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## Rez Kid Dougie Hall Shares Native Cowboy Wisdom During Local Powwow

By Leanna Lehman

Your favorite Indian, Dancin' Dougie Hall, made the trip from his home in Browning, Montana, to join the fun and festivities at the Annual Moving Forward Together Powwow last weekend at the 3C Arena in Fallon.

Dougie is a professional Indian cowboy, bronc rider, inspirational speaker, entrepreneur, professional stuntman, and bucking horse producer. As if that isn't enough to keep him busy, he has over 282.4K followers on TikTok, 188K on Instagram, and 90K+ on Facebook. However, Dougie is not your average social media influencer.

Instead of promoting products, setting lifestyle trends, or taking up crazy challenges, Dougie shares good old cowboy wisdom and common sense. In Dougie's words, he's just a rez kid whose life got turned upside down when he was 14 and lost his close friend and companion—his mother.

With many tough choices, Dougie

found strength and solace in horses, putting one foot in the other during his grief. Deciding to heed his mom's words and keep the promise he had made to her, Dougie has never touched alcohol. Sharing some of his early life stories, Dougie pulled out a classic comedy line that likens alcohol to an allergy. In his family, they are allergic to alcohol. "If they drink, they break out in handcuffs." Even at a young age, he knew that was not what he wanted.

A graduate of the University of Montana Western, Dougie has a bachelor's degree in business administration and Natural Horsemanship and two associate degrees in the equine field. He is still riding broncs and has qualified for the High School National Rodeo Finals, College National Finals, and Professional Rodeo Cowboy Columbia Circuit Finals. When he's not riding broncs, he is raising and breeding PRCA bucking horses for his new business, Good Medicine Bucking Horses.

At 31, Dougie has a hectic schedule. Despite his busy life and many daily responsibilities, podcast appearances, motivational speaking engagements, and stuntman activities, Dougie will appear in Kevin Costner's upcoming production, "Horizon."

He takes time almost daily to share words of encouragement, to uplift and shoot straight with his young followers. "If you woke up this morning, the Creator ain't finished with you," he told the crowd on Friday.

With many life lessons of his own and tales of western life from his Uncle



Dougie with his iconic cup of coffee during his inspirational talk at Rafter 3C. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

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# From the Publisher

## Captain's Log - Escape to New York

I went on vacation. A real, live, no phone, no pool, no pets vacation. Five days in a cabin, on a lake, in the rolling hills of western New York. Who knew?

My friends have encouraged me to visit them for a couple of summers now, but you know—how are you going to fit that in? So when I learned a work conference was going to take me to the East Coast, I wondered how far away one was from the other.

When I saw it was only six hours, how could I not figure it out and make it work?

Even better – several weeks later, I got thinking, New York, hmmm... I wonder how far they are from Palmyra, where Joseph Smith grew up and found the golden plates and founded what is now a worldwide religion. That may be worth going to see.

And in fact, their cabin on the Canandaigua Lake is only 32 miles from the Sacred Grove and the Hill Cumorah. So we traipsed up there and did the tourist thing, saw the landmarks, and stood in the trees with the sun shining through, just like the pictures when I was a little kid. Not something I ever thought I would get to see in person.

Like everything else in my life, I rest fast. Get in and get it done. The first day was tough, though, I gotta say. Flying is not my favorite thing in the world, neither is slowing down. The adjustment took a minute. Life went from going nine-oh, dawn to dusk, from laptop to laptop and phone to phone, constant problem solving, project building, meeting attending, story writing, beautiful, stimulating chaos to sleeping in, staring slack-jawed across the water, and sightseeing. It was glorious.

I even read a book. Well, I read from three different books – you can't cure some habits overnight. But actual sustained, reading for pleasure happened.

And then, on the way to my conference yesterday, by some other strike of fortune, I got to see something else I never thought possible. Percherons.

I follow a page on Facebook of a Percheron Farm in Pennsylvania, and wouldn't you know it, the road from the lake to the conference went right through that country. A quick four-mile jaunt through the countryside took me directly to the farm, where I saw these spectacular horses out in their field, grazing away like any other horse. I'm kicking myself for not going up to see them close, but I was too chicken to bother the owners. But lesson learned – that was pretty lame.

At any rate, there they were, and I saw them in real life.

So while I sit in a conference in rural West Virginia today, I'll be thinking of the lake and the horses and the grove and my friends and being very grateful, but also, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.  
Rach

*Rachel's lake side perch.  
Photo by Rachel Dahl.*



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# Library Director Terminated by Library Board of Trustees

By Rachel Dahl

In a special meeting last Friday, May 31, the Library Board of Trustees voted to terminate Library Director C.L. Quillen by a vote of 3 -1. Quillen was hired in late April 2023 and served at the will of the Library Board, answering directly to them, unlike other county department heads who answer directly to the county manager. Trustees Tara Price-Gritzmacher, Ashlee McGarity, and Jessica Rowe voted to terminate Quillen. Jo Petteruti opposed the action and voted no. After a contentious meeting, the fifth board seat was vacated on May 16, Chair Kelli Kelly resigned directly following the meeting.

Quillen has come under fire as the library staff of 6.3 full-time equivalent positions has dwindled since February to the director and one 14-hour-a-week position. Although the adult services librarian retired in February, she had given six months' notice, and Quillen did not take that time to fill the position.

During an emergency meeting on May 23, one day after the last full-time employee quit, the Library Board voted to close the library for a week to allow Quillen to regroup and hire temporary help through Manpower. The community expressed serious concern, expressed in public comment, that the Summer Reading Program, scheduled to begin on June 1, would not be able to serve the community because of the upheaval and the library closure.

Chris Spross, Human Resources Director, said that because of the situation, county staff had contacted previous library director Carol Lloyd, who is

willing to come back for an interim but is on the East Coast and won't return until the third week of June. Museum Director Mel Glover will provide oversight until she returns. Spross also contacted library staff who recently tendered resignations to see if they would return, and several expressed interest.

According to Spross, that is possible because their exit paperwork had not yet been completed, and their departures were so recent. This would give the library two librarians and a part-time page to allow for the library to open and support Lloyd when she returns.

Additionally, applications for the open librarian position have been reviewed, but no interviews have been scheduled, and the advertisement for a library assistant has just opened, Spross explained. Lloyd is willing to assist with looking at applications and staffing "from afar," said Spross, while she travels back to Fallon. She will also be involved in the hiring process for the new library director.

County Manager Jim Barbee explained that while Lloyd returns, Glover will give staff someone to interact with and go through in addition to Barbee and Spross.

The process to bring Lloyd on will go before the County Commission in their regular meeting on June 6 to declare the library director position a critical needs position. Then, her name will be presented to the Library Board in a special meeting to hire her for the position.

Barbee said Lloyd is willing to return for six months and will assist as much as possible on her return trip



Regular library volunteers Hayden and Carly Deigel attend the kick-off of the Summer Reading Program on June 1 at the Churchill County Library. Photo by Allison Deigel.

from the road.

The Board approved Glover to serve in the interim and have the flexibility to set the schedule with the available staff to open the library the week of June 3. They also agreed to launch the Summer Reading Program, as planned, on June 1 with available staff and volunteers.

The library will be open on Tuesday, June 4, through Friday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Starting Wednesday, June 12, the library will be open Tuesdays through

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional summer programming will be announced as it is scheduled. For updated information, tune into the Churchill County Library's Facebook page.

There is also an open library board position that has been posted and is open until June 26. Information is available online at [thefallonpost.org/article/6280.notice-of-open-appointive-position](http://thefallonpost.org/article/6280.notice-of-open-appointive-position).

