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## BLM Proposes Wild Horse Gather in Lahontan Area *Public Input Invited*



BLM wild horse gather. Photo by Maria Jeffs.

By Leanna Lehman

*Wild horses, once the symbol of the American West, have become a growing concern in Nevada, where the delicate balance between conservation and ranching is tested daily. Overpopulation threatens the ecological balance of public lands and negatively impacts wildlife and livestock operations in the region.*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently announced a proposal to gather wild horses and address the growing population in the Lahontan Herd Management Area (HMA), located approximately 40 miles east of Carson City. The BLM’s environmental assessment (EA) reports that the wild horse population in the Lahontan HMA has surged to 518, far exceeding the established Appropriate Management Level (AML) of 7-10 horses.

“The BLM’s priority is to conduct a safe, efficient, and successful horse gather operation while ensuring humane care

and treatment of all animals gathered,” said Kimberly Dow, District Manager for the Carson City District Office. According to the BLM, the operation will remove excess horses from the designated HMA area of 9,687 acres and the surrounding 304,705 acres across Lyon and Churchill counties. “The gather operation would involve areas both inside and outside the designated HMA boundaries,” the BLM stated.

For ranchers like Jack Payne, who runs the Clan Alpine Ranch east of Fallon and leases grazing lands across more than

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## Legacy of a Champion *Scholarship Honors Bus Scharmann’s Dedication to WNC*

Story and photo submitted by WNC

Harry “Bus” Scharmann has dedicated his life to education, public service, and the betterment of rural Nevada for more than five decades. A steadfast advocate for Western Nevada College, Scharmann became known as the “Champion of Western Nevada College,” working to ensure rural students had access to meaningful educational opportunities.

WNC has established the Bus Scharmann Scholarship in recognition of his tireless commitment. The scholarship honors a man who helped shape the college’s future and impacted countless lives.

“This scholarship comes at a pivotal time in our college’s history, as we prepare to expand our healthcare training programs — including nursing — through the renovation of the Pinon Building on the Fallon campus,” said WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. “It is only fitting that this scholarship honors Bus Scharmann, who played a key role in helping WNC establish



Bus and wife Lana.

its nursing program and championed higher education in rural Nevada.”

Scharmann’s influence at WNC spanned generations. From his early years as a counselor and instructor to his leadership as a dean, he remained a driving force behind the college’s success. Even in retirement, his dedication never wavered.

“Dad said he guessed the ‘Champion of WNC’ title came because he worked tirelessly and always stood up for the students,” said his daughter, Terri. “He always saw the value of education in rural Nevada communities and fought hard for programs that supported the needs of students and communities. He truly was the champion for WNC by providing opportunities to rural Nevadans for over three decades.”

The scholarship begins in the 2024–25 academic year and is funded with \$5,000 from the President’s Fund for Excellence through the WNC Foundation at the direction of President Dalpe.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Hens Gone Rogue: Surprise Babies at the Bunny Ranch

By Rachel Dahl

We have babies. It really worked, just like nature intended. No galvanized water trough at Big R babies for us — these hens at the Boyer Bunny Ranch are bonafide.

They had some help, of course, and the whole thing was a complete accident, to be fair, but sure enough, left to their own devices, Larry and Chester got the job done.

I had actually placed an official order for baby chicks with my local crack. Sorry, I do mean chicken, but it’s basically the same thing, dealer. Byron was going to hook me up with the goods. I was thinking a set of Yokohamas, and some traditional leghorns, but then I got sick.

Then my mom got sick, and I had to hustle down to Vegas for a week and leave the care of the Bunny Ranch in the capable hands of the Princess and her boyfriend, who, in all their helpfulness, forgot to collect the eggs. The whole time. We had been getting nearly nine eggs every day and did have a couple of broody hens, so those ol’ gals took advantage of the bounty and sat away. By the time I got home, there were nearly thirty eggs in one of the totes, with three mean-as-a-snake momma hens camped out, threatening anyone who came near.

Consulting with Dr. Google told me we had a 21-day wait to see if this was going to work, so I gathered the eggs out of the other tote and left the three biddies to do their thing.

After a week of watching this, I got a little worried about those mommas — it didn’t appear they had ever left the eggs. How would they survive 21 days with no food or water? I tried to imagine in the wild how they would handle this and then just figured a bowl of water and a tray of food in the nest couldn’t hurt.



The closer to D-Day we rolled, the more worried I got. The chickens at the Boyer Bunny Ranch are free-range. They politely put themselves to bed in the bunny shed every night, except Rose, who stubbornly sleeps in the garage with Joyce’s cat. And there’s Servius, Rex, and Miss Tracy, who will not abandon the chicken tractor. So the three hens-a-laying were really pretty out in the open in their totes on the floor of the bunny shed.

I was worried if we did get chicks that, something would simply help themselves to a snack.

And then it happened. On day 23.

I went to let the chickens out and feed, and water bunnies, and there in the tote were three hissing hens. Mad as could be, I figured something had changed, and sure enough — sacrificing my arms revealed several little balls of fluff peeping up out of the sawdust.

Ho-lee cow!

This has been super fun. It’s really cool to watch how the rest of the chicken flock protect the nesting moms. Hector and Mikey, the mousers, sure enough, realized something was new in there and spent some time the first day slinking over to check it out. But the minute they got close to the door, the roosters would ease over between them and the shed and just mill about until the cats lost interest.

I wasn’t about to take a chance, though, so at the end of day two, I fortified the chicken tractor with cardboard and cinder bricks, evicted Rex and Miss Tracy, and turned it into the nursery where the babies are safe to grow in peace.

So while I watch these little chicks peep around in pure joy, I’ll still be right here... Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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“To Dad, it means that he was committed to the college for a lot of years, and this scholarship being named for him reaffirms to him that his contributions were valued and will continue to support the students and programs he loves,” Terri said.

Scharmann’s dedication to WNC and its students often meant time away from his wife, Lana, and their five children, but his family came to understand the sacrifices.

“Dad raised us to always serve the greater good, be community-minded, and remember that our contributions, no matter how small, matter,” Terri said. “There were times he couldn’t be home in time for a game or missed dinner, and he explained how sometimes we sacrifice what we want for the best interests of others.

“This scholarship, to us, means all those lessons he taught us are true. For his sons, daughters and their spouses, his 21 grandchildren, and his seven-and-a-half great-grandchildren who don’t remember those early days of rural education, this scholarship represents a legacy of service, commitment to community, and the importance of education that their grandpa has instilled in them.”

Scharmann began his career at WNC — then Western Nevada Community College — in Hawthorne in 1974 as a part-time administrator. He moved to Fallon in 1977 to accept a full-time counselor position. In addition to mentoring students, he taught English, mathematics, and physical education.

“He had a firm belief in the community college concept, realizing that traditional university settings in the city were not feasible in all cases,” Terri said. “He believed that helping educate people in smaller communities helped to build an educated and industrious workforce for those communities, helping them remain viable.”

In 1980, Scharmann became assistant dean to Michelle Dondero. His leadership grew in 1993 when he was named dean of the Douglas campus and director of the nursing and prison programs.

“He is literally one of the finest men I have ever known,” said Holly O’Toole-Parker,

longtime WNC biology professor and former Fallon campus director. “He was such a light for me and my family and someone who makes the world a better place.”

O’Toole-Parker added, “He always did the right thing, whatever the cost. He’s a human being that most of us don’t ever get to work for.”

In 2000, Scharmann became dean of the Fallon campus, a role he held until his retirement in 2011.

“It was one of the highlights of my 35 years at WNC to work with Bus Scharmann for about 30 of those years,” said Dr. Doris Dwyer, former WNC history and humanities professor. “His devotion to the Fallon campus was total. He was often at the campus in the evenings when most non-teaching faculty were not there. He served on more than his share of committees, especially search committees, and his campus administration was fair and enlightened.

“Bus is a man of great integrity, and his decisions as dean were always in the best interests of the faculty and students. His management of the class schedule was based on full input from students and faculty.”

Even after retiring, Scharmann remained actively involved in supporting the college. While serving as a Churchill County commissioner, he helped launch the Restore Our College Campus Committee to advocate for returning the nursing program to the Fallon campus. He also served on WNC’s Institutional Advisory Council and regularly attended college fundraisers.

“Dad is a service-minded guy,” Terri said. “But he stayed close to the college because it was his passion. It was more than just his career — he valued the people and programs.”

In retirement, the “Champion of WNC” became the “Champion of Churchill County.”

The Bus Scharmann Scholarship will be awarded annually to one full-time student from rural Nevada pursuing a healthcare career. Contributions to the scholarship are encouraged. For more information, contact the WNC Foundation at 775-445-3240 or foundation@wnc.edu.



FEATURES

# WNDD Annual Summit to Focus on Building a Stronger Nevada

## Rural Leaders to Gather in Virginia City for Economic Development Event

By Rachel Dahl

Regional leaders across Northern Nevada will gather in Virginia City on April 21–22 for the Western Nevada Development District’s (WNDD) 2025 Annual Summit, themed “Building a Stronger Nevada.”

