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Threats at CCMS and Oasis Academy Prompt Law Enforcement Response

By Leanna Lehman

Two separate security threats in early September again tested Fallon-area schools’ safety protocols. Last week, Churchill County Middle School (CCMS) and Oasis Academy Prep administrators received reports of threatening statements involving both campuses.

On Sept. 3, Fallon Police Department and Churchill County School District officials investigated a reported threat at CCMS. Investigators confirmed there was no active or credible threat. “The safety and well-being of our students and staff will always be our highest priority,” Superintendent Derild Parsons said in a letter to families following the incident. “We appreciate it when concerning behaviors or threatening statements are reported to school and district administration or law enforcement.” He also stated that maintaining safe school campuses is the district’s top priority, and any threat will be thoroughly investigated.

The next day, at approximately 2:26 p.m., law enforcement responded to a reported security threat at Oasis Academy High School. Officers and deputies arrived quickly,

and the school was placed on a precautionary lockdown. “A thorough walkthrough of the campus was conducted, and all staff and students were contacted and confirmed safe,” said Oasis administrators. Officers also checked Oasis Elementary and the nearby Fallon Youth Club. No threat was found, and all were confirmed safe, but the investigation remains ongoing.

These incidents follow a troubling trend: during the 2024-25 school year, Churchill County schools experienced at least eight threats or incidents that prompted a law enforcement response. While none resulted in actual violence, each response carried the urgency of a real threat, and one CCMS student arrest last November.

In 2024-25, nationally reported school shooting incidents dropped by 22.5% to 254 incidents — yet the reality of school threats remains complex. The FBI recorded only 24 active shooter incidents last year, half the previous year’s number. Meanwhile, reports reveal that nearly two-thirds of violent school incidents stem from false threats, and when these are removed, actual violent events are on the rise.

False or ambiguous threats, sometimes referred to as “swatting,” accounted for nearly 64 percent of violent school incidents in 2022-23, according to the Educator’s School Safety Network. Though often proven false, they trigger a full-scale response that can feel



Swatting lockdown at Churchill County High School, Feb. 2023. Photo pool, The Fallon Post/LVN.

as real — and dangerous — as live violence. Local law enforcement and school officials have reiterated that any report of a firearm, realistic-looking toy, or violent comment is taken extremely seriously. Parents and guardians are urged to have ongoing conversations with children about the consequences of such actions, whether online, joking, or in person. “Please help remind your children that toys or words meant to be funny can trigger real fear,” Parsons said. “Our schools are safe, but safety depends on all of us — parents, students, staff and community.”



Jim Barbee is the new executive director of the Churchill Fallon Economic development agency. Barbee also took the reins as president and CEO of Nevada Strategies, a government affairs agency, succeeding Bruce Breslow. Above, Breslow, at left, and Barbee seal the deal with the ceremonial passing of a two-dollar bill. Photo courtesy Nevada Strategies.

Barbee Named Executive Director of Churchill Fallon Economic Development

By Christy Lattin

Jim Barbee has been named the new executive director of Churchill Fallon Economic Development (CFED), bringing years of experience in government, agriculture, and economic development strategy to the role. Barbee, who officially stepped into the position in early August, previously served seven years as Churchill County Manager. His background also includes serving as director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture. “I’m excited to take on this new role and continue serving the community I care so deeply about,” Barbee said. “I look forward to working closely with our city and county partners to create opportunities, attract new businesses, and strengthen the economic foundation of Fallon and Churchill County.” Among his top priorities is addressing infrastructure challenges that have long limited development in northern Churchill County. Barbee said attracting large-scale companies, such as data warehouses, hinges on NV Energy investing in the I-80 corridor, an area currently lacking adequate power. While modern data centers have

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Fancy Goats at Boyer Bunny Ranch

By Rachel Dahl

It’s been a while since I promised a story on Beatrice, the fancy angora goat, and of course, the story keeps rolling. So, what was a Beatrice update is now a “lost goats in the neighborhood caper.”



Beatrice.

Beatrice came from a nice kid out on the edge of the desert who is raising dairy goats on his homestead. He ended up with her one day at the sale, and rethought his life decisions, and I was the lucky one who got her. She’s got the perfect, wavy, loopy angora curls that will turn into beautiful mohair yarn that, after I’m done spinning, will be lovely, warm beanies for all my friends. And also, she’s absolutely adorable. But she hates Clio. Clio thinks Beatrice is her very own plaything, and Beatrice thinks Clio is a little much. She will not let Clio get anywhere near her and regularly rams her horns into Clio’s thick head when any attempts at friendship, bullying, or acknowledgment are offered. But she likes me. She follows me around the yard and comes and lies at my feet while I sit on the porch and watch the sunset. It’s true, though, what they say, goats don’t like to be alone. When I’m gone during the day and she’s in her pen, she gets lonely and is all excited when I get home. So, I went on an adventure and got her some friends. Abigail and Clarise are from Copperopolis. They, too, are lovely, fancy angora for spinning yarn, although their previous owner had them sheared right before I picked them up. Abigail is adorable and quite like Beatrice, but Clarice has a cashmere grandma, and she is a little, well... let’s say a little more of a typical goat. All those horror stories of goats in the hydrangeas and goats breaking into the house when you’re gone, this is Clarice. Last night, when I got home, all three goats were gone. A neighborhood APB did not yield goats, and this morning I was back out in the sand and sagebrush, dodging tamarack branches, trying to find the errant goats. Our sweet Nancy, who writes for us, is also a Boyer Road neighbor, and she knew it was deadline day, so she took pity on me and went looking while I was trying to finish the paper. She just sent proof of life – the renegade girls were at Sally’s, and she followed them home and left Clio in the house so she won’t pester them. So, while the team here shakes their heads and the neighbors are on watch for escapees, we’ll all still be right here...

—Rach

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improved water efficiency, he noted they still create enormous electricity demands. At the same time, Churchill County recently gained new opportunities through federal lands legislation that awarded the county 14,000 acres for economic development along the I-80 corridor. The area, referred to as the “checkerboard” because of its mix of public and private ownership, allows for land exchanges that can move development off rugged mountain tops and onto valley floor parcels more suitable for industrial use. Barbee said the economic momentum already established by the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center—with anchor tenants such as Tesla and Google—positions Churchill County to benefit from spillover growth in the technology sector. He envisions a mix of industrial and commercial businesses moving into the region. He also pointed to the success of the Rafter 3C Arena, a project he helped develop, as an example of how investments in local infrastructure can pay off. The arena has drawn events and tourists to Fallon, and Barbee wants to see supporting businesses such as hotels and restaurants follow. “We are constantly trying to engage in those conversations,” he said. Barbee stressed that “controlled growth” will remain a priority, guided by the county’s Master Plan, which designates areas for housing and industrial development. He noted that if federal interest rates ease, it could accelerate private investment in land and projects across the county. The CFED board includes Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford, Churchill County Commission Chair Myles Getto, and Fallon Councilwoman Kelly Frost. Barbee assumed his new role after purchasing Nevada Strategies from Bruce Breslow. The government affairs firm holds the CFED contract and specializes in business development, lobbying, and community issues ranging from housing to tourism. His agreement with CFED is open-ended, without a set term. Looking ahead, Barbee said he plans to expand community outreach and keep residents informed about economic development progress. CFED operates under the umbrella of the Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development, giving it additional resources and connections to state-level initiatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jose Perez was sworn in as Police Captain at a special city council meeting held Aug. 26. Capt. Perez began his law enforcement career with the Fallon Police Department in 2008 and brings 20 years of knowledge and experience to his new role. Pictured above, from left, are Chief Daniel Babiarz, Mayor Ken Tedford, Captain Jose Perez, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, and Councilman Paul Harmon. Photo courtesy City of Fallon.