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# Obituaries

## Ruby Murel Travis (Anderson) Lee

September 7, 1932 - May 28, 2024

Ruby Murel Travis (Anderson) Lee, born September 7, 1932, in Mountain Grove, Missouri, died May 28, 2024, aged 91, after suffering a fall at home.

She moved to Fallon from Missouri with her parents and siblings when she was 10. She attended school in Churchill County and, as an adult, worked in many positions, including Sprouse Reitz, JCPenney, Sears, First National Bank of Nevada, the State of Nevada, and the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office, being elected the Clerk/Treasurer in 1987. She retired in 1996. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Business & Professional Women, and Soroptimist.

She married Richard Henry An-

derson on April 14, 1951, and they had four children. After Richard's death, she married Mark Lee on October 12, 1995. Mark and Ruby served a service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nauvoo, Illinois, from 2000-2001.

She loved bowling, gardening, reading, and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Orpha Travis, brothers Raymond and Alvin (Mo) Travis, husband Richard, sons Richard Earl and Bill Anderson, bonus son-in-law, Dan Clifford, and grandchildren Brian Clifford and Korah Coulthard Lee. She is survived by her husband, Mark Lee; children Mike Anderson and Rhonda Anderson Maynes (Eric); bonus children Debra Clifford and

Glenn Lee (Elsie); grandchildren Torie Sandberg, Kevin Anderson (Jeffrey), Michael Wayne Anderson Jr. (Page), Andrew (Julianne), Aaron and Adam Maynes, Eric Clifford (Heather), Sheila Clifford, Glenda, Shaw, and Cooper Lee, and great-grandchildren Macie Nesplak (Qwinnton), Addison, Baylor and Kesley Sandberg, Brixtan Cole, Pasen, Casen and Oaklii Anderson, Evander Maynes, and Liberty Clifford, and sisters, Nadine Hartung, Freeda (Larry) Irons, Betty Bailey (Bob), and brothers Leonard and Bud (Kay) Travis, and sister-in-law, Pat Lee.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 3, 2024, at 11 a.m. at 750 W. Richards Street, Fallon, NV, with interment afterward at the Fallon cemetery. A viewing was held at 10 a.m. at the Richards Street building.



## Gladys Marie Gummow Johnson

July 4, 1930 - May 26, 2024

Gladys Marie Gummow Johnson passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Banner Churchill Community Hospital, Fallon, Nevada. She was 93.

Gladys was born in Burley, Cassia, Idaho, the fifth of nine children born of Chancellor and Elizabeth (Woodall) Gummow. Gladys's youth was spent in Burley, and she graduated from Burley High School. Gladys met Robert Ralph Johnson while both were working in Carson City, Nevada. They were married in Sparks, NV.

Gladys and Bob made their first home in Carson City, and in 1961, they moved to Alaska. They returned and settled in Bob's hometown of Schurz, Nevada, in 1977. After the passing of her husband, Gladys chose

to remain in Schurz with the friends and the community she loved, where she instructed the children for almost 30 years.

Gladys was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Gladys is survived by her ten children and niece, Sigrid Kohler, Elizabeth (Wendell) Rigby, Robert (Sandy), Norman (Janice), Deborah Olsen, John (Ginger), George, Sterling, James, Mary (Steve Crane) Johnson, Loren (Tori); her 29 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; her two sisters and one brother, Elaine Gummow Wamsley, John Fred Gummow, and Olive Gummow Phillips; and many nieces and nephews.

Gladys's funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 8,

2024, at the Schurz Tribal Gym. The burial will be in the Schurz Cemetery. The family will gather at the gym beginning at 9 a.m. on that Saturday, prior to the service.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at <https://www.smith-familyfuneralhomefallon.com/obits>, sympathy cards may be sent directly to the family from this site.

Arrangements are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Dr, Fallon, Nevada 89406, 775-423-2255.

The family would like to thank the Walker River Tribe for the wonderful support and help they provided, as well as all our friends for their support and prayers.



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## Calvin C. Martin, Sr.

June 12, 1923 - April 18, 2024

Our Creator called Home yet another one of His children. On April 18, 2024, at precisely 16:12, Calvin Martin Sr. was delivered to Heaven in the loving arms of Jesus.

Calvin was born on June 12, 1923, in Perris, California, to Daisy Mary Cohota Martin, the daughter of Civil War hero Edward Day Cohota (US Army, Retired 30 years).

As a young boy, Calvin learned to shoot and hunt to help feed his family. His excellence in marksmanship earned him the title of Gunner in the US Navy during WWII. He served honorably aboard USS Stephen T. Mather, USS Alcoa Pioneer, and USS Kershaw. Immediately upon his discharge in 1946, he hitch-hiked his way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he bought a Harley-Davidson motorcycle "right off the line." His love of adventure led him to join the US Merchant Marines when he returned

to California, and he sailed to ports of call around the Pacific.

Calvin recalled seeing "his destiny" in a schoolhouse film depicting the incredible abundance of wildlife and unparalleled beauty of Alaska. It fostered within him the thrill of hunting and fishing adventures and the excitement of exploration. He knew he would go.

In the spring of 1949, Calvin made his way north. He spent nearly 50 years in the "Last Frontier." Cal worked as a carpenter and a commercial fisherman. He also was a gunsmith and owned a gun store in Anchorage in 1952. Cal had a friend in the trades who was planning to become an electrician. He offered Cal the use of his books and Cal studied relentlessly when he could make the time. In 1957, Calvin passed his professional exam and earned his electrician's license. He was invited to join the IBEW Local Union 1547 in Anchorage. Cal was a partner in a lumber supply store on the Kenai Peninsula and built a 32-unit

motel in Kenai – The Katmai Motel, in 1968. And when the Alaska Pipeline Project began, he made his way to the North Slope to employ his electrical skills. He also worked on the construction of the Kenai Petroleum Refinery. Cal was a union member for 66 ½ years with the Local 1547.

In 1978, Cal and his wife, Luci Chamberlain, became partners in the General Store on the Homer Spit, Alaska. Also known as Sportsman's Marine Supply and Raven Marine Charters, the General Store was the favorite job Cal ever had – he loved Homer. And he loved Alaska most for the fishing and hunting, "It was out of this world!" Cal owned boats and airplanes for most of his time in Alaska. He enjoyed soaring above the majestic landscape that Alaska provided. He hunted for meat and helped numerous families survive the Alaska winter. Cal was known well for his generosity. He loved to help others.

Cal spent 30 years of retirement in Northern Nevada, where he continued to hunt for as long as he could. His last years were enjoyed in Fallon, where he could be seen walking in the park. Cal was well-known and well-liked by all of his neighbors. Cal was the oldest member of the American Legion in Fallon. And he was warmly honored by all the folks at the VFW Lawton Silva Post 1002 of Fallon, Nevada.

Calvin is survived by multitudes of generations of descendants – too many to count. And he will be greatly missed. Cal's family is eternally grateful and would like to extend a "Special Thank You" to:

- The Staff at Reno Veteran's Hospital
- Honor Flight Nevada



- Quilts of Valor of Northern Nevada
- Gary Sinise Foundation and Soaring Valor
- American Airlines
- The WWII Museum in New Orleans
- Patriot Riders of Northern Nevada, American Legion Riders, and all Riders in the procession in Honor Calvin C. Martin Sr.
- Americans who honor WWII Veterans and all veterans who have served
- Veterans Coalition of Northern Nevada
- VFW Lawton Silva Post 1002

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the VFW Post located at 405 S. Maine St. in Fallon, NV.

Cal's Honor Services will be conducted at the Northern Nevada Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, NV, at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024.