The two-day event will spotlight rural economic development strategies and bring together government, business, and nonprofit leaders from a 29,000-square-mile region that includes eight counties, numerous cities, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Founded in 1983, WNDD is Nevada’s first federally designated Economic Development District. Its mission is to create a supportive environment for business recruitment, infrastructure development, and sustainable regional growth. “Balancing Northern Nevada’s quality of life with the infrastructure needed for continued growth is at the heart of this summit,” said Chris Brandon, WNDD’s Executive



Downtown Fallon’s Maine Street. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

Director. “This gathering allows stakeholders to collaborate and develop partnerships that support long-term regional success.”

SUMMIT SESSIONS WILL EXPLORE:

**Rural Resources:** Statewide programs and funding available to rural communities and how rural resources fuel the broader economy.

**Main Street America:** A look at how rural and urban Nevada communities are leveraging the Main Street program to

revitalize local economies. **Funding Opportunities:** Federal and state grants, matching funds, and public-private partnerships to support infrastructure investment. **Infrastructure Needs:** Addressing critical gaps in transportation, energy, and wastewater systems to keep pace with growth.

WNDD’s members include Churchill, Lyon, Pershing, and Mineral counties, as well as the cities of Fallon, Fernley, Lovelock, Yerington, and many others. Associate members span a wide range of sectors, from commerce and utilities to education, construction, and state agencies.

The summit is open to the public, with registration and full panel details available at [wndd.org/wndd-2025-summit](http://wndd.org/wndd-2025-summit).

As part of its federal designation, WNDD updates a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) annually, with a complete rewrite every five years. This planning tool guides investments and priorities across member communities.

For rural Nevada communities facing both opportunity and challenge, the WNDD Summit offers a rare chance to connect, learn, and help shape the region’s economic future.

# From Dillon to Fallon, Eileen Haugen’s Life in Education Comes Full Circle

Courtesy University of Montana Western

The University of Montana Western is rolling out the red carpet on Saturday, April 26, 2025, for the 12th Annual Night of Stars Education Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony—and one of Fallon’s very own will be shining brightly.

Eileen Lane Haugen, a beloved longtime art teacher at Churchill County High School, will be honored for her decades of service to students and her deep roots in education.



A proud third-generation graduate of Montana Western, Eileen earned her degree in Elementary Education with a Broad Field Art Major in 1987. She grew up in Dillon, Montana, graduated from Beaverhead County High School, and left her mark on campus—not just in the art studio but across student life. She earned the Mary Baker Emerick Art Scholarship all four years, landed on the Dean’s List regularly, and served in everything from the Spurs as Vice President to the student senate.

Her teaching career began in Forsyth, Montana, but Fallon is where she made her home—and made a difference. Over 29 years in the Churchill County School District, Eileen inspired junior high and high school students alike to find their creative voices. At CCHS, she chaired the art department, organized exhibits of student work, mentored new teachers, and helped shape curriculum, all while making sure every student’s effort had a place on the wall.

She believed deeply in the power of art to boost confidence, pride, and connection—and she never missed a chance to showcase what her students could do.

Outside the classroom, Eileen raised a family with her husband, Jon, whom she was married to for 31 years. Together, they raised three children and welcomed five grandchildren. She often spoke fondly of her time at Montana Western, especially a 17-day study tour through Europe’s greatest art museums, a journey that shaped her own creative heart.

President of the Board of Trustees for the Churchill County School District, Gregg Malkovich, who is also a Montana Western alum, said, “Eileen brought the kind of creativity to our schools that you just can’t measure in test scores. I can say we’re known for producing educators who leave a legacy, and Eileen’s fingerprints are all over the hearts of the students she’s taught. Plus, she made the art hallway the best-looking wing in the building.”

The Night of Stars ceremony, hosted in partnership with Stockman Bank, celebrates educators who’ve gone above and beyond.

Dinner and ceremony tickets can be purchased by contacting Kelly Allen at 406-683-7306 or online at [tinyurl.com/UMWstars](http://tinyurl.com/UMWstars).

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Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada. Questions? Call 775-217-4745 or, for barn cats, call Pat at 775-217-7248.

CAPS Weekly Spotlight

We’re looking for dog fosters while we replace our kennel floors. If you’re interested in giving one of our pups a temporary home, please call us at 775-423-7500. We need to place dogs by the 28th of this month—please help us spread the word!

We’re also seeking volunteers and vendors for Bark in the Park, happening June 6–7. Learn more on our website or reach out at caps@ccomm.net or 775-423-7500. CAPS is located at 5894 Pasture Road in Fallon.

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Also, keep in mind that if your pet is missing, check with the Animal Shelter. Your furry friend may be waiting for you.

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Spring at the Fallon Theatre:  
Movies, Music, and More

By Kelli Perez

Spring is in the air, and the Fallon Theatre is especially grateful for the continued support from the community. By joining the Sustaining Membership program, supporters help keep the magic of movies, music, and live performances alive in Fallon.

The Annual Sustaining Membership Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 30 at 6 p.m. Current and prospective members are invited to attend. The evening will include a recap of the past year, a look ahead at upcoming goals, and of course, cake. A members-only raffle will also be held, and attendees must be present to win.

This weekend, the theatre will screen Hop (2011) on Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. This animated-live action family film follows E.B., the teenage son of the Easter Bunny, as he heads to Hollywood to chase his dream of becoming a drummer. The film is rated PG and runs 1 hour and 35 minutes. At 7 p.m. both nights, The Passion of the Christ (2004) will be shown. Directed by Mel Gibson and spoken entirely in Aramaic, Latin, and Hebrew, the film portrays the final hours of Jesus Christ’s life. It is rated R for graphic violence and runs 2 hours and 7 minutes.

Next weekend, the theatre will feature Inside Out (2015), presented by Pin-wheels for Prevention during a special family movie night. In addition, PACC will take the stage with their lively production of Pump Boys and Dinettes, a musical set in a gas station diner. Showtimes are Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at paccnv.org.

On May 2 and 3, the Fallon Theatre will host a special weekend event featuring The Chronicles of Narnia, sponsored by Victory Baptist Church. Screenings begin at 6 p.m. with a unique 4D experience that includes added sensory elements like vibrations, scent, and mist. Standard-format showings will follow at 7 p.m. All screenings are free, and seat reservations can be made through the theatre’s website.

The theatre will also welcome Head Over Feet, a tribute band celebrating the music of Alanis Morissette, on Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

As always, the Fallon Theatre’s auditorium and marquee are available for private rentals. To book, call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

**Births**  
March Births at Banner Hospital

Arthur Brian Newgard, born March 27 to Katie and Matthew Newgard weighing 7 lbs., 14 oz. measuring 21 inches.

Let us add your newborn to our birth announcements, no matter where they were born. We would love to share the great news!

**March Marriages**

Justine Gabriella Soto (27) Brandon Phillip Romero (27) both of Oak Harbor, WA	3/7/2025
Goretti Faamausili (31) of London, UT to Antonio Gipson (29) of Colorado Springs, CO	3/10/2025
Tyler Evan Yeoman (34) to Neomi Merced (32) both of Fernley, NV	3/10/2025
Gerald Leon Schierholt (81) to Barbara Jean Schierholt (80) both of Lyon, NV	3/19/2025
Tate Henry Carnahan (23) of Elko to Alyssa Paige Shaber (18) of Caldwell, ID	3/24/2025
Katelyn Marie Lansford (27) to Charles Evan Darby (33) both of Fernley, NV	3/31/2025
<b>BOTH OF FALLON:</b>	
George Evert Norton (39) to Cherlynn Nikole Cooper (31)	3/4/2025
Austin Cole Lunderstadt (25) to Charissa Mae Glander (36)	3/6/2025
Jacob Wayne Harris (26) to Jacob Ryan Glasgow (27)	3/7/2025
Taylor Iwtswy Abe-Martinez (30) to Jace Jessy McEwen (24)	3/12/2025
Ephraim Newel Knight (38) to Adrian Nichole Mullins (39)	3/14/2025
Angel Kathleen Allsop (29) to Dylan Nicholas Ernst (26)	3/18/2025
Gerald Leon Schierholt (81) Lyon to Barbara Jean Schierholt (80)	3/19/2025
Charles Michael Agaman (54) to Donna Arlene Hornberber (61)	3/21/2025
Heather Le Ellis (51) to Christopher Michael Harlan (46)	3/25/2025
Francisco Daniel Martinez (36) to Heidi Kate Hallberg (37)	3/27/2025



OBITUARIES

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Dora Dean Harris-Stark

Dora Dean Harris- Stark passed from this world peacefully on April 5th, 2025, at the golden age of 94. Dora was born on January 24, 1931, to Edward Calvin Harris and Lula May Anderson. Dora was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Frank Burnell Stark; sister Phillis, brothers George and Edward (Bud). Still living is her sister, Rayola.

Dora met Burnell in Ely NV, when she was riding the school bus. She noticed a young "blonde Elvis" type walking past and whistled at him out the window. Soon after, they went on a double date, where their friends dared them to get married. Both being spontaneous spirits, they got married on February 19, 1948. The rest is history! The two kept the marriage a secret from their families for a year so Dora could graduate from high school and get her diploma. Education was very important to Dora and her family, as was music, which would later play a huge role in her life.