Movies and More

By Kelli Perez

September is in full swing, and we’ve got another weekend of fun, adventure, and community at the Fallon Theatre. From inspiring animated storytelling to heartwarming family favorites, our free movies this weekend are just the start. With exciting live performances, our annual Show ‘N’ Shine, and even a swash-buckling 4D movie experience on the horizon, there’s no better time to gather friends and family and enjoy everything your hometown theatre has to offer.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., join us for *The Prince of Egypt* (1998), presented in partnership with Victory Baptist Church. This stunning animated epic retells the biblical story of Moses, from his journey as a prince of Egypt to his calling as a leader who guides his people to freedom. With breathtaking visuals, powerful music, and a timeless story, it’s a film the whole family will enjoy. Rated PG, it

runs 1 hour and 39 minutes.

Or, at 7 p.m. both nights, join us for *Babe: Pig in the City* (1998). In this charming sequel, everyone’s favorite pig travels far from the farm and finds himself in a sprawling city filled with new challenges and unlikely friends. It’s a sweet, funny, and adventurous continuation of the story that captured hearts worldwide. Rated G, it runs 1 hour and 37 minutes.

Looking ahead, there’s plenty more to enjoy at the Fallon Theatre:

On Saturday, September 20th at 7pm, don’t miss David Hayes - Master Showman. This family-friendly variety show blends music, comedy, and plenty of surprises, all performed by one incredibly talented entertainer. Tickets are just \$15.

On Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m., get ready to rock with Absolom live at the Fallon Theatre. This Reno-based hard rock band is making waves in the local music scene and bringing their high-energy sound to our stage for one night only. Admission is free, so come out and show your support for live music while enjoying a powerful performance from a band on the rise.

Our annual fundraising Show ‘N’ Shine

rolls into downtown on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free, family-friendly event features classic cars, live music, delicious food, and more. Vehicle registration is now open online at fallontheatre.com.

That same evening at 7 p.m., join us back inside the theatre for a night of live classical music with the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society. Their “Not-So-Lonely Illustrated Concert Series” features the Toiyabe Trio: Dustin Budish on viola, Aaron Hill on oboe, and Emily Barnes on harp, performing alongside projected images to create a beautiful multi-sensory concert experience. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.

As always, movie screenings at the Fallon Theatre are free to attend, and our concession stand is stocked with popcorn, candy, and \$5 soda floats in root beer or fun Pepsi flavors. Want to rent the theatre for your own event or put a special message on our marquee? Give us a call at 775-423-6210 or email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com. A big thank-you to Victory Baptist Church for sponsoring this weekend’s showing of *The Prince of Egypt*. We’ll see you at the theatre!

PETS OF THE WEEK

Is Gru for You?



Gru (D-693) is a 6-year-old neutered male Boxer mix looking for a second chance. Surrendered when his owner moved, he’s house- and leash-trained, playful, microchipped, and loves car rides. Gru gets along well with other dogs, though his history with cats is unknown. Come meet him at the City of Fallon Animal Shelter or call 775-423-228 to learn more.

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

Hello Hilda



Hilda is a 3 1/2-year-old spayed Yellow Lab and Husky mix with a gentle heart. Timid at first, she blossoms into a playful, affectionate companion once she feels comfortable. Her former owners shared that she gets along well with children and loves to play when she comes out of her shell. If you’re looking for a loyal family dog, Hilda may be the one. CAPS is also seeking volunteers, board members, and committee members to support its mission.

Churchill Animal Protection Society
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Meet Pollux & Castor



Pollux and Castor are two tuxedo brothers packed with charm. Playful, affectionate, and full of purr-sonality, they’re just as happy chasing toys as they are curled up for cuddles. These kittens would love to be adopted together, but they’ll also thrive in separate loving homes. Either way, they’ll steal your heart in seconds.

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

SENIOR CENTER MENU

WILLIAM N. PENNINGTON LIFE CENTER 952 S. MAINE STREET, FALLON, NV | 775-423-7096
Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch is \$6 for those under 60 and a suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 and older.

Monday, Sept. 15 <i>Chicken Parm</i> <i>WW Pasta</i> <i>Tossed Salad</i> <i>Normandy Blend Vegetables</i> <i>Baked Apple</i> <i>WW Roll</i>	Tuesday, Sept. 16 <i>Beef Stew</i> <i>Buttermilk Biscuits</i> <i>Mixed Green Salad w/ Garbanzo</i> <i>Beans</i> <i>Diced Peaches</i>	Wednesday, Sept. 17 <i>LS Kielbasa & Apple</i> <i>Sauerkraut</i> <i>Butter Herbed Potatoes</i> <i>Roasted Corn</i> <i>WW Rolls</i> <i>Pears</i>	Thursday, Sept. 18 <i>Tuna Casserole</i> <i>WW Pasta</i> <i>Baby Peas</i> <i>Three Bean Salad</i> <i>WW Roll</i> <i>Fruit Cocktail</i>	Friday, Sept. 19 <i>Herb Baked Fish</i> <i>French Fries</i> <i>Creamy Coleslaw</i> <i>Garden Salad</i> <i>Macerated</i> <i>Strawberries</i>
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 15 <i>Meatloaf</i> <i>Potatoes & Veggies</i>	Thursday, Sept. 18 <i>Lasagna & Salad</i> <i>Doughnuts</i>	Monday, Sept. 22 <i>Pork Loin</i> <i>Potatoes & Green Beans</i>	Thursday, Sept. 25 <i>Vegetable Noodle Soup</i> <i>Bread & Dessert</i>	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



Laura Nani Nihoa
February 2, 1959 – August 7, 2025

Laura Nani Nihoa was a beloved sister, gifted musician and devoted member of her community. Born in Phoenix, Arizona, she lived a life filled with creativity, service and faith.

Her journey took her from Arizona to Los Angeles; Kaneohe, Hawaii; and finally to Fallon, where she graduated from Churchill County High School. She later earned a degree in Bible and music from Faith Bible School in South Dakota.

Laura’s career spanned roles in administration, from Western Union to serving as executive secretary for ONABEN in Portland, Oregon, and supporting U.S. Customs at the Portland Airport. In 2001, she returned to Fallon to care for her mother and soon became an integral part of tribal governance, serving 12 years as tribal secretary on the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Council.

A talented pianist and singer, Laura’s love of music was matched by her passion for reading and storytelling. Her warmth and imagination touched everyone around her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Bernice Nihoa, and brothers Ermert Kalei and David Kalani. She is survived by her loving sisters, Audrey Leialoha Campbell and Iris Anuhea Nihoa.

A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada.

Forever in our hearts



Linda Binns
Feb. 25, 1946 – Jan. 21, 2025

Linda Binns was born in Spencer, West Virginia, on Feb. 25, 1946. She was raised in Hagerstown, Maryland, graduating high school and attending nursing school. She was an operating nurse for 18 years.

