

### **City of Fallon Honors Officers with Lifesaving Award**

By Rachel Dahl

In December of 2021, Stephanie Ranson went to bed feeling uneasy about how she felt. She had been having trouble with her heart, and in the night, she woke up feeling bad. As she got out of bed, she collapsed, and luckily, her dad, Fallon's Steve Ranson, heard her hit the floor and ran to help, calling 9-1-1.

Stephanie had stopped breathing, but his old military training kicked in, and he immediately started administering CPR. Fallon policemen Sgt. Josh Schumann, Officer Kurt Itskin, and Officer Michael Woolf arrived and took over the life-saving efforts. As soon as the paramedics arrived in the ambulance, they took over, but Stephanie was suffering badly and needed the paramedics, so there was no one to drive the ambulance.

The policemen stepped in to take over the ambulance driving so the paramedics could support Stephanie on the way to the hospital. Because of their lifesaving efforts that night, Stephanie survived.

However, problems with her heart continued, so when the Fallon PD called her in July of this year to ask if she would attend a ceremony to honor the officers who were there that night to save her, she and her dad were at Renown, in the cardiac ICU where Stephanie was again in heart failure. The call went to voicemail.

Last week at the City of Fallon Council Meeting, Stephanie was finally well and was able to stand next to the officers who saved her life that December night in 2021.

In presenting the Lifesaving Award, Chief of Police Ron Wenger said, "There is an expectation when we put on the badge for Fallon PD that we will protect and serve our community. Part of that is traffic enforcement, protecting our children, responding to domestic violence and bar fights, and we are always hoping we get there in time so no one gets hurt. Every once in a while, we have to transition from

L to R: Steve Ranson, Mayor Ken Tedford, Sgt. Josh Schumann, Officer Michael Woolf, Stephanie Ranson, Officer Kurt Itskin, and Chief Ron Wenger. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

protectors of life to lifesaver." He spoke briefly about the incident in December of 2021, saying, "It is my honor to bring these three officers forward who heroically saved the life of Stephanie Ranson that night.

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### From the Publisher

# **Captain's Log – Beatles, Beetles, and the Truth**

There is so much going on in the world today, so much conflict and angst. As a news girl, it's hard to keep up with it all and difficult to formulate any sort of opinion or position based on solid, concrete evidence.

People often ask us at the paper, how we see certain things that are happening, and I'm always reluctant to answer. First, for me, it's a difficult thing to talk about something I don't understand completely or on which I have only limited facts.

Far from being a tinfoil-wearing conspiracy theorist, I do subscribe to the idea that the difference between a conspiracy theory and a real news story is often only six months. And the reason is precisely because it is so difficult to find real information.

I've watched, but mostly read, like many of us this past week, the historical unseating of the Speaker of the House in Congress. In horror, we've all witnessed from afar the scenes in Israel and Palestine. We've read many stories about these happenings, and I've sought out as many sources as I can, reading all the different versions that are being presented and hoping that somewhere in the convergence of these stories, I might find the facts or even the truth.

It is a difficult thing to listen to the news and not know enough about a situation to know if what you're hearing is true. I've had to go back to my history books and spend time looking up specific definitions of words. *Apartheid. Hamas.* The process to elect a Speaker.

It has been a humbling week, and it makes me more careful about what we are doing here, covering our community. We don't want to fall into these same traps. We want to be trusted and known as a place you can go to find out what's really happening in our town.

Šo, we go through this week recommitted – to sourcing and sourcing and re-sourcing, to digging and finding all we can about what  $\bar{g}$  oes on here. And to cleaning up when we make mistakes. I'm sorry, I know the rock band is really the Beatles, not the Beetles, as Sylvia pointed out when she got back from vacation. (I wanted to make sure she knows we need her).

And as we continue learning how to be the very best at bringing you the local news, we'll be right here...

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### Features

# Heath Boys Gain Racing Experience in Indiana

#### Staff Report

Jeremy and Nate Heath returned from four days of racing in Indiana this week. There were over 500 entries for the event.

Nate ran two classes and was near the top in qualifying for the Heavy, but the pit crew (dad, Justin Heath) messed up the air pressure, and Nate qualified in the middle of the pack. Coming in at the 29th spot, Nate got into a couple of accidents and started the main event in 41st, finishing the weekend in 36th place. The Senior Medium class had about 100 entries, and in Sunday's LCQ, he finished 11th, one spot out of the transfer spot to the main event. They took 60 karts to the main event.

Jeremy had bad luck all weekend, starting with a blown engine (dad didn't put in enough oil), and was involved in a few accidents. He finally got the kart dialed in and finished 11th in LCQ, one spot out of the transfer spot to the main.

The weekend was a fantastic event, with about 13 karts flipping. The boys had a lot of fun over the weekend and learned a lot. Thanks to Cole Nelson Racing, Kelsey Nelson, and Invader Racing Engines for their assistance. The boys can't wait until next year.



Photos courtesy of Justin Heath.



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### Features

# Fernley Water Users Rejoice – TCID to Lift Truckee CanalOutage November 1

#### By Leanna Lehman

For nearly a year, Truckee Canal water users have faced the frustrating inability to irrigate their fields and grow crops. However, there is finally a glimmer of hope on the horizon as the Truckee Carson Irrigation District (TCID) is now accepting water orders for the upcoming irrigation season set to open on November 1.

This news is a welcome relief to well owners who have seen their groundwater levels plummet, leading to dry wells. While their situation may not notice significant improvement until late spring or early summer, they can breathe a sigh of relief – water is on the way.

The Truckee Canal, spanning 31 miles and supplying water to over 50,000 acres, suffered a breach in January 2008 that caused devastating floods and inflicted millions of dollars in property damage upon Fernley residents. Last fall, TCID, in collaboration with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), halted canal operations to initiate a canal restoration project. This initiative commenced with the installation of 3.5 miles of concrete canal lining, currently under construction.

During a public address at TCID's October 3 meeting, Fernley Mayor Neal E. McIntyre sought to mitigate some of the confusion and misinformation surrounding the predicament of private well owners facing a water crisis. Mayor McIntyre conveyed that the city had been alerted to potential issues stemming from the prolonged absence of water in the canal. Concerns had arisen among private well owners about the future of their ownership and the associated maintenance. To address these concerns, Mayor McIntyre and the City Manager's office reached out to U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei, who has requested specific information about the problems faced by well owners. This data will help identify available resources to support individual well owners in the future. Letters have been sent to Fernley's 400+ private well owners,

soliciting feedback. To date, the city has received 70-80 responses, but it is crucial for all well owners to complete the form, regardless of whether their well has been affected. In the words of Mayor McIntyre, "Please help the City of Fernley help you."

Mayor McIntyre also mentioned a grant program offered by the USDA that could benefit certain residents. "For well owners," he stated, "if there is infrastructure in your area, they have a grant program that can connect you to city water if you wish." Fernley residents interested in this program are encouraged to contact the City of Fernley for more information.

TCID Maintenance and Construction Manager Cody Biggs provided an update, noting progress on the concrete line of repair at Painted Rock. "We finished the concrete line of repair at Painted Rock yesterday [October 2]," Biggs reported. "The burn crews are starting to clear and clean up the area, so we're ready to proceed with grouting, which is scheduled for two weeks from today."

Fernley residents, however, remain frustrated and concerned, particularly following TCID General Manager Ben Shawcroft's announcement that water would not be retained in the canal after the irrigation season concludes to serve stock water, which is used for the consumption of livestock or other animals. Shawcroft explained that TCID had thoroughly researched the matter, consulted with the Federal Watermaster, and reviewed the language within the decree. They conclude that they cannot operate the canal outside the designated season for this purpose. Shawcroft noted that his predecessor, Rusty Jardine, had initiated work on a policy related to stock water lines outside the prescribed season just before retiring. TCID intends to resurrect this effort and present the issue to the Policy Committee for review.