After high school, Dora and Burnell moved to Fallon, NV, where they would live out most of their adult lives. The couple had three children. Lance Frederick Stark (Janet), Barbara Lewis (W. Bruce Lewis), and James Calvin Stark (Leslie). Dale and Linna Thomas, (related to Janet Ufford-Stark), were adopted into the family, along with their children. Dora and Burnell had 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, who were the light of their lives.

Dora and Burnell's favorite pastime was water skiing and boating at Lake Lahontan Reservoir. They purchased the famous "Ape Ship" jet boat when their kids were in their late teens and would go out almost every weekend. A tradition that would be passed down to their grandchildren, who many have bought their own boats and are passing that love down to the great-grandchildren! Dora enjoyed many hobbies like yard sale shopping, cooking (best homemade gravy ever!), playing pinochle, and going for morning walks down the canal road. Most of all, she loved attending EVERY event that her grandchildren had going on! She loved to videotape these events, which accumulated in hours and hours of home movies. She worked at "the Bank" for many many years and accompanied the junior high and high school choirs for more than a few decades. She absolutely loved teaching piano and assisting singers in choir ensemble competitions. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where her musical skills were showcased for all to see. Her music lives on through all her students and still has such an impact on the Fallon Community.

Dora's superpower was her contagious laughter and her ability to be the life of the party! Her house, which was within walking distance from the high school, was always the center hub for gatherings where young and old alike were welcome. Because of all these talents she was crowned Senior Miss Fallon in the early 90s.

We take great comfort that she is with Burnell, and other loved ones and her earthly pain is finally over. A special thank you to those who cared for her and loved her over the years. We are so grateful for all the love and support we've seen over Facebook and other platforms, you honor her. Thank you to her eldest son and granddaughter for being primary care takers in her later years.

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## COMMUNITY

# Farm Fresh and Feather Friendly

## *Local Egg Stands Crack Open New Business Opportunities*



*Photo by Nora Tucker.*

*By Rachel Dahl*

In Fallon, where neighbors know your dog's name and honk as they pass your driveway, a new wave of small-town entrepreneurship is taking root—right in the chicken coop.

With egg prices flying higher than a startled hen, two local families have found a charming solution: farm stands stocked with fresh, colorful, locally laid eggs. And judging by the cluck of approval from the community, it's going over easy.

Morgan Mace has turned her flock's daily effort into a full-fledged egg stop off Carson Highway. Her self-serve farm stand at 14066 Carson Highway offers eggs in all shapes, sizes, and shades—thanks to the “happy hens” working hard behind the scenes. “We’re proud to be producer-certified,” Morgan said. “It means our customers get top-quality eggs with every dozen.” The stand runs on a good old-fashioned honor system and cash payments, but mobile payment options are in the works.

Meanwhile, just a scenic drive away on Indian Lakes Road, Nora Tucker is making mornings brighter with what she calls “eggs laid by the most spoiled ladies in town.” At 2966 Indian Lakes Road, Nora’s stand features a rainbow of eggs from a delightfully diverse group of hens. “Our eggs vary in size and color because our hens are as unique as they are pampered,” she said. You might even spot a few deer along the way, grazing near the road like regular customers.

In true Fallon fashion, both stands are self-serve, trust-based, and rooted in community spirit. No bells, no buzzers—just a simple setup where neighbors support neighbors, and everyone benefits from a fresher breakfast.

So whether you're whipping up a Sunday scramble or just want to shake up your grocery routine, these backyard eggpreneurs are ready to serve.

Support local. Eat fresh. And give a little love to the ladies who lay.

# Concealed Firearms Permit Class May 24

## Staff Report

Residents looking to obtain or renew their concealed carry permit can sign up for an all-day training course scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 325 Shecker Road in Fallon. The class runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and provides the required training for a Nevada CCW permit under NRS Chapter 202.

Stillwater Firearms Association hosts this class, which includes classroom instruction, a written test, and a live-fire qualification. It's important to note—this is not a basic firearm safety course. Students must already know how to handle their firearms safely and must demonstrate safe and competent skills to pass.

Pre-registration is requested, and the class is expected to fill up quickly. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 7:30 a.m. to ensure a seat.

The course fee varies depending on the type of certification in Nevada: Initial training is just \$60, and renewal training is only \$40. Payment is cash or check only—no credit cards accepted.

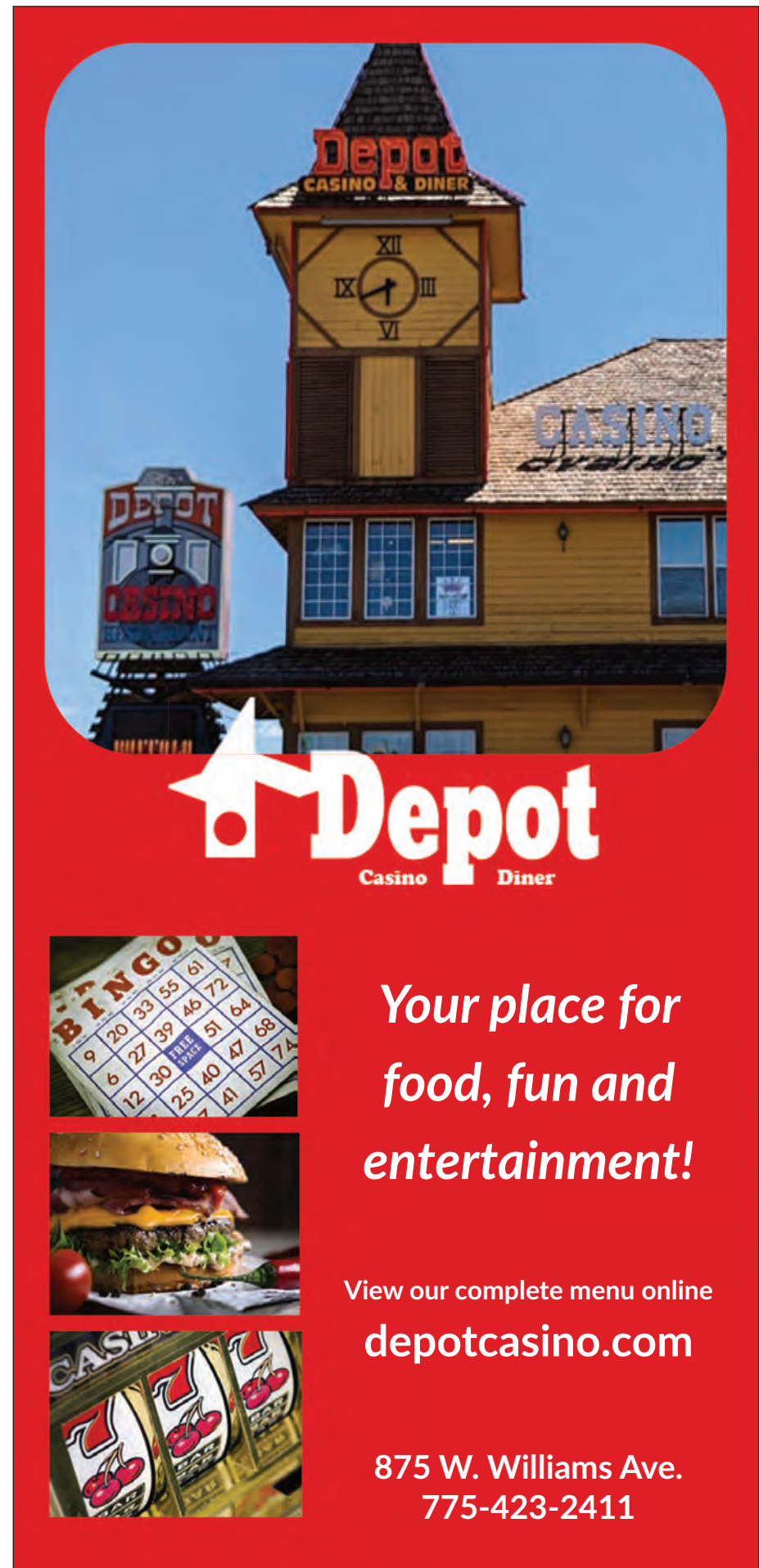
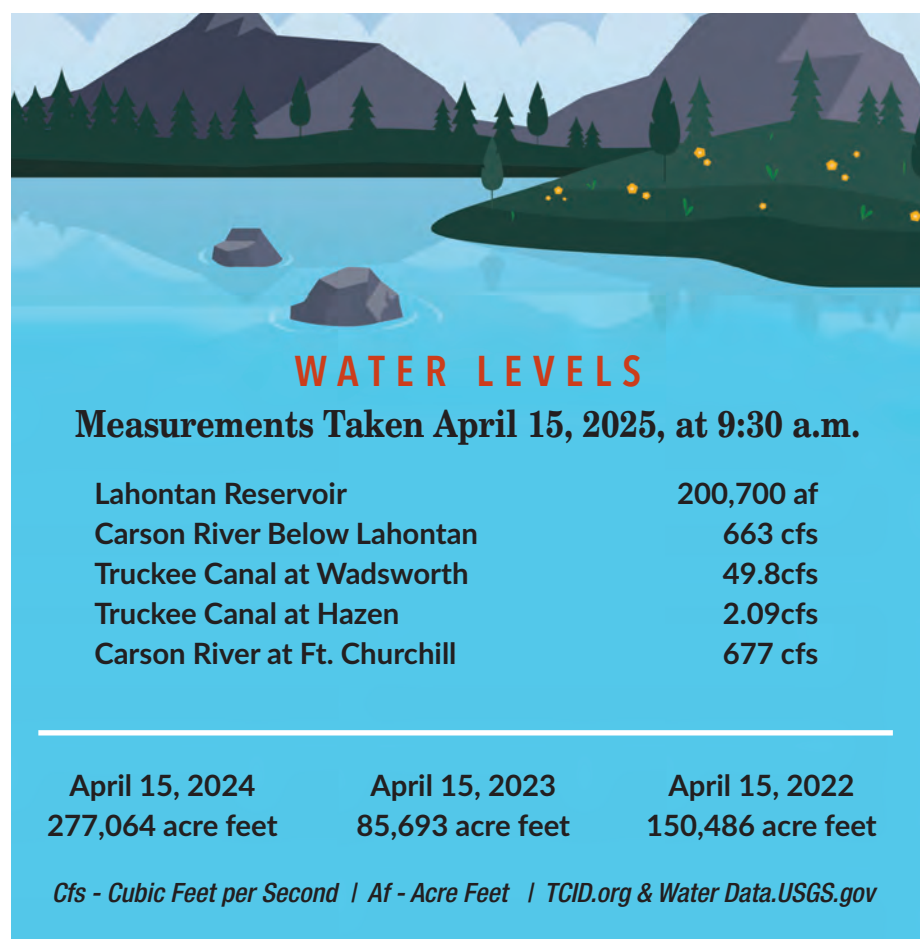
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Participants are not allowed to bring firearms or ammunition into the classroom portion of the training.

