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CCHS Back to School Night Setting Dreams in Motion

By Leanna Lehman

If you have not marked your calendars for this year's CCHS Back to School Event, now is the time. The highly anticipated event, slated for August 8 at 6 p.m. at the Rafter C3 Events Complex, is on track to be one of the most sensational CCHS gatherings of the year.

"This year, we're focusing on showcasing the remarkable programs and initiatives that define our school's excellence," said CCHS Principal Tim Spencer. Spencer, excited about the opportunity to inspire and encourage students over the upcoming year, applauds his staff's dedication to innovation and student success, which he believes sets CCHS apart.

For all those who attended last year, Back to School Night was nothing less than a first-class course showcase and school-to-career expo. Businesses, colleges, and trade schools will be on hand again this year to discuss career path options and post-high school job opportunities, while teachers will be sharing what is in store for their students this year. Students can gather information and talk to schools and businesses in a fun, engaging environment while enjoying time with their family, friends, and classmates.

Largely coordinated by School to Careers Coordinator Dr. Sue Segura, CCHS teachers, and staff have a great deal planned for the

event, which boasts the theme, Making a Difference, Setting Dreams in Motion.

"This year, we're focusing on showcasing the remarkable programs and initiatives that define our school's excellence," said CCHS Principal.

The evening will include CCHS Highlights, in which departments and programs will present captivating displays and presentations that exhibit the exciting opportunities and experiences in store for students in the coming year.

Visitors should look forward to interactive experiences designed to engage attendees through hands-on demonstrations and activities, offering students and parents a sneak peek into the vibrant learning experiences within each program.

But wait, there's more. According to Dr. Sue, CCHS plans to serve Mamma's Meats hamburgers and hotdogs to approximately 1,000 attendees, with an expected turnout of 1,400-1,600 people. And for dessert, Country Creamery is making 1,000 servings of ice cream thanks to the generous donations of local dairymen and Model Dairy in Reno.

According to Dr. Sue, the generosity of local sponsors makes the event possible. Just in case students and parents needed a little more enticement to join in, she enlisted the help of Curt Henning, owner of Fallon Ford, and General Manager Tim Mitchell. Fallon Ford contributed \$2,000 for \$100 Visa gift



Photo courtesy of guest speaker Mitch Pollock.

cards and a new laptop as raffle items. CCHS 9th-12th grade students are eligible to win and will receive raffle tickets when they arrive and if they are seated in the grandstands by 6 p.m.

Nevada and National Finals Rodeo Saddle Bronc qualifier Mitch Pollack has taken a little time from his tightly packed rodeo schedule to speak to students. After graduating from Winnemucca High School in 2011, Pollock attended the College of Southern Idaho, earning a degree in ag science and liberal arts in 2016. Pollack, who competed in Battle Born Broncs the last two years, coached young bronc riders during the 2023 Rough Stock Training Camp for kids and has some inspiration to share.

Dr. Sue encourages CCHS students, parents, and the community to stop in and check out the 2024 Back to School/Career Night kick-off spectacular and set some dreams in motion.

Arrest Made in Murder of Missing Woman

By Robert Perea

The suspect in the murder of a woman who was reported missing in April and whose body was found in a remote area of Churchill County has been arrested.

Robert Matthew Richards, a 39-year-old resident of Saratoga Springs, Utah, was arrested Monday and booked into the Salt Lake County Jail, where he will remain until he is extradited to Lyon County.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office began investigating the disappearance of Sara Filiatraut, 25, on April 15. Her body was found on May 22, and an autopsy performed by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office confirmed her death as a homicide.



Sara Filiatraut, Courtesy Lyon County Sheriff.

Filiatraut's family in Michigan had reported her missing, saying her last known location was in Lyon County on March 21. She was released from the Lyon County Jail on March 21 after having been arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and being an intoxicated pedestrian.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office said detectives identified Richards as the suspect in the murder early in their investigation. After Filiatraut's body was found on May 22, detectives learned that Richards was working in Colorado. They traveled to Colorado and, with the assistance of the Grand County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, executed a search warrant and collected numerous pieces of physical evidence.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER



Captain's Log

This is How It Starts

By Rachel Dahl

It's official. I have become a homeowner. For most of my adult life, I've always said since I don't have a husband, I need a landlord. But here we are; the sunset is all mine.

When I was younger, and my kids were little, we would go for drives out in the country and look at homes where we would like to live and dream of having our own place. There were favorites – out west of town on the edge of the desert where we could just take off and go on the imaginary horse or the imaginary four-wheeler across the freedom.

And then, one day, a couple of years ago, I got the chance to rent the perfect little house right on the edge of the sunset with the idea that when I got myself in order, I could buy it. I'm not really sure about the order part, but with some magic wand by Tania, the mortgage gal, I am now a landowner. The bunnies have a permanent home, and Elvira will not be far behind.

Of course, now that we're permanent when the lady in south Reno posted last week that one of her hens turned out to be a rooster and needed a home, I ran right up there and got him.

But then my three free-range girls who came from Aunt Molly were mean to him. They do not share my sentiment that ten acres can be easily shared, and the meaning of "hen-pecked" became suddenly quite clear.

Obviously, Larry, the lavender olive-egger needed his own buddy.

So I called up Byron at Peepsville and told him I was home from my travels and needed to get A hen for Larry. One. Honestly, I only went for one.

But then Byron-the-chicken-dealer told me he was gifting me a housewarming present and to pick a set. When Byron says a set that means two hens and a rooster. There may have been more than one set.

He knew I liked the Phoenix (we got Sirius, Mrs. Dursley, Hermione, and Astoria) and had asked earlier in the week about the Porcelain (Zeus, Athena, and Venus). And then there were these really pretty Blue-laced Red Wyandotte (Louie, Marie, and Antoinette). There is also Lynette, who turns out to come with Louie but immediately defected to Larry. Love at first sight. He found his friend.

And then, for good measure, we threw in four little sisters – Miss Tracy and the Colonel's Daughter and Pearl and Opal.

This is how it happens. How chicken ladies are made. Larry was a gateway chicken.

You can be sure the three original Boyer Bunny Ranch chickens are not happy. They are still prancing around explaining in no uncertain terms that chicken-hoarding is completely unnecessary.

But the best part is Louie proudly wakes us all up at about 4:30 every morning, doing his rooster thing, and Larry, in his adorable little adolescent voice, accompanies him. Zeus is more of an afternoon announcer, piping in around 1 p.m. Apparently, those fancy little fellows are on their own schedule.

Just wait until I find peacocks!

So while the search is on for some gorgeous watch-birds and the neighbors go about their unknowing bliss, we'll be right here...

— Rachel

We'd love to hear from you.

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Have a story?

CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL

Cantaloupers – Get Ready to Jam

By Leanna Lehman

The Cantaloupe Festival and County Fair draws another week closer, so let’s spotlight the fantastic music planned for this year’s event.

ROCKING THE FESTIVAL

Dishwalla

Get ready for some spectacular rock performances on Friday night, August 23. Dishwalla, an alternative rock group from Santa Barbara, will headline the event.