Linda and her first husband, Johnny Johnson, moved to the Bay Area in California in the early 1980s, where she worked in the medical insurance industry as a patient advocate for several years.

Linda met the love of her life, Stan Binns, in 1992, and they were married in Las Vegas on March 5, 1994.

When Stan retired from the Coast Guard, they moved to Fallon—buying a house in 1994 and moving permanently to Fallon in 1996.

Linda worked for Hendrix Insurance, the Lahontan Valley News and the Senior Center while she and Stan were “in retirement.” She also volunteered as a member of the Country Fair and was instrumental in the return of the fair to the Cantaloupe Festival.

Linda and Stan spent eight winters in Nayarit, Mexico, a community they dearly loved.

Due to health problems, they stopped traveling to Mexico and settled back in Fallon at the Frey Ranch, where they spent 12 years. In 2023, they bought a house in Yuma, Arizona.

Linda passed away Jan. 21, 2025. She is survived by her husband, Stan; son, John Johnson, of Owensboro, Kentucky; and two grandchildren in Texas.

Family held a small service in Yuma in January.

CHARLES (CHUCK) EDWARD COGNASSE
September 1, 1945 – August 31, 2025



Charles “Chuck” Edward Cognasse, lovingly known as “Da Da” to his family, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 31, 2025 — just one day shy of his 80th birthday — with his beloved partner of 35 years, Carolyn Holcomb, by his side.

Chuck was a true cowboy at heart and in life. He lived the cowboy way—bronc riding, team roping and working with cattle. Skilled with his hands, he enjoyed building things such as birdhouses and outhouses. Yes, you read that correctly: Chuck enjoyed crafting outhouses, both for their novelty and their practicality.

He loved sharing jokes and laughter with friends over a cold beer. A champion horseshoe player and competitive golfer, he was always up for friendly competition. He also found peace in fishing and hunting. Over the years, Chuck wore many hats—semi-truck driver, surveyor, craftsman and cattleman—each role reflecting his versatility, work ethic and resourcefulness.

Chuck is survived by his devoted partner, Carolyn Holcomb; his sister, Vicki Lucas; his daughter, Cynthia Mattison; his stepdaughter Christy Sullivan and stepson Shannon Winters; and numerous grandchildren. They will love him for eternity and miss him until they see him again, taking comfort in knowing he is in Cowboy Heaven.

A celebration of life will be held on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at the VFW Post 1002, 405 S. Maine Street, Fallon.

ROBERT RIEHM
Aug. 11, 1960 – Sept. 3, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert Riehm announces the passing of such a wonderful man.

Robert Dean Riehm was born Aug. 11, 1960, and passed away Sept. 3, 2025, in Fallon. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Robert moved to Fallon, where he lived for nearly 40 years.

He drove an 18-wheeler for many years, accumulating 2.5 million accident-free miles, and later worked as a civilian contractor at NAS Fallon. Many knew him as “Rob” or “Bob.” To all who knew him, Robert was honest, loyal, honorable, easygoing and faithful. His word was his bond.

Robert was a devoted father who would do anything for his family. Being “Papa” was one of his greatest accomplishments, and his grandchildren were the joy of his life. He showed his family what true love was, and he would do anything for those he called family and friends. Though his loved ones weren’t ready to give him up, heaven gained the most selfless and kind man.

Robert is survived by his mother, Mary-Jane; siblings Carol, Pam (Tom) and Steve (Chris); children Warren (Lydia), Kristine (Levi) and Stephanie (Kevin); and grandchildren Jacinda, Brooklynn, Lily, Aeralyn, Camden, and Bradyn. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

A service will be held at Oasis Community Church on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at 2 p.m., followed by a gathering at the American Legion.



DANNY LEE URQUHART

Danny Lee Urquhart of Fallon, Nev. sadly passed away on Aug. 29, 2025, at the age of 77.

Born in Salinas, Calif., to Oswald Junior and Helen Urquhart, he grew up moving often and following seasons of produce as part of a migrant worker family. He graduated from Arcata High School in 1965 and attended Chico State College, graduating in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in animal science.

Danny moved to Fallon with his sweetheart in 1973 to open and manage the livestock supply store Walco. He and Ginger were married in Fallon and purchased a piece of land to create their own little ranch. With the help and support of friends, he built the house where he would raise his family and spend the rest of his life. Dan decided to leave retail and became a part of Operating Engineers Local #3, spending most of his time working for Frehner and Granite construction companies. For more than 20 years, he worked as a mechanic on road construction equipment, following in his father and uncle’s footsteps.

Dan’s true love and passion was always flying his Bonanzas. Upon retirement from construction, he established Silver Sage Aviation and flew as a charter pilot for many years.

When not in the air, you could find him in his hangar working on his classic cars and hot rods—specifically ’57 Bel Airs and ’67 Chevelles—or getting ready for the next hunting season.



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He first and foremost valued family and education, proud to have all of his children complete college degrees. He also supported his grandchildren on that path. He most recently drove to Florida with a horse trailer full of belongings to move his oldest grandson from Nevada to help him chase his dream of becoming an airline pilot.

Danny was preceded in death by his lifelong love, Ginger; his parents; and his sister, Terri Wagner. He is survived by his three children, Kris (Vanessa) Urquhart, Shannon Urquhart, and Amanda (Elika) Brock; his five grandchildren, Colton, Brody, Allison, Kinley and Rigby; his sister, Glenda Craddock; and four nieces.

He will be missed beyond belief and has left a hole in many hearts. There is nothing he couldn’t do.

Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Home, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at 1 p.m. A gathering of family and friends will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Fallon NBU, his favorite nonprofit organization dedicated to bighorn sheep conservation.



2025 Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair Winners

The Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair saw 435 exhibits this year in multiple fair categories. Below is a list of all winners, in both the adult and youth divisions. Thanks to all who submitted entries!

Exhibit photos by Christy Lattin.



CATEGORY	NAME	EXHIBIT NAME
Crafts & Hobbies		
Reserve Grand Champion	Alex Pearce Cindy Moroni Richard Summers	Cantaloupe Garden Mother Nature Owl
Grand Champion, Champion	Grace Christy	Quail Hollow
Reserve Grand Champion, Champion	Laura Berry Jeannine Summers Debra Van Blaricom	Hollyhocks Green Bowl Pink Floyd
Reserve Champion	Debbie Hooper Rachelynn Capik Richard Summers	Dine Sunset Women In Music Domestic Wolves
Judge's Choice	Jeannine Summers	SHE
Food And Nutrition		
Best Of Show Champion	Nick Breshears Melissa Derby Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Cantaloupe Tea Bread Mediterranean Sourdough Gaga's Chocolate Chip Cookies
Reserve Champion	Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Confetti Cookies
Judge's Choice	Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Gaga's Chocolate Chip Cookies
Food Preservation		
Best Of Show Grand Champion	Alyssa Sowersby Patty Fleming	Medium Garden Salsa Rosehip Raspberry Jam
Reserve Grand Champion	Patty Fleming	Apricot Rosemary Jam
Judges Choice	Patty Fleming	Rosehip Raspberry Jam
Fruits, Vegetables, And Herbs		
Best Of Show Grand Champion, Champion	John Mulac Macy Myers-Crowder Anne Fagundes	Trombetta Di Albenga Candy Sweet Icicle Strawberries
Champion	Gary Wick	Anaheim
Reserve Champion	Sharon Harper	Black Berries
Judge's Choice	Melanie Harmon	Cabbage
Home Arts And Furnishings		
Best Of Show, Champion Grand Champion	Lauren Knight Millie Brigham	Stuffed Toy Hand Woven Willow Bowl
Reserve Grand Champion	Tammy Pulley	Let Freedom Ring
Champion	Linda Vincent	Placemats
Judge's Choice	Linda Vincent	Placemats
Knitting And Crochet		
Best Of Show Grand Champion	Julie Lamb Kristie Wolfenbarger	Use It Up Tablecloth Tulip Tank
Reserve Grand Champion	Julie Lamb	Blue Sky Pullover
Champion	Julie Lamb	Bag With Outer Pockets
Judge's Choice	Kristie Wolfenbarger	Lined With Pockets Tulip Tank