For more information or to register, call 775-750-3373 or visit [www.stillwaterfirearms.org](http://www.stillwaterfirearms.org).





GOVERNMENT

# Oasis Academy Prepares for Future Fest Dinner Amid Exciting Changes and Celebrations

By Rachel Dahl

Oasis Academy is heading into spring with big plans, bold transitions, and a bright vision for the future.

As the school prepares for its annual Future Fest Dinner, set for April 18 at the Fallon Convention Center, leadership highlights a season of celebration and change. This year’s event will raise funds to support STEM programs and scholarships for graduating seniors, continuing the Oasis legacy of academic excellence and opportunity.

The fundraiser comes at a pivotal moment as two of Oasis Academy’s key leaders, High School Principal Rochelle Tisdale and K-8 Principal Amanda Barbosa—prepare to step away from their roles at the end of the school year.

Tisdale, who is retiring after 28 years in education and 11 years with Oasis, leaves behind an extraordinary legacy. She designed the high school model that made Oasis Academy College Prep one of the most successful charter schools in the state.

Under her leadership, Oasis Academy has maintained a 100 percent graduation rate and a consistent 5-star rating since its inception. She implemented a unique dual enrollment model where every student, regardless of placement scores, earns college credit—an approach that has led to millions in scholarships awarded to graduates. Tisdale helped launch the state’s only FFA chapter at a charter school, expanded athletics and co-curricular offerings, and fostered meaningful community engagement. She also oversaw the construction of the high school building, hand-selected exceptional educators, and secured millions in grant funding to sustain the school’s innovative programs.

Even in retirement, Tisdale says she remains committed to supporting Oasis Academy’s continued success.

Elementary Principal Amanda Barbosa also announced she will resign at the end of this school year. Barbosa, known for championing student morale, reinstated student recognition

programs like Buster’s Best and Bighorn Bucks while supporting major academic events like the Science Fair and National History Day Expo.

In light of these departures, the Oasis Academy Board of Directors is restructuring administration, creating a whole school leader and site administrators. The internal search for the new K-12 leader is underway and will be discussed at the next board meeting.

However, leadership changes are only part of the story—Oasis Academy continues to expand and excel, with students and staff reaching new milestones across academics, extracurriculars, and campus development. This year, Jackie Bogdanowicz was named FFA Teacher of the Year along with several students earning National FFA trips, and the Oasis Academy Girls Basketball team qualified for the Regional Playoffs in the 2A for the first time in school history. In the classroom, students also exceed expectations. One middle schooler completed a college-level course at Western Nevada College, and the high school reported the highest ACT scores to date. This June, a group of middle school students will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete at the National History Day Competition, showcasing their research and presentation skills on a national stage.

Oasis teachers continue to shine as well. Kelly Nott was honored with the Dickinson Emerging Teacher “Excellence in Civics Education” Award, which recognized her outstanding work in social studies instruction. Meanwhile, big improvements are on the horizon for the campus itself. A playground remodel is scheduled to begin this summer with construction by Big T Recreation, and the school is actively planning a new multi-use gymnasium facility along with a complete renovation of the K-8 building and surrounding property. These developments reflect Oasis Academy’s ongoing commitment to excellence, growth, and opportunity for all students.

As the Future Fest Dinner draws near, the event promises to be more than a fundraiser—it’s a celebration of a thriving community that’s building momentum for the next generation.

# City of Fallon Spring Cleanup

Staff Report

Spring cleaning isn’t just for closets, especially when it comes to The City of Fallon. From April 28 through May 3, the City of Fallon is rolling out the big trucks and offering free haul-away service for all your unwanted junk during the 22nd Annual Keep Fallon Green Cleanup Week.

That broken chair in the garage. The mystery box in the shed you’ve meant to sort through since 2019. If you don’t want it, the city will take it—free of charge. All you need to do is place your items in your regular garbage pickup area and call City Hall at 775-423-3040 to let them know it’s ready.

Have something heavier than a busted recliner? If your items are big, bulky, or awkward (looking at you, 300-pound treadmill), call the city, and they’ll work with you on a plan.

But cleanup week isn’t just about tossing the old stuff, it’s also about working together. If you’ve got some elbow grease to spare, volunteers are needed! Grab your gloves and meet at City Hall on Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m. to help with citywide cleanup efforts. It’s a great way to get outdoors, connect with neighbors, and make Fallon shine.

Whether you’re clearing out the backyard or volunteering to spruce up sidewalks, every little bit helps. Together, we can keep our oasis green, clean, and beautiful.

Call City Hall at 775-423-3040 with any questions—and we’ll see you out there!

Help us Keep Fallon Green.

[ Wild Horses continued from page 1 ]

1.2 million acres, the environmental strain caused by overpopulation is a significant threat to his operation, particularly with limited grazing land and water resources available for his cattle.

Jack is not alone in his frustration. The Nevada Department of Wildlife reports that mountain lion numbers have drastically declined, which traditionally helped keep horse populations in check. A 2021 study found that mountain lions in Nevada’s Great Basin region consumed wild horses as a significant part of their diet, with 60% of their food intake comprising wild horses. This suggests that mountain lions play a role in controlling wild horse populations. For instance, in 2024, NDOW removed three mountain lions from the Clan Alpine Range to reduce predation on desert bighorn sheep. In the absence of these predators, wild horse numbers have exploded, further depleting critical re-

sources. “It’s a huge problem, but no one wants to address it properly,” said Payne, who noted that there hasn’t been a gather in his area for several years.

While there is no news of gathers in Dixie Valley or east of Fallon, the BLM hopes to at least bring some relief to the Lahontan HMA by removing as many as 300 wild horses from the region, which is currently home to far more horses than the land can support. Beyond the HMA, horses are spreading onto surrounding lands, often migrating into neighboring ranches, further depleting water resources and forage. However, even with a successful gather, nearly 200 horses would remain in an area that ideally sustains just 7-10 head, as established by the AML.

Adding to this complex issue is the ongoing pressure from wild horse protection groups, who vehemently oppose large-scale gathers. These groups argue that wild horses

are an iconic part of the American West and should be protected.

The proposal is currently open for public review and comment. The 30-day public comment period began on April 10, 2025, and will close on May 12, 2025. Comments will be used to inform the final decision-making process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which includes the identification of historic properties in or near the project area.

Members of the public are encouraged to review the full environmental assessment and submit comments online at the BLM National NEPA Register:

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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, April 8, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

*Justin Lee Overson*, in custody, admitted to a non-technical sentencing violation for absconding from probation.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Lane Mills argued against the court reinstating Overson’s probation, “Absent some compelling story from this defendant, we don’t feel that he should be reinstated; he should be revoked based upon his total failure to even try.”

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel responded, “The only argument we have here, Judge, is that there is still that active case in New Mexico.” He explained that the court could impose a Nevada sentence or reinstate probation so that Overson could return to New Mexico and address the outstanding matter there. The defense requested reinstatement to allow Overson to resolve his issues in that state.

Judge Stockard revoked probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 12–32 months on a Category E felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), to which Overson pleaded guilty on July 16, 2024.

*Ashlie Emalyn-Rainbow Shaw*, in custody, admitted to a non-technical sentencing violation that included absconding for a significant period.