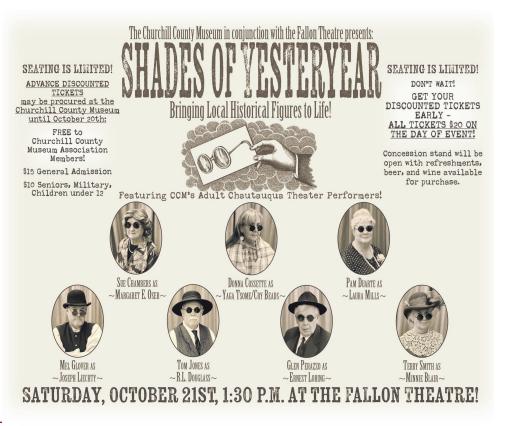
In Shawcroft's words, the potential liability of releasing stock water beyond the prescribed season is too significant for TCID to consider. "At



Truckee Canal. Photo courtesy of the City of Fernley.

this time," he stated unequivocally, "we are not recommending serving the stock water lines outside of the irrigation season."

In closing, it's clear that the upcoming irrigation season on November 1 is a long-awaited moment of relief for Truckee Canal water users and well owners. The challenges faced by Fernley residents and private well owners must not be underestimated. As we move forward, we must work together to find solutions that benefit our community while ensuring the responsible use of our valuable water resources.



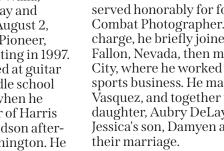
# Obituaries

# Joshua Ryan DeLay

08/02/1978-09/13/2023

"Once a Marine, always a Marine"... Lance Corporal Joshua DeLay, USMC completed his earthly mission and returned to his Heavenly Father on September 13, 2023. He was at peace and with family at the time of his departure.

Josh was born in Walla Walla, Washington to Calvin DeLay and Elaine DeLay Baldwin on August 2, 1978. He attended Berney, Pioneer, and Wa-Hi schools, graduating in 1997. He loved music and excelled at guitar and drums. He played middle school football but was happiest when he was working as a co-owner of Harris Motors, Inc., a Harley-Davidson aftermarket shop in Dixie, Washington. He



enjoyed learning all the mechanics involved and built his own Harley at the age of 17 and was a proud member of RIDER of Washington. He also loved fishing and camping and caught a trophy crappie while in his teen years, a picture of which was published in

Sports Illustrated magazine. He enlisted in the USMC and served honorably for four years as a Combat Photographer. Upon discharge, he briefly joined his family in Fallon, Nevada, then moved to Carson City, where he worked for a motorsports business. He married Jessica Vasquez, and together they had a daughter, Aubry DeLay. He adopted Jessica's son, Damyen at the time of

Josh later returned to Fallon where he worked at various jobs until he became disabled and

his health declined. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Calvin and Carol DeLay of Touchet, Washington; his mother and stepfather, Elaine and Anthony Baldwin of Fallon, Nevada; a brother, Brian DeLay, Fallon, NV; and his daughter Aubry DeLay, Fallon, NV. A sister, Nichole, preceded him in death in 1976.

A military tribute is planned, and distribution of cremains will follow at a later date.

Semper Fi, Josh.

Services are being coordinated by The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Hwy, Fallon, 775-423-8928.





## **Donna Jane Ince Johnson**

Donna Jane Ince Johnson peacefully passed from this mortal existence on October 3, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin Rothwell Ince and Cleo Bernice Tippetts, her brothers, Robert Melvin and William Kent Ince, and her oldest daughter, Pauline Johnson.

Donna was born in Holiday, Utah, on February 6, 1939. Her mother told her she came in on a snowflake. She lived there until she was sealed to

Robert Gamble Johnson on March 24. 1961, for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They moved to Fallon, Nevada, in 1978. Donna had a great love for indexing for the church, reading her favorite books, and crocheting. She was a proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, and children Denise (Pat Marker), Douglas (DeAnn Guerette),

Gary (Carolann Aughe), and Steven (Teresa McKnight); grandchildren Travis (Chalea), Garrett (Taylor), Trent (Carina), Jeremy (Stephenie), Caden (Emmara), Courtney, Devin, Logan, Aubrey, Megan, and Colby and greatgrandchildren Amos, Callum, Reagan, and Makenna.

Services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building, 450 North Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, on Thursday, October 12 at 2 p.m.

### **Donald Anthony Formentini**

Donald Anthony Formentini was born on August 30, 1938, and died at home surrounded by family and friends on October 6, 2023.

Before moving to Fallon, he lived a full and sometimes, too-exciting, life. Don was the sole survivor of a tank car explosion in Kingman, AZ, in 1973. He was a reserve officer in the Atherton Police Department and a Reserve Deputy with the Mohave County Sheriffs Dept before he retired.

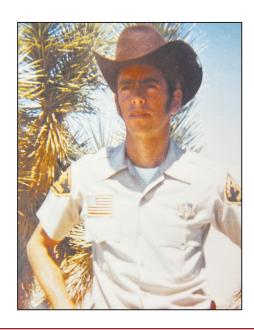
Don loved the City of Fallon, where he has lived for 44 years and where he was an active member of

Churchill County Search and Rescue. Don loved the desert, building and flying model airplanes, and exploring old ghost towns with The Wild Bunch.

Don is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lola, two sons, three grandchildren, a godson, two great-grandchildren, and many very dear friends.

There will be no services per his request.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, Fallon, NV.





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# Community Churchill's Own Healthcare Hero

#### Staff Report

Churchill County's Social Services Director, Shannon Ernst, was honored by Nevada Business Magazine at its Healthcare Heroes banquet on October 5 at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno as the 2023 Healthcare Hero – Community Partner. The Nevada Business Magazine selected Ernst due to her work in rural communities, where she has increased access to services through outreach and communication.

The Healthcare Heroes program annually recognizes ten healthcare professionals in southern and northern Nevada in categories including care provider, administrator, educator, community partner, humanitarian, physician, and volunteer.

"One project that she helped implement is the Community Health Worker Program which reaches out to those in need of health services, provides referrals, and then follows up with them. This program has helped both homebound citizens and those experiencing homelessness or confined in detention facilities," the magazine's editors noted in the event's program.

Ernst was instrumental in leading Churchill County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She was instrumental in creating the county's public health department to help the community respond to testing, vaccination, and treatment needs. Because of the success of the department and the county's response to the pandemic, state leadership approved the Central Nevada Health District earlier this year as the first rural multi-jurisdictional health district in Nevada.

Shannon shouldered the bulk of Churchill County's COVID response while continuing to provide services for the local homeless population, guardianship cases, and other social programs for those needing such services.

Additionally, her department assumed operational management of the William N. Pennington Life Center two years ago and quickly rose to provide increased services and further access for local seniors. This effort allowed the department to increase access to wellness services, provide activities to increase health outcomes and support to maintain a safe, independent

lifestyle. To do this, she has expanded staffing and programming offerings and improved food services, both congregant dining and via Meals on Wheels, to meet the needs of senior citizens in the community.



This is the first Healthcare Hero honor for a Churchill County employee.

Above: Shannon Ernst, center, with Jackee Stewart, left, Social Services Office Supervisor, and Jill Manha, right, Senior and Disabilities Services Manager. Photo by Jordan Ernst.

# Help Oasis Academy Win \$25K Grand Prize from Dolan Auto

#### Staff Report

Oasis Academy is looking for your vote to assist them with winning the \$25,000 grand prize in this year's Classroom Project, sponsored by the Reno-based Dolan Auto Group.