In 2015, to mark the 20th anniversary of their chart-topping album “Pet Your Friends,” which featured the group’s most notable hit, “Counting Blue Cars” (Tell me all your thoughts on God...because I’d really like to meet her) with their new vocalist, Justin Fox.

More recently, Dishwalla released their fifth studio album, “Juniper Road,” and have toured with long-standing alternative greats like Fuel, Marcy Playground, Gin Blossoms, and Tears for Fears.

A few years before “Juniper Road,” Dishwalla embarked on extensive tours across the United States and internationally, sharing stages with notable acts such as Collective Soul, Vertical Horizon, and Nine Days. Fortunately, Nine Days will also perform for this year’s Cantaloupers on Friday night.

Nine Days

Formed by John Hampson and Brian Desveaux, Nine Days began climbing the charts in the 1990s. The Long Island rock band released three indie albums in the 90s before their debut album, “The Madding Crowd,” which soon hit the mainstream market. Nine Days is known for “Absolutely



Summer of 99 Cruise with Creed, April 2024. Photo courtesy of Dishwalla.



Ward Davis at Louisiana Grandstand in Shreveport, LA. Photo by Dave Chesak.

(Story of a Girl).” More recently, the group appeared in a Travel South Dakota ad, performing a revised version of their hit, which premiered in South Dakota and nearby states during the 2024 Super Bowl.

Henry Anderson

Reno’s Eric Henry Anderson, an award-winning songwriter and solo artist, will also open for Dishwalla.

According to Anderson, 2023 was a dynamic year for him, filled with national tours, new song and video releases, and numerous performances on the music festival cruise “Sail Across the Sun,” hosted by Grammy-winning rock band Train, along with Fitz & The Tantrums, G. Love & Special Sauce, and others.

Be sure not to miss Anderson’s performance. Cantaloupe Festival executive director Adrienne Snow says, “Henry is phenomenal.”

COUNTRY NIGHT

Ward Davis

Davis is an American singer-songwriter from Monticello, Arkansas, by way of

Nashville. Since his initial self-released album, “Nobody’s Waiting,” in 1998, Davis has developed an impressive repertoire, writing songs performed by country greats like Trace Adkins, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, and more.

As a gifted songwriter, Davis’s talent has stretched beyond the bounds of the country music genre and crossed over into rock, Red Dirt, and Texas Country music. Well-known performers like Wade Hayes, Sammy Kershaw, Bucky Covington, Jimmie Van Zant, and Carolina Rain have made Davis’s songs hits.

Before his work with Cody Jinks, Davis released “15 Years in a 10-Year Town,” which featured Willie Nelson and Jamey Johnson (“In Color”).

In 2015, Davis co-wrote and released “Unfair Weather Friend,” which Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard recorded for their final album collaboration. As his last release, the song was played at Merle Haggard’s funeral in 2016.

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Third row, left to right: Charlotte, Trooper, Loyd, Jimmy.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES DONALD MORRIS
November 13, 1963 - July 10, 2024

James Morris peacefully passed away on the morning of July 10, 2024.

A celebration of his life with family and friends sharing stories and a picnic lunch will be held later this year.

Angela reminisces that when James was about 12 years old, he had a little AM/FM radio. He took it apart, switched some wires around, and wound up getting some weird stations. After that, he was constantly taking things apart to see how they worked and then putting them back together. James had a few friends but preferred to hang out at home. He loved camping, traveling, and making hot wings so hot that you could not eat them. He would eat them like we were all wimps.

David remembers when he first met James, "James had just returned from trade school in Arizona. We were riding from Gabbs to Fallon in the back of Pops Dodge pick-up. James was slipping cigarettes to me. I thought we were being so sneaky. This was

my first experience with my brother."

James' niece, Melissa Kress, says that she and her uncle were close her whole life, from shopping for her birthday to fishing and camping during the summer. She lived with him in Reno when she started college. "I will miss his smile and laugh the most."

Ross wanted a large family his whole life. When he met James and the rest of the clan, it was like an answered prayer. "I'd always wanted a brother, and James was my first. I'm going to miss him."

"My fondest memory," said Mary, "is when James would take me up to Summit in the winter, on the dirt roads, using Daddy's old Ford pick-up truck. You needed a strong arm to steer and know how to drive a stick. It was scary and fun...I was only 13 years old.

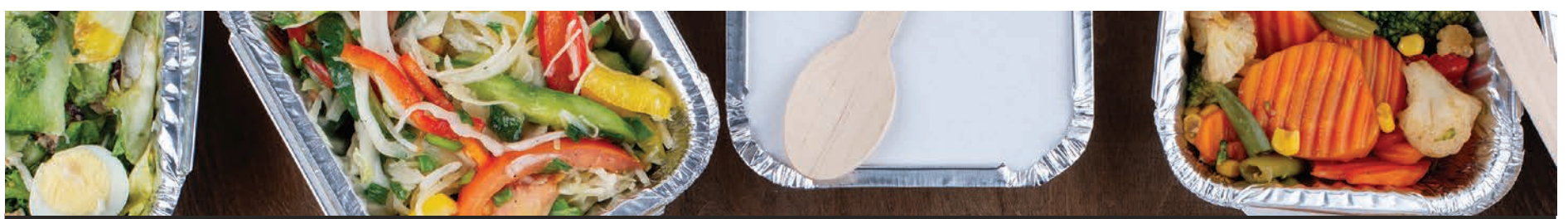
James Donald Morris was born November 13, 1963, in Boulder City, Nevada, to Donald



and Janet (Rhoads) Morris. He graduated from Gabbs High School, class of 1981, and was a member of DECA. James married Orlaina Virginia Frances in 1982. Together, they had one daughter, Cynthia Rose (Morris) Morrow. James and Orlaina divorced in 1986. Later, James married Janet Lee Chadderdon in 1999. Their marriage was annulled shortly afterward.

James was preceded in death by his father, Donald Grant Morris; mother, Janet Ruth (Rhoads) Wooner; brothers, Emory Grant Morris and Michael Lee Morris; and stepfather, David Arthur Wooner.

James was the fourth of seven children and is survived by four siblings: brother Ross (Justin) Crawshaw-Lopton; sister Angela (Craig) Renee Howes; stepbrother David (Sandy) Arthur Wooner, Jr.; stepsister Mary Louise Wooner; sister-in-law Jackie Morris; and pets Donny, Jenna, and Beetle.



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MEETINGS

August 5-9, 2024

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City Council Meeting
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Thurs., August 8, 1:30 p.m.
Central Nevada Health District
155 N. Taylor St.

Fri., August 9, 8:30 a.m.
Social Services Advisory Committee
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COMMUNITY

Guest Editorial

By Jack Payne

I've been in Montana this week at the United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) summer meeting, missing our cattle auction in Fallon for the first time since we opened in 2006, 18 years ago. That's how strongly I feel about getting the Mandatory Electronic Animal ID shut down. I was nervous that USCA was either going to vote not to support Harriet Hageman's (WY) bill to block MEID or possibly to stay neutral.