Senior Deputy District Attorney (SDDA) Chelsea Sanford told the court, “This defendant had her opportunity; her conduct has repeatedly shown she is not a viable candidate for supervision.” Sanford said Shaw was found in a vehicle with several ex-felons, gave false identifying information during the stop, kicked an officer during her arrest, and possessed a fake BB gun. Sanford said Shaw was on probation as an ex-felon and had been out of jail for only 37 days before absconding.

“Everything she could do wrong, she did. She just didn’t show up,” Sanford said. She added that Shaw did not turn herself in or ask for help and that she would still be evading probation but for the arrest. “We can’t tell if she’s been doing good because she hasn’t shown up,” she said. “We can’t tell if she’s been trying to rebuild her life with jobs and so forth. At this point, we doubt anything she says because her history has shown she is not compliant.”

APD Noel agreed that Shaw had not complied with her probation terms. However, he told the court she had been working with tribal substance abuse counselors and had secured a bed at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission. The defense asked that Shaw remain in custody until her placement at the Mission could be arranged.

Shaw addressed the court directly: “When I got arrested this time ... I was just in a really dark spot in my life. I am very grateful I got arrested that morning.” She accepted responsibility for absconding and said she now has a part-time job and believes the Reno Gospel Mission will help her turn things around.

Judge Stockard did not accept Noel’s request for long-term inpatient treatment and modified the underlying sentence on the Category D felony of Battery by a Prisoner in Lawful Custody from 19–48 months to 12–48 months in the Nevada State Prison. Shaw was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

*Tawnie June Miller*, in custody, admitted to two non-technical sentencing violations across four cases, including absconding and failure to complete the Western Regional Drug Court program.

DDA Priscilla Baker reminded the Court that Miller had stolen checkbook information from a person over 60 and used it to pay bills. She then uttered forged instruments at both the Depot Casino and Walmart. The court had granted her release for inpatient treatment, which she completed, but she failed to appear for sentencing. That resulted in a felony charge of Failure to Appear. After being arrested a year later, she faced all four charges in 2022, which carried combined potential penalties of 8-48 years.

“This court could have easily sent this woman to prison in 2022,” Baker said. “But this court gave her another opportunity and granted her probation.” That probation was Drug Court conditional, which she failed to complete. “She just stopped coming to drug court, she stopped getting tested, she stopped doing anything on probation.”

Baker also noted Miller failed to pay restitution and had absconded from November and December 2022 through all of 2023 and 2024. She was located in a Washoe County hospital after ingesting fentanyl. “We need justice... and we ask that this court revoke her [probation] entirely, without modification. Three strikes, she’s out,” Baker said.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer acknowledged Miller’s past but said she had been working at the Nugget in Reno for over a year and trying to stay sober. “Certainly she could have and should have done other things,” Sommer said, “but she has been fighting very hard to maintain sobriety.”

Sommer told the court that Miller began using methamphetamine at age 13 and has faced a long battle with addiction. He said she has been accepted into New Frontier Treatment Center and the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, and asked the court to defer its decision for three months to allow her to enter Drug Court while in custody.

“I recognize that Ms. Miller doesn’t deserve this chance based on her conduct,” Sommer said. “But again, this is an opportunity for us as a community to try to address someone’s addiction in a way that doesn’t allow them to avoid the consequences but does allow them an opportunity.”

Miller apologized to the District Attorney, the judge, and her victims. “I am a drug addict and I do need help. I want help so bad. I’ve been clean for over a year,” she said. “I hope to God that I get one more chance, and I will do it this time. I’m not going to run from this anymore.”

Judge Stockard revoked probation and imposed the underlying sentences.

*Autumn Nicole Castleberry*, in custody, appeared for sentencing on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Category E felony. She pleaded guilty in July 2024, and Judge Thomas Stockard noted the charge mandates probation under Nevada law.

Chief Deputy DA Lane Mills reminded the court that Castleberry had missed multiple hearings, including a suppression hearing and her August sentencing. “Drugs were found everywhere in the house,” he said, “her kids were in the house, meth in her purse.” Mills cited more than a dozen prior violations, including failures to appear and positive drug tests. “This Court should give her a year in jail as a condition of probation,” he argued. The state requested a suspended sentence of 12–48 months with 12 months in jail.

Charles Woodman, Esq., defense counsel for Castleberry, acknowledged her past behavior. “We can’t dispute anything,” he told the court, describing her as a woman battling addiction and serious health issues. “What we had here was a meth addict who is still loving using meth.” However, he said that changed in October, when Castleberry checked herself into rehab. “It was like a different person,” he said. She has now been clean six months, is working, has reunited with her teenage children in Reno, and is attending aftercare. “What a concept—stop using horrible drugs and your health improves,” Woodman said. He urged the court to avoid a full year in jail, calling it “counter-productive.”

Castleberry addressed the court directly: “I was a drug addict; I still am a drug addict; I’m just in recovery now.” She expressed remorse and said she is trying to live differently. “I want to be a member of society and not be a piece of sh\*\*—pardon my French.”

Judge Stockard imposed a suspended sentence of 19–48 months in prison and placed Castleberry on probation for 18 months. She was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation within 30 days. When Castleberry asked to enter Drug Court, Stockard declined, stating, “I’m just going to let you do your program.”


CONTINUANCES:

Steven Henry Gainey was not present as he is in Storey County custody. His arraignment was continued to April 22.


William Garnet Bergman’s sentencing was continued to May 6 to allow time for Bergman to obtain a substance abuse evaluation. Judge Stockard ordered Bergman to cooperate with the Division of Parole and Probation on the Pre-Sentence Investigative Report.

Matthew Bernard Williams was not present for a sentencing violation hearing as he is currently in custody in Washoe County. His hearing was continued to May 6.


# YOU CAN HELP PLEASE TAKE THIS SURVEY



The Coalition is a part of an Office of Traffic Safety Grant that intends to capture knowledge and attitudes about impaired driving. By impaired driving, we mean a person operating a vehicle, is under the influence of any legal or illegal drugs or has illegal or legal drug levels in their body. This survey is confidential and anonymous. The results of this survey will help the State of Nevada and the Substance Misuse Prevention Coalitions throughout Nevada to create more meaningful and appropriate education campaigns in their efforts to make Nevada’s highways and interstates safer.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Nevada Patients Need Congress to Prioritize PBM Reform Over Pill Penalties

By Sheila Lambert

Patients and caretakers in Nevada and throughout the country are fed up with having to deal with greedy insurers that own and control pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) who only seem to care about protecting their profits. While legislation in the Nevada Legislature, like Senate Bill 316, could be a great first step in reforming PBMs, we still need our congressional delegation in Washington to stand up for Nevada patients before it’s too late.

The dishonest tactics and unfair practices these multi-billion-dollar groups use to control the prescription drug marketplace have weakened access to the medications that Nevadans need. PBMs are siphoning off the prescription drug savings that could be used to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for patients. We’ve all heard about manufacturers offering rebates on prescription medications, but I’ve never felt any benefit from those rebates.

Rural Nevadans requiring more specialized medications are negatively impacted even more as we have seen local pharmacies, especially compounding pharmacies,

continue to close all around the state as PBMs remain unregulated and push out competition.

Like millions of other patients, I’m tired of being quiet and just taking abuse from PBMs while our elected officials in Washington do next to nothing to stop it. If lawmakers in Congress or any of their family members had to go through what my family has been through, then maybe we’d see legislation passed to reform unfair PBM practices and policies. That shouldn’t be what it takes to get lawmakers to act, but so far, nothing else seems to be working. It’s time we all speak out and say, “enough!”

Unfortunately, even though Congress has worked to confront drug costs for patients, most notably through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), this law may do far more harm than good. The IRA aims to lower prescription drug costs for seniors by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices on certain high-cost medications. However, it fails to address the role PBMs play in inflating drug prices.

Moreover, the IRA’s “pill penalty” potentially harms the research and development of small molecule (or pill form) drugs by shortening the window before these drugs

are up for negotiation. By reducing the critical investments into these drugs, the Inflation Reduction Act makes it more challenging for patients to receive the care they need. This is especially concerning for patients who have Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and rare genetic disorders that come in pill form. Since the IRA discourages investment into small molecule drugs, companies may pivot away from developing them, which could kill the hopes of future innovation combatting these diseases.

Without action, the pill penalty may undermine the IRA’s intent to help patients by potentially limiting options for those suffering from chronic, life-threatening conditions. I hope our leaders will reform this error by passing the EPIC Act and instead focus on vital PBM reform before they run out of time to do so.

It’s critical we pass reforms that help lower patients’ out-of-pocket costs, but it’s even more important that lawmakers go after the right culprit. Any missteps could have disastrous consequences for Nevada’s patients.

Sheila Lambert resides in Las Vegas.

EDUCATION

## Veritas – Classical and Christian Celebrating Volunteers – The Heart of Our Community

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photo courtesy of Veritas

At Veritas Preparatory School, dedication, service, and heart are more than just words; they are lived out daily by a remarkable group of individuals: our volunteers. National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 21 - 27. Veritas proudly recognizes and thanks the many parents, grandparents, community members, and friends who selflessly give their time and talents to support our school.