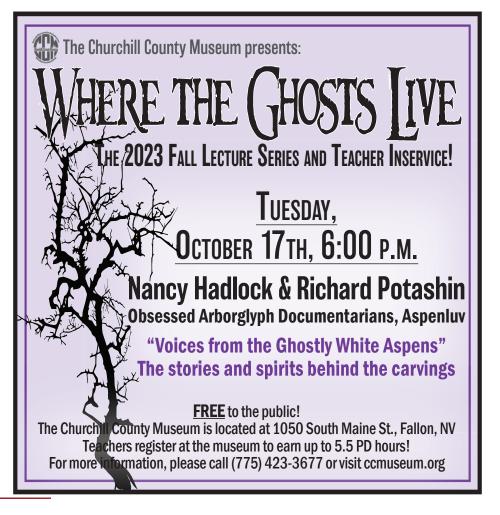
Community voting is open now through October 17. Each community member can vote once per day for their favorite school project. All votes are cast at the Oasis's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/OAfallon. Scroll through a post or two to find the entry page and cast your vote daily.

#### Oasis's entry states:

Oasis Academy's mission is to improve lives through opportunity. As a public charter school in Fallon, Nevada, we serve a diverse population of just under 800 students. We pride ourselves in providing our agriculture and military community with resources to bridge gaps and provide exceptional academic and co-curricular opportunities to students. We do this while also connecting families to resources they may not have known were available. Oasis wants everyone to have the opportunity to run with the Bighorn Herd.

Our project is to revamp our playground with more equipment and fix our turf. The project will give more options for our growing student population to engage ands play safely at recess and during family community activities. The revamp will allow students the opportunity to be active and foster positive peer relationships. All while building our HERD – Honesty, Empathy, Respect, Determination. Join us and run with the Bighorn Herd.

The Dolan Auto Group is more than just a company that sells cars. It is dedicated to making a difference in the community it calls home. Dolan Auto Group makes it a priority to support events and organizations that positively impact northern Nevada and is proud to be able to drive the community toward a brighter tomorrow.



### Community

# Joseph & James AKA Haydn & Taylor

#### Staff Report

The Carson Chamber Singers are presenting the Joseph & James on Saturday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at the Epworth Methodist Church, 280 E. Stillwater Avenue. The 40-member chorus is under the direction of Dr. Gary Schwartz.

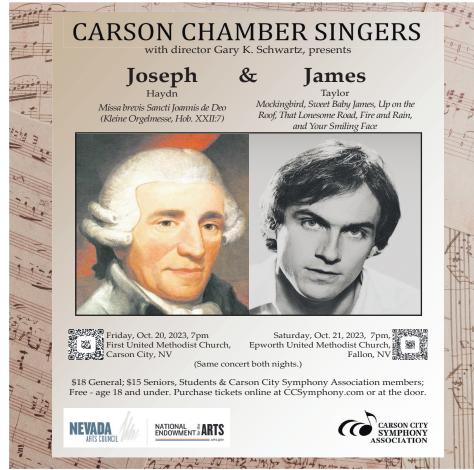
The group has been performing since 1985 as a part of the Carson City Symphony Association. They perform with the Carson City Symphony and the Reno Philharmonic, as well as several other venues in Northern Nevada and as far west as Sacramento, presenting five or more concerts annually.

The program combines classical and contemporary music. It features Joseph Haydn's "Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo," known as "Kleine Orgelmesse" ("The Little Organ Mass"), and songs recorded by James Taylor: "Mockingbird," "Sweet Baby James," "Up on the Roof," "That Lonesome Road," "Fire and Rain," and "Your Smiling Face."

The group's Fallon performance of Joseph & James combines the music of Joseph Haydn and James Taylor into a show you won't want to miss. General admission tickets are \$18. Discount tickets for seniors (age 62 plus), students, and Carson City Symphony Association members are \$15. Youth ages 18 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available online at CCSymphony. com or Facebook.com/CarsonCity-Symphony and at the door.

For information about joining the choral group, call the Symphony Association at 775-883-4154 or see CC-Symphony.com/ccsingers.htm. Public funds partly support concerts through a grant from the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts and by private donations. The Carson Chamber Singers is open to singers of high school age and above. Participation is free.





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# Community P.E.O. Scholarships Awarded

By Sandy White

P.E.O. Chapter D, Fallon, is proud to announce the recipients of its 2023 Phyllis McCallum Memorial Scholarship to CCHS graduates Brisa Ugalde and Camille Winder. These young women were chosen after the Scholarship committee painstakingly read and evaluated all applicants from both CCHS and Oasis Academy.

A Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded and presented to each girl by local Chapter President Becky Mathews. Ms. Ugalde is enrolled at Western Nevada College as a science major and aspires to be a veterinarian. She is the daughter of Maria and Bernardo Ugalde of Fallon.

Ms. Winder is studying Pre-nursing at Brigham Young University and is the daughter of Sonja and Walter Winder of Fallon. With the community's support, two \$1,000 scholarships a year to chosen high school graduates and one \$500 scholarship a year to a qualified woman attending WNC were awarded. The local chapter sponsors two fundraisers a year. Each spring, a fun evening is planned for a movie night at the Fallon Theatre, and plans are in full swing for the second annual Chuckwagon Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction set for November 4. Tickets will be available soon at Kent's Supply Center, 260 N. Maine. For more info, contact Michele at (775) 427-4996.

The P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women by helping them achieve their educational goals for over 150 years. What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is



now one of North America's oldest women's organizations.

Congratulations to Brisa and Camille. As they move forward with their education, P.E.O. is thrilled to be a small part of helping them achieve their dreams.



Left: Brisa Ugalde, Right: Camille Winder. Photos courtesy of PEO.

To learn more about P.E.O., visit www. peointernational.org.

# **STAR Scholarship Award**

By Sandy White

P.E.O. Chapter D, Fallon is so very pleased to announce Corel Escartin as its first-ever STAR Scholarship recipient. Corel was awarded a \$2,500 STAR Project scholarship given each year by P.E.O. International. Her application and interview were impressive with the local scholarship committee, who voted unanimously to nominate her for the coveted STAR scholarship.

After her application was forwarded to the national office, STAR Chair Becky Shelling interviewed Corel. Out of 2,000 applicants, Corel was selected, first as an alternate and then as a recipient.

Corel was born and raised in Fallon and has impacted her community by having the heart of a volunteer. Corel's parents, Lailani and Bernardino Escartin, are immigrants to America and have impressed upon Corel and her younger brother the need to give back. This remarkable young woman is involved in her church Christian Life Center, and volunteers in the outreach program there and in other areas. While a student at CCHS, she was a member of the CCHS volunteer club, where she helped put together hygiene kits and helped distribute them to the homeless. Corel also volunteered by helping with a school carnival to raise money for playground equipment

at one of Fallon's local elementary schools. She also enjoyed being a tutor at Lahontan Elementary School. One of Corel's goals is to make sure everyone has a voice and is heard, and she is honing her language skills for that purpose.

On top of the previously mentioned attributes, Corel was and continues to be, a stellar student. She is attending the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in Information Systems. Sincere congratulations go out to Corel and hope for a very successful future.



Corel Escartin. Photo courtesy of PEO.

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### Law & Order

# **District Court News**

#### By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, October 3, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

*Nicholas Andrew Messick* pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance First or Second Offense, a Category E Felony. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas told the court the defendant had .29 grams of methamphetamine, which mandates probation. Messick received a suspended of 12-36 months in a Nevada State Prison and must complete the Western Regional Drug Court, obtain a substance abuse evaluation, and follow the recommendations therein, along with standard conditions of probation. Fees and assessments were imposed.