Fortunately, after a vote of the board members USCA agreed to support Hageman's bill. The Livestock Marketing Association was at our meeting as well and unfortunately, they say they have to stay neutral on MEID over 18 months. They say they have written policy to strongly oppose ALL MEID under 18 months, but as I have tried to explain several times, if we give USDA an inch of this government overreach, they are going to take a foot.

This MEID is much bigger than disease traceability. That's just the excuse they are using to infringe on American citizens' rights. This is about climate change, carbon credits, carbon taxes, food control, and, ultimately, the control of the American people. National Cattlemen's Beef Association has made it their goal to help the American cattle

industry be carbon neutral by 2030. As one would assume, NCBA is for mandatory EID. So far, it looks like LMA is neutral, NCBA is for, and RCALF & USCA are against mandatory EID. Our Montana meeting was in conjunction with the Montana Stockgrowers Association, which is an NCBA affiliate.

Because we are so divided on industry issues it was agreed upon by the organizations to NOT talk about MCOOL, CHECKOFF or the Cattle Market Transparency Act. Because these different industry organizations are so polarized on the issues, they decided to try to come together to work on issues they can agree upon, such as estate taxes, young farmer participation, and labor issues. The end of Trump's estate tax cuts are going to sunset in 2025, and that will be detrimental to the Livestock industry.

Headed back to Nevada early this morning. Still trying to get cattle to the mountains and late-born calves branded. Hoping we don't have any catastrophic wildfires. Sad what's happening in Oregon. The government won't let ranchers run cows anymore and ranchers are partly to blame because even on their private land they seem to be in a competition to see who can leave the most grass behind annually. Graze it or burn it. It's our choice. That ties back into this Producer Profitability forum. If the government

woke up tomorrow and admitted they were wrong about cutting grazing and asked the ranchers to triple their livestock numbers to reduce fuels, very few ranchers would be in the financial position to do so. That's why it's important to fix these broken cattle markets now before they drop off again. This higher market is a direct result of poor policies and low profits over so many years.

I ask producers to support Hageman's bill and be watchful and critical of industry leaders and their motivations. Money corrupts so many. Connect the dots and like I always say, if there are two buzzards on the fence and a third bird lands next to them, rarely will it be a dove. Most likely, it's another buzzard. Not everyone wants you to be successful; not everyone wants you to pass your ranch on to your kids. They hope you go broke so they can buy your ranch for pennies on the dollar. It's important you get involved yourself and not just trust the big hats to handle the industry issues for you because you are too busy. Be watchful and be smart. Let's hope this cattle market keeps going strong, but if you are nervous like me, it's time to buy an LRP.

Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and urge your Senators and Representatives to help stop the Mandatory Electronic Animal ID mandate.



Photo by Cheryl Venturacci.

Oasis High School Ribbon Cutting

Thanks to a generous contribution from the William N. Pennington Foundation and collaboration with construction partner Miles Construction and Frame Architecture, Inc., Oasis Academy recently completed construction on its new high school campus at 1 Bighorn Way in Fallon off Venturacci Lane. On Tuesday, July 30, Oasis staff welcomed students, members of the community, and other dignitaries at the ribbon cutting, followed by a community open house.

Festival Sponsor Shoutout!

CC Communications



By Leanna Lehman

This week's Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair sponsor shoutout goes to CC Communications. Festival officials would like to publicly thank CC Communications for being a Presenting Sponsor and express their appreciation for the continued annual support.

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According to Cantaloupe Festival Executive Director Adrienne Snow, CC Comm is another sponsor they can't do without. Providing internet service throughout the Churchill County Fairgrounds throughout the festival is no small feat. With nearly every vendor needing to access the internet to complete point-of-sale credit card transactions, a fast and dependable internet is paramount. CC Comm works hard every year to ensure that performers, exhibitors, vendors, festival officials, and county staff have a reliable connection to ensure the event goes off without a hitch.

CC Comm has long been a premier sponsor and an integral part of a successful festival. "We appreciate all that you do for this event and for this community!" said festival organizers.

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Davis co-wrote "I'm Not the Devil" with Cody Jinks the following year. The song soared to number four on the US Billboard Country Charts. Davis continues to tour with Jinks and will share his rich country sound at this year's festival.

Patrice

Country music enthusiasts will have more excitement as Patrice, a talented singer-songwriter from Sparks, takes the stage Saturday night, opening for Ward Davis. Patrice gained recognition on the Cowboy Channel with her hit song "Headlights" and has shared the stage with Americana/Red Dirt band Reckless Kelly. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to her performance last year, the festival committee has invited her back, promising another outstanding concert experience.

Wandering Songs with Steven and Raena

Last but not least are two of Fallon's favorite local artists, Steve and Raena. This husband-and-wife duo has been making music and perform-



Patrice at the Festival Country Night.

ing together since 2015. Their debut album, recorded in their home studio in 2021, features a blend of energetic and reflective tracks that delve into love, family, and self-discovery.

Since September 2022, Steve and Raena have been living full-time in a renovated travel trailer called "Tiny," exploring the stunning landscapes of the high desert and beyond. As passionate travelers and videographers, Steve and Raena share their adventures on their YouTube channel, WanderingSongsAdventure.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Library Seats a New Board

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Library Board of Trustees met last week in their regular meeting, sitting three new board members recently appointed by Churchill County: Ryan Swirczek, Sue Segura, and Sari Koehler.

Interim Director Carol Lloyd took a moment during her report to thank the outgoing board members, including Tara Price-Gritzmacher, Ashlee McGarity, and Kelli Kelly, for their service. Price-Gritzmacher and McGarity were not reappointed when their terms expired, and Kelly resigned in May.

Segura spoke excitedly about being in the library during Storytime and reminisced about bringing her children to the library in 1983. Swirczek thanked the county for the opportunity to serve. Koehler was absent.

Lloyd reported a new Adult Services Librarian, and the Page has been promoted to Library Assistant. The new Page position closed on July 23, and the Digital Librarian and Library Director positions will close on August 9.

Until the library is fully staffed, the building will not operate at full capacity and is currently open 40 hours a week, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. “Our goal is to resume 55 hours as soon as staff is trained,” said Lloyd. This is the most important thing we can do to serve the community, and I want to thank our staff for all they are doing to get things done and get us to that point.”

She also reported that Civil Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed will provide Open Meeting Law training at the next board meeting on August 22.

Trustees discussed the next steps for selecting, interviewing, and hiring the new Library Director. “It’s not about trust; we just don’t want to be here again next year,” said Segura, pushing for an open forum where the community can ask questions of the can-

didates and the board can see the candidate in action, how they interact with the community.

Joe Sandford, Civil Deputy District Attorney, explained that the library board is subject to the open meeting law, and specific employment laws must be considered during the interview process.

The board agreed by vote to keep the existing hiring process under which the Human Resources Director and the current Library Director will “vet” the application pool between the August 9 deadline and the August 22 board meeting to push forward the candidates they find qualified for the position. They will interview the first round of candidates, recommend to the board those who are qualified for consideration, and provide an opportunity for the board to choose which they will interview in a second round.