CATEGORY	NAME	EXHIBIT NAME
Needlework		
Best Of Show	Sharon Harper	Pillow Slips Highlander Cows
Grand Champion	Christy Kindness	The Gnome's Garden
Reserve Grand Champion	Julie Lamb	Feathers And Flowers
Quilts		
Best Of Show	Laura Lester	Navy Tribute
Grand Champion	Tralena Rue	Fall
Reserve Grand Champion	Joey Brown	Flower Power
Champion	Joey Brown Terrina Sasser Maureen Torinao Julie Lamb Penny Dujardin Laura Lester Vickie Eckert Tralena Rue Terri Bennett Jen Derby Joey Brown Melanie Jordan	Boots Are Made For Walking Many Hats Forest Animals All Frosted Up Babys First Kiss Navy Tribute Family Reunion 2025
FCU Friendship Quilt	Joey Brown Ona Hunt Laura Lester Jen Derby Jamie Torres Marireen Torinao Merrilyn Bowles Mary Cunningham Karen Moon Melanie Jordan Donna Lewis Joey Brown	Fall Christmas Fireworks Flower Power FCU Friendship Quilt Stars And Stripes Ugly Fabric Hungry Caterpiler Nanas Baby Bug Lavenders Blue Christmas Truck Family Album Lacey Heart Gratitude Civil War Eagle Wings Boots Are Made for Walking
Judge's Choice		
Sewing		
Best Of Show	Lauren Knight	Christening Gown
Grand Champion	Mary Cunningham	Micky Mouse
Reserve Grand Champion	Ona Hunt	Travel Bag
Champion	Mary Cunningham Lauren Knight Linda Vincent Pam Chamberlin	Peacocks Cowgirl Dress Travel Bag
Reserve Champion	Lauren Knight	Travel Bag
Judge's Choice		Ginger Bread Dress
People's Choice (Quilts)	Mary Cunningham	Plum Fusion



CATEGORY	NAME	EXHIBIT NAME
Roses, Cut Flowers, And Floral Arrangements Grand Champion, Champion Champion Reserve Champion	Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Desert Sunset
	Ann Mcmillin	Yellow Rose
	Eugene Paras	Amaranths
	Sharon Bogan	Rose Of Sharon
	Eugene Paras	Crown Cactus
	Sooz Ellis	Walking On Sunshine Floribunda
	Jeanette Paras	Chives Blossoms
	Jeanette Paras	Terrarium
	Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Lisianthus
	Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Hombre Centerpiece
	Carrie Sheldon-Davis	Bells Of Ireland

YOUTH EXHIBITS		
Crafts And Hobbies		
Best Of Show	Chloe Deller	Leather Wallet
Grand Champion	Benjamin Knight	Lego Dinosaur
Reserve Grand Champion	Piper Humphery	Woodland Life
Champion	Paxton Humphrey	Dino Eating Plant
Reserve Champion	Cameron Wilson	Person-Eating Dragon
Judge's Choice	Natalie Laca	House Bakery

Fine Arts		
Best Of Show	Dixie Jensen	Falcons And Hawks
	Tucker Zimney	Farming In Nevada
	Brynn Laca	Baby Yellow
	Abigail Northrop	Butterfly
Grand Champion	Audrey Page	Keith
Reserve Grand Champion	Eden Torres	Return To Base
Champion	Audrey Page	Keith
	Jack Laca	Blazing Sun
	Eden Torres	Return To Base
Reserve Champion	Jacey Zimney	Nevada Farms Are Legen-Dairy!
	Natale Laca	Smiling Sun
	Melodee Smith	Lily
Judge's Choice	Piper Humphrey	You Got A Friend In Me
	Lilly Mills	Rainbow

Roses, Cut Flowers, And Floral Arrangements		
Best Of Show, Reserve Grand Champion	Dixie Jensen	Basil Bouquet
Champion	Marshall Crowder	Sunflowers
Champion	Natalie Laca	Sunny Sunflower
Reserve Champion	Kennadi King	Fiesta Sunflower
	Quincy Jensen	Rainbow Bouquet

Food And Nutrition		
Champion	Cameron Wilson	Snickerdoodles
Reserve Champion	Alyse Stuve	Peanut Butter Chocolate Drizzle Cookies

Food Preservation		
Judge's Choice, Grand Champion, Champion	Brayden Sowersby	Plum Jam
Reserve Grand Champion, Reserve Champion	Brayden Sowersby	Dilled Garlic

Fruits, Vegetables, And Herbs		
Grand Champion	Samantha Northrop	Cotton Candy Grapes
Reserve Grand Champion	Levi Wilson	Chocolate Mint
	Elijah Harmon	Beets
Champion	Levi Wilson	Chocolate Mint
	Elijah Harmon	Jalapeno Peppers
Reserve Champion	Archie Wilson	Apple Mint

Home Arts And Furnishings		
Judge's Choice, Champion	Mandy Wadsworth	Heart Pillow
Grand Champion, Champion	Levi Wilson	Checkered Pillow
Reserve Champion	Cameron Wilson	Pillow

Knitting And Crochet		
Best Of Show	Kelsey Nall	Octopus
Grand Champion	Samantha Northrop	Purple Bunny
Champion	Samantha Northrop	Aqua Stingray

Quilts		
Best Of Show, Champion	Allie Jo Drake	Rail Fence
Grand Champion	Kimber Johnson	Flowers
Champion	Payton Sowersby	Lemons
	Payton Sowersby	Patriotic Trailer
	Payton Sowersby	Sea Shore
	Taylor Sowersby	We Love FFA
Judge's Choice	Payton Sowersby	Lemons

People's Choice (Quilts)	Payton Sowersby	Lemons
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COMMUNITY

CareSource Visits Fallon to Explain Medicaid Changes for Rural Nevada

By Christy Lattin

CareSource representatives visited the Out of Egypt food bank in Fallon on Aug. 29 as part of a statewide “Rural Roadshow” to share information about upcoming changes to Nevada Medicaid.

Staff from the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy were also on hand to explain the upcoming changes to Nevada managed care and provide additional information to residents.

During the 82nd legislative session, the Division received approval to fund the expansion of the Medicaid managed care program to all counties in Nevada, which should result in a 10% increase in recipients being served by a managed care program. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the state will expand its Medicaid managed care program beyond Washoe and Clark counties to all 17 counties in the state. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, recently awarded contracts to CareSource and SilverSummit Healthplan to implement the expansion.