Henry Lee Andrews pleaded guilty to a Category D Felony Failing to Change Address as a Convicted Sex Offender. Andrews received two years probation on a suspended 19-48 month sentence. Along with standard probationary conditions, he was ordered to maintain his registration as a sex offender.

Brian Keith Alford, in custody, appeared for sentencing violations. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court that Alford has an additional case in the Justice Court and asked for a threeweek continuance as they are working on a global resolution with the state. Stockard continued the matter to October 24.

*Samantha Erika Dockery* pleaded guilty to Embezzlement of a value of \$25,000 or more but less than \$100,000, a Category B Felony with a potential penalty of 1-10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Dockery allegedly embezzled \$51,365.00 from an account meant to benefit her son. Churchill County public defense attorney told the court they are asking that Dockery be allowed diversion through the Western Regional Drug Court program if the money is repaid in full prior to sentencing. Judge Stockard said Dockery would have to get a Substance Abuse Evaluation to be eligible for drug court; he ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigative Report and set sentencing for January 2, 2024. At the request of Noel, the defendant was provisionally placed into the drug court program.

Andrea Lynn Lumpkin appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, which she pled guilty to in July. A risk assessment concluded that Lumpkin is not at high risk of reoffending, making her eligible for probation. Deputy District Attorney Prescilla Baker told the court that law enforcement was called to the home for a family altercation. While speaking with the adults, the officer observed an open container of marijuana, which a child was reaching into. Charles Woodman Esq., defense counsel for Lumpkin, told the court his client has been a model citizen since then. He said she has been doing counseling and treatment at New Frontier, has a new job, and has complied with Court Services. Fees and assessments were imposed, and Lumpkin received



File photo.

a suspended sentence of 270 days in Churchill County Jail, with 12 months probation. Along with standard conditions of probation, Lumpkin was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow any recommendations therein.

Chad Anthony Travis Fayerweather appeared for sentencing on a Gross Misdemeanor charge of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, which he pled guilty to in July. The judge stated he received a Risk Assessment on the defendant, which concluded he is at low risk to reoffend, also making him eligible for probation. DDA Baker told the court "that it was this defendant's marijuana that was found open," allowing the child access. Baker said Fayerweather has been doing well since and asked for a suspended sentence of 364 days "to encourage this defendant to keep on that path." Public Defender Wright Noel agreed with Baker, stating his

Fayerweather has been doing very well." Noel further stated that supervision from probation would help his client continue with the changes he has made. The judge imposed fees and assessments. He received a suspended sentence of 270 days in Churchill County Jail, with 12 months probation. Along with the standard conditions of probation, Lumpkin was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow any recommendations therein.

Joseph Ansel Howard, in custody, admitted to the Non-technical Sentencing Violation of Absconding from probation and a supplemental Violation of being arrested in Washoe County for possession of medication he did not have a prescription for. The judge revoked Howard's probation and modified his sentence so that the second count would run concurrently with count one. He received credit for 64 days of time served.





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# Announcements Getchell Named Alaska Superintendent of the Year



#### Staff Report

Dr. Roy Getchell, who spent his early years in Fallon schools while his father, LeRoy, served as City Clerk for the City of Fallon, has been named 2024 Alaska Superintendent of the Year by the Alaska Superintendents Association (ASA).

Dr. Getchell has served as Superintendent of Haines Borough School District since 2018. He is the Alaska Superintendent Association Board President and the Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA) President. He is the past Board Chair of SERRC and serves on their Executive Committee. He previously represented Alaska on the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Governing Board. Since 2018, Dr. Getchell has provided the Haines Borough School District with steady, thoughtful, and measured leadership. He skillfully led through the 2020 landslide that tragically took the life of a Haines teacher and the COVID-19 Pandemic. In the wake of these events that significantly impacted the school district and community, "Dr. Getchell demonstrated considerable grace and thought in his response," said Dr. Michelle Sloper, Haines Borough School Board President.

Making connections with students, staff, and community leaders has been a focus for Dr. Getchell. Pam Long, a parent of two HBSD Students, shared, "It is empowering to watch district staff, business owners, tribal leaders, parents, grandparents, educators and students all collaborating under his leadership." Through Dr. Getchell's commitment to open and engaging dialog, he has been able to promote the mission and vision of the school district and recruit educators to the region.

"Watching school leaders and mentors through the years," said Getchell, "I never ever imagined myself being able to do the same type of work as a superintendent. I can clearly remember viewing administration through rose-colored glasses of amazement as they led their schools and districts to places of higher ground. For that reason, I humbly know the importance of the roles we have as leaders of our schools and communities."

### **Nevada Rural Investments and Support for Entrepreneurs**

#### Staff Report

The Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR), Nevada Small Business Development Center (Nevada SBDC), and Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC) are partnering to offer Nevada Rural Investments & Support for Entrepreneurs (Nevada RISE). This program is for new and existing business owners in rural Nevada. It offers forgivable loans, up to \$25,000, through RNDC and is accompanied by Nevada SBDC technical assistance/ mentoring and training. Experience shows that business owners improve success rates and outcomes when they have a plan and receive support.

The Nevada RISE program assists new and existing small businesses and entrepreneurs in rural Nevada to grow and thrive in the new, post-COVID economy. This is one of few opportunities for start-ups to qualify for lender funding.

To be considered for funding, applicants must sign up to be a Nevada SBDC client at www.nevadasbdc.org, which is free and confidential. A pre-application can be completed at: https://nevadasbdc.org/ nevada-rural-investment-and-supportfor-entrepreneurs/. Applicants must explain the business model or concept. Qualifying loan uses include startup expenses, operating expenses, and equipment, which must also be specified.

If the concept qualifies, an invitation to complete a full application for the loan will be sent to the pre-applicant with other required documents.

Nevada RISE applicants will be required to work with their assigned Nevada SBDC advisor to complete an action plan before the loan is received; meet with a Nevada SBDC business advisor no less than five hours throughout the program to touch base on progress, needs, and next steps; and attend at least two physical or virtual Nevada SBDC trainings over the course of a year for the loan to be forgiven. Training topics will depend on business needs.

There are no minimum requirements for years in business or income. Priority for disbursement of loans will be for businesses owned or controlled

by a veteran or senior citizen. Funding is limited. Applicants must have documents prepared and respond to messages in a timely manner. Not every applicant will qualify for a loan in this program, but all applicants can receive technical assistance to prepare their business for future funding opportunities and other needs.

For more information, visit the Nevada SBDC website at www.nevadasbdc. org or call 800-240-7094.





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### Local Government

# **County Addresses Rezoning, Parceling, and Improvements**

#### By Julia Boswell

The County Commissioners met on October 5, to discuss several recurring applications, new buildings, and businesses updates in Churchill County.

Forty Mile Desert LLC applied to rezone their RR-20 zoning district to Industrial. Forty Mile Desert LLC was approached by Castalleon, a company known to aid the defense industry by developing rocket motors, to have a site for testing their motors in Churchill County, northeast of Hazen. The only concern commissioners had was who would upkeep and maintain the road to the site. Dean Patterson, senior planner with the Churchill County Public Works Department, answered that the company, Castalleon would be the ones in charge of keeping the road in good condition. With no further questions, the application was approved unanimously.

Jessica Stanger, manager of NEV DEV LLC, requested a tentative parceling for seven residential lots located on Desert Hills Loop. Concerns were focused on how the problem with the fire marshal and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) were addressed.