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# Features

## Body Found in Churchill Identified as Missing Lyon County Woman

By Robert Perea

A body found May 22 in Churchill County has been identified as a woman missing from Lyon County.

According to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, investigators searching for 25-year-old Sara Arlene Filiatraut found her body in a remote area of Churchill County on May 22. The body was positively identified by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office the following day.

LCSO had been searching for Filiatraut since April 15 after receiving a report of a missing person filed in Michigan for Filiatraut. Her family reported that her last known location was in Lyon County on March 21, when she was released from the Lyon County Jail in Yerington.

The LCSO Investigations Division immediately began investigating the case and made locating Filiatraut their top priority. Over the course of approximately five weeks, detectives followed up on numerous investigative leads while hoping to find Filiatraut alive and well.

On May 22, 2024, working on information they gained during the investigation, detectives from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, along with detectives from the Churchill County Sheriff's Office and members of Churchill County Search and Rescue, began a search in a remote area of Churchill County, where they found the body.

Because the remains were located in Churchill County, the Churchill County Sheriff's Office began a death investigation. Final autopsy findings are currently pending; however, law



Sara Filiatraut.

enforcement is investigating this case as a homicide.

Both the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and Churchill County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Forensic Investigation Section, are currently investigating this case.

LCSO said no further information would be released to protect the investigation's integrity.

Information will be made public once it is available.

Anyone with information regarding the above investigation may contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division by email at [detective@lyon-county.org](mailto:detective@lyon-county.org) or by phone at 775-463-6600 regarding Case Number 24LY01479.



## Banner Nurses Recognized



Banner Community Hospital celebrates great nurses. Photo courtesy of BCCH.

### Staff Report

Every year, Banner recognizes nurses and a friend of nursing in every facility for their contribution to nursing in five separate categories.

Contribution to Profession: Kayla Braun, Contribution to Patients: Bendie Hintz, Contribution to Society: Britany Ortega, Friend of Nursing: Shawn Summers, Contribution to Nurse Leadership: Brittany Hert. Congratulations to this year's winners!



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## Fallon's Fruit Stand Mini Music Festival

Story and photos by Leanna Lehman

Life is full of surprises. For example, it might be surprising to learn that east of town, in a quiet orchard near east of Fallon, music and song jubilantly drifted upward toward a cloudy sky on a hot Saturday afternoon, not from a Bluetooth speaker, car radio or retro boom box, but from more than five live bands.

It began over a month ago when the owners of Gala Apple Farm decided to build a bandstand disguised as a fruit stand in their orchard. Why, you ask? For the love of music and family, of course. Only a few days before the event and with much help from friends, family, and neighbors, the Fruit Stand was ready to go.

Brothers Jake and Joseph, who came in from L.A., kicked off the June 1 show. The pair performed improv songs on the fly, striking a few chords and adding some cheesy lyrics, along with some audience participation. Jake and Josh drew a great deal of laughter from the crowd, with everyone merrily joining in.

Taking to the stage for the first time in Fallon and the second time in her life was Lyric Morrow, performing with Will Shamberger and her dad, Jeremy Morrow, in their newly formed band, The Griefs. Lyric held the crowd in thrall, as she seemed to be right at home under the lights of the stage,



Lyric Morrow performing with The Griefs.

singing like she'd been doing it for years.

As for the audience, they were blessed with soft grass underfoot, shade from giant cottonwoods, and a gentle summer breeze. A perfect day for music and laughter, several other groups were on hand to do what they love – make music. They included Fallon's own Will Shamberger Band with Will, Jesse Morrow, and Charlie Gomes; Annabelle Lee (Forshee) and the Desert Scrubs featuring Annabelle Lee, Steven Christie on bass, and "Dad" (Clay Forshee) on drums performed what Annabelle called "Fallon Folk Music." Also venturing in from L.A. with Jake and Joseph was "Kat," who performed solo, playing guitar and sang folk melodies. Early in the show, Reno group Roxy Collie fed the audience a solid dose of rock-n-roll, revving them up for what would be nothing short of a music festival.

With an eclectic sound and various genres, the apple orchard saw plenty of dancing, toe-tapping, clapping, and smiles. Well-fed and watered, guests stayed long after dark as the music transitioned from stage and speaker to the quiet of the orchard. The event was converted into a lawn-chair jam session that lasted until well past midnight. Thankfully, for those fortunate enough to attend, the Gala Apple Farm's hosts shared their love of music with all.



Will Shamberger Band, Will with Jesse Morrow and Charlie Gomes.



Annabelle Lee (center) and the Desert Scrubs with Steven Christie (right) and Dad, as drummer behind Annabelle.

...Dougie Hall continued from Front Page

Mouse, the legendary Blackfoot horse breeder who sold him his first bucking horses, Dougie won't run out of stories to share anytime soon. Dougie's earnest, humble nature and sincerity only

strengthen his connection to audiences of all ages. Indeed, there seemed to be something for everyone in the words and wisdom of Dougie Hall.



Above left: Dougie takes time to visit with locals at Courtyard Cafe. Photo courtesy of Margaret Scharmann.

# Law & Order

## District Court May 28

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, May 28, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

*Tyler Kirby Shaw*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the wobbler charge of Attempt to Commit Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, which can be sentenced as either a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000 or as a Category D Felony punishable by 1-4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Shaw is alleged to have stolen a 2019 side-by-side owned by Churchill County. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation and sentencing for July 30.

Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported that on May 7, Shaw was placed under Court Services supervision and ordered to test immediately after court. He went in the afternoon but was unable to test, returned the next day, and tested positive for methamphetamine, leading to his return to custody. Stockard ordered Shaw to be released on his own recognizance as soon as he tested clean. Stockard reimposed the previous terms of Shaw's supervised release, cautioning him that if any conditions were violated, he would be returned to custody with \$25,000 bail and not be released until he tested clean. If Shaw intends to apply for the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program, he must do so before sentencing and obtain a substance abuse evaluation.

*Dylan Ethan Dennis*, in custody, appeared for sentencing on two charges to which he pled guilty in March:

Conspiracy to Commit Battery with a Deadly Weapon, a gross misdemeanor, and a Category D Felony of Battery by a Prisoner in Lawful Custody, punishable by 1-4 years in prison. Dennis was sentenced to 215 days in jail on Count I and was ordered to pay \$750 in restitution and receive credit for 215 days of time served. On Count II, he received 36 months of probation on a suspended sentence of 19-48 months in prison. Dennis was also ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation within the next 30 days and follow the recommendations therein. The sentences will run consecutively. Fees and assessments were imposed.

*Jerry Lindsey Bokori* pleaded guilty to the wobbler offense of Attempt to Commit Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, which can be sentenced either as a Gross Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000 or as a Category D Felony, punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation and set sentencing for July 30.

*Joseph Roy Wineman* appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, a third or subsequent offense, to which he pled guilty. Defense attorney for Wineman, Jesse Kalter, Esq., said that his client has a checkered past, but "I can't say I have had someone turn himself around through his actions better than he has." Kalter cited steps Wineman has taken, including 53 negative tests and requesting a SCRAM alcohol monitor on his own. Kalter said his client

has been on probation for over a year with a perfect record and asked for the minimum sentence of 12-36 months and a \$2,000 fine.

Wineman told the court that, first and foremost, he is thankful there were no bodily injuries or property damage. He then stated, "This has really been truly, I believe, a blessing in disguise." He said he hopes for minimums so he can continue with his progress and all he has learned. Judge Stockard fined Wineman \$2,000, sentenced him to 16-72 months in prison, and ordered a breathalyzer installed on his vehicle for 24 months upon release. "Sounds like you've made some changes. I hope they last ... You have made these changes in the past, and they haven't lasted. I hope this time they do." Wineman was remanded to the Churchill County Sheriff's Office's custody for imposi-

tion of the sentence.