Those interviews will take place in a public meeting, with a date yet to be set, where the public can offer public comments.

Members of the public are welcome to submit potential interview questions ahead of the interviews. The HR director will provide the interview questions to the board. Each candidate will be asked the same questions. The board can rank their choices in case a candidate drops out of the process. Once the board chooses their candidate, they are sent to HR to complete the background and onboarding process.

The board will have no contact with the candidates until the second round of interviews when they will do their interviews. At that time, the candidates will be given a tour of the library prior to the interviews. The process to find a library director is a nationwide search.

During the August 22 meeting, the board hopes to know how many candidates they will interview.

The board also approved their final budget of \$767,460 for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year, with \$402,090 for salaries to keep the library open and staffed.

WNC Has Large Pot of Silver State Opportunity Grant Funds Remaining for Students

Staff Report

One area of student funding underutilized as the Fall 2024 semester nears at Western Nevada College is the Silver State Opportunity Grant (SSOG).

With fall classes starting on August 26, the timing is right for students to take advantage of the grant. The Nevada Legislature created the grant in 2015 to provide need-based funding for students attending community and state colleges in the Nevada System of Higher Education.

“We have worked hard not only to keep costs low but also support scholarships to help students offset the cost of higher education,” WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe said. “I encourage all students to meet with our financial aid office to see what programs — like the Silver State Opportunity Grant — are available to them to support their education.”

WNC has nearly \$368,000 to award to students through the Silver State Opportunity Grant, and WNC’s Financial Aid Office has already started awarding these funds to qualified students. In many cases, students will have their class fees (with enough funds for books) covered by the SSOG. Students could receive as much as \$5,500 for the school year.

“WNC is committed to award SSOG and other types of financial aid to students to help them accomplish their educational and career goals,” WNC Executive Director of Student Services JW Lazzari said. “The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid had some delays earlier in the year, but there have since been significant improvements to help students. Everyone interested in enrolling should not delay and complete the enrollment and financial aid checklists as soon as possible.”

Lazzari emphasized that students must first file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for the SSOG. As soon as possible, complete the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to become eligible for the SSOG.

Students who enroll in at least 15 credits

and apply to the student’s programs of study are given priority for the SSOG. Individuals must meet other eligibility criteria, including:

- Enrolling in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate.
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- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Having an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$8,500 or less.
- Meeting institutional Title IV financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements.

Individuals interested in learning about WNC financial aid programs should visit www.wnc.edu/financial to schedule a phone appointment or visit virtual office hours. The Financial Assistance Office is also available to help in person Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the Carson City campus in Bristlecone Room 102 or by appointment on the Fallon campus.

For information about becoming a student at WNC, go to www.wnc.edu/starthere/. To learn more about financial aid at WNC, phone 775-445-3264, email finaid1@wnc.edu, or visit virtual office hours through wnc.edu/financial.

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DISTRICT COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court Tuesday, July 23 - Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Angelica Leticia Rickards appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Attempt to Commit Robbery, to which she pled guilty per Alford on May 14. The plea, per Alford (North Carolina v. Alford (1970)), is one where the defendant accepts the full ramifications of a guilty verdict and the prescribed penalties without admitting to committing the crime. DDA Priscilla Baker asked the court to sentence Rickards to 48-120 months and order her participation in Specialty Court. Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel said this is a joint sentencing recommendation, and he has noticed a change in his client's behavior. Rickards told Judge Stockard that she liked the program, was doing well, and was improving. She received 36 months of probation on a suspended sentence to 48-120 months in prison and must complete Specialty Court. "I am pleased to hear how well you're doing. Keep it up," said Judge Stockard.

Alisha Gonzalez Ezly, in custody, appeared to enter a change of plea. Ezly previously pleaded not guilty to Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and Unlawful Removal, Defacement Alteration, or Obliteration of the Identification Number of a Motor Vehicle. According to Criminal Settlement Conference negotiations, Ezly pleaded guilty to a single amended charge of Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Per negotiations, the second charge was dropped. Judge Stockard ordered a pre-sentencing investigation and set sentencing for September 24.

Joseph Terrell Libbee, in custody, appeared to enter a change of plea. Libbee initially pleaded not guilty to two Category D Felonies, Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Assault with a Deadly Weapon, both punishable by 1-6 years in prison. Under Criminal Settlement Conference negotiations, Libbee pleaded guilty to Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, a D Felony, punishable by 1-6 years. The factual basis stated that Libbee threatened another with a deadly weapon and failed to stop his vehicle after being given the signal to do so. Judge Stockard



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation. Sentencing was set for October 8.

Karena Dawn Stark admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation for failing to comply with the conditions of her probation related to a misdemeanor sex offense for which Stark received probation and a suspended sentence of 364 days in jail. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker asked for probation revocation, citing Stark's "blatant lack of respect" for the Western Regional Specialty Court program. Baker said program staff kept giving her chances, but she did nothing. "They had no choice but to remove her," said Baker. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court Stark is currently registered as required, does not use drugs or alcohol, and is trying to figure out life. He stated that he was not trying to excuse her behavior and that consequences must be imposed when someone is on probation and does not fulfill their obligations. Stockard revoked Stark's probation for 30 days.

Timothy Eugene Tiboni appeared after being removed from Drug Court. Judge Stockard said he had a letter outlining the reasons for Tiboni's removal, which explained it was not through any fault of his own. Stockard modified the conditions of Tiboni's probation for the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Violating a Domestic Protection Order and removed the condition that he complete the drug court program. Stockard also added the condition that Tiboni follows the recommendations of his drug and alcohol evaluation.

Rosselder James Badger, in custody, pleaded guilty, pursuant to Alford, to the Category D Felony of Ex-Felon Not to Possess a Firearm, punishable by 1-6 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. The prosecution maintains that on July 2, Badger had a firearm concealed under a mattress in a stolen vehicle and had been previously convicted of one or more felonies. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation and set sentencing for September 24.

Tyler Kirby Shaw, in custody, pleaded guilty to I) Category C Felony of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to 10,000; and II) Category D Felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, punishable by 1-6 years and a fine of up to \$5,000. According to the District Attorney's Office, the state could prove that on May 20, Shaw was in possession of a stolen motorcycle and did commit felony alluding. Shaw's plea was made per Alford, in which he accepted the full ramifications of a guilty verdict and the prescribed penalties without admitting to committing the crime (North Carolina v. Alford (1970)). Sentencing was set for August 13.

Roland Isaac Zamora appeared for sentencing on the charge of Attempt to Commit Burglary of a Business, to which he pled guilty on April 16 when he attempted to steal a case of beer. Zamora received two years of probation on a suspended sentence of 19-48 months in prison. He must obtain a substance abuse evaluation, follow its recommendations, and pay restitution of \$17.21 within 60 days.

Ingram Pleads Guilty to Child Exploitation, Yet Maintains Innocence



Colby Ingram, photo courtesy of CCSO.