CareSource, the only nonprofit managed care organization operating in Nevada, will serve Medicaid members across the state and offer qualified health plans through Nevada Health Link, the state’s health insurance marketplace.

Under managed care, the state contracts with private insurance companies, called Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), to deliver services to Medicaid members. Instead of paying providers directly for each visit or procedure, Nevada Medicaid will pay MCOs a fixed amount per member. The MCOs then manage networks of doctors and hospitals. State officials say the system is designed to control costs, improve access, and increase accountability for the quality of care provided.

Dr. Tracey Green, chief medical officer for CareSource, said rural residents currently covered by Medicaid will be automatically assigned to either CareSource or SilverSummit based on their zip codes. Beneficiaries will have the opportunity to select their plan, but must do so by Dec. 26, 2025. Notices explaining the changes will be mailed to Medicaid members in October, and officials urge residents to update their mailing address to ensure they receive information on enrollment.

Green said managed care plans will bring several new benefits to rural Nevada. Those include focusing on preventive care by offering incentives for screenings, being held accountable for timely



Dr. Tracey Green, Chief Medical Officer with CareSource, was on hand to help introduce the CareSource managed care organization. The CareSource team brought insulated grocery bags for food bank clients, and invited Travelin’ Tom’s Coffee Truck to the event and covered the cost. Photo by Christy Lattin.



Team members from the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing & Policy joined CareSource at its Rural Roadshow across Northern Nevada. Pictured above, from left, are Jonathan Figuero, Patty Beck-Weaver, Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles, and Erica McAllister. Photo by Christy Lattin.

appointment scheduling, recruiting more doctors and providers to rural communities, and offering free extra benefits beyond the standard Medicaid package.

To prepare for the expansion, CareSource plans to hire about 200 employees in Nevada, including rural liaisons to work directly with communities outside the state’s two largest counties. The organization currently has an office in Las Vegas and plans to open another in rural Nevada, though a specific location has not been finalized.

The Rural Roadshow is designed to help residents learn about managed care and what the changes will mean for them. CareSource representatives are stopping in communities across the state to meet with residents, often at local food banks and community centers. Towns on the schedule include Gardnerville, Minden, Yerington, Fallon, Virginia City, Incline Village, Ely, Elko, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, Lovelock, Pahrump, Tonopah, Beatty, Caliente, Mesquite, and Las Vegas.

CareSource officials emphasized that while change can be confusing, the shift to managed care is meant to improve health care delivery and ensure that Nevada’s rural residents receive the same services already available in Washoe and Clark counties.

More information is available at dhcfp.nv.gov/Providers/Statewide_Managed_Care/ or by downloading the Nevada Medicaid app at mdp.medicaid.nv.gov.

Doug Drost Retires from Edward Jones after 25 Years



Doug Drost and family recently celebrated his retirement from Edward Jones Investments with a customer appreciation barbecue. Back row from left, Sydney Drost, administrator Cynthia McGarrah, administrator Megan Gray, Drost’s mom Connie, and wife Shawn. Front row, from left, Doug Drost and Hunter Drost. Photo by Christy Lattin.

By Christy Lattin

Doug Drost, a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments, is heading for greener pastures after 25 years in the financial industry.

He began working with Edward Jones Investments in 2000, becoming a licensed financial advisor in 2001. He set up shop in Fallon in 2003, with his first office on the Reno Highway. In 2017, he purchased the building at 298 S. Taylor St. and refurbished it, turning it from an old home into a modern business office.

His son, Hunter, followed in his footsteps and became a financial advisor, eventually taking over the business. His daughter, Sydney, also works for Edward Jones Investments in Reno as a branch office administrator.

Doug and his wife, Shawn, have retired to Lake Sinclair, Georgia. Enjoy retirement, Doug!



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CART to be Combined with Social Services

By Christy Lattin

The Churchill Area Regional Transport (CART) program will be pulled under the county’s umbrella as of Oct. 1, 2025, following the approval of the transition plan at the Sept. 4 Churchill County Commission meeting.

Commissioners voted unanimously to align CART as part of the county structure on March 6 following the vote by CART board members a week earlier requesting the county to assume operations. Previously, CART was a stand-alone nonprofit organization with its own governing board.

The new plan calls to combine CART with Churchill County Social Services and Aging & Disabilities Service Division, and to keep the service located at the Pennington Life Center. Social Services Director Shannon Ernst presented commissioners with two transition options—establish a separate county department like the museum or library, or combine CART with Social Services. Commissioners chose the latter option, which should reduce overall costs by \$20,000. The option to establish a separate department would have cost \$393,635, according to Ernst’s calculation.

Ernst will roll out the transition in two phases. On Oct. 1, the six current CART staff members will be hired by the county as part-time casual employees and will continue operations as they currently stand. The second phase should be initiated by Jan. 1, 2026, and will see the CART drivers and dispatchers cross-trained to also handle Meals on Wheels functions. Ultimately, ten part-time positions will be converted to six full-time positions eligible for full benefits. Job descriptions for transportation specialists and dispatchers will be updated accordingly.

CART board member and Councilwoman Karla Kent told commissioners in March the service had been operating with an interim director since 2021 because they weren’t able to fill the director’s position due to the inability to offer full medical and retirement benefits. “This limitation has made the hiring process difficult,” Kent said.

When Ernst appeared before the commission in March, she was facing a time crunch for three grant applications made to the Nevada Department of Transportation. The grants were due in several days, but the new structure needed to be approved prior to the application submissions because NDOT doesn’t allow modifications within its two-year grant cycle. She told commissioners at the Sept. 4 meeting she had received full funding from those grants.

The CART service will now also be able to receive a portion of funds from the senior tax assessment property tax, whereas those funds would not have been available if it was a separate department.

Kent said CART has been providing service to Churchill County since 2000, with senior citizens being their priority customers. They currently run eight buses and are headquartered at the Pennington Life Center.

Commissioners Focus on Seniors and Community Mental Health Needs

By Christy Lattin

The Churchill County Commission focused on senior services and community health during its Sept. 4 meeting, approving a plan to fold the Churchill Area Regional Transportation (CART) program into Social Services and accepting a state grant for mental health and independent living support.

CART, which has served county residents since 2000, prioritizing seniors, will now operate within Social Services (see related article).

A \$100,000 grant from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services will fund two initiatives through June 2026. Social Services will coordinate help for residents facing mental health emergencies and connect at least 75% of those with services, and provide group sessions for at least 50 residents.

Additionally, the grant supports residents who want to live independently. It will also expand Meals on Wheels deliveries outside the current service area. Eighty-eight percent of the grant funds will go toward personnel costs.

Social Services Director Shannon Ernst also presented findings from a ServWell Life Center cost study which claimed a \$26,000 per year loss from food waste. Ernst disputed the figure, noting “pan waste” food is actually packaged, frozen, and offered to those in need.

The study calculated meals at \$6.18 each, while the average contribution from diners is just \$2. The county will shift away from “suggested donation” language and promote a “give what you can, when you can” approach. Ernst will continue working with Life Center staff to refine menus and raise awareness of meal costs.

