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## Fallon Theatre Celebrates Western Heritage

Staff Report

The Fallon Theatre launched its second annual Heritage of the West extravaganza Saturday, drawing crowds with cowboy poetry, traditional Mexican dance and attire, an author reading, and original music about Fallon and Nevada. The event kicked off at 12:50 p.m. and celebrated the region's diverse cultural roots.



Valerie Antus performs as legendary cowboy poet Georgie Sicking, bringing the spirit of the West to life at the Fallon Theatre's Heritage of the West event. Staff photos.

Valerie Antus, a 15-year-old sophomore at Oasis Academy, was the first to take the stage, performing in character as Georgie Sicking (1912-2016)—a woman who broke barriers as a working cowboy. Antus recited Sicking's cowboy poetry, honoring her legacy. Sicking's career as a cowboy poet took off after she was invited to the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, in 1985.

Antus, who participates in the Young Chautauqua Program at the Churchill County Museum, brought history to life through performance. The free program takes place after school and encourages youth to explore history on stage. A final Chautauqua event is planned for April 18. Audience cheers and encouragement inspired Antus to remain on stage, sharing several works by Sicking.

The dance troupe Nuestra Herencia Mexicana (Our Mexican Heritage) took the stage next, captivating the audience with their traditional costumes and performances. Dancing to music representative of Mexican states such as Sinaloa, Nuevo León, and Jalisco, the troupe impressed spectators with their skill and vibrant stage presence.

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## TCID Sets 100% Water Season, Water Orders Begin March 16



Lahontan Reservoir, Feb. 28. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

By Leanna Lehman

The Truckee Carson Irrigation District Board met on Mar. 10 to receive updates on current water levels as well as projected inflows into the Carson and Truckee rivers and Lahontan Reservoir over the coming months. The board also discussed and set water allocations for the upcoming irrigation season.

Despite relatively dry conditions, the board set a 100% water allocation year, with water orders to begin on Mar. 16.

TCID Watermaster Kelly Herwick reported that as of March 10, Lahontan Reservoir measured at 211,823 acre-feet (af), with target storage at 237,000 af by month's end. He also

indicated that the Carson River at Fort Churchill is flowing at 571 cubic feet per second (cfs), and the Truckee Canal at 891 cfs.

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Special Studies Hydrologist Maggi Kaft gave an extensive update on current and projected water conditions for April through July. A dry January that brought some snow followed by rain caused snowmelt and runoff to begin early, which could mean reduced inflows later in the season. "The current snow-water equivalent is not good," Kaft said, noting the level is currently between 53% and 66%.

One benefit of the early snowmelt is that soil moisture and saturation are good.

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## Candidate Filing Underway for 2026 Election Cycle

Deadline to file is Friday, March 13

By Rachel Dahl

Candidate filing for the 2026 election cycle is underway in Churchill County, with several local offices already drawing candidates ahead of the Friday, March 13 filing deadline.

Filing for most county and local offices opened Monday, March 2. Candidates seeking statewide and legislative offices file with the Nevada Secretary of State, while those running for county and local positions file with the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

So far, several candidates have officially filed to appear on the 2026 ballot.

Earlier this year, Thomas Stockard filed for reelection to the position of District Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial District, which serves Churchill County. Judicial candidates

filed during a separate filing period held Jan. 5-16 and appear on the ballot as nonpartisan candidates. Senator Robin Titus (R-17) and Assemblyman Greg Koenig (R-38) have also both filed for re-election.

Among the non-judicial, local offices filed so far, Art Mallory has filed as a Republican candidate for Churchill County District Attorney. The position will be closely watched locally as Pershing County officials have recently discussed the broader challenges rural counties face in recruiting attorneys to serve in elected prosecutor roles.

Several other county offices have also drawn candidates. Denise Mondhink-Felton has filed as a Republican candidate for Churchill County Assessor, while Tasha Hessey has filed for

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log:

By Rachel Dahl

There are weeks when the job of running newspapers feels very dignified. This was not one of those weeks.

This was a windshield week.

Up and down Interstate 80, from Fernley to Fallon to Lovelock to Winnemucca to Battle Mountain and back again, visiting with our teams and checking in on the communities that keep these papers alive. There's something about that stretch of road that always clears my head. Miles of sagebrush, a few jackrabbits if you're lucky, and the occasional truck blowing past you doing 85 like the Nevada Highway Patrol is merely a suggestion.

The good part of the drive is the people at the other end.

We spent time with our staff in Winnemucca this week, getting to know each other a little better as Fallon Media settles in. There's a lot of excitement about bringing strong local news back to the *Humboldt Sun* and the *Battle Mountain Bugle*, and I have to say—this crew knows their towns.

I also had the chance to speak at the Winnemucca Chamber of Commerce luncheon with our new team. It's always interesting to stand up in front of a room full of people and explain that yes, we really do believe local newspapers are still one of the most important pieces of civic infrastructure a town can have. Judging by the conversations afterward, the room seemed to agree.



Of course, no road trip would be complete without a stop at the bank.

Part of the adventure this week involved making sure that checks written in Winnemucca can actually be deposited in a Fallon Media account. This turns out to require paperwork, conversations, and the occasional raised eyebrow from a banker trying to understand why one company now owns half the newspapers along Interstate 80.

But that's the work.

One mile, one town, one newspaper at a time.

So, while I try to find my driver's license for the bank lady, we will all still be right here. ...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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County Recorder. Linda Rothery has filed for the combined office of Clerk/Treasurer.

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office has drawn a filing, with Richard C. Hickox Jr. entering the race as a nonpartisan candidate.

Other filings include Robert "Bob" Getto, who filed as a Republican candidate for Public Administrator.

Several seats on the Churchill County School Board of Trustees will appear on the ballot this year. Candidates who have filed so far include Celestia Blakey, Keith W. Boone, Amber Casey-Getto, and Joe McFadden, all running as nonpartisan candidates.

In addition, Kevin Porteous has filed for a position on the Mosquito, Vector and Noxious Weed Abatement Board.

Candidate filing remains open through 5 p.m. Friday, March 13, meaning additional candidates may still enter races before the deadline.

Nevada's Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026. In partisan races, candidates compete within their party to advance to the General Election. Nonpartisan offices, including judicial races, school board positions and certain local boards will also appear on the primary ballot, with the top candidates advancing to November if necessary.

The General Election will be held Nov. 3, 2026.

The Fallon Post will continue tracking candidate filings as the deadline approaches and will publish a complete list of local races once filing closes later this week.

[ See page 16 for a list of candidates that have filed as of March 5. ]



PETS OF THE WEEK

Snoopy is Available for Adoption

Snoopy, a 1-year-old male Husky mix described by shelter staff as a "Professional Zoomie Champion," is looking for a new home that can keep up with his boundless energy and adventurous spirit.

According to the shelter, Snoopy is young, athletic, and powered by what staff jokingly call "rocket fuel." He's quick on his feet, clever and curious, traits that echo his Husky heritage. "He's smart, independent, and sometimes pretends not to hear you, but he definitely does," the staff said.

Snoopy's ideal home is with active individuals who enjoy hiking, running, or outdoor adventures. A securely fenced yard is a must, as Snoopy is known to test boundaries. The shelter also recommends owners committed to ongoing training, noting Snoopy's intelligence requires regular mental stimulation. Snoopy promises to keep his humans active and entertained, greeting them enthusiastically after every absence. Interested adopters are encouraged to meet Snoopy and prepare to fall in love.

City of Fallon Animal Shelter | 1255 Airport Rd, Fallon | 775-423-2282



Meet Valerie

Valerie, a 9-year-old ticked tabby, is searching for a calm and loving home after being rescued from a hoarding situation. Despite her difficult beginnings, Valerie's gentle demeanor and quiet spirit shine through, making her an ideal companion for those seeking a tender soul. Staff at the shelter describe Valerie as affectionate and sweet, thriving on gentle attention and peaceful moments. She is spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped, ready for adoption and eager to begin the next chapter of her life — one filled with warmth, love, and cozy places to nap.

"Valerie just wants a cozy bed and a kind human to call her own," a shelter representative said. "She deserves the comfort and safety she's never truly had."

Individuals interested in welcoming Valerie into their homes are encouraged to contact the shelter for more information. Her story serves as a reminder that even the quietest animals have the strongest hearts, and with patience and kindness, they can flourish in the right environment.

Questions? Call 775-217-4745

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada.

## FEATURES

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Elizabeth Medina, director of Nuestra Herencia Mexicana, shares the beauty of traditional Mexican culture during the Heritage of the West celebration at Fallon Theatre.



Selena Delgado performs the vibrant traditional dance of Sinaloa during the Heritage of the West celebration at Fallon Theatre.



Dale Erquiaga and his great-niece, Hayden Diegel, shared the stage for an author's reading at the Heritage of the West event at Fallon Theatre.



Steven Christie sings one of his original songs during the Heritage of the West event at Fallon Theatre.



Leanna Lehman reads her father's cowboy poetry at the Heritage of the West event, honoring family tradition at the Fallon Theatre.



Mel Glover shares a story from Nevada's past during the Heritage of the West celebration at Fallon Theatre.

Elizabeth Medina, director of Nuestra Herencia Mexicana, said all members of the troupe are from Fallon. For the first time, the dancers have qualified to attend the Danzantes Unidos Festival (DUF) 2026 in Fresno, California, scheduled for March 27–29.

To support their upcoming trip, Nuestra Herencia Mexicana is actively fundraising by organizing a raffle. The proceeds from this event will help cover the costs associated with attending and performing. The troupe is optimistic and encourages community members to participate, hoping for generous support to make their journey possible.

The Embrace Dance Company from Reno added a modern flair, energizing the audience with vibrant routines and costumes. Their lively performances contrasted with the traditional dances, showcasing the diverse talent at the Heritage of the West extravaganza.

Following the dance performances, Dale Erquiaga and his great-niece, Hayden Diegel, presented an author reading. Diegel shared an excerpt from Erquiaga's "Three Wives Tales,"

which featured Erquiaga's mother recalling the anxiety and fear in their family during the Pearl Harbor bombing and concerns about relatives joining the war.

Erquiaga followed with an excerpt from his second book, "A Soldier's Road," highlighting the World War II experiences of his uncle Bob and another soldier. The reading connected personal family stories to the broader history of the war, giving the audience a deeper understanding of that era.

Steven Ryan Christie followed the author reading, energizing the audience with lively, humorous original songs about Fallon and Nevada. Playing guitar, harmonica, and tambourine, Christie performed his own compositions—such as "Western Expansion," "Aggie Boys," and "Nevada's Dry." His dynamic presence and enthusiasm drew cheers and applause, making his set a highlight of the event.

Leanna Lehman took the stage, sharing selections from her father, Stan Lehman's, cowboy poetry. Displaying remarkable poise and confidence, Lehman delivered each poem with a

level of professionalism that would be at home in any cowboy poetry contest. Her strong stage presence and familiarity with the material were evident, as she recited much of her collection from memory.