The Fire Marshal was concerned about where the houses on the lots were being built, and an agreement was made to keep the lots centered around the cul-de-sac to make it easier in any case of fires. Board members also had concerns about how the homes could affect the irrigation structures, and any possibility of closing off the canal to farmers. NEV DEV LLC is working closely with TCID to build and upkeep fences along the canal to preserve necessary access by farmers and TCID. According to Patterson, the project has been kept alive for close to 30 years and after working with the fire marshals and TCID, the application was approved unanimously.

Commissioners approved an agreement between the Churchill County Building Department and the

West Coast Code to prove building plan review services for large and/or complicated buildings projects, like the district courthouse and the apartment buildings being built on Coleman Road. West Coast Code will charge about 42% of the building permit fee for their services. Civil Deputy District Attorney, Joe Sanford explained that the Building Department would consider each project to decide if it could be handled by the department or if they needed to outsource to West Coast Code. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission Board.

Commissioners agreed to continue with former Commission Chair, Pete Olsen representing the county with the Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District. He has been Churchill County representative to the district since 2016.

An application for a Grant of Easement between Churchill County, Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Bravo Foxtrot NV Corp., and Western Emulsions Inc. for a 60-foot public road was approved. Thirty feet of the road has already been built by Idaho Asphalt, and the same company will complete the next 30 feet as well. Both Bravo Foxtrot NV Corp. and Western Emulsions Inc. would take full responsibility for the upkeep of the road. The easement was approved unanimously.

Commissioners also approved up to \$40,000 in expenses relating to the Churchill County District Courthouse project.

The Churchill County Commission meets on the first Thursday of the month at 8:15 a.m. and the third Wednesday of the month at 1:15. p.m. Agendas can be found online at ChurchillCountyNV.gov and meetings are held at 155 N. Taylor Street.



#### ...Award from Front Page

Without your efforts, Miss Ranson would not be alive today. You were a true blessing to her and her family."

Mayor Tedford also thanked the officers for their heroism that night. "We really appreciate your efforts. It really shows what a fine police department we have."

Steve Ranson then read a letter on behalf of Stephanie, thanking the officers. He read her words with great emotion and to a crowd of supporters, "Without you and your life-saving efforts, I would not be here today. I also want to thank you for changing my life for the better. I now look at life with a more positive attitude."



### **Parks & Rec Approves Funding Projects**

#### By Rachel Dahl

At the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, Commissioners Justin Heath, Kris Hadley, Bob Franke, Ava Case, and Amber Getto approved funding generated by the Residential Construction Tax of \$38,000 to go toward a cutting arena for the fairgrounds that can be used both indoors in the 3-C Event Complex, as well as outdoors at the fairgrounds.

They also approved \$15,000 for a shade shelter and concrete pad at the Cottage School to be used by the children attending the CARES program and SumFun, as well as \$10,000 for a walkway and handrails.

Parks and Recreation Director Jorge Guerrero said that his department has been working with the Fallon Rotary Club to create a covered area and six picnic tables at the Cottage School complex.

Additionally, Guerrero discussed several events that were been held at

the 3-C Event Complex: The Bull Futurity, Backroads Vintage Market, Barrel Racing events, the No Hill 100 with over 100 riders, the Fast Draw competition that is upcoming, along with the Goyler fall rodeo, and the Annual Haunted House that will be held in the old jail at the District Court Building.

Guerrero also reported that the three Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act grant funding applications had been submitted. County Manager Jim Barbee presented the applications to the Bureau of Land Management that runs the program on October 5. There is a 30-day review process, and then the county will have 30 days to make any changes to the application and re-submit. There is then a 30-day process to decide on awards, and funding will take roughly a year to be released.

The county submitted three projects: an upgrade of the ball fields on North Maine Street for \$9M, upgrades to the fields at Oser Regional Park for \$37M, and upgrades to the 3-C Event Complex for \$27M. Guerrero said this round of funding through the SN-PLMA is \$300M.

He also reported the disc golf course has been relocated to the Liberty Pond area and is heavily used by the public, and the local disc golf club has been excellent stewards of the facility.

The Parks and Recreation board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.



# Education

# **Bighorn Bulletin**

By Angela Viera. Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

#### Senior Spotlight: Eneyde Rios

Meaningful memories are just part of what Senior Eneyde Rios is taking with her when she graduates this May with her high school diploma and associate of arts degree from Western Nevada College.

"One of my favorites from my time at Oasis is a simple one. I was walking into Government class, my sophomore year with newly colored hair," said Rios. "I remember entering with my COVID facemask on and immediately hearing my name get hollered by teacher Mr. Eric Grimes, 'Miss Rios, your hair looks amazing, like seriously."

That compliment would show her a lot about what made her time at Oasis Academy special.

"At the time, I didn't view it as anything important. However, I now do. This memory made me think of how welcoming the entire Oasis community truly is. By expressing an incredible consultative and genuine interest in students every day," she said. "I walk from the main building to Pinion, there and back, and I'm showered with hellos, smiles, and how are yous? Which has never once gone unnoticed."



Eneyde Rios.

Rios started at Oasis as a freshman and has been very active. She is or has been an FFA Officer, part of gardening and floriculture, on the We the People team, part of the Virtual Cooking Club, on Yearbook, is part of the National Honor Society, plays Softball, and is part of the Student Council.

"I started Oasis my freshman year. It has been an encouraging, maturing, and genuine experience every day. I'm extremely grateful to have so many leadership opportunities arise," she said.

She has a few teachers she would like to thank.

"I would like to thank Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz, Mrs. Julie Stockard, and Mrs. Angela Viera. These women have encouraged me to be myself. They've helped me to discover more about who I can be through my strong values and personality. Thank you," Rios said.

Mrs. Stockard taught her favorite class.

"I loved English with Mrs. Stockard. From every class roundtable discussion to every new renovation project, Mrs. Stockard had us engaged. She kept us focused with mindfulness breaks that required us to practice breathing techniques," she said. "Mrs. Stockard is kindhearted and amazing at valuing different perspectives."

Her advice for future students is to keep your words and actions positive and be committed to living them out.

After graduation, Rios plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, and study Anthropology. She plans on participating in their study abroad program and is considering Thailand, India, and France as options. She wants to become more familiar with the world and cultures around her.

#### Books for Bighorns Kicks off National Read a Book Month

Buster Bighorn and the teachers passed out a book and bookmark to every Kindergarten and first-grade student on Thursday, October 5. The Books for Bighorns event helped start National Book Month.

Both the books and bookmarks were donated to Oasis.

"It is important to celebrate books



L to R: Luke Woodward, Sofia Cervantes, Mateo Aboytes, Denisse Alaniz, Emmi Hagen, Mason Bryant, Buster, Robert Kovnat, Emmett Hatfield, Logan Cates, Landon Haffner, Ryan Renfroe

as it helps to promote and develop a love of reading," said Shannon Garcia, Oasis Reading Specialist. "The kindergarteners and first graders were so excited to receive a fun new book and bookmark and see Buster. We are hoping this will be a new tradition at Oasis." National Book Month occurs annually in October. Reading, writing, and literature are at the heart of the celebration.

Students also received information on the upcoming Oasis Book Fair. The annual fair will be held the week of November 13-16.



L to R: Monica Snooks, Natallie Snooks, Theodore Snooks, Melissa Mackedon, Austin Booker, David Springfield, Gabriel Keener, Eli Jones, Cristian Keener

#### Oasis Lacrosse Volunteers in Tahoe

Oasis Academy Lacrosse volunteered at Oktoberfest in Squaw Valley. "High Sierra Lacrosse has been very generous to our program over the years, providing grants that allow us to purchase equipment," said Melissa Mackedon, Oasis's CEO. "Lacrosse, especially for the boys, can be an expensive sport to buy gear for, so these grants really make these programs possible. It was our pleasure to help at their biggest fundraiser of the year."