Other commission actions:

- Transfer of 93 Development Rights to Marc Simoncini for property on Beach Road.
- First reading of an ordinance to establish I-1, I-2, and I-3 industrial zoning districts.
- Joint proclamations with the city recognizing September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month and Library Sign-Up Month.
- Granting \$1,307.49 for the Fallon Community Theatre’s Maine Street Spooktacular.

Commission actions Aug. 20:

- A \$5,000 agreement between Social Services and Unite Us for a resource directory website, funded with the city and Churchill Community Coalition.
- A five-year, \$10,750 annual lease with Preferred Packaging for OmniSeal equipment at the Life Center.
- Amended Southwest Gas agreement redirecting 2% of net profits to the State Education Fund.
- Updated job descriptions and salaries at the Central Nevada Health District
- Side Letter Agreement with the Sheriff’s Office Deputies Association clarifying overtime and leave policies.
- Revised FY25-26 pay tables, correcting the Election Technician’s pay grade to 47 while leaving all other grades unchanged.

Commissioners’ next scheduled meeting is Sept. 17.

BLM to Hold Geothermal Lease Sale in October

Staff Report

The Bureau of Land Management announced it will hold a competitive geothermal lease sale on Oct. 21, 2025, offering 113 parcels totaling 377,678 acres in Churchill, Esmeralda, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, and Washoe counties. The auction will be held online through EnergyNet.

For each parcel leased, 50% of the bid, rental receipts, and subsequent royalties will go to the state of Nevada, 25% will go to the county where the lease is located, and the remaining 25% will go to the U.S. Treasury.

Geothermal energy offers a reliable base-load power source with a high capacity density, promoting efficient use of federal lands

for energy production. The resource is abundant in the West, where the BLM manages geothermal leasing, exploration, and development on about 245 million surface acres of public lands and 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate.

The BLM issues competitive geothermal leases for an initial 10-year period, which may be extended if the lessee establishes production or provides proof of diligent exploration.

Before including parcels in a lease sale, the BLM conducts an environmental review process in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws. The review considers potential environmental impacts from the lease sale and determines stipulations on use to protect other resource

values. The process includes opportunities for public comment, and documents are available on the BLM Nevada Geothermal website along with the lease sale notice and stipulations.

All BLM geothermal decisions must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the applicable land use plan. Before permitting any surface-disturbing activities, the BLM will conduct additional environmental review when processing exploration or development plans. This may include site-specific conditions in addition to stipulations already attached to the lease at the time of sale.

For more information, contact BLM Supervisory Land Law Examiner Jonathan Estrella at jestrella@blm.gov.



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10/14/2025	10am - 2pm	Crescent Valley Clinic 5061 Tenabo Ave, Crescent Valley, NV 89821
10/15/2025	10am - 2pm	Eureka Opera House 31 S Main St, Eureka, NV 89316
10/20/2025	5pm - 7pm	Mount Grant General Hospital 200 A St, Hawthorne, NV 89415
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COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, September 2, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Todd Steven Garcia pleaded guilty to Uttering a Forged Instrument, a Category D Felony punishable by 1–4 years in Nevada State Prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set sentencing for November 4.

Felicia Marylee Elizarraraz pleaded guilty to the Wobbler charge of Attempt to Commit Burglary of a Business. As a gross misdemeanor, the offense is punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. If sentenced as a felony, it is punishable by 1 to 4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a PSI and set sentencing for November 18.

Rick Lewis Chapman appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Driving Under the Influence, Third or Subsequent Offense, to which he pleaded guilty in May 2022. At that time, the court ordered Chapman to enter the DUI Diversion Program. Upon successful completion, Nevada statute allows the charge to be

reduced to a second offense DUI.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford told the court that Chapman had completed the program and asked that the court follow the statute.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer said, “Speaking frankly, this is one of my favorite tasks, to come back and report how a client has done on the DUI Diversion Program.” He added, “It hasn’t all been easy for him, but he has made some substantial and meaningful changes in his life. And I just am proud of him.”

Chapman told the court, “I made it.” He acknowledged there had been “a lot of ups and downs, but overall, it was pretty smooth.” He said he would “keep doing what I’ve been doing” and added, “It’s up to each individual, you know, what they want.”

Judge Stockard fined Chapman \$750 and noted that by completing the program, Chapman satisfied the statutory requirements of his sentence.

Stockard concluded, “Congratulations. You should be very proud of yourself.”

— Part 1 —

Court Hears Details in Daniels Child Abduction Case



Chelsea Daniels. Photo courtesy of Churchill Co. Sheriff’s Office.

By Teresa Moon

Chelsea Lynn Daniels appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court on Aug. 26 before Judge Thomas Stockard to be sentenced on the Category D Felony of Detention, Concealment, or Removal of a Child from a Person Having Lawful Custody. Pursuant to the terms of a plea agreement, Daniels, who was initially charged with First-Degree Kidnapping and Child Abuse or Neglect, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge on Jun. 24.

The case stems from a Mar. 31 incident in which Daniels allegedly abducted her child and attempted to flee the area. Law enforcement officials believed her to be armed at the time and without custodial rights to her child, which prompted an Amber Alert and multi-agency pursuit.

According to Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker, Daniels’ Pre-Sentencing Investigation concluded that she had certain conditions that may have made her eligible for the Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court program; however, there was low indication of a substance abuse issue, and therefore she would not qualify. Later in the proceedings, the court learned that Daniels was using methamphetamine shortly before her arrest and was nursing her youngest child, who was later found with methamphetamine in his system.

DDA Baker submitted into evidence Daniels’ text messages, deputies’ dash cam video, and digital maps. “At first glance, someone would look at this case and see a mother who just loves her children. She doesn’t want to be apart from her child and did something without thinking,” Baker said. “But once you pull back the layers,

this was planned.” She argued that Daniels wanted to do this once she received notice that there was a court order to remove her children.

Baker noted that Daniels had not worked since 2017 and had been living off significant others, SSI from one of her kids, and her family to support her five children.

Baker alleged that, following her divorce, Daniels had a relationship with Colby Ingram, who is in prison for child exploitation, and Daniels didn’t see anything wrong with that. She again placed her needs above her children’s, continued Baker, pointing out that Daniels is now in contact with her estranged husband Justin Daniels, whom she filed a temporary protection order (TPO) against due to threats toward her and her unborn child at the time. According to Baker, the threats are ongoing, and the TPO does not expire until Sept. 2026.

Baker reported Justin allegedly threatened to kill Daniels and cut her child out of her stomach. “He’s also made statements that if the child, who has medical problems, survives his heart surgery, he still plans on killing the child.” Regardless of these threats to her and her children, she still thinks it’s okay to have contact and violate the TPO, Baker said. “Even this morning ... she drove to court with Justin Daniels, in a sense, having him commit a crime for violating that TPO.” On Sept. 9, the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office reported Justin Daniels was arrested for felony violation of TPO and resisting a public officer.

In February, Daniels’ youngest child was admitted to Renown Hospital with RSV. “He had an unexplained head injury and tested positive for methamphetamine,” Baker stated. “She admitted to using methamphetamine and breastfeeding her child.” Daniels then began working with family services with an in-home safety plan. Within a month, she had run-ins with the Reno Police Department. “They found her with her five children in a shed with no ventilation, no running water, no power. The only heat in February in Reno in a cold winter was an electric heater, a diesel-powered heater, and a wood burning stove.”