The audience was captivated by Lehman's readings, encouraging her to share more poems and expressing appreciation for the wit and charm in her father's writing. Through her heartfelt performance, Lehman brought his words and unique spirit to life, highlighting a perspective she believes is truly unmatched.

Before the much-anticipated Lincoln Highway Band concert and the screening of "McClintock," Mel Glover concluded the stage performances by sharing cowboy poetry from Roger Warren Mills, a twice-featured poet at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko. Glover's heartfelt reading of "40 Mile Desert" vividly captured the spirit and hardships of Western life. The audience responded enthusiastically, appreciating both the narrative and Glover's engaging performance, which added to the evening's celebration of local and Western heritage.

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Kaft reported two record-high soil moisture readings around Jan. 1 and again at the end of February. While soil moisture may not seem important, it can improve snow runoff as the ground is already saturated. "This high soil moisture will hopefully mean a lot of the snowmelt will end up in the river," Kaft stated. "So we'll have an efficient runoff."

With the warm early-season temperatures, much of the snow in the Sierra is "ripe and ready to melt," according to Kaft. As of Feb. 23, the mountains still retained a moderate amount of cold snow, which melts slowly through spring and into summer. The snow that was ready to melt represented about 21% of the total snow-water equivalent. However, within two days and under very warm conditions, the ready-to-melt snow level spiked to 97%. "We went through a quick and drastic change in a matter of a few days," Kaft explained.

As the early snowmelt continues, the amount of runoff expected later in the season is declining. Kaft explained that more snow will melt in March rather than April, when runoff typically begins, and the BOR now anticipates river flows dropping to near zero by late spring and remaining low through summer and fall.

Currently, the forecast for Carson River runoff for April through July is 106% of the median, but inflows are expected to drop to zero by June 18. Due to the early runoff, inflows and water levels will appear above normal early in the season but below normal as the season continues, which will reduce storage targets.

Overall, water for the season appears within long-range median water and storage levels, with peak flows occurring early this year. There has been a continuous increase in flow into Lahontan since early January, with levels rising from 100,000 af to more than 200,000 af by the end of February. However, Kaft projected a drop in inflows from the Carson River at Fort Churchill and from the Truckee River at Wadsworth this month. "Flows recede through spring and hit zero in June," said Kaft. "And as Fort Churchill drops off, storage declines."

Robert Martinez with the BOR Lahontan Basin Area Office said that water diversions into Lahontan will begin in June. "We will be under storage targets." He also said the BOR will determine Newlands water release credits as the year continues. Additionally, the Truckee and Carson divisions of the Newlands Project are not anticipating a water supply shortage at this time. The Truckee Division, supplied by Lake Tahoe and Stampede Reservoir and regulated through Derby Dam, serves Wadsworth and Fernley and diverts water about 32 miles into Lahontan Reservoir. The Carson Division is supplied by the Carson River system and delivers water along the river and into Lahontan Reservoir.

Water orders will begin March 16, with irrigation deliveries expected to follow typical seasonal operations as runoff conditions continue to evolve. TCID and the BOR will continue to monitor conditions throughout the water seasons as conditions change.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

## Emergency Management

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County Emergency Manager Rich Ingram presented the emergency management budget during the Feb. 19 county commission budget hearings, explaining that an increase in the department's request is largely tied to grant funding rather than new spending. The Churchill County Emergency Management department is responsible for providing public support, logistics support for first responders, and coordinating shelter and evacuation during emergencies.

Ingram explained that the Emergency Management department receives several grants, including the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

The EMPG grant requires a 50% match, explaining the budget increase. Ingram also noted that Churchill County now receives additional federal emergency management funds after coordinating with the City of Fallon, which previously declined some grant allocations.

Assistant County Manager Joe Sanford explained a proposed change in how the county will budget for grant funds across departments. Salaries funded by grants will still appear in the budget with corresponding revenue offsets, but equipment and supply purchases tied to grants will only budget the required match. If grants are received later, the expenditures will be adjusted accordingly. Sanford noted that, if approved, this change would become standard practice for all county departments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AAUW Annual Film Festival

By Sydney Trainor

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is hosting its annual film festival and hors d'oeuvres extravaganza on Saturday, March 14. Hors d'oeuvres will be available at noon, and the movie will start at 1 p.m. Tickets for this event are available at Jeff's Digitex Printing and Copy Express, from AAUW members, and at the door. The \$20 donation includes the movie, hors d'oeuvres, Irish coffee, and sweets. All proceeds go toward local scholarships.

This year, the featured film is "Hampstead," starring Diane Keaton and Brendan Gleeson. Hampstead is a comedy/drama set in Ireland, based on the true story of a squatter's mission to secure legal rights to land targeted for development.

The American Association of University Women is a nonprofit organization that advocates for gender equity and supports women in higher education. Through programs, scholarships, and community initiatives, the organization works to expand educational opportunities and leadership roles for women and girls.

## Maine Street Mile Madness

By Sydney Trainor

The Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) sisterhood will host the Maine Street Mile Madness and Munchies event at 4:30 p.m. on March 22 at the downtown Fallon Theatre. The gathering kicks off with a walk along the Maine Street Mile, followed by food, a raffle, a shoot-a-thon, and NCAA basketball games broadcast on the theater's big screen.

This event will be a casual and social gathering designed to bring the community together while supporting a good cause. All proceeds from the event will go toward scholarships for local recipients.

P.E.O. is a women's sisterhood dedicated to advancing women's education. The organization supports women by providing scholarships, grants, awards, and loans, helping them access educational opportunities and achieve their goals. Through local fundraising efforts, members raise money and celebrate women's accomplishments within the community, fostering a spirit of unity and empowerment among women.

## Fallon Youth Baseball Hosts Inaugural Hat Night

By Sydney Trainor

Fallon Youth Baseball (FYB) is inviting families and athletes to attend the inaugural hat night on March 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Rafter 3C. This event will feature a cake walk, silent auction, and spaghetti feed, along with games and prizes. It is \$5 for a plate of spaghetti served with a salad and roll, with all proceeds benefiting Fallon Youth Baseball.

Fallon will host two regional tournaments and a state tournament during the 2026 season. Community support from this event will help players and teams prepare for the busy year ahead.

FYB is also seeking donations for silent auction raffle baskets from local businesses, as well as volunteers to assist with event setup and breakdown. Businesses interested in contributing can contact Brandee at 775-203-0222.

## Alyssa Ayers receives Regents' Scholar Award

Staff Report

Western Nevada College (WNC) Jump Start student and Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN) leader Alyssa Ayers has been named a recipient of the Sam Lieberman Regents' Scholar Award, one of Nevada's most prestigious academic honors. The recognition celebrates her outstanding academic achievement, leadership in student government, and lifelong commitment to serving her community.

Ayers, a senior at Oasis Academy in Fallon, is earning her Associate of Science degree from WNC while completing her high school studies. Her educational journey reflects not only academic excellence but also resilience and perseverance, as she has balanced rigorous coursework with extensive extracurricular involvement.

"I am incredibly grateful to those who nominated me and to the committee members who took the time to listen to my story and believe in my goals," Ayers said. "I'm also deeply thankful for my WNC family and the support they've given me throughout my time at Western Nevada College. To receive a scholarship in the name of someone who dedicated so much to others is both humbling and deeply meaningful. I hope to carry forward that same spirit of service as I continue my education and future career."

Ayers' responsibilities extend beyond the classroom. As the eldest of five siblings, she has often served as a caregiver, organizer, and steady support for her family, experiences that have fostered independence, empathy, and determination—traits that guide her academic and professional ambitions.

At WNC, Ayers serves as a senator for the ASWN and as historian for her National Honor Society chapter. She has also led her class as president of the student council at Oasis Academy and served as captain of the lacrosse team. Her leadership and dedication have earned praise from faculty and staff.

Western Nevada College President J. Kyle Dalpe commended Ayers, stating, "Alyssa Ayers represents the very best of Western Nevada College. Her resilience, leadership, and commitment to serving others embody the



Western Nevada College ASWN members Karla Salas Dominguez, left, and Regents Scholar Award recipient Alyssa Ayers are pictured with Regent Carol Del Carlo and WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe.

spirit of the Regents' Scholar Award. She has overcome challenges with grace and determination, and we are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and excited for the impact she will make in our communities."

Ayers plans to pursue a career in healthcare, aspiring to become a physician assistant specializing in emergency medicine and rural patient care. Inspired by medical professionals and the needs she has witnessed in her community, she has completed Certified Nursing Assistant training, shadowed physician assistants, and taken courses in anatomy and chemistry to prepare for her future.

At 18, Ayers' story is marked by ambition, compassion, and strength. Western Nevada College congratulates her on this well-deserved honor and looks forward to the positive impact she will have on her community and beyond.

## Greenwave Hall of Fame Accepting 2026 Nominations

Staff Report

Nominations for the Greenwave Hall of Fame Class of 2026 are now open and will be accepted until May 31. Inductees will be honored in late September, with the exact date to be set once the fall football schedule is released.

The Hall of Fame recognizes teams, athletes, coaches, and supporters who have made extraordinary contributions to Greenwave athletics and

Churchill County. According to its mission statement, the Hall of Fame honors those whose accomplishments serve as examples for others to emulate.

Nomination forms for all four categories are available online at greenwavehof.com.

Applications received after the May 31 deadline will be considered for the following year.

The committee urges nominators to carefully review and fully complete the application packet,

including all questions and supplemental materials. Incomplete submissions will be rejected, and nominators will need to resubmit their applications.

Completed nomination packets should be sent via email to greenwavehalloffame@gmail.com. Those preferring to mail their packets can send them to Greenwave Hall of Fame, 2040 Reno Hwy Box 217, Fallon, NV 89406, before the deadline.

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Monday, March 16	Tuesday, March 17	Wednesday, March 18	Thursday, March 19	Friday, March 20
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Monday, March 16 Meatloaf Potatoes & Veggies	Thursday, March 19 Cheesy Potato Soup Bread & Salad	Monday, March 23 Ham & Potatoes Salad & Dessert	Thursday, March 26 Biscuits & Gravy Ham & Fruit	Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.
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OBITUARIES

**DON CLARK ERNST**

September 6, 1937 - February 28, 2026

It is with sadness that we report the death of Don Clark Ernst, age 88, on Feb. 28, 2026, at Renown Medical Center, Reno, Nevada, after suffering a major stroke.

Don was born Sept. 6, 1937, in Woodland, California, to John C. Ernst and Francis Mae Clark. He grew up and attended schools in Oakland, California. Don enjoyed riding motorcycles and participating in races and hill climbs, where he won several trophies.

Don did a two-year stint in the Marine Corps from 1957 to 1959. Don moved to Fallon, Nevada, in 1967, where he was a cousin to many of the local Ernsts, Canns, and Beeghleys. In 1972, Don married Marcia Lawrence. Don initially worked for M.K. Wallace and then the City of Fallon, where he retired as public works supervisor in 1997.