By Teresa Moon

Christopher Colby Ingram, in custody, pleaded guilty pursuant to Alford to amended charges of Possession of Visual Pornography of a Person Under the Age of 16 (involving a juvenile male) and Felony of Possession of Visual Pornography of a Person Under the Age of 16 (juvenile female). Both are Category D felonies, each with potential penalties of 1-6 years in prison and fines of up to \$5,000. Additional penalties include registration as a sex offender and lifetime supervision by the Division of Parole and Probation.

Ingram's plea was made per Alford, (North Carolina v. Alford (1970)), in which he accepts the full ramifications of a guilty verdict and the prescribed penalties without admitting to committing the crime.

The District Attorney's Office stated they would be able to prove that Ingram used a spy cam to capture the image of a juvenile male masturbating and placed a video camera in a bathroom capturing an image of the naked body of a juvenile female. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation, as well as a Psychosexual Evaluation. Sentencing is set for November 12.



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Probationers Face Jail and Prison on Violations

By Teresa Moon

Tenth Judicial District Court Judge Thomas Stockard presided over hearings on July 23 for two probationers charged with sentencing violations.

Sara Michelle Jones appeared on a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of Absconding, which she admitted to on June 25. She was initially granted probation on suspended prison sentences of 19-48 months for forgery and obtaining a credit card without consent.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel told Judge Stockard that Jones is the first to say her probation conduct was not as good as expected. “Worse than that... I think it was just abysmal, and she would say that too,” said Noel.

Noel read from a letter written by a friend of Jones, who stated that she had known the defendant for about 40 years. She admitted she has seen changes in Jones she never thought possible and has no doubt she will continue to progress with her sobriety.

Noel told Judge Stockard Jones had been attending substance abuse counseling and is maintaining gainful employment. “She’s building a good life for herself,” said Noel, who asked the court to reinstate her probation.

Jones told Judge Stockard she is currently on Adderall and has been on methadone since September 24, 2021, but plans to taper off after she births the child she is now carrying. “I know it comes down to choices, and the choices that I made that put me in front of you today were not the best choices,” admitted Jones, who explained she surrounds herself with the types of people she needs to be around, takes full accountability, and wants to put her past behind her.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker

argued, “Part of taking responsibility is accepting consequences.” She reminded the court that Jones entered someone’s home under the ruse of cleaning and stole credit cards, checks, and prescriptions.

According to Baker, Jones had approximately 30 positive results and 15 missed tests while on probation. She participated in several programs and failed all of them, said Baker, who believes Jones had evaded any consequences. “She did nothing on probation except use, and failed to test, and fail to cooperate with all the resources Drug Court gave her.”

Baker told Judge Stockard that Jones’ last contact with Parole & Probation was May 16, 2022, although she said she’s been clean since September 20, 2021. Although Jones has done well, Baker said, “She didn’t turn herself in, she didn’t accept responsibility, she got caught – and when she got caught, she’s like, ‘But look at all I’ve done, I’ve changed my life.’” Baker concluded by asking that Jones’ probation be revoked and she be sent to prison, stating that Jones needs to be held accountable and that there need to be consequences.

Judge Stockard ordered Jones to drug test after court and continued the case to September 3, stating he would like further information regarding the methadone, as she’s been on it since 2021. He would like to know why she didn’t taper off before pregnancy and what the impact of methadone use is on the gestational period of the baby.

Stockard told Jones, “The state is not wrong; you have earned going to prison,” She replied, “I agree.”

Jared Aaron Greathouse, in custody, admitted to a sentencing violation on the Gross Misdemeanor of Attempt to Commit Unlaw-

ful Obtaining and Using the Identifying Information of Another to Avoid or Delay Prosecution, which he pled guilty to in March.

Additionally, Greathouse pled guilty on two new charges and appeared for sentencing on (I) Category C Felony of Unlawful Obtaining and Using of the Identifying Information of Another to Avoid or Delay Prosecution, punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000; and, (II) Misdemeanor Petite Larceny, punishable by six months in the jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 or 200 hours of community service.

The factual basis for Count I alleged that Greathouse gave the false name of Jacob Greathouse to avoid prosecution on another charge. On Count II, Greathouse was alleged to have taken \$30 cash from Speedway Market, where he was gambling at a machine. He saw the attendant step away, reached behind the glass, and stole from the tip jar.

Judge Stockard sentenced Greathouse to the following:

- Sentencing Violation – 30 days in jail, with 30 days credit for time served.
- Petit Larceny – 22 days in jail, with 22 days credit for time served.
- Felony Unlawful Obtaining and Using of the Identifying Information—two years of probation on a suspended sentence of 24-60 months, with the condition that Greathouse spend 180 days in Churchill County Jail starting today.

Upon his release, Greathouse must also obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow its recommendations, gain full-time employment within 30 days, refrain from gaming of any kind, and pay restitution of \$30. Judge Stockard told Greathouse, “Mr. Sommer [the Churchill County Public Defender] tells me you’ve learned your lesson. The jury is still out on that.”

Regional Human Trafficking

Staff Report

Nevada ranks second for the state with the highest rates of human trafficking according to the World Population Review report, with 5.77 per 100k residents. Based on the National Human Trafficking Hotline, a US national database for human trafficking, Nevada in 2021 recorded 201 cases from 571 tips received from well-wishers, victims, and survivors.

Of the 201 cases, 296 victims were affected by the heinous crime, with the majority of the victims being children and women. Nevada recorded 168 female victims, 25 males, and four gender minorities as victims.

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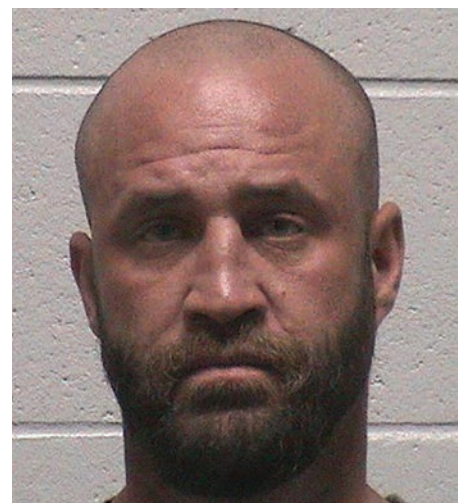
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Based on that evidence, an arrest warrant for Richards, charging him with one count of first-degree murder, was issued in late July.

On Monday, detectives traveled to Utah to serve the arrest warrant and took him into custody.

LCSO said the investigation spanned across Northern Nevada and into Colorado and Utah. They received assistance from the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, the Regional Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit (HEAT), the Elko County Sheriff’s Office, the Nevada State Police Investigations Division, the Grand County (Colorado) Sheriff’s Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshals Service, the Salt Lake County (Utah) Sheriff’s Office and the Saratoga Springs (Utah) Police Department.

Anyone with information regarding the case is asked to contact the LCSO Investigations Division by email at detective@lyon-county.org or by phone at 775-463-6600, referencing case number 24LY01479.