Additionally, on Mar. 26, after being served a warrant for the removal of the children, Daniels attempted to take two of them out of school without authorization. “She had no intention on that Mar. 27 to adhere to the decisions of DCFS, and what they were requiring her to do to get her children back,” argued Baker. “This was a planned incident.”

Daniels’ text messages, admitted into

evidence, included texts showing that she didn’t believe she could meet the requirements for the Department of Child and Family Services. “That ** [DCFS case worker] isn’t going to control my life. And unfortunately, I don’t have it in me to do the plan.” Other text messages indicated that Daniels was attempting to line up her finances and take action: “Running isn’t the best option, but I don’t have my kids. I have zero reason to wake up each day.” And, “I will no longer be sticking around here, or anywhere some state government or any type of people are going to band together to control my life. Sorry folks, ain’t happening.” These are Daniels’ own words, said Baker.

In both her PSI and her evaluation, Daniels was adamant she hadn’t used since February of 2025, when she was caught. “But let’s look at this text to her mother on Mar. 31, 2025: ‘I haven’t used since Thursday.’ ... She admits to her mother that she’s still using.” Baker said the defendant wants her kids, but at the expense of the safety of her children, because she continues to place them in danger based on what she wants.

On Mar. 31, Daniels took her youngest child, who was what Baker described as ten months old and fussy with a heart condition, from his court-ordered placement. Baker said Daniels said she would rather get shot than have anyone else take the child to surgery.

After the Amber Alert was issued, law enforcement officers tracked Daniels’ cell phone to a curvy, rocky, and partially washed-out dirt road in Dixie Valley. A dash cam video was played in court and showed a 2.17-mile chase ensued, with deputies estimating Daniels’ speed exceeded 50 miles per hour on that dangerous roadway. “She was driving in that condition with a ten-month-old child with a heart condition with her,” stated DDA Baker.

In closing, Baker argued for severe consequences for Daniels’ violation of the court orders. This is a serious action that cannot be understated. “Not only is diversion not appropriate because this was planned and executed... this is a prison case.” She asked Judge Stockard to impose a 19–48-month prison sentence, the maximum allowed. “Again, this is serious. She put these children at risk ... For her own selfishness.”

Due to the length of the hearing, the second part of the article will be published Sept. 19, with arguments from Daniels’ attorney, Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel, and Judge Stockard’s ruling in the matter.

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BUSINESS

Pick’n & Grin’n Produce Keeps Growing With SNAP, WIC, and More



Pick’n & Grin’n owner, Ron Peterson, at the 2025 Cantaloupe Festival.

Story and photo by Nancy Champman

Ron Peterson of Pick’n & Grin’n is winding down the summer season. With the Cantaloupe Festival over and held at the Rafter 3C, he hopes next year’s will take place in the Multi-purpose Building after scheduled renovations this fall and winter, sharing the space with quilters and fair exhibits.

He has his SNAP, WIC, and coupon redemptions in place. He has taken the classes and is certified to accept SNAP. These are all out-of-pocket expenses; there is no funding available. Ron is still moving forward with a Farmer’s Market; it takes time getting the funding in place for the building, along with costs for vendor licensing for the city, county, and state, business licenses, produce certificates, and insurance.



On Sept. 19, 2025, Ron will conduct a seminar on how to construct and maintain a greenhouse. This seminar is open to the public and will be held in the NRCS Building at the Rafter 3C complex. Pick’n & Grin’n is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, Ron Peterson can be contacted at 775-217-2418.

Walmart Postpones Grand Reopening

Staff Report

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned Walmart grand opening and ribbon cutting scheduled for Sat., Sept. 6, was postponed. Vendors were still on hand as the store celebrated Customer and Associate Appreciation Day. Tony the Tiger joined the fun, taking photos with shoppers and even the police department.

Walmart extended thanks to the Churchill County High School band, ROTC program, volunteers, and the Fallon community for their support and understanding. A new date for the ribbon cutting will be announced later.



Top Gun Racetrack announcer and local D.J. Davy Munoz with Tony the Tiger and Dean Wallace. Photo by Victoria Crystal.



Tony the Tiger was on hand to help Walmart celebrate the day. Pictured above, from left, are Liz Peebles, Tony, Ashley Hernandez, and Walmart Coach Trent Marion. Photo by Christy Lattin.

Louie’s ACE Marks Store Makeover with Customer Appreciation Day



Louie’s ACE Home Center employee Cheyene Gearhart holds the Soda Stream machine during the Grand Opening Sept. 6. Photo by Christy Lattin.



Louie’s ACE Home Center employee Rob Hunter carefully slides a homemade pizza into the Ooni Koda outdoor pizza oven. The pizza was fully cooked in less than two minutes. Photo by Christy Lattin.



General Manager Matt Louie prepares pizza dough during the Grand Opening Sept. 6. Photo by Christy Lattin.

Staff Report

Louie’s ACE Home Center unveiled its remodeled store with a grand opening and customer appreciation day Sept. 6. Employees cooked lunch while demonstrating products available at the store, including a fast-cook pizza oven, a large grill, a Big Green Egg grill and a Soda Stream machine. The store moved to its current location at 1855 W. Williams Ave. in 2002. After a customer teased that the new Dayton store looked better, general manager Matt Louie said they reached out to ACE Hardware corporate partners, who completed the remodel in just five weeks. Inside, shoppers will find an expanded tool section and more pet food options. Louie’s ACE Home Center opened in Fallon in 1989 and has 55 employees.

EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: LAYNEE DIAZ

Oasis Academy senior Laynee Diaz, a part of the Bighorn Herd since first grade, is preparing for an exciting future after graduation. She plans to join the Air Force in hopes of becoming an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. Alongside earning her high school diploma in May, she will also be graduating with her Associate of Science degree from Western Nevada College.

“Being at Oasis has forced me to push myself and learn what real hard work is,” she said. “But it has also brought me countless opportunities and memories I will forever cherish.”

One of her favorite memories was attending the FFA state and national conventions.

“My FFA experience was everything I could have hoped for, thanks to Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz,” she said. “I have been given many opportunities such as attending the national convention in Indiana, meeting new people at summer leadership camp, and competing at the state convention. None of this would have been possible without her.”

During her time at Oasis, Diaz was actively involved in Student Council, FFA, National Honor Society, and lacrosse. She served as student body president her junior year and is currently senior class secretary and FFA secretary.

“Always give 110% effort, don't wait to do something until the night it's due, and don't be afraid to ask for help,” she closed.

MAGIC PLAYDOUGH SIGNIFIES GREAT YEAR TO COME

There was no shortage of excitement in the first-grade classrooms at the start of school when students gathered for a special activity with a mysterious batch of “magic playdough.” Each student started with a plain ball of white playdough. Teachers explained that the dough might just hold a surprise. Students did not know whether it would change or what vibrant shade might be waiting. As they

played each ball slowly transformed, blooming into brilliant hues of purple, red, blue, green, or orange.

“I love doing this activity to kick off our year together in 1st grade,” teacher Brittany Wilbanks said. “Their faces are full of excitement when the magic unfolds and their playdough changes colors.”