In 2007, Don and Marcia came out of retirement to farm Marcia's farm. They put up alfalfa for 10 years, retiring again when Don was 80.

Don was an avid golfer and was a member of the Men's Association and later Northern Nevada Senior Men's. He and Marcia enjoyed golfing with many other couples, taking pleasure in weekend trips to the surrounding golf courses.

In 2019, Don suffered a stroke, which ended his golfing, so he and Marcia took up camping and ATVing with the "The Trail to Nowhere Gang."

Don is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marcia, and two children, Tyson Ernst, Sr., and Wendy Ernst (Bryan Dodd), three grandchildren Tyson Ernst Jr. (Alexis), Jake Ernst (Sarah), and Elayne Ernst, one great-grandson, Theo Lawrence Ernst and another great-grandson on the way, his sister's four children, his brother-in-law Ronald Lawrence and his two dogs, Dusty and Dukey.

As per his request, there will be no services; a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Don was bombastic, loud, and filled a room with his presence. You either loved or hated him. He will be sorely missed by those who loved him.



**STEVEN MCKNIGHT**

June 29, 1960 - February 25, 2026

Steve was born June 29, 1960, to June McKnight and Betty DelGrande in Montrose, Colorado. He passed away surrounded by family after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Steve married the love of his life, Kathleen Haug. Together, they built a life rooted in love and adventure. They had two children, Amy and Wes.

Steve worked in the mining industry at various locations throughout Nevada. He was known for his strong work ethic and dedication to providing for his family.

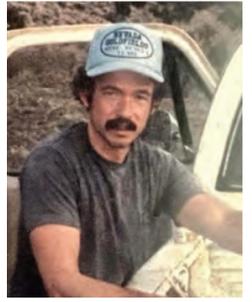
A true outdoorsman, Steve found his greatest happiness in nature camping, fishing, and hunting with his family.

Steve was a man of few words, but when he spoke, you listened, whether thoughtful, wise, or a quick-witted, funny remark drawn from long ago.

Steve is preceded in death by both parents and brother Gerald Sorenson.

Steve is survived by his wife, Kathy McKnight; daughter, Amy (Zac) Jackson; son, Wes (Linzy) McKnight; granddaughters, Alyssa, Emma (Coltin), and Zoey; sisters, Roxy (Dennis) Miller, Theresa Dory, and Cindy McKnight; and brothers, David McKnight and Rick Sorenson.

"The mountains are calling, and I must go." — John Muir



**WAYNE W. PAHOLKE**

April 20, 1939 - March 2, 2026

Wayne W. Paholke was born on April 20, 1939, in Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, to Walter Carl Paholke and Eleanor Schmidt Paholke. He passed away on March 2, 2026.

Growing up, Wayne helped at his dad's service station, pumping gas since he was five. Upon graduating from Oconto Falls High School in May 1957, he decided to enlist in the Air Force, where he became a diesel mechanic, likely influenced by his many years at the service station. He chose the Air Force, along with four of his best buddies from high school, because they didn't want to be foot soldiers. While in the Air Force, Wayne served in Nashville, Tennessee, and Japan, and completed his enlistment in Fallon, Nevada, where he was discharged on May 31, 1961, as an airman first class.

On June 2, 1961, Wayne married Gail Harrigan, Fallon. They moved to Wisconsin for a brief stint, then returned to Fallon in September 1962, where Wayne ran a feed mill for 17 years. Together they owned and operated Fallon Florist from 1980 until 2001, becoming friends with their many employees and customers. Wayne was a member of the Fallon Elks Lodge, Ducks Unlimited, and a life member of the Greenhead Hunting Club.

Wayne's world was made up of his family and friends. He liked to fish, camp, and chop wood with Gail and their kids. Wayne loved the annual trips to Indian Lakes in the summer, where they stayed for weeks at a time. He treasured a lifetime of these rich memories of his children and grandchildren.

Wayne was blessed with three children: Kurt Paholke (Renae) of Fallon, Kim Manha (Mike) of Fallon, and Kory Paholke (Julie) of Sparks; grandchildren, Karina Paholke Davis (Jacob), Jordan Paholke, Gray Paholke, and Ella Paholke; and great-granddaughter Elise Davis and great-grandson Kyler Davis. Wayne is also survived by his sister Janis Schumacher (Bill), nephews Brian Schumacher (Amy) and Brett Schumacher (Amy), all of Minnesota, nieces Tracy Pagni (Terry Richardson), Leslie Bell Christenson, nephews Mike Harrigan (Cindy), Mitch Harrigan (Beverly), and several great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, wife Gail of 58 years, brother-in-law Gary Harrigan, and so many family and friends.

Wayne's ashes will be buried next to Gail's at the Churchill County Cemetery under the direction of The Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Dr., Fallon, Nevada, 89406 (775-423-2255). Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Wayne's name.

There will be no funeral services per Wayne's request; however, a memorial potluck will be held on March 22, 2026, at noon at the Fallon Eagles Hall, 7977 Reno Hwy., Fallon, Nevada, 89406.

Wayne's family would like to extend a special thank you to the South Hills Adult Care Family for the wonderful care they provided our father.

You were such a comfort for him and us.

"ONE DAY AT A TIME"



**CRISPINA (ALICE) DUVAL**

December 5, 1940 - February 17, 2026

With deep sadness and profound love, we share that Crispina (Alice) Duval, 85, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 17, 2026, surrounded by family. She was born on Dec. 5, 1940, in Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines, to Martin Gine and Paula Garbida. She was the seventh of 11 siblings and worked tirelessly, beginning at an early age, to help contribute to her large family.

On Dec. 16, 1971, Crispina married her knight in shining armor, Lee Duval, in San Antonio, Zambales, Philippines, and soon traveled to NAS Fallon in Fallon, Nevada, where Lee was stationed. Their 54 years of marriage were marked by unwavering loyalty, strong partnership, and enduring love.

Crispina was a beloved and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose life revolved around her family. She was a lifelong homemaker and built a strong foundation based on faith, family, humor, and hard work. She loved to spend her spare time fishing, playing video poker, and most of all, cooking, where the pantry and refrigerator were always fully stocked.

Crispina is survived by her husband, Lee, her daughter, Ora Lee (Mario) of San Antonio, Zambales, Philippines; her sons, Rudy and Ronald (Gemma) of Fallon, Nevada, her son Richard and his longtime partner Kim Hughes of Fernley, Nevada, and her son Rob of Reno, Nevada, her brother Salvacion, and sisters, Elena and Magdalena, of the Philippines.

She treasured her role as grandmother to Marianne, Angie, Kimberly, Roselle, Rhodde, Crislyn, Georgie, Geoffrey, Breven, Matthew, and Gabriel; and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom remained close to her heart throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin Gine and Paula Garbida; her brothers, Zosimo, Avelino, Diosdado, Argepino, Jose, and Andres; her sisters, Aniceto and Estelita; and her mother-in-law, Violet Duval.

Crispina Duval leaves behind a legacy defined by love, dedication, sacrifice, service, and presence. She will be remembered for her unwavering devotion, sweet grace, and the countless lives she helped through her charity. Her loss is felt deeply by all who knew her, and her presence will continue to be felt in ways both large and small every day.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Father Jose Sobarzo of St. Patrick's Catholic Church for his spiritual guidance and service, to Northern Nevada Medical Center and Eden Health Hospice for their exceptional care, and to The Gardens Funeral Home for their professional and caring services to the family.

A private celebration of life service was held on Feb. 20, 2026 at The Gardens Funeral Home in Fallon, Nevada.



FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**[T]HERE Gallery Exhibit by Patrick Kikut**

Churchill Arts Council  
151 E. Park St.  
Jan. 23 - Apr. 5,

Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**CEDA St. Patrick's Day 5K**

Fallon City Hall Courtyard  
55 W. Williams Ave.  
March 14 at 9 a.m.

**Film Festival and  
Hors d'oeuvres Extravaganza**

American Association of University Women  
Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine St.  
March 14, hors d'oeuvres at noon,  
movie at 1 p.m.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Knights of Columbus  
St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 850 W. 4th St.  
March 14, 6 p.m.

**Maine Street Mile Madness**

Fallon Theatre  
71 S. Maine St.  
March 22 at 4:30 p.m.

**Donkey Basketball**

CCHS Gym  
1 Greenwave Cir.  
March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**The Art of Storytelling Spring  
Lecture Series**

Churchill County Museum  
1050 S. Maine St.  
March 24, 31, April 7, and April 14 at 6 p.m.

**Aging Adult Resource Fair**

Fallon Convention Center  
100 Campus Way  
Mar. 25 at 10 a.m.

**Healthy Steps for Older Adults**

Silver Springs Senior Center  
2945 Ft. Churchill Rd.  
March 26 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Addams Family Musical**

Churchill County High School  
1 Greenwave Cir.  
Mar. 27 at 7 p.m. and  
March 28 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Super Smash Bros. Tournament**

Churchill County Library  
553 S. Maine St.  
March 28 at 11 a.m.

**Honoring National  
Vietnam War Day Event**

Fallon City Hall Courtyard  
55 W. Williams Ave.  
March 29 at 1 p.m.

**Bubble Fun Run 5k**

City-County Gym  
321 Venturacci Ln.  
Apr. 4 at 10 a.m.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

Fraternal Order of Eagles - Fallon Aerie #1447  
7977 Reno Hwy.  
Apr. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Car Show**

Soroptimist International of Fallon  
100 Campus Way  
Apr. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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COMMUNITY

## Churchill County Youth Softball Association Opens 2026 Season

Staff Report

The Churchill County Youth Softball Association (CCYSA) launched its 2026 season at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, with a festive opening-day ceremony that brought together athletes, coaches, sponsors, families, friends, and community members on March 7.

President Matt Johnson welcomed the crowd on a crisp morning, setting the stage for the day's events. The outfield burst with color as 20 teams, outfitted in bright orange, yellow, red, and blue shirts, lined up for introductions spanning T-ball through 16U divisions.



Harper, the league's youngest player, throws out the ceremonial first pitch to kick off the CCYSA's 2026 season. Staff photo.

Team names like the Ladybugs, Blue Wolves, Silver Diamonds, Honey Badgers, Tigers, and Cookie Monsters echoed across the field as players announced their names, highlighting the excitement and diversity of the league. During introductions, Adeline of the 8U Silver Diamonds shared words of encouragement, saying, "We all try our best, so we got this."

The ceremony continued with the national anthem, as attendees turned their attention to the American flag in a display of community pride.

The festivities concluded with the ceremonial first pitch, thrown from the league's youngest player, Harper, to its oldest, Chloe, officially signaling the start of the 2026 softball season.

President Matt Johnson took a moment during his remarks to express his appreciation for the service and sacrifice of members of the military, acknowledging that without their dedication, the opportunity to gather for community events like youth softball would not be possible.