*Samantha Erika Dockery*, in custody, appeared for disposition on the Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of failing to complete the Western Regional Drug Court Program as ordered, to which she admitted in April. In October, Dockery pled guilty to the Category B Felony of Embezzlement of a value of \$25,000 or more but less than \$100,000. In January, she received probation on a suspended sentence of 48-120 months in prison. Stockard revoked her probation, modified her sentence to 19-70 months, and remanded her to the sheriff's custody for the sentence's imposition.

*Romualdo Lopez* was not present for a status hearing regarding the ten-year review of his active warrant from March 2014. Judge Stockard ordered the warrant

## Casey Sentenced After 742 Days

By Teresa Moon

Michael Jacob Casey, in custody, appeared for sentencing before Judge Thomas Stockard in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon on May 28.

Casey, who had been in custody for 742 days, faced multiple misdemeanor and felony charges. Senior Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker asked the court to impose the maximum penalties on each count, stating, "The state is asking for maximums and to run them all consecutive. And this is why: this defendant is a danger to society. He's a danger to this community." Baker cited Casey's extensive criminal history, which includes DUIs, battery, drug possession,

resisting arrest, battery by a prisoner, escape, and trespassing. Baker asked for the following penalties:

*Case 1*

- Count I: Misdemeanor Simple Assault – 180 days in the Churchill County Jail.
- Count II: Misdemeanor Unlawful Trespass Upon Land – 180 days in jail, with terms to run consecutively.

*Case 2*

- Count I: Felony Attempted Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 24-60 months in the Nevada State Prison.

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- Count II: Misdemeanor Battery on an Officer – 180 days in jail.

### Case 3

- Count I: Felony Attempted Grand Larceny of a Firearm – 24 to 60 months in prison.
- Count II: Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm – 28 to 72 months.

Appointed defense attorney Charles Woodman, Esq., told the court that regarding the Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm and the Attempted Grand Larceny of a Firearm, those two sentences should run concurrently and should be minimums as they are inseparable. As evidenced in Casey's preliminary hearing in Justice Court, Casey entered the residence of a family member and took a rifle that was on the table, later returning it at the request of the family member.

Regarding the Attempted Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Woodman asked for the minimum, stating that clearly there was "a whole lot going [the day of the incident] between two people who were both probably under the influence." Also evidenced in the preliminary hearing, Casey approached a neighbor in what he perceived as an overly threatening manner while holding a shovel and speaking in aggressive and disrespectful tones. Woodman asked where the victim was, noting the victim was not in court but had testified in the preliminary hearing.

On the charge of Battery on an Officer, the defense submitted, with Woodman stating, "In conversation with my client, he acknowledges we aren't supposed to go around hitting

cops."

For the simple assault and the misdemeanor trespassing, Woodman again asked for the minimums, telling the court that because the victim did not show up and did not make a statement, there is a lack of foundation.

When asked if he had anything to say before sentencing, Casey replied, "No, sir," and declined to make a statement.

Judge Stockard sentenced Casey to the following:

- Simple Assault and Unlawful Trespass – 180 days in jail on each count, with the sentences to run concurrently. Credit was given for 180 days of time served.
- Attempt to Commit Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 24 to 60 months in a Nevada State Prison, with

credit given for 198 days of time served.

- Battery on an Officer – 364 days in jail, with 364 days credit given for time served and the two sentences to run consecutively. Restitution was ordered for \$2,300 to offset anything paid by insurance.
- Attempt to Commit Grand Larceny of a Firearm – 19 to 48 months in prison.
- Ex-felon in Possession of a Firearm – 24 to 60 months, with these two sentences to run consecutively. As all cases are to run consecutively, the aggregate sentence before Casey is 43–108 months. Casey was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

## Faretta Self-Representation Hearings for Held for Anzaldua and Jackson

By Teresa Moon

In the 1975 case *Faretta v. California*, the Supreme Court held that a defendant has the constitutional right to refuse counsel and represent himself. During a Faretta hearing, a judge must ensure that the defendant is acting voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly, with an awareness of the risks of self-representation and the benefits of having an attorney.

On May 28, in the Tenth Judicial District Court with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding, Faretta hearings were held for two separate defendants, Sonnie Anzaldua and Odome James Jackson.

Sonnie Angelo Anzaldua, in custody, appeared first for a competency hearing on the Category C Felony of Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm. The court received reports from Dr. Amy Patterson and Dr. Catherine Pearson, both finding Anzaldua competent to proceed to trial by jury, which was set to commence on December 2.

Robert E. Wieland, Esq., defense attorney for Anzaldua, informed the

court that his client wanted to represent himself, as he had previously indicated. Wieland requested that Judge Stockard conduct a Faretta hearing with his client, which is required for Anzaldua to proceed to trial without counsel.

Judge Stockard questioned Anzaldua per Faretta, explaining the risks of self-representation and addressing the defendant's understanding of the complexities involved. "Do you understand that this case has some complexities?" Stockard asked Anzaldua. "Do you understand that I am going to treat you like I would treat a lawyer?"

Stockard continued his inquiries, stating, "You have to understand the risks of representing yourself. Do you understand those?" Stockard then had Wieland list his lengthy history as an attorney, citing extensive his skills and experience. Afterward, Stockard asked Anzaldua, "Do you understand that it is likely you do not have that depth of experience?"

After the questioning, Judge Stockard asked Anzaldua, "Do you want to represent yourself or not?" Anzaldua replied negatively, withdrawing his earlier request to serve as his own counsel, "At this time, Your

Honor, no. I'd like to let Mr. Wieland represent me."

The court confirmed the trial date of December 12, 2024.

Odome James Jackson, in custody, appeared for a status hearing on two Category B felony DUIs with a prior felony DUI conviction. Competency evaluations from Dr. Amy Patterson and Dr. Catherine Pearson determined Jackson competent to proceed to a jury trial, which Judge Stockard set for June 12 and July 17. Defense counsel for Jackson, Charles Woodman, Esq., told the court that Jackson wanted to represent himself.

Woodman requested Judge Stockard hold a Faretta hearing. Jackson confirmed to Judge Stockard that he wished to proceed with representing himself.

Stockard conducted the Faretta hearing, asking Jackson similar questions to those he had to Anzaldua, asking, "Do you know what you are charged with?... The penalties are for each of your cases?... Do you know you have a right to call witnesses on your behalf? ... How do you intend to do that if you don't have counsel?... If you needed to be able to write a motion, would you be able to do that?"

Judge Stockard asked Jackson, "Are



Sonnie Anzaldua. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

you unequivocally asking the court to let you represent yourself?" Jackson replied, "Yeah, I want to do it myself."

Standby counsel was discussed, referring to a lawyer appointed by the court to assist a defendant who has chosen to represent himself. Woodman opposed this option, stating, "Standby counsel is a have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too situation... and it's an

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# Local Government

## Commissioners Approve 2024-25 County Budget

Staff Report

At their May 22 meeting, the commissioners approved the 2024-25 county budget. They discussed the differences between the tentative budget, proposed in February, and the final budget approved for submission to the State of Nevada Department of Taxation last month.

Comptroller Sherry Wideman explained that revenues were down by 2.77%, or \$1,957,646, from those presented in the tentative budget hearings in February due to reduced revenues from CC Communications and grants.