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### **Education**

# **ChurchillCSD** Highlights

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie. Photos courtesy of ChurchillCSD



**CCHS** - This week, CCHS Career Technology Education, Automotive & Diesel Technology students had the opportunity to view a presentation from Universal Technical Institute, a local trade school. Students learned about the various careers in the region relating to their field of interest. CCHS School to Careers Coordinator Dr. Sue Segura has 18 students signed up for the Nevada Career Worker Fast Track Program, allowing students to gain credits towards their trade endorsement and high school diploma.



Numa - In recognition of Nevada's Week of Respect, Numa's 5th-grade student council issued a "Kindness Challenge" to all classes. "Their goal is to promote mutual respect at our school and to help stop rude, mean, or bullying behavior. Numa's theme this year is to "Stay Classy," they began the year by rolling out the red carpet of appreciation for families, students, and staff to show their gratitude and recognize that everyone matters and has value.



**E.C. Best** - Students in Kailey Hughes' class learned to use Google Classroom and JamBoard. Students added their thoughts on what respect looks, sounds, and feels like. Hughes is always looking to find ways to teach her young students about respect because she feels it helps students succeed.



**CCMS** - Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Community Learning Center staff has been coming in to work closely with Title VI Native American Family Service Specialist Cathy Coval to assist in teaching the students about tribal culture and help with cultural activities. This month, the sixth graders chose to make fry bread. "The students plan on creating their own cookbook to be released in Spring 2025. Be on the lookout for their successful recipes," said Coval.



LES - Students in Erika Stanford's kindergarten class learned about community helpers. Local paramedics came to the school, and students got to see the inside of the ambulance, learn about all the equipment, and they all got to load up on the stretcher. "The kids absolutely loved it and loved getting to meet a few of the helpers who play such vital roles in our community," said Standford.

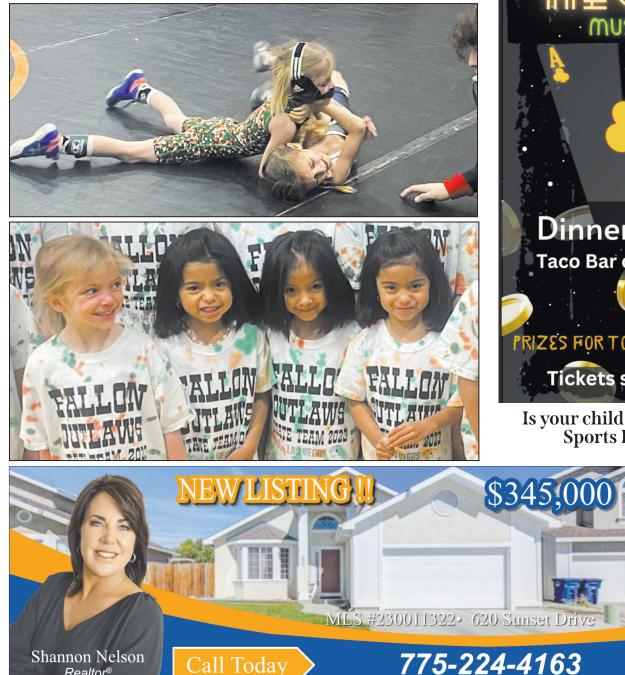
# Sports

# **Fallon Outlaws Supporting Girls Wrestling**

Staff Report

The Fallon Outlaws have been supporting girls wrestling for a long time, girls wrestling is currently one of the fastest growing sports in the nation. Reach out if you are interested in joining our team this season.

Photo courtesy Fallon Outlaws.



FALLON CONVENTION CENTER MUST BE 21 - CASH BAR Dinner & Casino Play - \$100 Taco Bar only - \$25 Casino Play only - \$75 DOOR PRIZES PRIZES FOR TOP THREE MONEY WINNERS OF THE N **Tickets sold at Digitex & His Inspirations** 

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Is your child playing sports? Send us photos for the Sports Page at admin@thefallonpost.org



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### <u>Columns</u> What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - Piney, Fruity Cardamom

Spice Club Month 2

A Proustian Moment is when a specific taste or scent reminds us of an experience from our past. The taste and smell of the spice Cardamom inevitably takes me back to Jerusalem. I was a college freshman traveling through Israel in 1997 with a group of folks.

James Beard-award-winning Israeli chef Michael Solomonov from the restaurant Zahav says, "Israeli cuisine is a combination of around 100 cultures that have either ended up in Israel or have been in Israel for the past thousand years." This cultural exchange has resulted in a cuisine that integrates complex and delicious flavors from around the world. In hindsight, my visit to Israel lit the flame that would fuel my culinary journey.

Cardamom has a distinct aroma with piney and fruity notes and a menthol-like flavor. The spice is the seeds of a plant that is related to ginger and turmeric. The cardamom plant is native to South India; however, the majority of cardamom that we buy in the United States is grown in Guatemala. The spice is frequently used in food and beverages and fits in sweet and savory dishes. Cardamom was an essential part of the early spice trade and has the honor of being known as the "Queen of the Spices."

Stop into the Churchill County Library to pick up a sample of ground green Cloud Forest Cardamom as our October feature in the new Spice Club.

Vanilla Cardamom Scones

INGREDIENTS: 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour ⅓ cup sugar 1 T baking powder ½ t baking soda ¾ t salt 1 t ground cardamom ½ cup unsalted butter, cold and cut into pieces 1 cup buttermilk, cold 1 large egg, cold 1 T vanilla extract 1 T heavy cream

2 T coarse sugar

#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a large bowl, whisk the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cardamom together. Cut the butter into the flour using a pastry blender, 2 knives, or your fingertips. The mixture should look like coarse crumbs.
- 2. Whisk the buttermilk, egg, and vanilla together and gradually add it to the flour mixture. Stir just until the dough comes together. Add a little at a time until the mixture is moist but not too wet. Do not overmix the dough, or the scones will be tough.
- 3. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface and gently knead the dough four or five times. Pat the dough into a seven-inch round circle. Cut the circle in half, then cut each half into four triangleshaped wedges.
- 4. Arrange the scones two inches apart on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Place the scones

in the freezer for 30 minutes.5. Position the oven rack in the center

of the oven and heat to 400°F.
Brush the tops of the scones with milk or cream and sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Serve immediately.

#### Masala Chai

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

2 ¼ cups filtered water 1 3-inch cinnamon stick, Ceylon or cassia are both fine 3 whole cloves 4 green cardamom pods, cracked open

and deseeded (I throw seeds & pods in) 3 black peppercorns

1/2 t fennel seeds

 $^{1\!\!/_2}$  inch fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced

3 black tea bags or 3 tsp loose-leaf black tea,

1 cup whole milk

4 t turbinado cane sugar or raw cane sugar

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Heat a medium saucepan over high heat. Add water, cinnamon stick, cloves, cardamom pods, black peppercorns, fennel seeds, and ginger. Bring to a boil and add the tea bags or leaves.
- 2. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer gently for 7-10 minutes, depending on how strong you'd like the tea and spices. It



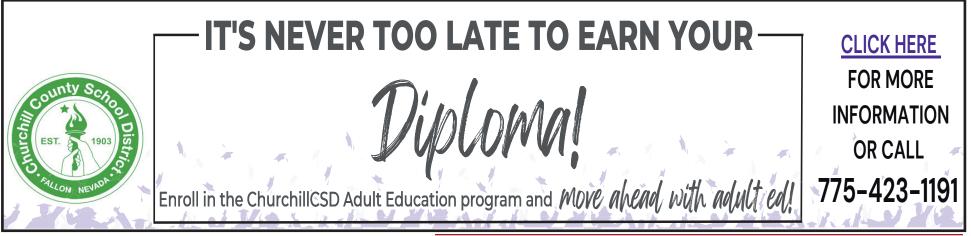
Photo provided by Kelli Kelly.

will turn a deep burgundy color. Reduce slightly.