From classroom helpers to field trip chaperones and recess monitors to custodial crews, our volunteers step up in countless ways to enrich the lives of our students and staff. They are the friendly faces at morning drop-off, the helping hands behind school events, and the quiet champions working behind the scenes to make Veritas a better place every day.

Headmaster Jill Rosario expresses heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the entire school: “Our volunteers are vital to the success and



Mrs. Kelsey - Easter Celebration.

spirit of our school. Their willingness to serve and their commitment to our mission are inspiring. We simply couldn’t do what we do without them.”

Volunteers not only support the school’s daily operations but also help build the strong sense of community that defines the Veritas experience.

Volunteering provides a unique opportunity to demonstrate Christ through service. *Galatians 6:10* says, “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.” The Bible calls us to serve one another, and volunteering our time, energy, and talents is a great way to fulfill that calling.

As we reflect on the many ways our volunteers enrich our school, we offer our deepest thanks. Your time, energy, and compassion are gifts that unite us all.

From all of us at Veritas Preparatory School—thank you, volunteers! You are the heart of our school.

## Logos Christian Academy Cultivating Confidence One Speech at a Time

Story and photos courtesy of Logos

Logos held its Annual Speech Contest this week, marking another significant success. We want to start by extending a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Duarte for organizing and chairing this event and to all our judges who dedicated hours to listening, grading, and selecting the winners (listed below).

This event has become a wonderful tradition each year, showcasing our students’ abilities to memorize and present their viewpoints while also helping them become comfortable speaking in front of a large audience. Public speaking can be nerve-racking for anyone, but it is an important skill. The time and dedication these students put into selecting prose that spoke to them, memorizing and practicing it, and combating butterflies to be able to present is a testament to the remarkable students we have at Logos Christian Academy.

During the contest, all K4 through 6th-grade students memorized and presented grade-level selections from poetry, Bible prose, patriotic prose, or Bible passages. Meanwhile, 7th and 8th grade students wrote their own 3-5 minute speeches and presented them to the audience using no more than one 3x5 card.

As always, our students were incredible. I noticed that during some speeches, audience members had tears in their eyes due to the heartfelt presentations by the students.

**TOP PERFORMERS:**  
**K4:** 1st - Michael Parsons; 2nd - Leia Nieto; 3rd - Elias Draper  
**K5:** 1st - Sieger Bennett; 2nd - Levi Kaster; 3rd - Presley Vogel  
**1st:** 1st - Elijah Ethridge; 2nd - Ivory Smith; 3rd - Caleb Challenger  
**2nd:** 1st - George Bushnell; 2nd - Luca Draper  
**3rd:** 1st - Ackley Goings; 2nd - Brinlee Gracia; 3rd - Penny Lyle and Porter Mills (Tied)  
**4th:** 1st - Kathryn Ethridge; 2nd - Kinslyn Jimenez; 3rd - Micah Sydney  
**5th:** 1st - Aspen Fisher; 2nd - Ellie Casey; 3rd - Riata Ethridge  
**6th:** 1st - Emma Slentz; 2nd - Vivian Challenger; 3rd - Gwen Ludlow  
**7th:** 1st - Ander Fisher; 2nd - Austin Mills; 3rd - Paton Cooper  
**8th:** 1st - Zoey Loughed; 2nd - Jace Slentz; 3rd - Madalynn Kruckenberg

Thank you to all of our esteemed judges and volunteers, including K4-4th grade



Logos 1st grade winners.

judges Rob Carnahan (Banner Churchill CEO), Mel Glover (Director, Churchill County Museum), and Anne McMillin (Public Information Officer for Churchill County). And to our 5th-8th grade judges Ben Trotter (Justice of the Peace, former Logos parent and board member), Chelsea Cheek (volunteer and past parent/staff member), and Michal Horn (teacher).

We are blessed by the efforts and dedication of all who participated in making this another great event at Logos Christian Academy. “A person finds joy in giving an apt reply - and how good is a timely word!” *Proverbs 15:23.*



EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



NUMA - Chael Gallardo, Avrii Delgadillo, Maria Sanchez and Fernanda Anibarro play the ukulele.



ECB - Samuel Miller enjoys breakfast with his dad Michael.



LES - Olivia Lefort's class show off their Easter bunnies.

CCHS

Students in Anne Hale-Smith’s outdoor adventure class engaged in a hands-on fishing unit designed to bring movement, research and a connection to the outdoors into the classroom. Hale-Smith transformed the school gym into a fishing zone, where felt fish labeled with photos of Nevada-native species were spread across the floor. Students practiced casting and reeling skills as they caught the fish, then used the Nevada Department of Wildlife website to research the species they landed. From habitat details to conservation status, students learned key facts about fish native to Nevada’s lakes, rivers and ponds.

CCMS

Principal Victor Schoenfeldt stopped by Randy Orong’s STEM classroom and observed students working on their latest projects. They were actively engaged in measuring and testing vehicle designs, focusing on how distance is affected by angle and design. Schoenfeldt noted the activity encouraged critical thinking and real-world

application—both essential elements of the STEM curriculum.

NUMA

Fourth- and fifth-grade students in Tina Koenig’s music class learned to play the ukulele. As part of the unit, Koenig taught students how to properly hold the instrument, identify strings, change pitch using frets and differentiate between fingerstyle and strumming techniques. Students learned several chords, including C7, F, C and G7, and practiced a variety of songs, including “The Lime in the Coconut,” “The Wheels on the Bus,” “Hush Little Baby,” and “Frère Jacques.” Some students have also started learning “Lava” from Disney/Pixar. Koenig said the ukulele helps develop finger and hand dexterity, music reading skills, an understanding of harmony and melody, and the ability to multitask.

E.C. BEST

Last week, students and staff recognized the Month of the Military Child with themed

dress-up days. To conclude the celebration, ECB hosted a breakfast to honor active-duty military families. Students and their parents were personally invited and enjoyed food provided by staff members. As a special gesture, each class created personalized thank-you placemats for families to take home. ECB is proud to be part of a community that includes NAS Fallon and extends heartfelt thanks to all who serve—including the military children who demonstrate strength and resilience every day.

LAHONTAN

Students in Olivia Lefort’s class celebrated the Easter season with a creative activity that combined writing and art. They brainstormed what it might be like to be the Easter Bunny, then wrote stories about what they would do in that role. To bring their stories to life, students created their own depictions of what they think the Easter Bunny looks like. Lefort said the lesson was a fun and engaging way to spark imagination and creativity.

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.



Kayden White at bat with Joshua Gusewelle on deck.



Dakota Groom, Buster Bighorn, Faith Torres May, Shayna Byrd, Dane Nott.



Amanda Barbosa, Buster Bighorn, Matt Zimmerman, Meaghan Relias.

BUSTER’S BEST RECOGNIZED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER

As Oasis Academy winds down the school year, it was time again to recognize students who went above and beyond in demonstrating the qualities of the HERD—honesty, empathy, respect and determination. Students recognized this quarter showed respect throughout the classroom, hallways and playground during the term. Students who received the Buster’s Best award were River Bennett, Lovey Eiland, Madox Darst, Cade Cavanaugh, Hallie Schumann, Adalee Schumann, Gabriel Sorensen, Sofia Cervantes, Abby Heyer, Gregory Owen, Hattie Sorensen, David Lipnicki, Anabelle Kniestedt, Jay Antonino, Mac Hawkins, Emilia Aguiar, Phoenix Dubois, Aunisty Shingleton, Bailee Kniestedt, Brynlee Bryant, Leslie Munoz, Eveana Santos, Oliver Caseday, Delanee Hanrahan, Matt Zimmerman, Payten Cain, Eva Mullins, Whitney Lewis, Conner Arritt, Wesley Herold, Shirley Hyde, Isabella Garcia, Jaye Freeman, Layne Compau, Jaleesa Soriano, Noah Beier, David Benham, Claire Oyler, Brooklyn Mello, Brysen Moody, Dean Heald, Saneya Burns, Hamish Hill, Cassidy

Sorensen, William Frey, Derrick Rule, Carlee Owen, Aubrey Reeves, Chloe Rodriguez-Ugalde, Jamie Stevenson, Brooklyn Zimmerman, Ollie Ortega, Anthony Guiterrez, Brayden Sowersby, Alli Cross, Gabby Brown, Piper Morrow, Thomas Acomb, Hunter Winder, Emma Carlo, Evelyn Doyen, Baylor Reynolds, Ranger Farley, Hayes Allegre, Cash Lewis, Evan Chiaratti, Isabelo Laplana, Janice Cervantes, Ellie Carrasco, Kathryn Preston, Lauren Rule, Kira Lewis, Zachary Lemieux, Anson Hyde, Carson Olsen, Casen Edgmon, Cora Worth, Sophie Sorensen, Brazen Hawkins, Sierra Cavanaugh, Rachel Scott, Maddie Byrd, Ellie Peixoto, Greenlee Hanrahan, Luke Brown, Juan Rangel, Jayden Ortega, Macady Bogdanowicz, Samuel Acomb, Hadley Tippet, Antonio Garcia, Kennedy Chandler, Roarie Curtis, Owen Olsen, Hailey Shawcroft, Drake Nunes King, Sophia Derby, Brendalynn Heald, Deaglan Byrne, Brooke Dunlap, Faith Torres May, Erin Mullins, Weston Starr, Eliana Gyax, Theodore Snooks, Kenton Horn, Riley Davis, Sadie Nuttall, Jared Sherer, Katelyn Smith, Neel Bhakta, Greyson Johnson, Kenlie Pirkle, Dylan Clark, Kamah Roose, Lila Montero, Pia Doyen, Addie Peel,

Janie Irving, Ava German, Nicky Sorensen, Colin Townsend, Dakota Prinz and Tucker Workman.