Considering the lower-than-anticipated revenues, county leadership asked departments to reduce current-year expenditures by 10% on a portion of their remaining 2023-24 budget and an additional 15% on the same portion of the 2024-25 budget to meet projected revenue. The requested

reductions resulted in overall savings of 1.62%, or \$1,128,729, between the tentative and final budget for 2024-25.

Following the departmental cost-saving measures, the 2024-25 budget has an estimated ending fund balance of \$40,829,097.

County Manager Jim Barbee took a few minutes to clarify some misconceptions he has been hearing from the public. He said the county is in “very strong financial shape,” citing the annual comprehensive financial report, which shows the county’s net position in 2018 was \$136 million with growth to \$189 million by 2023. This indicates a gain in the county’s financial strength and an upward trend.

He said that many government functions that operate using general funds monies had reduced their expenditures from 2024 to 2025. Examples include data processing, human resources, emergency management, and building inspections. Savings

were gained when longtime personnel retired or left the county and when departments were combined.

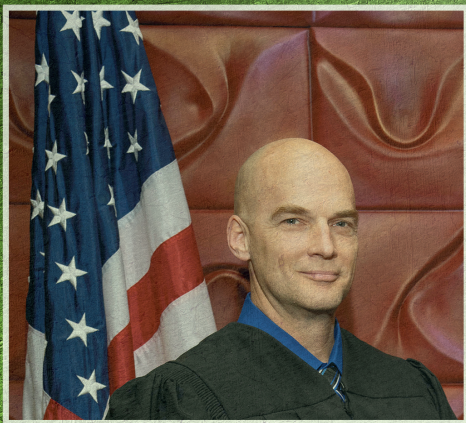
With the state-mandated requirement to increase personnel in the Public Defender’s Office, Barbee explained that the state would pick up 90% of the cost for doing so, leaving the county responsible for 10%. Over the past few years, the county has spent about \$450,000 on the Public Defender’s Office and will continue to do so with slight increases in response to inflation. The state will pick up the bulk of the cost for remodeling new office space for the larger Public Defender offices and hiring five new staff from a state fund set aside for this purpose.

Barbee explained that the county had spent about \$290,000 per year on maintenance at the 3C Event Complex, including the aquatic center, ball fields, Rafter 3C Arena, etc. Still, the money was well-spent because the

facility generates economic development dollars in booking fees to help cover the annual maintenance costs. Furthermore, the events held at the complex, including the arena, significantly impact the local economy. He said the county uses a conservative estimate of \$9 million in economic impact from outside events and visitors coming into the local community.

“We think we should be between \$10-12 million in economic impact in fiscal year 2024,” Barbee said from the 3C Event Complex events.

Barbee suggested a change in the way the budget is presented in the coming years. He said the Comptroller’s Office will present department heads with a base budget in January with predictions for growth for the remainder of the fiscal year. That way, department heads will better understand projected growth and expected revenue.



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## Graffiti: When Opinions Turn into Vandalism



Graffiti at former Cock-n-Bull restaurant near CCHS in Fallon. Photo by Caesar A.

By Caesar A.

Someone vandalized the Cock-n-Bull many weeks ago. They graffitied the message “NO AID TO ISRAEL” on the board which covered one of the windows. I know this because I saw it myself. I snapped a photo of it while on one of my lunch breaks. It is gone now. Someone painted over it. The board shows a large black scuff in its place.

I would rather that the words were never painted there, to begin with. Graffiti is nothing new, far from an unknown problem in our community. Even behind my home, there is an alley whose wall is littered with such degenerate symbols. Someone sees a spray-painted tag, scratches it out, and replaces it with one of their own.

I’m not writing this because the graffiti bothered me, at least not more than usual. I’m writing this because of the words which were written. More specifically, the fact that they were written.

It seems that everybody tends to let their political opinions get the best

of them. They let it get to them to the point that they forget what it is like to be decent and kind people. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. That is an undeniable fact. But that opinion should stay just that, an opinion. That opinion shouldn’t become malice, and it is certainly no justification for the destruction of private property or for forcing people into a state of terror in their day-to-day lives. There are a multitude of ways people can express their opinions. Graffiti is one of the ways not to. If only the people who knew no better were able to learn.

It doesn’t matter where you stand on the issue. Scrawling words on buildings and other similarly-minded actions won’t change anything. All this makes life harder for everybody around you, who has nothing to do with that issue.

This has not nearly become as big a problem in Fallon as it is in other cities, at least not yet. I am writing this in the hope that it never will.

## Healthcare Crisis Continues in Fallon

*A Letter Sent to the Governor*

Dear Governor Lombardo,

This letter is in regard to the article published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on April 15, 2024, on your plan to work on addressing current challenges with building an adequate healthcare workforce to care for residents.

Within the past month, Churchill County, and specifically Fallon, was dealt a severe blow to the ongoing health-care crisis. The Northern Nevada Medical Center was told they were to be closed, and all physicians were to vacate the premises within one month. Included with the physicians to be let go were two general practitioners and several specialty doctors. This has left Fallon with two general practitioners and, other than ob-gyns, no specialty doctors.

In the 1980s, the population of Churchill County was approximately 14,000, with eight general practitioners in practice (from census.gov). The current population is now just over 25,800, with only two general practitioners available. The Banner/Churchill clinic complex has no specialized doctors. The Renown Clinic has rotating doctors throughout the week with a primary care APRN available on Mondays only. Renown does not take Medicare Advantage insurance.

Of the 25,800 people of Churchill County, the median age is 40.5 years. Those over the age of 65 account for approximately 19.3% of the population (census.gov). A University of Iowa study shows that 90.6% of the population of Churchill County does have insurance coverage. About 12.7% of those insured have Medicare, and 25.5% have Medicare Advantage Plus coverage.

Many of the senior citizens of Churchill County do not own a vehicle or are unable to drive to Reno or Carson City for the health care they need. Inclement weather is also a factor. Driving to either city is not advisable during inclement weather. Many seniors are not able to tolerate the 3-5 hours one doctor’s appointment may take, with travel time included. Many of these folks must endure this trip once a week for ongoing treatments.

We fervently hope and pray your administration will come up with a timely solution to the healthcare crisis affecting not only Churchill County but all of Nevada. Other states have dealt with this crisis and have had much success.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,  
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# Education

## Oasis Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

### First Class of Kinder Originals Graduates

The Oasis Academy Class of 2024 had special significance this year. They were the first class to include students who had attended school from its inception in 2011 as kindergarteners to high school graduates.

Eight students were part of the group. Graduates Serenity Achurra, Sophia Aguilar, Emily Bird, Halle Feest, Ruby Hiskett, Hunter McNabb, Sarah Polish, and Anna Springfield.

The students have seen a lot of change throughout the years.

"I can recall when they were first preparing the building to be a school and much of it was still unrenovated and looked like a Walmart," Hunter McNabb said. "It is very strange to walk through the halls and see how much it has expanded."

"The changes we have seen at Oasis go through in the past 13 years are phenomenal," Ruby Hiskett said. "Not only has the school grown in size, but it has also grown to become an important part of our community. The number of students that have been impacted by Oasis faculty within Fallon is incredible."

"I'm incredibly grateful for the experience Oasis has given me to be a Jumpstart student," Anna Springfield said. "I not only had the opportunity to complete my associate's degree but had the support to make it possible. The experience will no doubt make my transition into college much smoother."

"I'm grateful that Oasis provided the ability to receive my associate's degree," Emily Bird added. "I am thrilled to graduate with a college degree debt-free."

"While the school has grown, it is still relatively small," Polish said. "I'm very grateful to Oasis for providing me with the opportunity to make relationships with my teachers. I've learned to advocate for myself and communicate effectively with teachers. I think this would be different at a school where the teachers and students don't know each other. I feel more prepared to

make relationships with college professors this fall."