- 3. Add milk and sugar and stir. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium, simmer for another five minutes.
- 4. When ready to serve, raise the heat to high and allow it to come to a rolling boil for one to two minutes.
- 5. Pour into cups through a strainer and add more sweetener, if desired.



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



# Entertainment

# Allison's Book Report - "Part of Your World" by Abby Jimenez

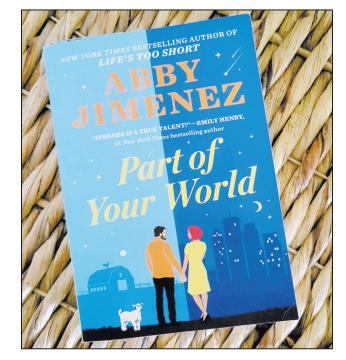
Where are my fellow rom-com lovers? I have strayed from our favorite genre in this column for a couple of weeks, but never fear. I'm back with some hot and spicy, laugh-out-loud funny, solid romantic comedy gold.

"Part of Your World" by Abby Jimenez is not her most recent book, but it was too good not to share. Dr. Alexis Montgomery is fresh out of a relationship with a total jerk who continues to make her life miserable. She is a disappointment to her ultra-wealthy surgeon parents because she's a "mere" emergency room doctor. Alexis' world gets more complicated after a chance meeting with a ridiculously hot carpenter named Daniel Grant. Daniel's life couldn't be more different than Alexis' sophisticated city-girl existence. He lives in a quaint little tourist town, runs an adorable bed and breakfast, builds and repairs furniture in his shop, makes a fantastic gourmet grilled cheese, and is the caretaker of a baby goat in pajamas. Complicated as it may be – and try as she might to "keep it casual" between them – the chemistry absolutely crackles between them, and eventually, Alexis has some decisions to make. Letting their relationship become anything more than just a fling would mean turning her back on her family and the plans that they have laid out for her and the life she's built for herself. Bringing Daniel into her world seems impossible, and yet she can't just give up the joy she's found with him, either. With so many differences, how can Alexis possibly choose between her world and his?

There is so much to love about this book. I loved city-girl Alexis navigating Daniel's small-town life. Within the first few pages, she is thrown directly into the fire – wait – scratch that – she is thrown directly into the mud by a rogue pot-bellied pig, ruining her dress and making for a mortifying "walk of shame" the day after their meeting. Honestly, this is just the beginning of a hilarious, sexy book you will love.

I am traveling this week, so I took in most of the story via audiobook. I can't leave out how great the narrators were on this one. The book switches back and forth between Alexis' and Daniel's points of view, and the two readers are perfect. If you listen to many audiobooks, you will recognize Julia Whelan's voice immediately - she's the queen of audiobooks - and Zachary Webber is a perfect Daniel.

As I mentioned above, this is not author Abby Jimenez's most recent release – but lucky for me and other lovers of "Part of Your World," her most recent one, "Yours Truly," is about Alexis' bestie, Bri. It's so much fun when authors build a little world with their books by weaving together multiple stories that could technically stand alone. Keep reading, and come and tell me what you think over on Instagram @allison.the.reader, where I am always rambling and reading



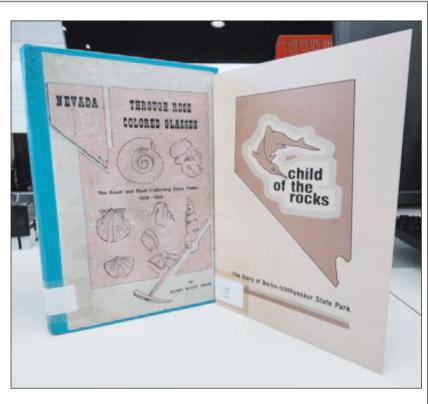
Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls and Their Many Pets here in her hometown of Fallon. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.



To celebrate National Fossil Day on October 11, the Museum wanted to feature two books in our reference library that highlight the fossils in Nevada.

The first book is "Nevada Through Rose Colored Glasses" by Agnes Scott Train. It focuses on the fossil and plant collecting done by Percy Trains from 1928-1942.

The second book is "Child of the Rocks: The Story of Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park" by Charles L. Camp. It focuses on Ichthyosaurs, what they were and how they came to be in Nevada; the establishment of this state park, with a description of the site, present, historic, and geologic; includes biographical information on Charles L. Camp and his influence on the park's founding.



### Entertainment

# **Movies & More**

Your Community-Owned & Operated Fallon Theatre

Wow, what a great weekend of events for you at the Fallon Theatre. Starting Friday evening, October 13, at 7 p.m., we are excited to welcome Keith Alan Barnett and The Lonesome Polecats to our stage. They will be bringing a great brand of 70's western music plus current country and rock - with many original songs. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

Then, on Saturday, October 14, we have our 7th Annual Show N' Shine as we close down Maine Street for the day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - enjoy some great fall weather and view some terrific cars and trucks.

Later that evening, starting at 7 p.m., please join us for live stand-up comedy - Fallon Halloween Hijinx, with three great comedians taking our stage. Tickets are \$20 in advance at brianleecomedy.ticketleap.com and \$25 the day of the show.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday evenings, we will be showing, for free, the classic "Tom and Jerry Cartoons" from the Gene Deitch Collection. These great cartoon shorts center on the classic rivalry between a cat named Tom and a mouse named Jerry. Hope to see you all at these great events.

### Нарру **Birthday** to our **U.S. Navy**







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### Editorial Sealed Criminal Records – A Road to Redemption or a Slippery **Slope?** record negatively impacts employacquire lethal weapons.

#### Leanna Lehman, Editor

One of the most challenging aspects of being a journalist is addressing ethical issues while maintaining objectivity in our reporting. We are, after all, as human as those on whom we report. It is not uncommon for us to uncover ethical dilemmas as we delve into the many issues that deserve the careful consideration of others, like those in a position to bring about change. Those like you.

In the realm of criminal justice, the issue of sealed criminal records presents a complex and, at times, ethically challenging quandary. While the spirit and intention behind sealing convictions is to provide an opportunity to build a better life, there are instances where individuals can exploit this legal channel.

It is essential to understand that a sealed record is not an expunged record. The only way for that to occur is through a pardon. Sealing removes the conviction record from the state database and, by court order, demands that no agency or court release any information related to the conviction. Sealed records are not available to officers of the court or the law.

On the surface, the idea that one can virtually erase one's criminal record – at least on paper, is laudable. Anyone who has been in prison or convicted of a violent or felony offense can attest it is no small feat to overcome the stigma and discrimination that follows. No matter how small or seemingly inconsequential, a criminal

ment and housing opportunities, at the very least. A clear criminal background can benefit one's family for generations, increase the likelihood of financial stability, and prove invaluable as they strive to become productive members of society.

However, several nuanced aspects arise when we consider sealed convictions in the context of firearm ownership and domestic violence convictions. Federal and state law prohibits individuals from owning firearms when convicted of a felony or domestic violence-related offenses, including misdemeanors, regardless of whether those records are sealed. A recent study published in the "Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law" reported, "Firearm use is associated with an increased incidence of multiple homicide victimization, especially in domestic situations." Protecting victims of domestic violence from potential harm is the foremost aim of firearm prohibition and cannot be taken lightly.