Johnson also extended his gratitude to all the volunteers, sponsors, coaches, and technical support staff, emphasizing that their hard work and commitment are essential to making youth softball a reality in Fallon. Johnson also highlighted the importance of the concession stands, noting that proceeds from their sales are crucial to the CCYSA's ongoing support and success.

After the ceremony, games began, with Fallon's young athletes eagerly competing. The season is off to a vibrant start for players, coaches, and the community.

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## Walk for Women Honors Women's History Month



Soroptimist club members prepare their banner at Pioneer Park before the annual Walk for Women on Saturday, March 7. Staff photo.

Staff Report

Members of the local Soroptimist club and a few community participants gathered Saturday morning at Pioneer Park for the annual Walk for Women, an event marking Women's History Month and International Women's Day.

The walk began at 10 a.m., leading participants south along Maine Street toward Churchill County Middle School. Walkers then circled back to the City of Fallon Fountain, where group photographs were taken to commemorate the event.

To launch the festivities, the City of Fallon Fountain was dyed blue at noon on Friday, March 6, symbolizing the start of a month-long celebration honoring women's achievements and contributions.

The Walk for Women is part of a global movement held annually in March. Organizers said the event is about more than just walking—it aims to create opportunities and transform lives by supporting programs such as the Live Your Dream Awards, which provides educational assistance to women overcoming adversity, and Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls, which empowers young women to pursue brighter futures.

International Women's Day is observed worldwide on March 8, and the Soroptimist club's events throughout the month reflect a continued commitment to advancing the status of women and girls locally and globally.

## Evan's Chow Hall Opens at VFW Post 1002

Staff Report

The Lawton-Silva Post 1002 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Evan's Chow Hall at 6 p.m. Friday, March 6, marking the official opening of its new dining facility. Community members, local officials, and VFW representatives gathered to celebrate the addition, which aims to provide a welcoming space for veterans and residents alike.

Commander John Henry, Quartermaster Mac McKenzie, and members of the Fallon Chamber of Commerce attended the event, underscoring the chow hall's significance to the local organization. The ceremony highlighted the collaborative efforts behind the project, with special recognition given to Miss Margie, a local philanthropist, for her contributions to the construction, and Mayor Ken Teford and the City of Fallon for their assistance in upgrading the gas line.

Evan's Chow Hall features a Rations Menu with classic bar fare, including starters, pizza, and basket dinners such as hot dogs, chicken tenders, wings, and grilled cheese. A house specialty, fried green beans, offers a unique twist for patrons. Regular hours are Thursday through Sunday, from 6 p.m. to close.

The addition of Evan's Chow Hall is expected to enhance the VFW's community engagement and provide a new gathering place for veterans, families, and residents in Fallon.



Chamber members Michael Hardisty and Ava Case, Miss Margie, VFW Commander John Henry, Quartermaster Mac McKenzie, cook Amanda Wahl, and chamber members Shania Brown and Cynthia McGarrah gather for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Evan's Chow Hall at VFW Post 1002, Friday, March 6. Staff photo.



### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Companionship plays a crucial role in enhancing the emotional support and psychological wellbeing of hospice patients. A vital part of hospice is carefully selected and well-trained volunteers working alongside the professional staff. These special people provide different types of support for the hospice program and those coping with terminal illness, grief and loss. Volunteer support includes patient companionship, respite care for caregivers, shopping, light housekeeping and office assistance.

Contact Julie Ruiz, Eden Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 775-351-3150

BUSINESS

# Rush Coffee Company, Rhythm Taphouse to Open in Fallon

By Nancy Chapman and Sydney Trainor

December 9, 2025, was the date that changed so many people’s lives. William “Bill” Kennedy, owner of Telegraph Coffee and Tap, unexpectedly passed away. Crystal Bowman, the manager, was told they would be closing the business permanently and the employees would be laid off.

In the wake of the announcement that Telegraph Coffee and Tap would be closing, Bowman, together with her partner David Anaya, took decisive action. Determined to preserve the spirit of the beloved local spot and provide continuity for the community, they founded Rush Coffee Company. Their new venture was established to fill the void left by Telegraph, ensuring that a welcoming coffeeshouse remained at the heart of Fallon.

Rush Coffee Company will open and welcome customers for a soft opening on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Bowman is excited to be the new owner and to welcome customers back. She said there will be a lot of the same faces behind the coffee counter making their customers’ coffee or smoothie drinks.

On March 3, Rhythm Taphouse announced exciting plans for its launch in Fallon, partnering with its sister business, Rush Coffee Company. Jesse Morrow and Samantha Kramer, co-owners of Rhythm Taphouse, will also be welcoming customers to the bar area for their favorite libations.

Rhythm Taphouse, through its distributors, will feature local beers and Frey Ranch cocktails. Morrow and Kramer are excited to feature live bands and an open-mic night. Morrow performed for the first time at this location, then known as Jive and Java. Through his business, he has done extensive remodeling for Telegraph Coffee and Tap and has been instrumental in the current remodeling of the new businesses.

Rush Coffee Company will run alongside the Rhythm Taphouse at the same location. Soon, “locally roasted and carefully sourced” coffee and cocktails can be enjoyed on the front patio once again. Drive-thru and walk-in service will open on April 4 at 6 a.m., before the grand opening celebration at 11 a.m.



Rush Coffee Company and Rhythm Taphouse, formerly Telegraph Coffee and Tap. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

**Their new venture was established to fill the void left by Telegraph, ensuring that a welcoming coffeeshouse remained at the heart of Fallon.**



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**CALL TO CONVENTION**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
**Rafter 3C Events Complex in Fallon**

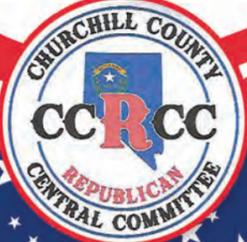
Notice is hereby given that the county convention of the Churchill County Republican Party for Churchill County will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Rafter 3C Events Complex in Fallon. You must be a registered Republican to attend.

Precinct meetings will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a lunch break. The county convention will take place in the afternoon, with activities expected to wrap up by about 4 p.m.

All Republicans are encouraged to attend and participate in the precinct meetings and convention. For more information, contact local party organizers. Please RSVP to the Churchill County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) at [ccrepublicancc@gmail.com](mailto:ccrepublicancc@gmail.com). Please, we need to know how many patriots to expect.

To verify your election precinct, party affiliation and voting status please visit: [www.nvsos.gov/votersearch](http://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch).

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Commissioner Meeting Updates

By Sydney Trainor

During the March 5 Churchill County Board of Commissioners meeting, board members received updates on the Greenlink North transmission line project, a county compensation study, and FY2027 budget planning, and also approved several funding requests and administrative actions.

During public comments, Mary Sorensen, communications director for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, introduced herself and offered the church's support for community service projects. Sorensen also invited commissioners to attend an upcoming Interfaith Easter Concert at the Fallon Convention Center.

Commissioners received an update from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the proposed Greenlink North transmission line project. Portions of the route are being adjusted near several locations in Churchill County, including the Fallon landfill and Popcorn Mine. The project is currently undergoing additional environmental review, and BLM expects to open a public comment period on supplemental documents later this month.

The Churchill County Junior Livestock Show (CCJLS) requested \$7,500 for their 2026 event. According to Karen Bogdanowicz, CCJLS Foundation Vice President, the 2025 show included 94 exhibitors, 69 animals sold, nearly 30,000 pounds of meat produced, and a total sale revenue of around \$203,591. Approximately \$142,964 of that benefitted youth exhibitors. Commissioners approved the funding request.

Next, commissioners discussed ratifying a grant amendment increasing the Community Services Block Grant budget. Churchill County normally receives about \$116,000 annually, but federal delays have caused the state to distribute funds quarterly. The second allocation received was \$23,209, bringing the total received so far to just over \$51,000. Shannon Ernst noted that the county is monitoring staffing impacts from delays in future allocations. The amendment was approved.

Dean Patterson from public works and planning presented a request to reverse a previously dedicated .45 acre-feet water right tied to a building permit. The property owners originally dedicated the water for a home project that was never constructed. Commissioners passed the motion to return water rights to the property owners.

The board discussed selecting an engineer for the Moody Lane-to-Coleman Road connector project. The project would extend Moody Lane and construct a bridge across the Carson River, connecting developments north and south of the river, and was funded through a \$4 million congressional appropriation in 2022. Commissioners approved Loomis & Associates as the engineering firm.

The board also approved Resolution 3-2026, adopting an updated fee schedule for Churchill County departments. Public Works Planning and Building Director Randy Hines explained the update primarily reorganizes and reformats the existing fee schedule to make it clearer and more consistent across departments. The revision also standardizes certain general fees, such as photocopy and public records request charges, and updates rental fees for the Rafter 3C complex to better align with current rates. The county plans to review and update the fee schedule annually.

Commissioners discussed an agreement with Public Administrator Bob Getto to increase annual funding for administrative services from \$40,000 to \$50,000. These funds would help cover labor and operational costs associated with administering estates. A separate \$15,000 allocation would be set aside to cover cremation costs for unclaimed individuals, with funds paid directly to mortuaries when those services are required. The agreement was approved to increase funding.

Along with this, the board considered adjusting the public administrator's hourly rate for extraordinary services, noting that the rate has not been updated since 2015. Commissioners approved increasing the rate from \$70 to \$90 per hour and directed staff to begin the county code amendment process. The board also approved payment of two invoices for extraordinary services, totaling \$6,548 and \$787.50, related to complex estate administration.

Baker Tilly Consulting provided an update on the Churchill County Compensation Study. Findings showed that Churchill County salaries currently average 6.1% below market minimum, 9% below the midpoint, and 10.7% below the maximum. The county's current pay structure includes 100 grades and 13 steps. A proposed new structure would reduce that to 29 grades and 11 steps, with 3% step increases and a 6% difference between grades. Under the proposal, employee placement would be based on current salary, years in position, and current step level. Commissioners raised concerns about the methodology used and the placement of positions within the proposed structure, and requested additional review before any final decisions are made.

FY2027 budget updates were presented. Because the compensation study results are not yet finalized, they will not be included in the tentative budget. Personnel requests within the Parks Department included a potential restructuring that would separate the 3C Complex from community activities, the removal and reassignment of certain positions, the reclassification of a deputy director position to a director position, and the conversion of a seasonal maintenance aide position to full-time. Commissioners indicated the combined personnel changes could result in small savings to the county.

## Greenlink North Transmission Project Updates

By Sydney Trainor

At the March 3 County Commissioners Meeting, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) presented an update on the proposed Greenlink North transmission line project. Brian Buttazoni, project manager for the BLM, presented an overview of the project and recent developments in the federal review process.

Greenlink North is a proposed 235-mile transmission line that would connect the Robinson Summit substation in Elko County with the Walker River substation in Lyon County. The line would be the third segment in a statewide transmission network.

