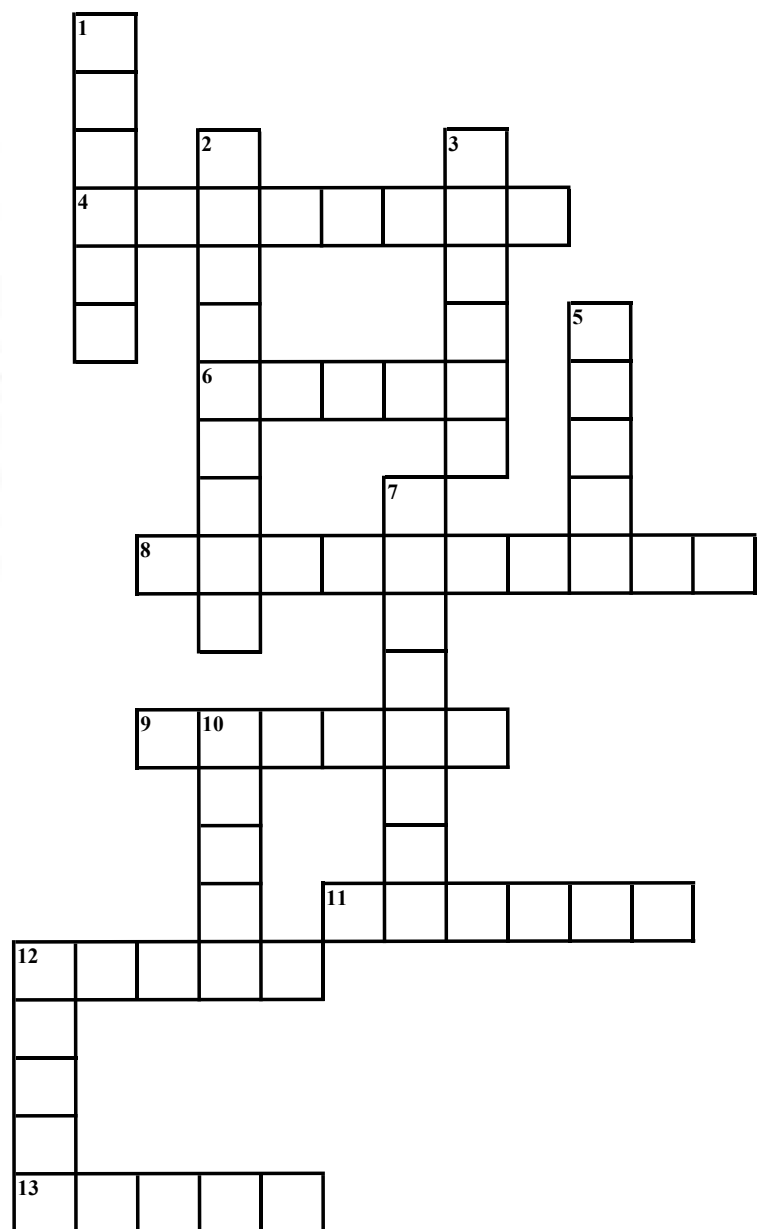
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- 6. Silas Marner
- 8. Crime and Punishment
- 9. Dracula
- 11. Handmaid's Tale
- 12. Red Badge of Courage
- 13. Gulliver's Travels

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- 1. American Gods
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Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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

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

Pamela D. Moore
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Case No. 24-10DC-1207

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The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing his or her name for a fraudulent purpose.

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

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