The success of the legal mechanism offered through criminal record sealing rests solely on the integrity of the ex-offender. A person can legitimately (though not legally) bypass the firearms prohibition, as background checks generally do not reveal sealed convictions. All that needs to occur on an application to purchase a gun from an authorized dealer or on a Conceal **Carry Weapons Permit application** is for the applicant not to disclose their conviction, which challenges the integrity of the background check system, as it may inadvertently enable those with histories of violence to

Things to Consider

*Public Safety*: Simply put, sealed records of formerly violent offenders can create an escalated and unknown risk to others.

Law Enforcement: When a conviction is sealed, it can make it more challenging for authorities to monitor and manage individuals who may be at risk of reoffending, leading to a higher risk of harm to victims. Additionally, if officers respond to a call in which a domestic incident has occurred, they are potentially at risk if the perpetrator has a concealed history of violence. A sealed record hinders law enforcement's ability to assess the risk and aid the victims properly - which are inherently women and children.

Child Custody and Visitation: Sealed convictions can impact decisions related to child custody and visitation arrangements. An abundance of data tells us that an alarming number of domestic violence incidents occur during custody exchanges. Without access to relevant information, courts may make decisions that do not adequately protect the safety and wellbeing of children involved in domestic violence cases.

Lack of Accountability: Sealed convictions can lead to a lack of accountability for offenders, as they may not face the social and legal consequences of their actions. This can perpetuate a cycle of abuse and harm to victims.

When ex-offenders exploit a sealed record to obtain a firearm, they commit a felony. The conversation shifts from an ethical one to a genuine public safety concern. Community safety can be compromised when

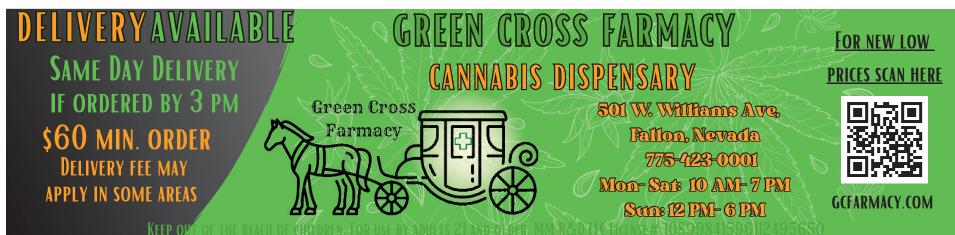


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government agencies, law enforcement, and the press encounter sealed records during investigations. Potential threats, including criminal activity, cannot be disclosed. In some cases, when a person with a hidden criminal background obtains a high-ranking or government position, corruption, misconduct, or abuse of power can go unchecked.

It's crucial to recognize that the purpose of sealing records is not to aid ex-offenders in concealing illegal activity and evading the law. In doing so, they undermine the process and jeopardize the opportunity for others with criminal records to get a fresh start.

Instead, it should offer a second chance while safeguarding the public. Balancing these objectives is the ethical challenge we face, one that requires ongoing dialogue and careful consideration.



# **Public Notices**

SUMMONS Case No.: 23-10DC-0371

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

PATRICIA L. KINKADE, Plaintiff, vs. JAMIE R. KINKADE III, AKA IAMES R. KINKADE III, Defendant.

THE STATE OF NEVADA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: A civil COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE has been filed by the Plaintiff against you:

1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, you must do the following within twenty-one (21) days after you are served this SUMMONS, exclusive of the date of service:

(a) File with the Clerk of this Court (73 N. Maine Street, Suite B, Fallon, NV 89406) a formal written response to the COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE, in accordance with the Local Rules of the Court; and

(b) Serve a copy of your response upon the PLAINTIFF whose name and address are shown below.

2. Unless you respond, a default may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the COMPLAINT.

3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so immediately, so as to respond in a timely manner to this lawsuit

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### PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Fallon City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada, in order to consider a zoning change to all properties currently zoned M-1 Industrial District located east of Maine Street/U.S. Highway 95 to the proposed C-2 General Commercial District.

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**October 19** 

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**Fallon City Council** 

October 17

9 a.m.

55 W. Williams Ave

Meetings **Regional Transport** Commission **October 18** 9:30 a.m. 155 N. Taylor Street

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**County Commission October 18** 1:15 p.m. **155 N. Taylor Street** 



Long considered a harbinger of bad luck, Friday the 13th has inspired a late 19th-century secret society, an early 20th-century novel, a horror film franchise and not one but two unwieldy terms-paraskavedekatriaphobia and friggatriskaidekaphobia-that describe fear of this supposedly unlucky day.

Superstitions related to the number 13 being unlucky might date back to a Norse myth in which the 12 gods had a dinner party in Valhalla. According to historian Donald Dossey, Loki, a god who was not invited, arrived as the 13th guest and arranged for one of the gods to shoot the other with a mistletoe-tipped arrow. "The whole Earth mourned, it was a bad unlucky day," according to Dossey.

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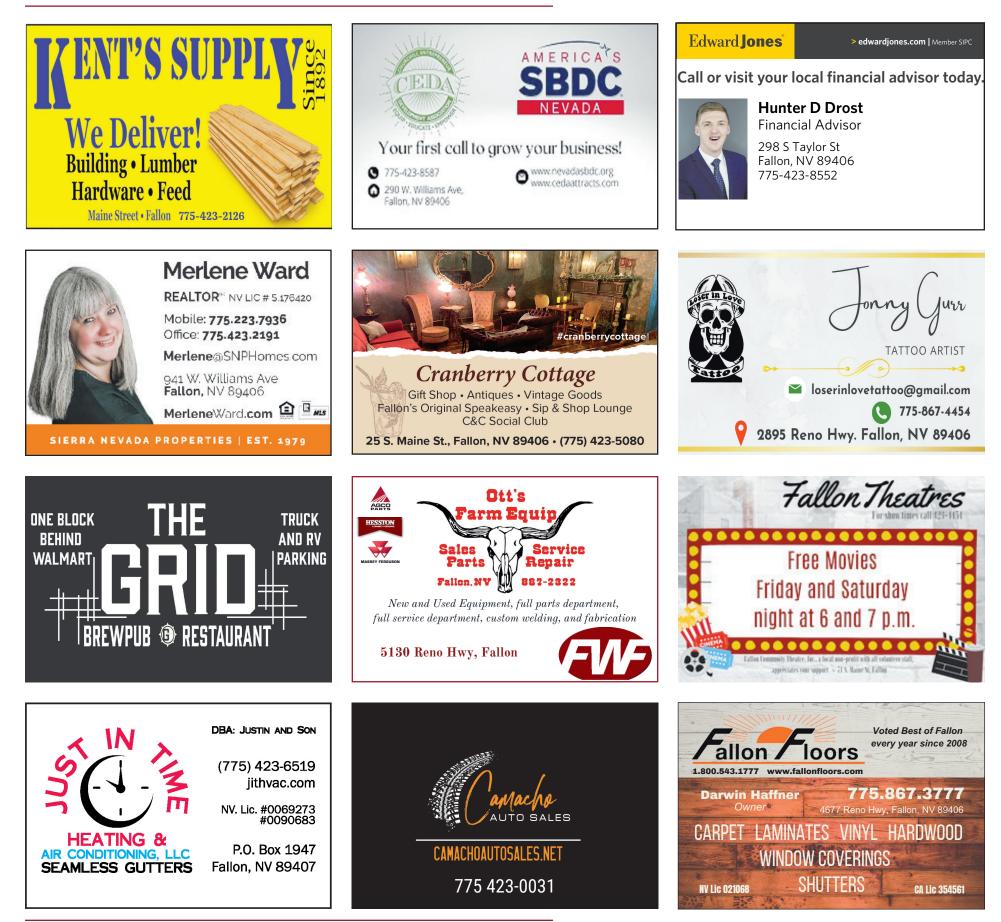


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