Buttazoni highlighted the adjustments made to the proposed route. At the Popcorn Mine, the transmission line was shifted to create a roughly two-mile bypass around the mine's operations. The alignment was also adjusted to move the route away from the City of Fallon landfill and from certain Recreation and Public Purposes Act parcels designated through federal legislation in 2024.

The project would also pass through the Dixie Valley Training Area. Congress previously designated a half-mile-wide utility corridor in that area when the Fallon Naval Air Station and Dixie Valley Training Area were expanded in 2024, and the transmission line would be located within that corridor.

The BLM examined about 20 route alternatives and route segments during the planning

process before arriving at these solutions.

The current 235-mile line is estimated to cost about \$832 million. The BLM also considered proposals to place the transmission line underground, but Buttazoni said undergrounding a 525-kV line over that distance has never been done in the United States and could increase costs to at least \$6.5 billion.

Much of the project area overlaps with greater sage-grouse habitat, which has affected construction planning and environmental review. Approximately 155 miles of the project corridor are within areas subject to habitat restrictions tied to sage-grouse population trends. However, according to Buttazoni, "All of these other alternatives increase the impacts to those resource concerns."

Supplemental environmental documents are currently being prepared to address several developments in the project review, including a June 2025 letter from Gov. Joe Lombardo. The letter recommended modifying or removing seasonal construction restrictions in greater sage-grouse habitats. Under earlier restrictions, construction could occur for about 45 days each year in certain areas. A partial exemption announced in 2024 extended that window to roughly five and a half months, while the new alternative would allow for a 365-day construction period.

Other supplemental documents will address protests and changes made in December 2025. When large projects such as Greenlink North are launched, they must undergo a 30-day protest

period. The project received three protests, and a protest report was returned to the BLM for further consideration. In December 2025, the California and Nevada state directors approved a new plan amendment governing how projects are managed in greater sage-grouse habitat. The amendment changed general habitat management areas from an "avoidance" designation to "open," while priority habitat management areas remain designated as avoidance but can now be considered "open" if certain avoidance criteria are met.

BLM expects to release the supplemental documents for a 30-day public comment period beginning around March 27. According to Buttazoni, "If we're able to achieve that comment period starting on March 27th, then we would be looking at both the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service issuing their decisions in June."

Following federal decisions, NV Energy would still need to obtain approval from the Nevada Public Utilities Commission before construction could begin. Construction could start in early 2027 if approvals move forward as anticipated. NV Energy is required under state law to have the transmission line operational by December 2028.

During the presentation, a commissioner asked how much power would be delivered to Churchill County from the line. According to Buttazoni, "The capacity of the line is up to 4,000 megawatts." He noted that the BLM will work to provide more information on that directly from NV Energy in the future.

## Five Finalists Named in Churchill County School District Superintendent Search

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District Board of Trustees moved the superintendent hiring process forward last week, unanimously approving five finalists who will advance to the next stage of interviews later this month.

The board heard a presentation from search consultants with Modern EducateHR during its regular meeting outlining the results of the district's nationwide recruitment effort.

Consultants reported that 13 applications were initially received for the superintendent position. Two candidates withdrew during the process, leaving 11 applicants who participated in screening interviews conducted by the consulting team.

After completing interviews and background vetting, consultants recommended five finalists to the board for consideration.

## THOSE FINALISTS ARE:

- **Natalie Burgess**, North Las Vegas, Nevada – Associate Superintendent of Academics for Legacy Traditional School
- **Levi Collins**, Cascade, Montana – Superintendent of Cascade School District
- **Blake Cooper**, Fallon, Nevada – Principal of Fernley Intermediate School
- **Michael Walker**, Fernley, Nevada – Assistant Superintendent, Churchill County School District
- **Brett Zanto**, Helena, Montana – Principal of Capital High School

Consultants said the candidates represent a range of leadership experience including current superintendents, district administrators, and school principals from several western states.

The board voted unanimously to approve the slate of finalists and move forward with the next phase of the search.

Trustees also discussed how the interview process will be structured

when the candidates visit Fallon later this month.

Board members expressed support for an extensive interview process similar to the one used during the district's previous superintendent search. That process included school site visits, meetings with district staff and employee groups, interviews with board members, and opportunities for community feedback.

Trustees said the visits are important both for the district and the candidates. "I think it's important they spend some time here," Kathryn Whitaker said during the discussion. "If a person's never been to Fallon, Nevada, it could be a little bit of a culture shock."

The board also emphasized the importance of allowing stakeholders — including teachers, staff, and community members — to interact with the candidates and provide feedback before a final decision is made.

Consultants recommended structuring the visit over two days, March 25 and March 26, with school visits and stakeholder meetings occurring on the first day and formal board interviews on the second.

The district has a professional development day scheduled March 27 when students will not be in school, which could provide additional flexibility for the interview schedule if needed.

Trustees acknowledged that the process may need to remain flexible, noting that candidates may be pursuing other opportunities and circumstances could change during the final stage of the search.

The board also discussed the possibility of moving forward with fewer finalists if a candidate withdraws before interviews take place.

Following the visits and interviews, trustees will ultimately select the district's next superintendent.

The position became open after Superintendent Derild Parsons announced plans to retire following the current school year.

The board is expected to make its final decision after the interview process later this month.



EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

Last week, CCHS hosted a CTE Fair to highlight its Career and Technical Education programs and career pathways. The fair featured 30 booths set up throughout the main building, vocational building, and science building, showcasing a wide variety of opportunities, including local businesses and trade school programs from across the state. High school students attended during their scheduled class periods, visited booths, asked questions, and learned more about the opportunities available to them. Incoming eighth graders from CCMS also had the opportunity to attend a special morning session from 8:30-11 a.m., rotating through booths and touring CTE classrooms to explore CCHS's offerings and get a firsthand look at the opportunities awaiting them as they enter high school next year.

CCMS

In Robert Wickware's history classes, US History students transitioned from learning about the early presidents of the United States to exploring the events of Manifest Destiny, examining how the nation's territory expanded in the early 1800s, and the impact these changes had on the country. In Sports History, students shifted from studying the History of the Olympics to learning about the origins of basketball, discovering how James Naismith created the sport, and how it has grown into one of the most popular sports in the world.



Marla Wood's class displays their colorful, mismatched socks during a community circle for Read Across America Week.

compared authors and genres to determine the ultimate champion among 18 picture books.



Leslie Brown's class displays their creative posters comparing and contrasting different animals.

NUMA

Students in Leslie Brown's class compared and contrasted similar animals and created informational posters featuring hand-drawn illustrations of each. Their projects also included the animals' predators, helping students explore food webs and understand the relationships within ecosystems.

E.C. BEST

Last week, Marla Wood's class participated in Read Across America Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Week, with the highlight being Crazy Sock Day on Wednesday, when students showed off their fun, mismatched socks and shared why they chose them during community circle time. Building on the excitement of celebrating reading, Wood's class also took part in a picture book showdown. In this literacy-themed March Madness activity, students

LAHONTAN

Debbie Swisher's first-grade class celebrated Read Across America Week with a week full of creative and fun activities. On Monday, students made silly mixed-up zoo animals for Mixed Up Monday, and on Tuesday, they wore hats for Top Hat Tuesday and wrote about how they would get the Cat in the Hat to leave if he came to their house. Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday, and students drew wacky self-portraits. Then on Thursday, they dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters while learning about Theodor Seuss Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. The week concluded with Funny Food Friday, where students dressed in green and read "Green Eggs and Ham." Overall, the week was a joyful celebration of reading, creativity, and the timeless fun of Dr. Seuss's stories.



First graders in Debbie Swisher's class display their wacky self-portraits during Read Across America Week at Lahontan Elementary.

Weekly Highlights at Logos Christian Academy

By Brenna Goings with photos courtesy of Logos.

"The more you read, the more you know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!"

On Monday, the Logos students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by dressing up as their favorite characters from his beloved books. The celebration was a wonderful reminder of the imaginative way Dr. Seuss brought a love of reading into the hearts of children and even adults.

Later in the week, students marked another exciting milestone, 100 days of school. On Thursday, Logos celebrated the 100th day of school with students and teachers dressing up as 100-year-olds. From gray wigs and canes to glasses and suspenders, the creative costumes brought smiles and laughter to everyone.

It's hard to believe that 100 days of school have already passed. The celebration was a fun way to reflect on all the learning, growth, and memories made so far this school year. We have had such a blessed year and know many more blessings are to come.



Fifth and sixth graders at Logos dress up as characters from "The Lorax" to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.



Students at Logos show off their colorful costumes as they dress up as Dr. Seuss characters to celebrate the author's birthday.

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## EDUCATION

## Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: TREVOR LAYTON



Oasis Bighorn senior, Trevor Layton.

Oasis Academy senior Trevor Layton is preparing to launch a career studying aerospace engineering when he graduates in May with both an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Applied Science Technology degree in Welding from Western Nevada College, along with his high school diploma.

"I aspire to attend an aerospace engineering college, where I hope to delve into propulsion systems," Layton said. "This area fascinates me, especially in understanding how rockets propel themselves miles into the sky."

Beyond engineering, he is also channeling his creativity into writing. He is currently working on a book series titled "Titans," which he hopes to publish in the future.

Looking back on his time at Oasis Academy, one memory stands out.

"One of my favorite memories from my time at Oasis Academy was participating in the Julius Caesar movie project in Mr. David Springfield's class," he said. "Collaborating with my classmates to create props was a highlight for me."

Layton was shy and nervous, and said he pushed himself to participate in the project

"I was determined to be part of the project, opting for a supporting role instead of a main character who would be on camera most of the time," he said.

Projects like the Julius Caesar one are why Ancient History was his favorite class.

"I enjoyed it because of the engaging activities, such as the Julius Caesar movie project and the castle builder activity," he said. "The castle builder activity was especially meaningful. It allowed me to express my creativity while trying to protect my castle from the others."

He credits Mr. Springfield for making the class memorable.

"Mr. Springfield made the class enjoyable by incorporating humor into our projects and keeping quizzes manageable," Layton explained.

His journey at Oasis Academy began in his freshman year of high school.

"Initially, I had a few friends and wasn't well-known throughout the school, but I focused on making my mark," he explained.

That opportunity came during his sophomore year when he joined the student council. By the end of the year, he was elected student body vice president for his junior year—a role he has now held for two consecutive years.

"I worked hard to make that school year active

and enjoyable, though I felt limited by my role," he reflected. "Now, as the student body vice president for my second year, I hope to leave a lasting impact on the school before I graduate."

As he prepares to graduate, he also wants to leave advice for underclassmen, and there is one person he'd like to thank for his help along the way.

"First, don't be lazy during your freshman year—complete your work before the deadlines," he advised. "Procrastination can lead to failing a class, which can heavily impact your future course load."

He also emphasizes the importance of staying organized.

"Whether it's a calendar, planner, or a simple list of due dates for the week, having a structured approach can prevent missed assignments," he closed.