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EDUCATION

Failure is Not an Option

Principal Schoenfeldt Ready to Roll at CCMS

Meet Victor Schoenfeldt, Churchill County Middle School's new principal. Raised in Northern Nevada, Schoenfeldt comes to Churchill County from Reno, having spent the last 18 years at Washoe County and most recently serving as principal of Sierra Nevada Academy Charter School.

Becoming a father led Schoenfeldt to the classroom. "Having kids is how I fell into education," said the new principal. "I loved kids, and I wanted to make a difference. And, 27 years later, here I am."

With 25 years in education, he brings his love for middle school-aged children to Fallon. "I love this age group because it's the most unique and most...flavorful," said Schoenfeldt, "I mean, there is no other environment like middle school. They're very unique there." He believes it takes a special heart to work with students transitioning from elementary to high school, stating, "I love it. It's great. It's that keeps you on your toes," he said, "They're just fun."

Schoenfeldt brings 19 years of experience with at-risk youth and inner-city student populations, many from high-poverty areas. From the onset of his career, he found his passion. "Two fifth grade teachers and two 6th grade teachers got together, and they gave me 'those kids,'" relayed Schoenfeldt, "They said, 'OK, here's a tall man with a big voice and a big heart. Let's give him all those challenging kids.'"

"I was really thrown into it. Schoenfeldt recalled having no idea what he was getting into. "I learned really quickly how much you have to build relationships, how much you have to have a spine, how much you have to do as you say and say as you do," he said. "But I will say I absolutely loved it."

Fortunately for Schoenfeldt, he says he has inherited a well-established culture and community. Having spent time in the classrooms this spring, he feels he knows what he is getting into at CCMS. Like any incoming administrator, he believes some things need tweaking. Two of his larger goals are increasing student attendance and performance on a high-stakes assessment. "There are definitely areas to target there," noted Schoenfeldt

CCHS staff can expect some changes this year. "They've [CCMS] done a lot of great things, are doing a lot of great things, and I plan to continue those great things," Schoenfeldt stated. "But coming as a new leader, there's there are a few other little flavors and seasonings I'm going to add to the existing culture."

Speaking of culture, some of Schoenfeldt's plans may ruffle a few young feathers. Cell phones will no longer be used during active class time. Students will be free to access their devices during non-



CCMS Principal Victor Schoenfeldt.

instructional time. To help garner student compliance, he will ask teachers to follow the same guidelines. "Unless I'm grossly mistaken, no research out there stating that having a child use a cell phone during instructional time is better for their academic career."

The dress code is another area that will see some changes. School uniforms may be back on the table, or at least up for discussion, with Schoenfeldt expressing particular concerns over hoods being up in the classroom and overly immodest attire.

Schoenfeldt readily admits he does not know everything. "I'm humble about it. I'm willing to learn, but I also have been doing this for quite some time, and I've had great successes and my career," he stated, "I've also had some pretty much slap in the face experiences of, like, well, that didn't work out. Let me try to revamp."

Churchill County School District Assistant Superintendent Stacey Cooper, M.Ed., recalled the first meeting with Schoenfeldt while she was the Coordinator of Charter School Oversight at Washoe County School District. "I liked the phrase you used," she told him during The Fallon Post interview. "Failure is not an option." Cooper believes that Schoenfeldt is not willing to let CCMS fail academically. "Oh, absolutely not. No, no, no," replied the new principal.

Another goal for the administration is for either himself or one of the two vice principals to be in the classroom at least 51% of the time. "We will probably be in the classrooms a little more than the staff is expecting," Schoenfeldt explained, describing some new methods geared to improve student achievement from a recent course he took with Harvard University. "The number one way to improve a school is to put the administrators in the classrooms and provide honest, robust feedback to teachers." It also helps build relationships and rapport with students.

Presence is another top priority for Schoenfeldt. "As a new person coming in, I want to be very here, very known, very visible. So, I will."

Schoenfeldt also plans to incorporate a monthly meeting – Coffee with the Principal. "I've done that the last couple of years at my previous site. It was great. No agenda, but more of a here 'Let's talk. What would you guys like to know?' Very open-ended. It's a way to garner family engagement."

Despite a few new ideas for the year ahead, he knows there will be challenges. He expressed sincere appreciation for the CCMS staff's supportive culture. "We are going to mesh together," the new incoming administrator stated. "We are one school, you know. We are here to help our kids - bottom line."

CCHS Student Intern Highlight



Intern Manny Karaway. Photo by Dr. Sue Segura.

Staff Report

This week's intern is Manny Karaway. The upcoming senior is on the CCHS football and wrestling teams and is currently interning at Rock Tops Tile and Stone for Karl Buckmaster. "Manny is a great kid and doing an outstanding job for this business," said Buckmaster.

Stop in and check out Rock Top's showroom floor at 170 Industrial Way and say hi to Manny, who plans to continue working there part-time during his senior year.

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SPORTS

Reined Cow Horse Legend Bobby Ingersol Conducts Clinic in Fallon



Bobby Ingersol, clinician at the Reining Horse Association of Nevada working Cowhorse Clinic, talking to the attendees.



Reining Horse Association of Nevada working cowhorse clinic attendee Ron Zumbro.

By Leanna Lehman
Photos by Nancy Chapman

Rafter C3 and the Churchill County Fairgrounds outdoor arena welcomed National Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Association (NRCHA) Hall of Famer Bobby Ingersoll to the Reining Horse Association of Nevada Show. Ingersoll, now in his mid-80s, conducted a training clinic with local riders to improve their skill and ability in the arena. Ingersoll won the Snaffle Bit Futurity three times, the Triple Crown in 1975 (all three divisions), the LA and the Northwestern Cutting Futurities, and has racked up an enviable number of world championships.

Featured in the Quarter Horse News, Ingersoll told interviewer John Henry that he started at 12. After 72 years in the arena and horseback, he has more than a bit of knowledge to impart and loves sharing what he has learned with anyone willing to listen.

Ingersoll has shown over 900 horses in his lifetime. He is what expert horseman and World Finals Ranch Rodeo two-time champion Martin Black calls a walking encyclopedia of working reined cow horses. Ingersoll has even been referred to as the real "Horse Whisperer."

Now a Reno resident, Ingersoll conducts clinics around the region and beyond, often working with youth riders and high school rodeo competitors.



Clinician Bobby Ingersoll, on the left, discusses Rob Pearce's work at the Reining Horse Association of Nevada clinic held at the Churchill County Fairgrounds.

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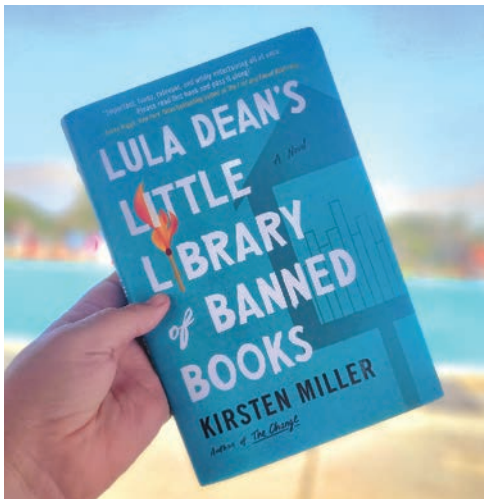
Allison's Book Report

"Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books"

by Kirsten Miller

"The Change" by Kirsten Miller is one of my favorite books. It is a fun murder mystery meets coming-of-(middle)age story about three women who discover they have some pretty awesome powers when they enter menopause. I regularly recommend it to anyone who will listen. Naturally, I was very excited when I heard that Miller had a new novel, and I couldn't help but dive right in when "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" turned up in my mailbox.

"Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" is set in the small, seemingly idyllic town of Troy, Georgia, where Beverly Underwood and her arch-enemy, Lula Dean, were born and raised. Beverly is on the school board now, and Lula recently gained small-town celebrity status by embarking on a mission to rid all of Troy's public libraries of inappropriate books. She confiscates a ton of books that she deems "pornographic." None of which she has read herself. To replace the disgraceful books, Lula starts a lending library outside her home – a little wooden cupboard painted purple and stuffed full of wholesome books that she is sure the town needs to read. In the middle of the night, a local troublemaker steals all of Lula's books, removes their dust jackets, and restocks Lula's library with banned books. Among these forbidden books are literary classics, gay romances, Black history, Judy Blume novels, and more. As



neighbors borrow books from Lula Dean's library, they find their lives changed in unexpected ways, as the books they borrow somehow always turn out to be the books they need, whether they know it or not. When the townspeople borrowing from Lula's library begin to reveal themselves, the showdown between Beverly and Lula gets the whole town wound up and asking questions that will change life in Troy forever.

When I say that I adore this book, I am not exaggerating. I found it to be witty and enchanting – and very relatable as an avid reader, a staunch opponent of banning books, and as a woman living in the small community where I grew up. Lula is such a classic "Karen" personality, simultaneously funny and frustrating. The townsfolk all have secrets, which are revealed as different ones

come into possession of just the banned book they didn't know they needed. Miller depicts small-town hysteria perfectly and makes a strong case against the banning of books in America.

That is all I have this week, but I would love for you to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader and give me a follow. Let's discuss our favorite banned books and what I should read and review next.

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

Movies & More

August is Kicking Off with Big Adventures at Your Fallon Theatre

By Kelli Perez

Starting on Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3, at 6 p.m., we have the original 1990 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," a movie that defined a generation. Four ordinary turtles, mutated by ooze and trained in ninjutsu by a similarly mutated rat, emerge from the shadowed sewers to eat pizza and protect New York City from a gang of criminals. This film is rated PG with a runtime of 1 hour and 33 minutes.



Our 7 p.m. film, both nights, the 2001 fantasy adventure of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," is also rated PG. An orphaned boy is enrolled in a school of wizardry where he learns about himself, his family, and the terrible evil that haunts the magical world. The runtime for this movie is 2 hours and 32 minutes.

Coming up soon is the 10th Annual Community Reunion. The theatre will be joining the activities with a free concert on Friday, August 16, at 7 p.m., with River

Rogue, an open-house Theatre Tours on Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Community Karaoke from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join the fun downtown before all the evening activities get started at Oat's Park.

Do not miss the annual summer fundraising 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, August 24. The Cantaloupe Canter. Early registration and sponsorship forms can be found at fallontheatre.com. The event

begins in front of the Indoor Pool, 333 Sheckler Rd, and is a traditional event to help celebrate the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, which will be held August 23 through 25 this year.

For more information on your local, nonprofit community theatre, please visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/fallontheatre, or our website, www.fallontheatre.com. If you are interested in renting the theatre for a party or event, please email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com or leave us a message at 775-423-6210.

10th Annual Community Wide Reunion August 16-17, 2024 Oats Park

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
7:00 p.m.



FREE concert at the Fallon Theatre featuring River Rogue

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Free breakfast at the Oats Park Arts Center - Lariat Patio
Free Show-n-Shine Car Show and Antique Tractors display
Tour the Oats Park School and Art Center

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tours: Old High School Cottage Schools Douglass House
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Tour Churchill County Museum

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free swim at the city pool and the new splash pad area

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Historic Theatre Tours 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Community Karaoke 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Frey Ranch Distillery Tours

4:00 p.m.

Gather at Oats Park

Bring your own chairs, some classes will have tents set up. We will be honoring the Class of 1964. Purchase food, ice cream, coffee, beer and wine, or pack a picnic. Enjoy the photo booth, face painting, balloon art, reuniting with friends, and other fun-filled activities.

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly



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

Proudly displayed on a wall in Kelli's Kitchen is a poster titled "The Taxonomy of Fruits & Vegetables." It graphically depicts culinary plants' familial relationships in the context of how they are used in our kitchens. I can stare for hours (only slight hyperbole), chasing down my favorite veggies and reflecting on the unexpected connections. I find it fascinating that arugula, turnips, beets, Brussels sprouts, and broccoli all share mustard as a common ancestor. Today, I shall focus away from the genus Brassica and towards a smaller genus of culinary plants, Apium. Also known as Umbellifers, the Apiaceae family is populated with about 3,800 species of herbs and woody shrubs. In the culinary space, we use umbellifers for their roots (parsnips and carrots), their stems (celery, lovage, and fennel), their leaves (angelica, dill, and chervil), and their seeds (cumin, anise, and coriander). Following a thread of the Apium rabbit hole* we find our Churchill County Library Spice Club flavor of the month: Caraway.

Caraway, also known as Meridian Fennel and Persian Cumin, is a biennial plant indigenous to West Asia, Europe, and North Africa. It has an intense and distinctive flavor that is sweet and musky with bready and vegetal notes. If you have not intentionally



added caraway to dishes in your kitchen, your most likely encounter with this old-world spice is as an ingredient in a loaf of rye bread. Caraway pairs nicely with other members of its extended family and plays well in the sandbox with other spices of European origin.

Stop by the Churchill County Library in August for a sample of King Caraway, an heirloom variety cultivated for millennia across the lush oasis of Fayoum in central Egypt. Try one of the recipes below.

*See what I did there? Rabbit hole - Carrots.

Cabbage Salad with Caraway Seeds by Maren Ellingboe King

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp. Caraway seeds
- 1/4 cup White vinegar
- 1/4 cup Lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. Mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp. Sugar
- 1 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1 tsp. Ground pepper
- 1/2 cup Olive oil
- 1 head Green cabbage, cored and shredded
- 1 bulb Fennel, trimmed, white and light green parts thinly sliced, fronds reserved
- 1 Red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup Fresh ill or parsley, roughly chopped, for garnish



Photo by Maren Ellingboe King.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Make the dressing: Heat a small skillet over medium heat. Add the caraway seeds and toast until fragrant, stirring constantly for 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer the seeds to a spice grinder or mortar and pestle. Crush until roughly ground.
2. Add the caraway seeds, vinegar, lemon juice, mayonnaise, sugar, salt, and pepper to a large serving bowl. Whisk until combined. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil, whisking constantly until the dressing is emulsified.
3. Make the salad: Add the cabbage, fennel, and red onion to the bowl with the dressing. Use your hands or tongs to toss until the salad is well-coated. Garnish with fresh herbs and fennel fronds. Let sit for 15 minutes before serving or cover and refrigerate for up to 4 hours.