With the new Oasis Academy High School building opening in July, the seniors left their mark on it by placing their handprints on the freshly poured concrete at its entrance.

The students all have teachers who have impacted their lives, but founder Melissa Mackedon and a quote she displayed are something this exceptional group of students has not forgotten.

"One thing I remember from my early years at Oasis is a quote that Principal Mackedon displayed that read, 'Be the change you want to see in the world,'" said Bird. "The content we consume as kids is powerful, and I've always felt made to believe that I could be anything I wanted to be as long as I worked hard."

All eight students will continue to higher education institutions, including the University of Nevada Reno, BYU-Provo, and Trinity College Dublin.

### Field Day Tradition

School ended with music, bounce houses, swimming, skating, cotton candy, and making memories for all grades at Oasis Academy on May 23. The annual Field Day festivities are exceptional and were organized this

*Sarah Polish, Sophia Aguilar, Hunter McNabb, Ruby Hiskett, Emily Bird, Serenity Achurra, Anna Springfield, Halle Feest.*



*Kara Warren, Erin Griffin, Sarah Moffitt, and Nathan Moffitt.*

year by Erin Griffin and FOA President Sarah Moffitt.

Kindergarten through sixth grades stay on campus. The playground was transformed into a buffet of activities and sweet treats. Students rode a mechanical surfboard, climbed a rock wall, played and slid down bounce houses, dunk staff in the dunk tank, jumped on trampolines, and ate their shares of cotton candy, snow cones, and more. The Churchill County Fire Department provided a fire hose sprinkler to help keep the kids cool.

Seventh and eighth graders continued their tradition of starting the day at the Churchill County Indoor Swimming Pool. They then spent the rest of the morning in bounce houses from Louie's Ace Hardware and enjoyed ice cream from Kim's Kool Treats.

High school students spent the day skating at Top Gun Skate and eating pizza.

These activities are possible thanks to the support of Oasis' Parent Organization-FOA (Friends of Oasis Academy) and the Middle School Student Council. FOA sells pizza on Thursdays and participates in fundraising activities year to pay for the event.

### Summer Reading and Math

Students entering first through tenth grade are required to complete summer reading and math assignments. These assignments are part of their fall grades, and not completing them may affect their eligibility to participate in sports and other activities.

Math packets were sent home with students during the last week of school and are available at the front office. Office hours for June are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer reading information can be found on the website oanv.org. Incoming grades 3-10 will complete the book review, and incoming first and second graders will complete a reading log/calendar.



*Halle Feest, Anna Springfield, and Sarah Polish.*

## Logos Christian Academy Celebrates 8th Grade Graduates

By Dan Slentz

In a heartwarming ceremony filled with joy and reflection, Logos Christian Academy proudly graduated its 8th-grade class, celebrating each student's achievements and future aspirations. The event, held in the school's chapel, was a memorable occasion for students, families, and faculty members.

*Amberlyn Casey* has been a cherished member of the Logos community for the past four years. She fondly remembers her time with Mrs. White, her favorite teacher, whose guidance and support left a lasting impact. Amberlyn is excited to begin her next chapter at Oasis Academy and is ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

*Tyler Clark* also spent four years at Logos, where he developed a passion for football. Playing with his classmates honed his athletic skills and taught him the value of teamwork and perseverance. Tyler will move on to CCHS, hoping to continue his athletic pursuits and academic growth.

*Benjamin Hallquist*, a long-standing student at Logos for nine years, has always had a keen interest in math. His dedication to the subject has been exemplary, and he looks forward to furthering his education at CCHS. Ben's journey at Logos has been marked by academic excellence and a deep appreciation for learning.

*Maison LaValley*, who joined Logos two years ago, treasures the memories of this year's beach trip with his classmates. The event highlighted his time at the school, fostering camaraderie and creating unforgettable moments. Maison is eager to explore new horizons as he moves to his next academic institution.

*Elijah Mitchell* has been with Logos for eight years, cherishing the friendships he has made along the way. His favorite aspect of his time at the academy has been the lifelong bonds formed with his peers. Elijah is set to join Amberlyn at Oasis Academy, where he looks forward to continuing his educational journey surrounded by friends.

*Jackson Storm* has spent an impressive nine years at Logos. His favorite memory is the 8th-grade end-of-year trip to Knott's Berry Farm. This adventure encapsulated the spirit of fun and fellowship that defines the Logos experience. Jackson is prepared to take on new challenges as he transitions to CCHS.

As these exceptional students prepare to embark on their next chapters, the Logos Christian Academy community stands united in celebrating their achievements and supporting their future endeavors. The 8th-grade graduation ceremony was not simply a farewell but a testament to the bright futures awaiting each of these remarkable individuals.



Logos Christian Academy 8th Grade graduates. Pictured left to right, Benjamin Hallquist, Elijah Mitchell, Amberlyn Casey, Maison LaValley, Jackson Storm, and Tyler Clark. Photo courtesy of Logos.

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# Sports

## Skylar Furia - Someone You Should Know



By Nancy Chapman

Skylar Furia is someone you should know. She high school rodeos, works for her mom Shelly Gallagher, at the Wild Horse Café on the weekends, and is an average high school student. Does she know how to split an atom, probably not. Does she know how to solve a calculus equation, who knows. But the girl has guts.

Skylar was not born into a rodeo family. She did not have the fancy trailer or the fancy pickup. Her mom, Shelly, is very open about her struggle with substance abuse and is and always will be a recovering addict. When they first moved to Fallon, her parents had nothing, no money, no jobs, and two kids.

When Skylar was a little girl, her great-aunt bought a barrel horse for her, Tuff. That way, when she got old enough, she could high school rodeo on him. In her sophomore year, Skylar decided it was time to start rodeoing. She had the horse and the desire. Her biggest

hurdle was her grades; at the time, she had an F in one of her classes. She had already committed to the rodeo team and started right from the get-go with a three-week suspension from the rodeo team, which put her out for the rest of her sophomore year. Skylar buckled down, got her grades up to a B average at the beginning of her junior year of high school, and stayed eligible for rodeo all through school.

She had her barrel horse and wanted to add a pole-bending horse to the trailer. She and her mom found Foxy. After a few rodeos, it became apparent that she and Tuff were not a good match. Now, it was just Skylar and her \$800 horse, Foxy. They would run both barrels and poles together.

After her junior, Meg Brehm offered to help Skylar and Foxy for a couple of weeks. Meg helped train Foxy and then taught Skylar to ride her horse for better times. They did well together, 22 seconds down to her best time of 18 in the barrels and 27 seconds down to 24, her best time in the poles. Skylar is so thankful to Meg



Skylar pole bending.

for her help and encouragement.

As a 2024 graduating senior, Skylar is very grateful for the opportunity her parents gave her to rodeo. Following her rodeo dream brought her grades up and gave her an immense amount of courage. She paid her entry fees from her work as a waitress. She gained the courage to know it does not take the best equipment to make a dream come true. It takes guts and determination to make a dream come true.

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## ALLISON'S BOOK REPORT

## “The Paradise Problem” by Christina Lauren



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.

Looks like we are headed into an early heatwave this weekend, and I am coming at you with an equally hot new summer romance. Enjoy this hilarious and spicy rom-com from the reigning queens of romance, bestie duo Christina Lauren, anywhere you like.