"Finally, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to Mr. Andy Lenon," he said. "He has been a supportive presence since the beginning of my high school journey and continues to make a positive impression on the school. Despite his busy schedule, he always finds time for me, and I truly appreciate his guidance and encouragement."

**STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY REGIONAL COMPETITION**  
Students from Oasis Academy once again made an impressive showing at this year's National History Day Regional Competition in Reno, with participants from fifth, seventh, and eighth grades earning top honors across multiple categories.

This year, 50 Oasis Academy students qualified to compete at the regional level. While a few students were unable to attend due to prior commitments, students made a strong showing in representing the school.

In preparation for the competition, students worked diligently to revise and refine their projects from the school's National History Day Exposition on Feb. 5, dedicating time outside of regular school hours to research, edit, and strengthen them. Their commitment paid off, with several students earning podium finishes in highly competitive divisions.

**Fifth Grade Results:**

In the Youth Individual Poster Division, Rayden Dubois earned third place for his project, The Donner Party.

**Junior Division Results:**

Junior Individual Website  
1st Place: Blake Brandenburg – Publius for the Constitution

**Junior Group Website**

1st Place: Jackson Frey, Kenton Horn, and

Sawyer Schank – Drop it to Start: Modern Warfare and the Atomic Bomb

2nd Place: Abel Hernandez and Jacob Pilarski – The Second Battle of Ypres and the Prohibition of Chemical Warfare

3rd Place: Jake Nichols, Luke Moffitt, and Tyler Mitchell – Middle Eastern Border Redraws After WWI

**Junior Group Exhibit**

2nd Place: Nicky Sorensen, Owen Massey, and Cole Wood – From Open Skies to TSA Lines: The Remaking of National Security After 9/11

3rd Place: Janie Irving and Raegan Warren – Man's Best Friend: The Story of Sergeant Stubby

**Junior Individual Exhibit**

3rd Place: Mayu Steinbaugh – The Fukushima Daiichi Accident

All of the above-mentioned students qualified for the digital state-level competition held later this month. We are so very proud of our Bighorn History Herd.

**FFA STUDENTS ATTEND WINTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN MESQUITE**

By Sadie Whitaker

On Feb. 25-26, 14 members of the Oasis FFA chapter attended Winter Leadership Training in Mesquite, Nevada. WLT focuses on teaching FFA members leadership skills to use both within the FFA organization and in their school communities.

At WLT, FFA members from across the state competed in Leadership Development Events such as Creed speaking, Prepared public speaking, and Extemporaneous public speaking. They also attend engaging conferences focused on developing leadership skills and helping students network from different chapters. Over 15 chapters attended from across Nevada.

For the Oasis FFA Chapter, Kinsley Viera competed in creed speaking, Taylor Sowersby competed in prepared public speaking, and Katie Varain competed in extemporaneous public speaking.

"WLT is an amazing opportunity for our students to enhance their leadership skills and meet students from other chapters," said FFA advisor Jackie Bogdanowicz. "I'm proud of Kinsley, Taylor, and Katie for putting the time and effort into their speeches and representing Oasis FFA."

The group is also grateful for the time and travel of their parent chaperones, who drove students and attended the event.

"We would also like to thank our chaperones, Angela Viera, Alyssa Sowersby, and Jenna Whitaker, for making sure we made it to and from Mesquite safely and making the trip fun," Bogdanowicz said.



FFA members participate in Winter Leadership Training in Mesquite, Nev., Saturday, Feb. 5.

## Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

## The Foundation for Lifelong Learning: Kindergarten at Veritas

By Gretchen Felte with photo courtesy of Veritas.

At Veritas Preparatory School, kindergarten is far more than a gentle introduction to school - it is the foundation upon which future academic success is built. During this pivotal year, students begin developing the habits, skills, and confidence that will shape their learning for years to come. Through a thoughtful blend of phonics-based reading, early grammar instruction, strong classroom routines, and a supportive school community, Veritas kindergartners are prepared to grow into capable readers, writers, and learners who love Christ and understand the Bible.

At the center of the kindergarten program is Ms. Kelsey, an 8-year veteran teacher whose passion for education helps bring learning to life for her students each day. Known for her warm, energetic personality and thoughtful instruction, Ms. Kelsey combines creativity with clear expectations to foster a classroom where students thrive.

Her lessons are engaging and fun, but they are also structured and purposeful. Through carefully planned activities, songs, stories, and hands-on learning, students remain enthusiastic about school while developing the discipline needed for academic success.

One of the most important goals of the kindergarten program at Veritas is helping students become independent readers. Rather than relying primarily on pictures or guessing words from context, students are taught to read through systematic phonics instruction.



Ms. Kelsey with her kindergarten students on Cowboy Day.

Phonics teaches children how letters and combinations of letters represent sounds. By learning how to blend those sounds together, students gain the ability to decode unfamiliar words on their own. This approach gives young readers confidence and equips them with the tools they need to tackle increasingly complex texts.

Veritas also introduces students to early grammar concepts, laying the groundwork for strong writing skills in the years ahead.

Students begin learning the basic structure of language through activities that introduce sentence formation, capitalization, punctuation, and parts of speech. These lessons may seem simple, but they serve as essential building blocks for clear and thoughtful communication.

In classical education, the early years are often referred to as the "grammar stage," when students naturally absorb patterns and rules. By introducing these concepts early, Veritas helps students understand how language works. Reading and writing are ultimately tools that support the broader objective of a Christ-centered education. Even in the youngest grades, students are introduced to the Bible and the tenets of the gospel. Students are taught the importance of obeying parents, being kind to others, and the discipline they need to succeed in their academic lives.

Kindergarten enrollment is now open for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact the Veritas office at 775-217-0069 to apply.

SPORTS

# Lady Greenwave Off to Strong Start in March Play

Staff Report

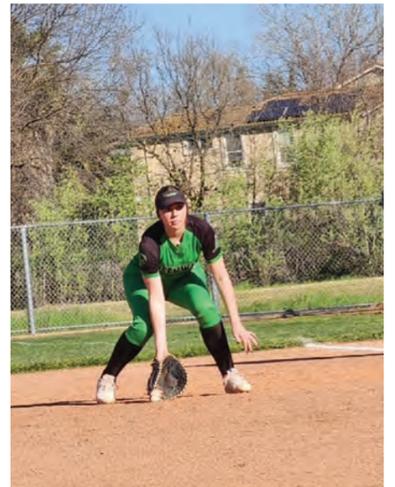
Churchill County High School's girls varsity softball team opened March with a commanding home victory and a split showing at a California tournament, improving their overall record to 5-2 as they gear up for league play.

The Lady Greenwave cruised past Truckee (Calif.), 20-2, in a non-conference game Tuesday, March 3, erupting for 20 runs in the bottom of the first inning after Truckee scored two in the top. Freshman Kanani Mauga led the offense, going 3-for-3 with two home runs, eight RBIs, and three runs scored. Lady Greenwave collected 16 hits, with sophomores Miley Pimentel and Bostynn Wright each crossing the plate three times. Senior Hayden Dooley pitched two innings, allowing no earned runs on one hit, and added a run and an RBI at the plate.

Churchill County's record improved to 3-0 after the Truckee win. Zoey Sheldon-Davis contributed a .300 batting average, .420 on-base percentage, .419 slugging percentage, and .838 fielding percentage as the team looks to maintain momentum in upcoming league play.



Freshman Kanani Mauga sets up behind the plate for Lady Greenwave.



Sutton Yost fields a grounder as defense holds strong. Photo courtesy of Carrie Sheldon-Davis.



Lady Greenwave's Audrey Fruzza connects for a hit during March action.

Lady Greenwave traveled to California for a tournament March 6-7, splitting four games. On Friday, March 6, Churchill County fell to Monterey Trail (Elk Grove, Calif.), 8-5, despite a triple and two RBIs from Ariyah Santos. Later that day, Lady Greenwave defeated Lincoln's Fighting Zebras, 4-1, as Angelina Fillmore went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Sutton Yost added a 2-for-3 performance.

On Saturday, March 7, the Lady Greenwave lost to Bella Vista (Fair Oaks, Calif.), 11-5, with Mauga going 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs. The team rebounded in the afternoon, defeating River City (West Sacramento, Calif.), 4-1, to close the week at 5-2.

Lady Greenwave will travel to Reno to face Debbie Smith High School on Friday, March 13, at 3 p.m. A doubleheader against Wooster High School in Reno is scheduled for Saturday, with first pitch at noon and game two at 2 p.m.

# CCHS Track Teams Score Multiple Wins in Second and Third Meets of Season



Braydon Coldwell, Wyatt Dixon, Nate Bianchi, Justin McArthur, Acen Williams, and Azai Zackery holding Bransyn Wright.



Monse Medina, Reygan Chenoweth, Aubrey Plants, and Lily Souza. Photos courtesy of track managers: Andrea Barajas and Deanna Henderson.

Staff Report

Churchill County High School's Greenwave boys' and Lady Greenwave girls' varsity track teams continued their 2026 season with strong results, earning several wins at both the 3A Western League #1 meet in Reno and the Fernley Sticker Meet #2 in Fernley.

On March 3 at Earl Wooster High School in Reno, the Greenwave teams dominated at the 3A Western League meet. Bransyn Wright sprinted to victory in the boys' 100-meter dash with a time of 11.51 seconds, while Nathaniel Bianchi soared to first in the long jump at 20 feet, 7 inches. The relay squad added gold in the 4x100-meter relay, clocking 45.16 seconds.

Rylan Clark took fourth in the 100-meter dash (11.97), and Jaeshon Pearson secured fourth in the 40-yard dash (5.16). Leo Arcoraci finished fourth in the 1600-meter run (5:13.51) and fifth in the 800 (2:17.23), while William James Loft-house placed fourth in the 800 (2:17.10) and sixth in the pole vault (9-0.00). Dequan Wallace jumped to fifth in the long jump (17-8.00), and Tejae Edie earned fifth in the pole vault (9-6.00).

For the Lady Greenwave, Aubrey Strickland claimed fourth in the 1600-meter run (6:29.23), with Casandra Hooper close behind in fifth (6:36.58). Tommie Fitzer and McKayla Taylor finished third and fourth, respectively, in the pole vault, each clearing 5-6.00. Anaya Barber took

fifth in the shot put (18-2.50).

Just days later, at Fernley High School, the Greenwave teams continued their success at the Fernley Sticker Meet #2 on March 7, earning more podium finishes and relay victories. Bransyn Wright again led the boys, winning the 100-meter dash in 11.61 seconds, and the CCHS boys swept the 4x100 (46.42) and 4x800 (9:51.23) relays.

Wyatt Dixon finished third in the 200 meters (24.76), and Boyd Phipps secured third in the 400 (57.09). Lofthouse placed sixth in the 400 and fourth in the 800, while Arcoraci earned third in the 800 (2:18.47) and fourth in the 1600 (5:10.39). Kaden Dummar was fifth in the 110 hurdles (21.21).