Spring Carrot Pickles with Caraway by Martha Rose Shulman

Ingredients:

- 1-2 cups Thinly sliced carrots
- 2 tsp. Caraway seeds
- 1/2 cup Seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp. Sherry vinegar
- 1/4 cup Sugar
- 1 cup Water
- 2 1/4 tbsp. Kosher salt



Photo by Andrew Scrivani.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the carrots and caraway seeds in a mason jar.
2. In a large bowl, combine the vinegars and sugar. Bring the water to a boil, remove from the heat, and add to the vinegar and sugar mixture. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Add the salt and stir well. Pour over the carrots and caraway, cover, and refrigerate for at least 2 days and up to 2 weeks. Shake the jar from time to time. Remove from the brine and serve.

Rustic Spice Mix for Breads

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. Caraway seeds
- 2 tbsp. Coriander seeds
- 1 tbsp. Cumin seeds
- 1 tbsp. Fennel seeds
- 1 tsp. Anise seeds
- 1 tsp. Black peppercorns

DIRECTIONS:

1. Individually toast spices in a dry sauté pan until fragrant (1-2 minutes each).
2. Combine in a mortar and pestle or spice grinder and roughly crush.
3. Add to bread dough or sprinkle on grilled flatbread.



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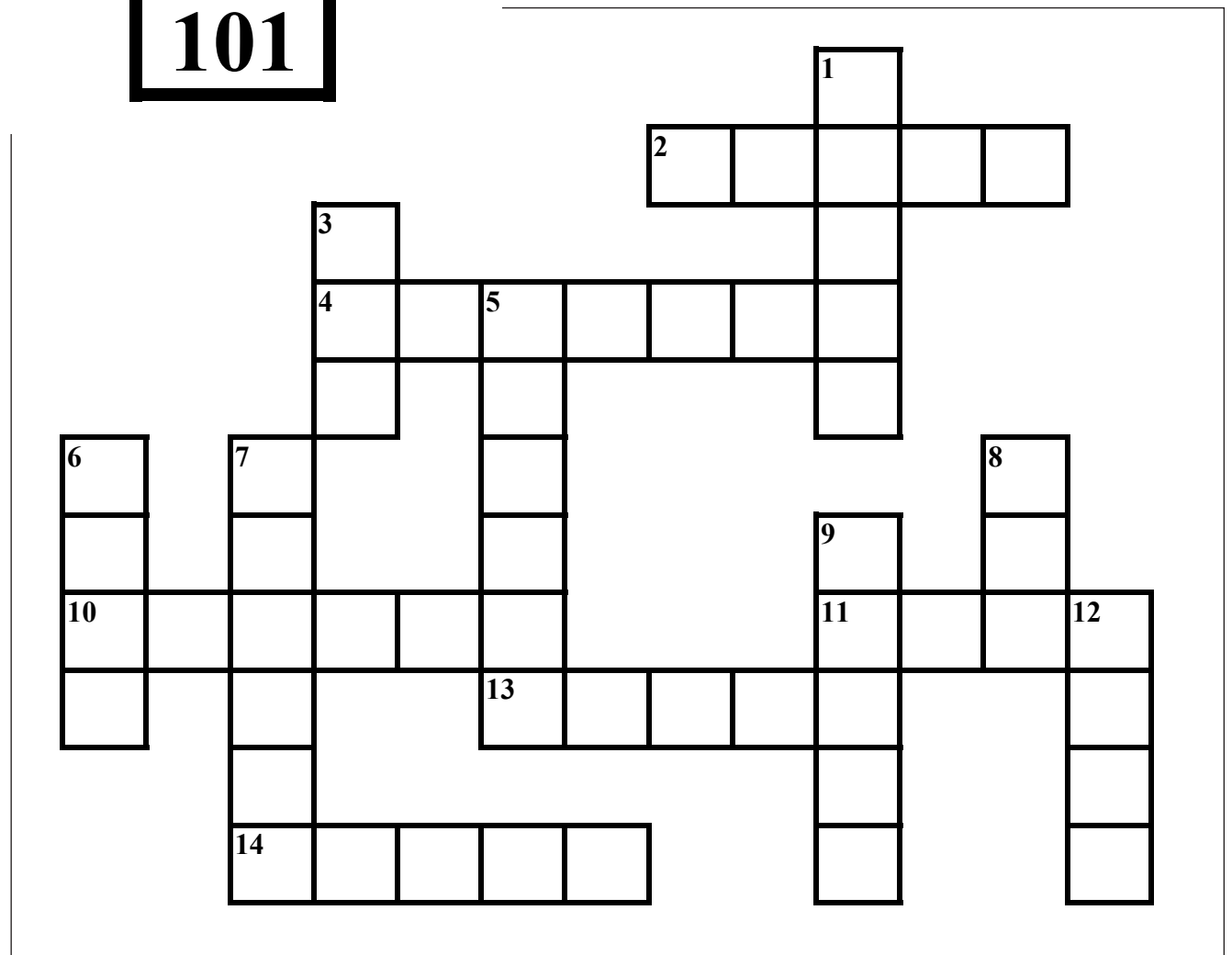
By Peanut

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- 2. Beer for his horses
- 4. Hoppy, pale lager
- 10. Dark beer
- 11. Style of beer
- 13. Dark beer
- 14. Fungal microorganism

Down

- 1. Has smaller bubbles
- 3. Hoppy, fruity ale
- 5. Style of beer
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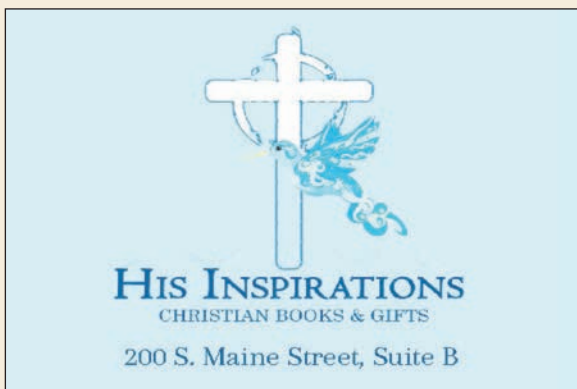
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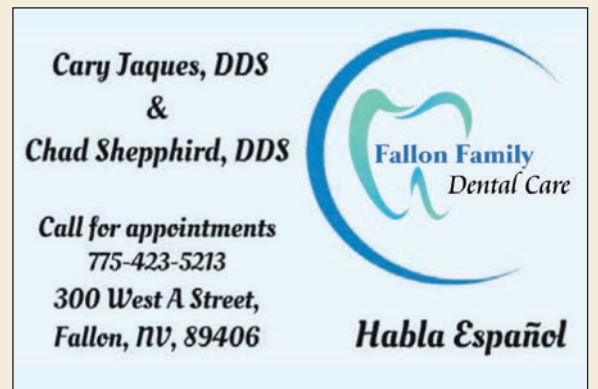


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Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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