I find it worth mentioning that Christina Lauren is the pen name of two best friends who have become writing partners and have written many books together. Their newest release, “The Paradise Problem,” is another nugget of solid rom-com gold. Anna Green thought she was marrying Liam “West” Weston for subsidized family housing while the two were attending UCLA. Virtual strangers during their marriage, they have not given each other a second thought since graduation. Three years later, Anna is a starving artist and Liam is a professor at Stanford. He may be one of four heirs to the Weston Foods conglomerate, but Liam is not interested in working for the heartless corporation his family has built. He is interested in his one-hundred-million-dollar inheritance, though, and receiving it is hindered by an antiquated clause in his grandfather's will. Liam will not see a penny of the huge payout until he has been happily married for five years. When the five years are almost up, his family demands to see the mysterious spouse he has been hiding, giving him no choice but to track down his feisty and foul-mouthed not-so-ex-wife, Anna. Anna is strapped for cash and agrees that, for a price, she will attend the wedding of Liam's sister, which is being held on a gorgeous private tropical island. Feelings between the pair get complicated and, in the presence of his dysfunctional family, Liam's fears quickly shift from whether Anna can play her part to whether his family's toxic world of wealth will corrupt someone as amazing as Anna, leaving Liam wondering if the money is worth losing her altogether.

If you love the classic fake dating/marriage of convenience trope with some sexy “only one bed in paradise” moments, this book is for you. I often fall in love with the male love interest in these stories - and Liam is definitely a ten - but “The Paradise Problem” had me falling for Anna even more. She is free-spirited, disorganized, and unrefined but so likable. I couldn't get enough of the banter between the two, and the sexual tension is a heatwave all its own.

Stay cool this week by grabbing this steamy read, and pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader and tell me what you think I should read next in my never-ending quest for the perfect book to crack open next.



The first drive-in movie theater opened in Pennsauken, New Jersey, on June 6, 1933, and its name was Camden Drive-In.

In honor of this, we wanted to highlight three programs from some of the drive-in theaters in town.

Fun fact: Drive-in theaters were originally known as Park-In Theaters.





## What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - Basic BBQ Sauces

Last week, Kelli's promise of a multi-issue series on cooking outdoors unknowingly (or unthinkingly) set a trap for this week's Kelli. I intended to continue an exploration of barbecue basics, perhaps focusing on dry spice rubs and marinades for meat & veggies cooked on the grill. However, as the week progressed, a challenge emerged—it was time for another monthly edition of the Churchill County Library Spice Club. Fortunately, the spice of the month is Za'atar—a delicious combination of ingredients that could be the only spice blend you need. As a bonus, Za'atar is a fantastic seasoning ingredient for food cooked and eaten outdoors.

Za'atar is the word for both an herb and a blend of that same plant with various other seasoning ingredients. The plant za'atar, referred to in the bible as hyssop, belongs to the same botanical family as oregano and thyme. It grows wild throughout the Middle East and is annually foraged, then used fresh and dried for storage throughout the year. Once dried, the plant za'atar is ground with sesame seeds and then mixed with various dried spices, including sumac, whole sesame seeds, and salt. Regional variations of the blend add in other ground ingredients like wheat, peanut, chickpeas, peas, cumin, fennel, coriander, caraway, anise seed, roasted melon seed kernel, roasted watermelon seed kernel, roasted hazelnut, dried pomegranate seed, and others.

Za'atar is the ultimate spice blend to sprinkle on top of just about everything. Sesame seeds contribute deep nuttiness and crunch, hyssop brings herbaceous notes, and sumac con-

tributes a bright, citrus-like zing. Add za'atar to olive oil for dipping bread, or use it as a condiment sprinkled on top of meat and vegetable dishes.

The Za'atar we are featuring as a part of the Churchill County Library Spice Club originates in Ein Samiya, Palestine. The importer of this tasty blend, Burlap & Barrel, describes the supply chain that supports sourcing, manufacturing, and delivering their Za'atar into our kitchens:

"We're able to share this za'atar because of the expertise, persistence, and creativity of more people than you probably realize — we assembled a scrappy team of farmers, millers, entrepreneurs, freight forwarders, and at least one father-in-law who pieced together a whole supply chain for you. It represents a shared pride and passion for their land, its people, and their culture. When we talk about heirloom spices, this is what we're talking about."

Stop into the Churchill County Library in June and pick up a sample. Then, try one of these recipes, which is ideal for cooking and eating outside.

2024 The Summer of the Barbecue.

### Grilled Chicken with Za'atar - by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

#### Ingredients:

3 T Za'atar blend  
2 T extra virgin olive oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 whole chicken 3.5-4 lb  
Lemon wedges for serving

#### Directions:

1. Combine the za'atar with 2 T olive



Grilled Chicken with Za'atar by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt. Image courtesy of Serious Eats.

- oil and minced garlic until it forms a paste.
- Pat chicken dry and place breast-side-down on a large cutting board. Using sharp kitchen shears, remove the backbone by cutting down each side. Turn the chicken over and lay flat. Press firmly on the breast to flatten the chicken. Season generously with salt and pepper.
- Using your hands, rub the za'atar garlic paste evenly over the chicken's surfaces, working it into every nook and cranny. Sprinkle additional dry za'atar mixture over all surfaces and gently pat down to adhere.
- Prepare your grill—if using a gas grill, turn half of the burners to the highest heat setting. Cook on your preferred grill skin-side-up with indirect heat until a thermometer inserted into the deepest part of the breast registers 120°

(about 30-45 minutes). Carefully flip the chicken and place skin-side-down on the hotter side of the grill with the breast pointing towards the cooler side. If using a gas grill, reduce heat to medium-low. Press down with a wide, stiff spatula to ensure good contact between the bird and the grill grates. Cover and cook until skin is crisp and a thermometer in the deepest part of the breast registers 150°

- Transfer the chicken to a cutting board to rest for 5-10 minutes. Carve, drizzle with olive oil, and serve with lemon wedges.



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## Movies & More

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This weekend at The Fallon Theatre, we have two fantastic, fun, free movies. For the young-at-heart, we will be showing the 2010 animated favorite, "How to Train Your Dragon," at 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Follow the adventures of Hiccup, a hapless young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons but becomes the unlikely friend of a young dragon himself and learns there may be more to the creatures than he had been taught. This movie is rated PG for sequences of intense action, some scary images, and brief, mild language. The runtime is 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Our second movie, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," shows on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. This fantastical tale is based upon the well-loved novel by J.R.R. Tolkien and tells the story of a reluctant Hobbit named Bilbo Baggins who sets out to the Lonely Mountain with a spirited group of dwarves to reclaim their mountain home and the gold within it from the dragon Smaug. The film is rated PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action, violence, and frightening images. The runtime is 2 hours and 49 minutes.

The Hobbit trilogy will continue at 7 p.m. over the following two weekends with "The Desolation of Smaug" on June 14 and 15, with "The Land Before Time" showing at 6 p.m., and "The Battle of the Five Armies" on June 21 and 22, with "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" at 6 p.m. Plan to join us for the entire epic adventure on the big screen... with popcorn.

On Wednesday, June 26, The De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash are sponsoring a special event movie at 7 p.m., "The Cowboy Way," starring Woody

Harrelson and Kiefer Sutherland. Two childhood friends who are rodeo cowboys travel from New Mexico to New York City searching for a friend who disappeared while looking for his daughter, who's just been smuggled into the US from Cuba. This sponsored 1994 movie precedes De Golyer's 10th annual event on June 29. The movie is rated PG-13 for violence, some language, and comic sensuality. The runtime is 1 hour and 42 minutes.