In field events, Jaeshon Pearson claimed second in the triple jump (37-11.50), and teammates Wallace and Kenyon Wilson went fourth and sixth in the long jump. Tejae Edie took fifth in the pole vault.

For the girls, Casandra Hooper led the Lady Greenwave, finishing fourth in the 800 (2:45.42) and 1600 meters (6:09.85), and also competing in the 3200. Aubrey Strickland finished sixth in the 800. Tommie

Fitzer earned second in the 300-meter hurdles (52.3) and third in the pole vault (7-0.00). The relay teams placed third in the 4x100 (58.53) and 4x200 (2:05.11), and took first in the 4x800 (11:31.88). Kinsley Viera added a third-place finish in the shot put (26-0.25).

Reflecting on the season's strong start, head coach Tiffany Wright commented, "We have the largest team since the days of Steve Heck, and we've worked really hard to build the program up. Our girls team is very young, with over half being freshmen, while our boys team is strong, but we're battling lots of injuries right now."

The Greenwave teams' early-season performances signal a promising outlook as the athletes look to build momentum throughout the 2026 track season.



**"We have the largest team since the days of Steve Heck, and we've worked really hard to build the program up."**

SPORTS

# Greenwave Splits Week With Two Wins, Two Losses

The Churchill County High School boys' varsity baseball team finished the week of March 1 with a 2-2 record, rebounding from consecutive home losses to secure back-to-back victories over South Tahoe in conference play.

On Tuesday, March 3, the Greenwave dropped their home opener to Douglas High School, falling 17-7. Seven Churchill County players recorded hits in the defeat. Zack Adams went 1-for-2 with two runs scored, a triple, and an RBI. Dustin Stritenberger contributed by going 1-for-

2 with two RBIs and a run.

Friday's matchup against South Tahoe saw the Greenwave lose a narrow 14-13 conference game. Melendy led the offensive effort for the Greenwave, finishing 3-for-4 with four runs and a double. Urso went 2-for-3, driving in three runs, scoring twice and adding a double. Braylon Byrd was another standout, going 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

Churchill County bounced back Saturday, winning both ends of a doubleheader against South

Tahoe. The Greenwave claimed the first game 9-4, then edged out the Vikings 3-2 in the second contest. Ryan Judd went 1-for-2 with an RBI in the tight victory.

With the week's results, Churchill County stands at 2-2 overall and 2-1 in 3A Northern League play.

The Greenwave boys' varsity baseball team will continue league action Friday at 3 p.m., hosting rival Lowry.

# Fallon Outlaws Claim Top Honors at Nevada State Wrestling Championships



The Fallon Outlaws proudly display their medals and trophies after dominating at the USA Nevada State Championships. Photo courtesy of Evan Brandt.

Staff Report

The Fallon Outlaws, coached by Evan Brandt, captured first place as a team in the Olympic Style Tournament at the USA Nevada State Championships for wrestlers ages 14 and under, held March 7-8 at the Rafters 3C Arena in Fallon.

The Fallon Outlaws celebrated seven individual state champions at the Nevada State Championships: Kaidan Ybarra, Harleigh Workman, Christian Ritz, Mickey Ritter Jr., Finn Ritter, Kypton Maynez, and Patricia Heckman.

Wrestlers from across Nevada competed at the Sierra Wrestling Association event, which showcased the state's emerging youth talent. The Fallon Outlaws' dominant performance not only secured the team title but also highlighted the strength and depth of their roster.

The annual championships provided a platform for young athletes to test their skills and earn recognition at the state level. With the Fallon Outlaws leading the way, the tournament underscored the popularity of youth wrestling in Nevada.

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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

March is my birthday month! My birthdays arrive with a strange mix of ceremony and normalcy.

On the one hand, the day insists on being special. My Facebook explodes with notifications. People send messages. Someone might bring cupcakes to the office. A friend texts you a memory you had completely forgotten. Social media quietly compiles a highlight reel of your existence and hands it back to you like a scrapbook you didn't know you were keeping.

On the other hand, the day is just Thursday. The coffee still needs to be made. The dog still needs to be let out. The laundry pile has not magically improved overnight. The desert wind still blows across Lahontan Valley exactly the way it did the day before. There is something oddly comforting about that.

When children, birthdays feel like the center of the universe. The whole year builds toward that one day where you are the main character. Cake appears. Presents appear. Adults ask how old you are now, and the number feels like a major upgrade in your human operating system. Then time does what time always does. It keeps moving. One day after the other.

Birthdays begin to function less like milestones and more like quiet markers along the trail. Another solar circumnavigation. Another chance to look backward for a minute and take inventory. Not the big, dramatic inventory of whether life turned out exactly the way you imagined when you were twelve. Nobody survives adulthood with that particular fantasy intact.

Instead it's the smaller accounting. Who are the people who showed up this year? What did you learn that you didn't know before?

What surprised you? In a place like Fallon, those questions tend to have very grounded answers.

Maybe it was the neighbor who waves hello every morning (Paul). Maybe it was a conversation at the grocery store that turned into a new friendship (Aislyn & Blane). Maybe it was realizing that the same cottonwood tree you drove past every day now marks the passage of your own time as clearly as it marks the seasons.

Small towns are good at reminding you that life is not made up of major events. It is made up of ordinary days stacked carefully on top of one another until, suddenly, years have passed.

Birthdays interrupt that stack for just a moment. They are a pause button.

A chance to notice the shape of your life. The work you are doing. The people you care about. The strange fact that you have somehow made it through another full orbit of the sun on a planet that is spinning through space at 67,000 miles an hour.

That last detail rarely makes it into birthday cards, but it probably should.

Because when you think about it, surviving another year on this particular rock is a pretty remarkable thing.

So if you have a birthday coming up this month, consider this your small-town permission slip to celebrate it however you want.

Eat the cake.  
Ignore the cake.  
Take the day off.  
Work straight through it.  
But take at least a moment to notice the quiet miracle of time doing its steady work.  
Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake (don't knock it til you try it)

Cake Ingredients

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 1/2 cups All-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 3/4 cup Unsweetened natural cocoa powder
- 1 1/4 cup Granulated sugar
- 2 tsp Baking powder
- 1 tsp Baking soda
- 1/4 tsp Diamond Crystal kosher salt; for table salt, use half as much by volume
- 1 1/4 cup Strong black coffee, at about 170°F
- 1 1/4 cup Mayonnaise
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Frosting Ingredients

- 14 tbsp. unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder, sifted
- 3 3/4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 2 tbsp. whole milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract



DIRECTIONS

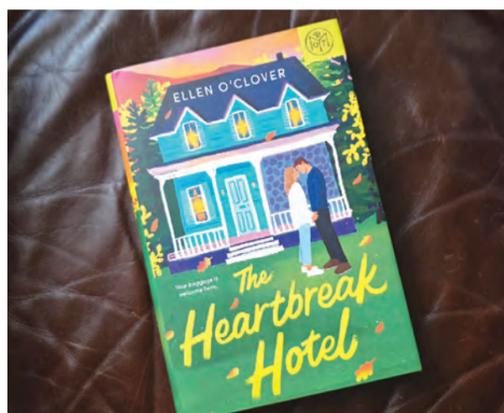
1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9×13-inch pan with nonstick spray, then lightly dust with flour.
2. In a large bowl, sift flour and cocoa powder. Add sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt and whisk to combine.
3. In another bowl, whisk coffee, mayonnaise, and vanilla until smooth and foamy, about 20 seconds.
4. Add the dry ingredients and whisk until just combined and no dry spots remain, about 30 seconds. The batter may be slightly lumpy. Do not overmix. Pour batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top.
5. Bake 35–38 minutes, until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean and the cake pulls slightly from the sides. Cool completely in the pan on a wire rack, 1 1/2–2 hours.
6. Make the frosting: Beat butter on medium-high until creamy, about 30 seconds. Add powdered sugar, cocoa powder, milk, and vanilla. Mix on low until combined. Increase speed to medium-high and beat until smooth and fluffy, about 3 minutes.
7. Spread frosting over the cooled cake. Slice and serve.

Allison's Book Report: "The Heartbreak Hotel" By Ellen O'Clover

By Allison Diegel

Don't get me wrong, I am ready for the longer days of summer, but the time change always kills me. You would think that one hour doesn't make that big of a difference, but it really does, so for the foreseeable future, you will find me just doing my best to survive. Dramatic? Maybe a little, but we are taking it easy this week with a light, breezy book pick that I think can help you get through. "The Heartbreak Hotel" is a vibrant, soul-soothing debut that turns the heavy weight of a shattered heart into something hopeful, cozy, and surprisingly funny.

The story follows Louisa "Lou" Walsh, whose life takes a sharp turn when her rockstar boyfriend, Nate, dumps her in the least rockstar way possible: by leaving her unable to afford their gorgeous mountain rental. Determined not to lose the only place that finally feels like home, Lou strikes a desperate, quirky deal with her reclusive landlord, Henry Rhodes. She transforms the historic house into the "Comeback Inn," a specialized bed-and-breakfast catering exclusively to the broken-hearted. It's a brilliant premise that allows O'Clover to populate the



house with a colorful cast of guests, all sifting through their own emotional wreckage.

What makes this book shine is the "forced proximity" between Lou and Henry. While Lou is a sunny, professional caretaker who wants to heal the world, Henry is a reserved veterinarian with his own deep-seated grief and a "no-nonsense" attitude toward her marketing schemes. Their chemistry isn't an instant explosion; it's a masterful slow-burn built on shared space and

the gradual uncovering of secrets. O'Clover avoids easy fixes, showing that while Lou is busy helping others find their footing, she also has to learn to stand on her own, without defining herself by the person she's dating or the house she's living in.