BASEBALL WINS 8-0 AT GREATER NEVADA FIELD

For the second year in a row, the Oasis Academy baseball team played at Greater Nevada Field, home of the Reno Aces. The team continued their success from last year and is now 2–0 at the venue. After a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by Oasis Academy seventh grade student Janie Irving, the first pitch was thrown at 7 p.m. The Bighorns jumped out to a quick 5–0 lead in the first inning. Pitching proved to be a strength for the Bighorns, who held the Pershing County Mustangs scoreless. The Bighorns won the game 8–0. “It was an awesome experience and a great night of baseball,” said Sean McNabb, Oasis Academy baseball coach. “I am very proud of how our boys played. I am forever grateful to all the Reno Aces, Pershing County, and Oasis Academy families and staff that make opportunities like this a reality.”



# SPORTS ROUND UP

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Staff Report

If you’ve ever wanted to get paid to watch dogs doing what they love most, here’s your chance!

The Sierra Nevada Retriever Club is gearing up for its annual AKC Hunt Test, happening May 1 through May 4 at Harmon Reservoir, and they’re looking for 10 volunteers per day to help out. It’s pretty easy work—and comes with a front-row seat to some talented retrievers in action, splashing through water and retrieving ducks like pros.

Workers earn \$100 per day, or \$500 for all four days, and lunch and drinks are provided.

You must be at least 16 and have a Hunter Safety card.

Whether you’re a dog lover, outdoor enthusiast, or just someone looking to earn a few bucks in the fresh air, this is an excellent opportunity to support a local club and enjoy a few tail wags along the way.

Interested?

Contact Lori Eaton at 775-742-2621 (leave a message or text), and be ready to send a copy of your Hunter Safety card and ID to [silverst8puppylover@yahoo.com](mailto:silverst8puppylover@yahoo.com).

Spots will fill fast, so don’t wait—get in touch and come be part of a paws-itively fun event!

## NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach School

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

*The Lahontan Valley Claybreakers recently sponsored an NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach Course led by Instructor Francis Jacobs III of Main Line Trap Academy in Reno. Jacobs has been a certified instructor for over 13 years, teaching in California and Nevada.*



NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach Class attendees Front row L-R: Michael Clark, Cody McCollum, Ian Smith, Rachel and Matt Rolen, Karl Zulz, Juan Coello, Scott and Deb Claiborn of Idaho, Joe Beard, Francis Jacobs, Main Line Trap Academy, Instructor, Troy Crisco Back Row L-R: Don Peterson, Wende Steele, Rylee Steele, Dave Steele, Doug Mayfield Adam Braziel, and Buddy Birdwell



Classroom instruction.

This intensive two-day course, held March 29–30 at the Fallon Trap Club, was endorsed by the ATA, NSSA, NSCA, and USA Shooting. Participants from Oregon, Idaho, California, Utah, and Nevada attended the training, which included classroom instruction and practical field exercises focused on coaching beginning and intermediate shooters in American Trap.

The course covered safety and risk management, rulebook use, coaching ethics, equipment, shotgun shooting fundamentals, coaching methodology, trap coaching techniques, mental training, planning, and program development. Schools are conducted wherever a sponsor is willing to host, and course fees—set by the sponsor—cover all materials, instruction, and Level 1 NRA Shotgun Coach certification for successful participants.

For more information, contact Instructor Francis Jacobs III at Main Line Trap Academy at [MainLineTrap@yahoo.com](mailto:MainLineTrap@yahoo.com), or by phone at 916-997-8164.

## Fallon Outlaws Triple Wins at WOW Reno Worlds Tournament

Content and photos courtesy of FOW

*Fallon Outlaws Wrestling wrapped up a standout weekend at the 2025 Reno Worlds on April 3-6, one of the toughest youth tournaments in the country, with competitors from nearly all 50 states. The young athletes competing at the Reno Events Center not only rose to the occasion but tripled the team’s total wins compared to last season.*

Three wrestlers stood out in particular: Harleigh claimed the title of 6U 46-pound Champion, Kaidan battled his way to fourth place, and Emmett secured fifth.



Middle school Outlaw wrestlers with coaches.

“This is a special achievement that showcases all their hard work and dedication,” the team shared in a statement following the tournament.

All Outlaws athletes were recognized for stepping up to compete at this high level, and the team is already back in training, preparing for what’s next.

The following weekend, Fallon wrestlers continued their strong season at the Washoe County Middle School Championships.

Raymond earned a first-place finish, while Carter and Connor each took home silver medals.

“The Outlaws are still going strong,” the team said.

With back-to-back weekends of podium finishes, the Outlaws are showing grit, growth, and the kind of tenacity that bodes well for the future of youth wrestling in Fallon.

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COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen: The Near-Spring Grill Shift

By Kelli Kelly

Dearest Gentle Reader—I believe we have made it to the northern Nevada season of “near-Spring.” I have lived in Nevada long enough (over fifteen years) to know that snow is still entirely in the realm of possibility, and anything planted in a garden will require protection against cool overnight temperatures. Yet, this last week felt different — did you feel it? I am ready for markets and concerts in the park, lounging in the sun, and most importantly, cooking outdoors. We are approaching a food shift — it is time to dust off your grill or smoker and give your oven a well-deserved vacation!

This weekend, I celebrated my smoker. To be fully transparent, I use my Traeger year-round — but I didn’t need to put on a coat or a robe to ward off the chill, and that is worth raising a glass.

On the menu at Kelli’s Kitchen this weekend were citrus-marinated halibut tacos and Vietnamese bánh mì sandwiches. While both of these recipes require a little extra prep work, they come together pretty quickly and yield explosive flavor-bombs of deliciousness. I hope you give them a try (smoker not required).

Citrus-Marinated Halibut Tacos

Interpreted from Rick Martinez’s Salpicon de Pascado

Ingredients:

- 4 (6 oz.) Boneless, skin-on halibut fillets (substitute snapper, salmon, or cod if preferred)
- 2 Habanero chiles, stemmed, seeded, and minced (wear gloves!)
- 2 Garlic cloves, grated
- 2 Limes, zest and juice
- 1 Orange, zest and juice
- 2 tbsp. Extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and fresh ground pepper
- 2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 Red onion, minced
- 4 Radishes, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 Avocado, peeled, pitted, diced
- 1 Bunch cilantro, leaves and tender stems chopped
- 1 can Black beans
- 1 tsp. Cumin
- 1 tsp. Chile powder (I used smoked chipotle)

Garnish:

- 1/4 Cabbage, shredded
- Cotija or queso fresco, crumbled
- 1 Lime, quartered



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DIRECTIONS:

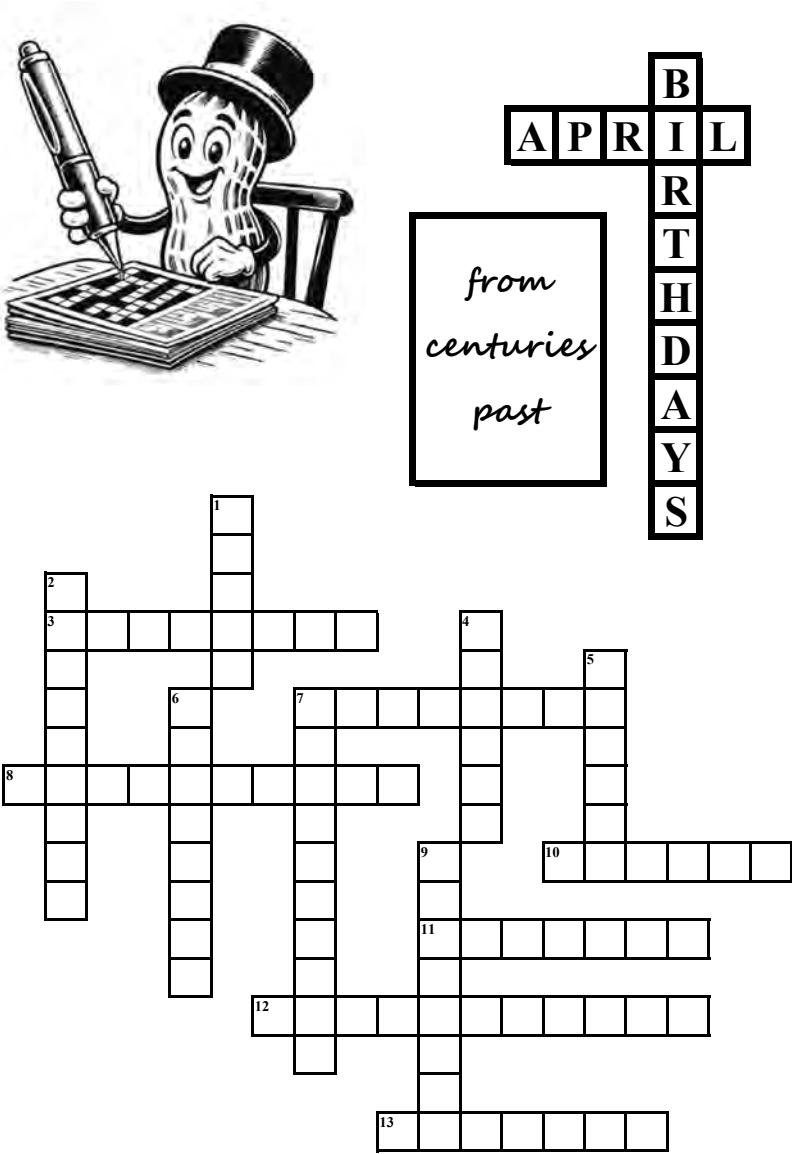
1. Whisk together habanero, garlic, citrus juice and zest, and oil. Reserve 1/4 cup of the mixture. Place fish, skin-side down, on a sheet pan and brush with reserved marinade. Season generously with salt and pepper. Let sit at room temperature while preheating grill, smoker, or oven to 375°F.
2. Add tomatoes, onion, radishes, avocado, cilantro, and 1 tsp. salt to the remaining marinade. Stir to combine and season to taste with more salt and lime juice. Let sit uncovered for 10 minutes or up to 3 hours.
3. Heat black beans on stovetop. Season with cumin, chile powder, salt, and pepper. When warm and bubbly, mash into a paste.
4. Cook fish until opaque and flaking easily (8–20 minutes, depending on heat and attention). Do not overcook. Flake into 1-inch pieces and transfer to a plate, discarding skin.
5. To assemble: spread black bean paste on a warm tortilla, top with fish, pico de gallo, cabbage, cheese, and garnishes. Serve with lime wedges.



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

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

3. Danish children’s author
7. American auto pioneer
8. English poet laureate
10. Spanish explorer
11. American ornithologist
12. English playwright
13. Italian painter & scientist

Down

1. USN Commodore
2. Lady Liberty designer
4. Antiseptic surgery pioneer
5. English novelist
6. Italian lover
7. Father of baseball
9. Columbus’ patron

[ Crossword answers found on page 13 ]

Allison’s Book Report

Someone Else’s Shoes by Jojo Moyes

We all wish we could switch places with someone else at some point in our lives. It’s a tale as old as time, as evidenced by the number of books, movies, and stories that revolve around a life swap — “The Prince and the Pauper,” “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court,” “Freaky Friday,” and countless Hallmark holiday films, to name a few.

In this week’s Book Report, I’m featuring a modern take on the “switching places” trope we all know and love from a very popular author of women’s fiction. It’s a winning combination I know you’ll enjoy!



“Someone Else’s Shoes” by Jojo Moyes tells the story of two vastly different women whose lives unexpectedly intertwine due to a simple mix-up at a gym. Nisha Cantor, a wealthy socialite accustomed to a life of luxury, finds her world crumbling when her husband abruptly announces their divorce and cuts her off financially — leaving her with nothing but the clothes on her back and her gym bag.

Meanwhile, Sam Kemp is struggling to keep her own life afloat. Overworked and underappreciated, she juggles a demanding job, a depressed husband, and the needs of her family. When she mistakenly takes Nisha’s gym bag, she discovers a pair of exquisite red crocodile Christian Louboutin heels inside. Slipping them on, Sam experiences an unfamiliar surge of confidence — a stark contrast to her usual invisibility.

The misplaced gym bags force Nisha and Sam to confront their drastically altered circumstances. Nisha is desperate to retrieve her expensive shoes, believing they hold the key to regaining some semblance of her former life and leverage with her estranged husband. Stripped of her wealth and social standing, she must learn to navigate a world she once took for granted, finding unexpected support in new acquaintances.

For Sam, the Louboutins become a catalyst for change. The confidence they inspire empowers her to address the issues in her life — from her toxic work environment to her strained marriage. As both women navigate their new realities, their paths continue to cross, leading to a complex relationship built on initial resentment but gradually evolving into an unlikely understanding — and even friendship.

Through humorous mishaps and poignant moments, “Someone Else’s Shoes” explores themes of identity, self-worth, and the unexpected power of empathy. It highlights how external circumstances can strip away superficialities, revealing inner strength and the importance of human connection. Ultimately, the novel is a heartwarming story about two women who, by literally walking in each other’s shoes, discover more about themselves — and the possibility of second chances.

I hope you enjoy this week’s pick! Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, and let’s chat about it.

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.







COLUMNS

PostCards: Kolhoss Cash Store

By Michon Mackedon

I well remember shopping at Kolhoss Cash Store, at 263 South Maine Street. In 1967, My husband, Mike, and I had just returned from Washington, D.C., where he had graduated from Georgetown Law School, Mike had decided (to use an old-fashioned expression) to “hang up his shingle” and practice hometown law. Let me translate that. No paycheck. He would take whoever walked through the door as a client and wait for payment if and when the legal task was completed. Our first born arrived in late 1967, just as the shingle was hung.

My economic salvation was shopping at Kolhoss Cash Store. In an Oral History recorded in 1992, Harvey Kolhoss explained one of his customer relations policies: “We had a lot of clients. We had a lot of good ones ‘cause we ran a charge account there.” In other words, the “Cash” part of the store name was negotiable. When Mike’s clients paid, Harvey got paid. I don’t remember a single complaint. As my four children grew, they were on a first name basis with Harvey and Muncie Kolhoss. On their way home from swimming at the Fallon Pool, they found their way to Kolhoss Cash Store, where chips and candy were entered on my charge ledger. When they were in junior high school and high school, if they forgot to take a lunch, they found their way to Kolhoss Cash Store, where peanut butter crackers, cokes, and who knows what were entered on my charge ledger. I think they may have fed their friends too. When my son Gib became a duck hunting teenager, he discovered that Kolhoss Cash Store also stocked Levis (the first store in Nevada to do so) and shot gun shells. The entries on the ledger grew exponentially.

Kolhoss Cash Store closed its doors forever in 1984. In his Oral History, Harvey shared memories of his life and the life of the store.

Kolhoss: “My Dad’s name was Harvey Kolhoss and my mother’s was Nannie R. [Matthews] Kolhoss. To start with, they came here because an uncle, my mother’s brother, came here sometime in 1904, 1905, 1906. I’m not sure. And he went in business there [somewhere on Maine Street], mercantile business, and they called it Monzelle and Matthews...He contacted my father and told him

that this was a kind of an up and coming place... Dad came in 1908 and then it was shortly after that, 1910, 1911 he went down and went into business with my uncle, and they called the store Matthews and Kolhoss... [Matthews left town, and that store went out of business.] Then, in the house down here on Front Street...he [my father] stocked one of the rooms with groceries, and in the back end he had a corral, and he had a horse and buggy. He used the horse and buggy to go around the little town here and take orders, and then he’d fill them and deliver them, and that’s how he got started there. ... After then in 1920, he built the store that’s there now [and named it Kolhoss Cash Store].”

Harvey Kolhoss attended Fallon schools and the University of Nevada. In 1938, he graduated with a major in mining engineering, and began working in California for Anaconda Copper Company.

With World War II looming, he signed up and went to officer’s school. “I wanted to go as an engineer, but they had other ideas.” He served in an Infantry Company, then, after completing officer’s training, became an officer. While stationed at Fort Huachuca, in Arizona, he saw a notice on a bulletin board, “Any junior officer who wishes overseas duty, sign here,” and he went. He landed on Omaha Beach eleven days after D-day and served in four European campaigns. He returned to Fallon in 1945, and. in 1946, he and his brother, Muncie, took over Kolhoss Cash Store.

I remember Harvey’s standard poodle, a fixture in the store during the days I shopped there. He told the interviewer that he also once had a black Lab that he hunted with. That dog “was known, really known, in

this town. He slept by...he’d lay down in the street by the store there, and went over every morning to the butcher shop, and they gave him a great big bone. He’d go out there and bark ‘til he got a big bone. There was a fellow by the name of Smith running the Dairy Queen, and he’d go over there a get a Dairy Queen. He’d get an ice cream cone every day. He was all over town. Everybody knew Bart.”

If Maine Street could talk, Kolhoss Cash Store, Harvey. Muncie and Bart would surely be part of the chatter.

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

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Fallon Livestock

Family Dentist

Family Pet Connection

Fox Peak

Frontier Liquor

Galdarisi Heating and Air

Grand Slam

Green Cross Pharmacy

H&R Block

Harmon Junction

His Inspirations

Homestead

JD Slingers

Jerry's Restaurant

Kent's Supply Center

Mackedon Law

Mane Attraction

Momma's Meats

Museum

My Gypsy Soul

Nugget Maine Office

Parsons Drilling

Post Office

Qwik Stop

Robertson Koenig Optometry

Senior Center

Skips Market

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Stuff and Such

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Telegraph

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