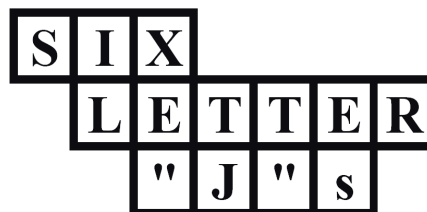
In July, we'll be hosting Acid Box, the Fallon-based, hard-rock-heavy-metal-punk-fusion-with-a-blues-influence band... and they're loud. Check them out on June 20 at 7 p.m. The cover charge is \$10.

The Fallon Theatre has something to offer everyone. For more information, please visit our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/fallontheatre](http://www.facebook.com/fallontheatre), or our website, [www.fallontheatre.com](http://www.fallontheatre.com). If you are interested in renting the theatre for a party or event, please email us at [thefallontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:thefallontheatre@gmail.com) or call us at 775-423-6210 and leave a message.



## Crossword

by Peanut

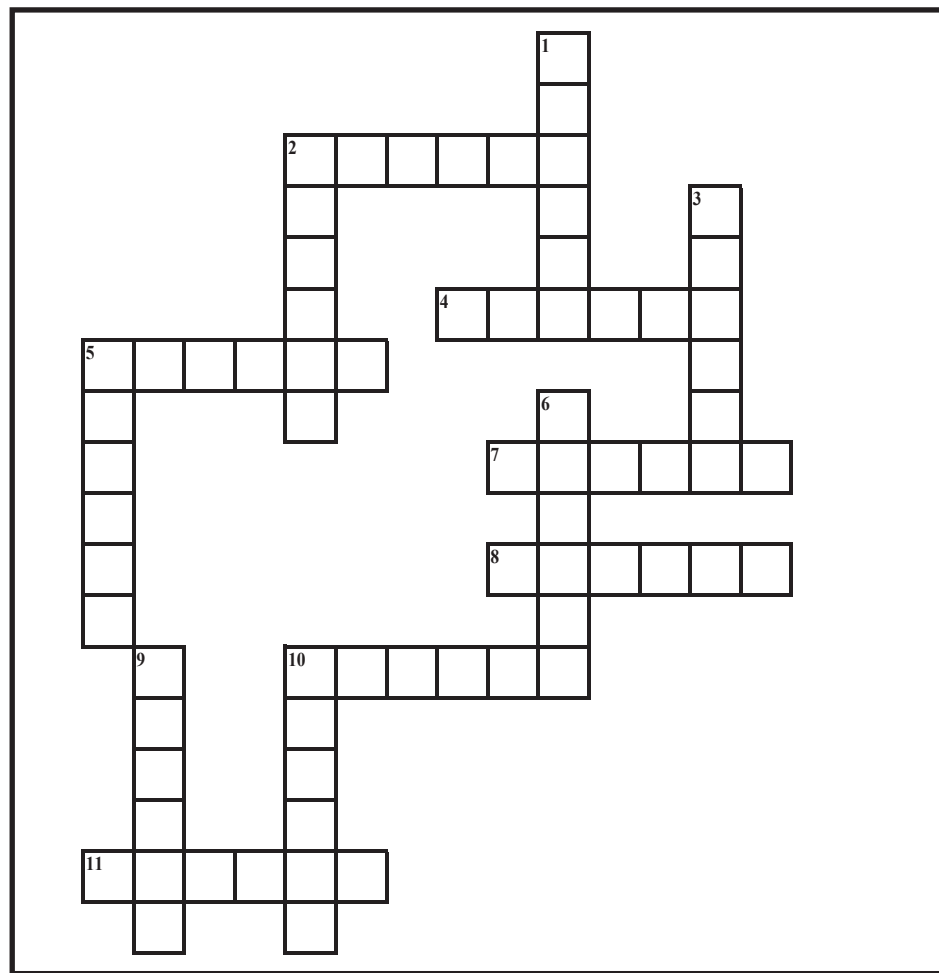


### Across

- 2 Gems
- 4 Slang
- 5 Rider
- 7 Confined
- 8 Rainforest
- 10 Babble
- 11 Poked

### Down

- 1 Clown
- 2 Shot glass
- 3 Jangle
- 5 Ecstatic
- 6 Large cat
- 9 Gray wolf
- 10 Coat



## NOTICE OF OPEN APPOINTIVE POSITION

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking public-spirited citizens willing to serve as a member on the **Library Board of Trustees**. The Library Board is a governing board that meets once a month. This person will serve on a five (5) member board and act as Library Trustee for the public library. Applications are being considered for any mid-term or full-term openings that may be available. For more details, interested persons may talk to the County Manager's Office for additional information about the Library Board and what the position entails.

Interested persons may obtain an Application at Churchill County Human Resources, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 177, Fallon, Nevada 89406 or by downloading at: <https://nv-churchillcounty.civicplus.com/773/AdvisoryGoverning-Board-Openings>. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address **not later than 3:00 PM on June 26, 2024**.

Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DATE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY COMMISSION AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Regional Transportation Commission has changed the **DATE** of their meeting scheduled for June 19, 2024. The meeting will occur on **Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9:30 AM, at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Conference Room #102, Fallon, NV.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Commissioners have changed the **DATE** of their second meeting scheduled for June 19, 2024. The meeting will occur on **Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 1:15 PM, at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Commission Chambers, Fallon, NV.**

Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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absolute no-win for the attorney." He concluded, "If he really wants to represent himself, Your Honor, I'd ask that he do that and that I not be put in that no-win situation."

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills acknowledged Woodman's hesitation but noted that Jackson would likely require counsel's help preparing for trial.

Judge Stockard concluded that Jackson's request was timely and unequivocal and that Jackson was competent and aware of his deficiencies compared to legal counsel. Stockard stated, "I am going to allow you to represent yourself." He ordered Woodman to stay on the case as standby counsel and to be prepared to take over at a moment's notice.

## Fallon Police Dept's New App

### Staff Report

The Fallon Police Department is excited to announce the release of a custom smartphone application. The app is an innovative way for the police department to connect with Fallon residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The app was developed by ThePoliceApp.com, a brand of OCV, LLC., which specializes in mobile app development for police departments and public safety organizations across the country. This app offers quick access to items of public interest and is easy to use.

In just a few clicks, users can access features such as the Chief's Corner, News & Events, Sex Offenders, Crime Prevention, Join Our Team, Employee Feedback, Contact Us, Submit A Tip, and more.

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# Bulletin

## Community Meetings

### Meetings June 10-14

Churchill County Meetings  
County Admin Complex  
155 N. Taylor St.

Wed., Jun 12, 7 p.m.  
Planning Commission  
Commissioners' Chambers

Thurs., Jun 13, 1:30 p.m.  
Central Nevada Health District  
Commissioners' Chambers

Thurs., Jun 13, 2:30 p.m.  
E-911 Committee  
Room 102

## Pound Puppies - Rusty

This is Rusty (D-417). This sweet boy originally came to us as a stray. We don't have much information, but for a Husky mix he is quiet, and calm here. He's very people friendly, and loves to get pets.

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Truckee Canal at Hazen  
1.46 cfs  
Carson River at Ft. Churchill  
953 cfs

June 3  
2024 : 302,833 acre feet  
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| Cranberry Cottage           | Kent's Supply               |
| Digitex                     | Mane Attraction             |
| Edison Electric             | My Gypsy Soul               |
| Edward Jones                | Life Center (Senior Center) |
| Fallon Family Dental        | Qwik Stop Market            |
| Fallon Glass                | Stone Cabin Coffee          |
| Fallon Livestock Processing | Stuff N' Such Thrift Shop   |
| Fox Peak Station            | Telegraph Coffee & Tap      |
| Frontier Liquor             | US Post Office              |
| Grand Slam Market           | WaFd Bank                   |

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