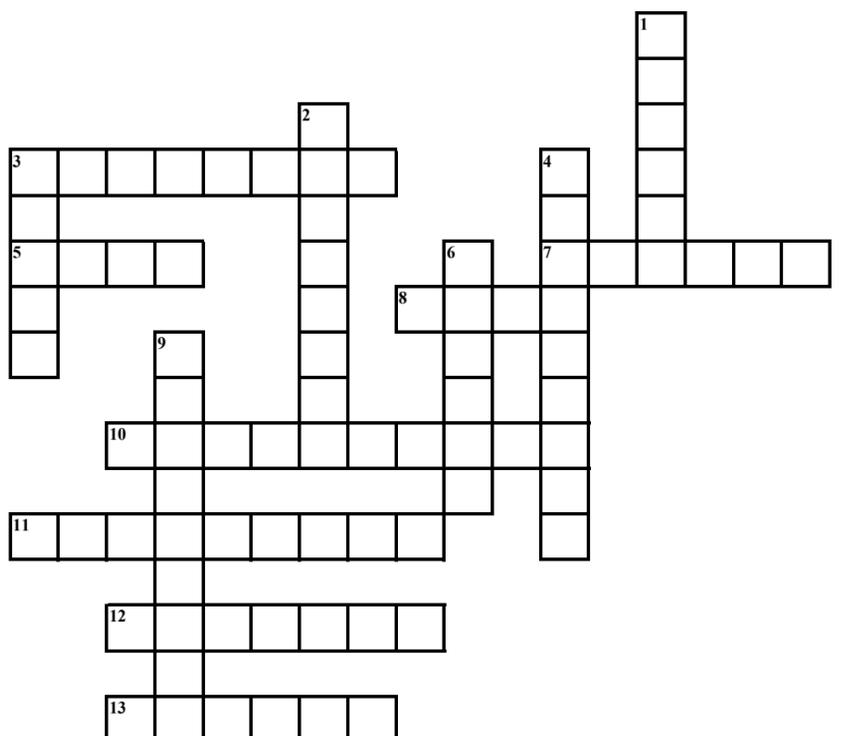
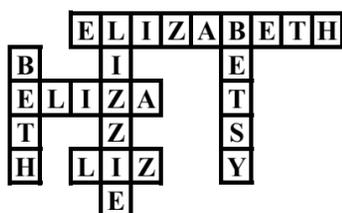
The writing is evocative and witty, perfectly capturing the small-town charm of Estes Park. It's a reminder that healing doesn't have to be a solitary trek; sometimes, it's about finding a community of people whose broken edges happen to fit your own. By the time the final guest checks out, you'll feel like you've done some growing right alongside Lou. It's a beautiful testament to the idea that even when your original plan falls apart, the "Plan B" might actually be where you were meant to be all along.

I hope that the time change hasn't been beating you up too badly – and I really hope you grab a copy of this fun book to help get you through! Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations.

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.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

3. Downton's countess
5. Revolutionary seamstress
7. Senator from Massachusetts
8. Senator from North Carolina
10. Bewitched's Samantha
11. Fashion designer
12. American suffragist
13. Inspector Lynley author

Down

1. Burton's Cleopatra
2. Victorian poet
3. Alcott's Beth
4. Elizabeth's mum
6. Axe murderess?
9. Prof 'iggins protégé

[ Crossword answers found on page 16 ]

## COLUMNS

## Postcards: Living Atop the Fallon Theatre

By Michon Mackedon

Last week, I brought you excerpts from Mary Walker Nevada Lambert's memoir of growing up on Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada, during the 1930s. She remembered the details that make a place "home": its characters — like Depression-era hobos and a local Madam from the "red-light" district — and the many acts of kindness that made her childhood memories happy ones. Fifty years later, during the 1980s, Diane Gauthier-Novak rented a room above the Fallon Theatre where she raised her children and observed, literally with a bird's eye view, life on Maine Street outside her upper-story window. (see "In Focus," Volume 21).

Gauthier-Novak arrived in Fallon with five children, looking for employment. As she explained, "I decided to place a 'Want to Rent' ad. On my way to the newspaper office I got sidelined when I noticed a brand-new business opening its doors—Manpower Temporary Services on South Maine and Stillwater. I walked in, filled out a job application, and took my typing test while sitting on a packing crate, hunched over a large, energetic IBM Selectric typewriter which swayed precariously atop a stock of cardboard boxes.

...That led almost immediately to...a six-hour stint working at the 'Lahontan Valley News and Fallon Eagle Standard'... which quickly morphed into a full-time job taking classified advertising." She took an ad for a rental, placed by Fallon's then-Mayor, Robert Erickson. "I innocently asked if the rental was near the center of town, was told it was as close as you can get, and arranged to view the place."

Her adventure living atop the Fallon Theatre in the middle of town was about to begin.

Gauthier-Novak: "Although I had taken my children to every Disney movie and animated film shown in Fallon, I had never noticed or even suspected that the theater actually included an apartment....While moving into a new house is exciting and

sometimes traumatic to children, my brood was positively speechless when first I led them into the theater and up the stairs to their new home. My 'Won't this be great fun?' attitude was met by stunned skepticism broken only by a sudden bone-shaking screech from outside our front window—Fallon's fire-alarm/noon whistle. Formerly just a distant noise to be ignored, now it was something to be reckoned with. We were not only very close to but on eye-level with the beast and it was loud! 'You'll get used to it,' I promised, and indeed they did. Eventually we reached the point where we could listen to the alarm, track the fire trucks as to direction and distance, and come up with a pretty accurate estimate of where any given fire might be, all without leaving our beds.

...Life had its little ironies in our theater home. Many times guests we'd invited would call from a pay phone because they could not find the door leading to our apartment, yet somehow so many theater-goers found the little hidden doorbell button that we finally had it disconnected. Some people would stand outside pushing the button, wondering what it was supposed to do while those of us upstairs were covering our ears and wincing."

Nonetheless, she and her children lived for many years in an apartment that smelled like popcorn with a front window view of the Labor Day Parade, the Christmas tree lighting, and many street fairs.

Her son Rich remembered that they couldn't really hear the sound effects of blockbuster movies until "Titanic" arrived. At that time Surround Sound had just been installed in the theater, and "in our large back bathroom we could vaguely hear that giant ship sinking every night for months.

...Would I still raise my children in a theater in the center of town. Absolutely."

Please send your stories and ideas for stories to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:mackedon@phonewave.net)

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## Movies & More

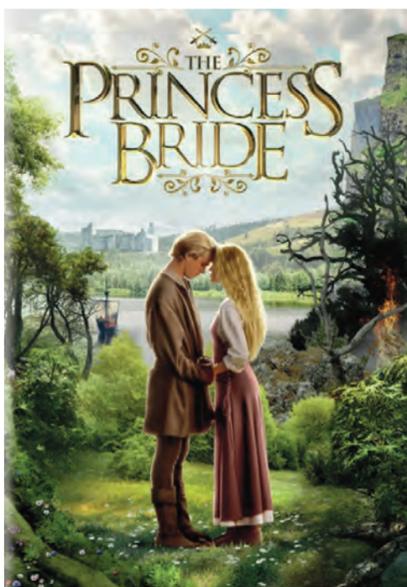
By Kelli Perez

The Fallon Theatre was alive with music and community spirit this past weekend, as the Heritage of the West event brought neighbors together for a joyful celebration. The Lincoln Highway Band capped off the festivities with a lively, free concert, reminding attendees of the region's special character. Organizers are already looking ahead to the next event.

Next weekend, Fallon Theatre will host one of its most-anticipated evenings. Epworth United Methodist Church is presenting "The Princess Bride" (1987) as an interactive 4D experience on Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to dress in costume, recite lines with the characters, and embrace the theme of True Love. The event promises fun for all ages, and organizers are eager to see the creativity of those attending. A standard matinee showing will take place on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. The film is rated PG and runs one hour and 38 minutes.

For moviegoers who prefer a traditional experience, there will be standard showings of "The Princess Bride" at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the upper theatre. These screenings offer a peaceful, classic environment to enjoy the film. All showings are free and open to the public.

Recent upgrades to the theatre include the installation of new laser projectors, enhancing the picture quality with richer colors and sharper detail. The Princess Bride will be showcased with these improvements,



offering a visually stunning experience. The theatre has also completed beautiful new seating in the lower auditorium, part of ongoing efforts to make the space more comfortable and welcoming. These enhancements are made possible thanks to the generosity and hard work of community volunteers.

Looking ahead, the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society will return to Fallon Theatre for the Loneliest Road Chamber Music Project on Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m. The Berkelium String Quartet, visiting from Berkeley, California, will launch their Nevada tour with performances of Schubert's "Death and the Maiden," a new composition by Daniel Darnesin Flanagan and a Beethoven quartet. Projected images will accompany the music. Admission is by donation, and children are welcome, making it an accessible chance to enjoy live chamber music.

Summer brings Ventura Highway – The Music of America to the stage on Saturday, July 18 at 8 p.m. This tribute concert features the iconic sound and harmonies of America, promising a nostalgic evening of beloved hits. Ventura Highway is a proven favorite in theaters, and admission is \$10.

Fallon Theatre continues its commitment to offering free movie screenings, providing opportunities for the community to gather for entertainment. The concession stand will be open with popcorn and candy. For those interested in renting the venue or displaying a message on the marquee, contact 775-423-6210 or email [thefallontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:thefallontheatre@gmail.com).



## Orlando Has the Tea

Story and photo by Orlando Ugalde Santana

In the Plant Systems program, students cultivate a variety of plants and often brew tea from their harvests. This hands-on approach provides an opportunity to connect with the plants, deepening understanding of their growth and uses.

Second-year Plant Systems students focus heavily on ethnobotany, the scientific study of how people interact with plants. Ethnobotany explores how different cultures use, manage, and view local flora, including flowers, herbs, and other plant species.

Drinking teas and tisanes, or herbal infusions, is a key part of the curriculum. Through these practices, students explore concepts in geography, anthropology, and botany, gaining a broader perspective on the significance of plants in various societies.

My name is Orlando Ugalde Santana. I recently completed an ethnobotany project in Mrs. Sammons' class that I would like to share: Palo Azul.

As a member of our school's International Club, I found this project especially interesting. Palo Azul (*Eysenhardtia polystachya*) is a traditional medicinal herb grown and used in Mexico and the Southwestern United States.

Palo Azul is commonly called "kidney wood" or "blue stick" if you're translating from Spanish. Hardy to USDA Zone 7, areas with minimum winter temperatures of 0–10 degrees Fahrenheit, this small tree is prized for its bark, which can be used to make a tea that helps with many health issues.



Consult your doctor before use, but according to the University of Texas at El Paso, Palo Azul may offer relief for kidney and urinary health, inflammation, and digestive issues.

After boiling the bark for about 45 minutes, you should put it in a glass teacup if you have one and place it in the sun. It will be like blue magic is inside your tea. Palo Azul has a very fascinating chemical that allows it to fluoresce, which happens when specific natural compounds in the plant's wood react with water and light.

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Whether it's spiritually, health-wise, or just a cup of tea, Palo Azul continues to be a small but meaningful part of cultural and herbal practices.

"Aunque el Palo Azul puede parecer solo una planta, para muchos representa cultura, historia y esperanza. Y mientras pasan los años, sigue recordándonos que algunas plantas nunca pierden su valor."

English Translation: "Although Palo Azul may seem like just a plant, for many, it represents culture, history, and hope. And as the years pass, it continues to remind us that some plants never lose their value."

Do you have a teenager in your life? If you do, you might know "the tea" is our slang for sharing the truth (or gossip).

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Filing closes Friday, March 13.

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF TIME OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Commissioners have changed the TIME of their second meeting, which occurs on the third Wednesday of every month, from 1:15 p.m. to 8:15 a.m., effective with the meeting on March 18, 2026.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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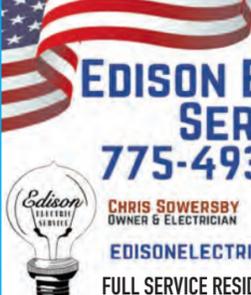


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