The activity, which blended a bit of mystery with hands-on exploration, served as a welcome to the start of the school year. Teachers noted that beyond the playful moment, the lesson carried a message that every child’s journey will be bright and full of promise.

SECOND GRADERS SHARE ONE SMALL MOMENT

Second graders are learning the building blocks of writing, one sentence at a time. The writing project asked each child to choose a small moment from their life that created a lasting memory and write it down. From there, they added details, sentence by sentence, until their short memory came back to life.

“For students, one of the most challenging parts about small moment writing is brainstorming to come up with an idea to write about,” said second grade teacher Heather Wiessmer. “For example, they may want to write about a vacation when the small moment of the vacation may be when they found a seashell at the beach.”

Students were asked to remember things like what they heard, how they felt, the smells, and what they saw to focus their writing and understand the importance of adding ancillary details to a story.

“Once they have gotten their topic down, then the details tend to come much more naturally. Second graders have a lot of details to share, we are working on sharing all those great details on paper,” Wiessmer added. The approach encouraged both creativity and structure, and students shared a variety of moments.

Though the stories may be simple, this is the beginning step for students to start creating bigger essays and reports.

CCSD Cool School News

CCHS

As Churchill County High School finished the second week of the year, students, families, and staff were already learning about the Greenwave Experience mission to promote safety, leadership, college and work-force readiness, school spirit, community partnerships, and meaningful learning.

Back to School Night gave families the opportunity to tour classrooms, meet with school clubs and community partners, and explore college and career resources. That sense of community continued at the Welcome Back Assembly which featured the cheer team, marching band, JROTC color presentation, and fall sports introductions. These events showcased the school’s dedication to its mission.

“Our commitment as a High Reliability School is to ensure every student can depend on consistent, high-quality teaching and learning experiences. Our goal is to model reliability in everything we do. From our lesson design and feedback to classroom culture and professional collaboration,” Principal Tim Spencer said.

CCMS

Students in Courtney Aguilera’s sixth-grade English Language Arts class participated in goal-setting conferences during their Measures of Academic Progress (MAPS) testing. Each student set a personalized, attainable goal for growth and identified

two strategies to help achieve it. These goals will be recorded and revisited with each MAPS assessment to track progress and celebrate growth. Students in Randalyn Orong’s STEAM class explored the creative side of learning. They were introduced to the fundamentals of game design, and collaborated to create and program their first game. This hands-on project allowed students to apply problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity as they brought their game ideas to life. Together, these activities highlight the diverse learning experiences at CCMS where students are setting goals, embracing challenges, and developing skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

NUMA

Students in Alissa Bailey’s fourth-grade class got hands-on and a little messy this week while creating a three-dimensional map of Nevada. Students learned how to analyze and interpret data from maps and used this activity to recognize the state’s mountains, rivers, and lakes in a tactile way. “I loved creating the textured part of the map,” student Ammy Fordham said, while her classmates Carlos Robles and Eri Honea added, “Our favorite part was painting it.” The project combined creativity with learning, giving students a memorable way to explore Nevada’s geography.

E.C. BEST

E.C. Best Elementary kicked off the year

with a well-attended open house, giving parents the chance to meet teachers and explore classrooms. Among the highlights so far has been the “Kind Kid Club,” an initiative in Ashley Youles’ class. Students proudly wore their Kind Kid Club shirts, showing their commitment to kindness both inside and outside the classroom. “There’s a special vibe at E.C. Best this year,” Principal Brad Barton said. “We can’t wait to see all the great things our kids will accomplish.”

LAHONTAN

Students in Lindsey Bacallo’s first-grade class read *Our Class is a Family* and discussed what makes a classroom community strong. They identified the qualities that help create their own “Class Family,” wrote about it, and colored pictures based on the book cover. This activity encouraged students to reflect on teamwork, kindness, and the supportive environment they build together each day.

NORTHSIDE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

NELC welcomed back their 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarten students on Sept. 2. In Treasa Pursley’s class, students received a special surprise visit from Assistant Superintendent Mike Walker, who read the story *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*. The visit brought excitement and smiles as students started their school year with a fun and engaging reading experience.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian

Finding Rest in Learning: The Role of Scholé at Veritas

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst

At Veritas Preparatory School, education is more than the pursuit of knowledge – it is the cultivation of wisdom, virtue, and a love for God. A distinctive feature of Classical education is the inclusion of scholé, a Greek word meaning “restful learning.” In a world that often pushes children toward hurried schedules and constant activity, Veritas seeks to provide students with an atmosphere where learning is marked by peace, joy, and delight.

The idea of scholé dates back to ancient Greece, where it described the kind of thoughtful study and conversation that leads to true understanding. Rather than rushing through facts, students were invited to pause, reflect, and allow ideas to take root. At Veritas, this approach is woven into the classroom experience through practices such as recitation, narration, and discussion. Students are given time to savor a beautiful passage of Scripture, commit a poem to memory, or consider the meaning of a historical event.

In second grade, students exhibit scholé in several ways, such as through their class journals. “The class has been writing or drawing in their science journals several times a week,” said teacher Mrs.

Buller. “We go outside and they are prompted to sketch and write about anything that they see. Last week we sketched anything in God’s creation and I saw a lot of pictures of bugs and trees. It’s a very peaceful way to end a day and to encourage students to be observant of the world around them.”

Rooted in a Christian understanding of education, scholé also reminds us of Jesus’ words in Matthew 11:28: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Education should not be a burden but a gift – a place where students encounter truth, goodness, beauty, and where their souls are refreshed.

“The staff read “The Scholé Way” by Dr. Christopher Perrin over the summer and we are challenging each other to be deliberate in our inclusion of scholé in the curriculum this year,” stated Headmaster Jill Rosario.

By embracing scholé, Veritas encourages students to see learning not as a checklist to complete but as a lifelong journey of discovery. This restful approach helps children grow not only in knowledge but also in character, equipping them to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind.

SPORTS

Greenwave Takes Down Truckee Wolverines



Players Brenan Alves, #6, Logan Casey, #75, and Carson Melendy, #2, on the move to regain control of the ball. Photos by Caitlyn Perrodin.



Caleb Edgmon, #52 kicking, and Bradley Cabral, #55, on the ready.



Greenwave Varsity Boys.



Carson Melendy, #2, heading for a goal touchdown.

Staff Report

Greenwave football came out strong on the road last Friday, Sept. 5, taking down the Truckee Wolverines in both JV and varsity action. The JV team battled hard and pulled out a 12-7 victory in Truckee, while the varsity squad shut out the Wolverines 42-0, showing power on both sides of the ball. The Wave hits the road again Friday, Sept. 12, to take on the Railroaders at Sparks High School. They return home Friday, Sept. 26, to face the Spring Creek Spartans.

SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES



STAY ALERT & LOOK TWICE

Chief of Police Daniel Babiarz reminds everyone:

- Drivers – Slow down in school zones. Never pass a stopped school bus.
- Parents – Teach your kids to stop, and look both ways..
- Students – Put phones away, turn earbuds down, and use crosswalks.

Together, let’s protect our kids and each other.



COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:
Paella With Chicken, Basque Chorizo, and Seafood

By Erik Jimenez in for Kelli Kelly

There is nothing that I enjoy more than a backyard barbecue. Good food, cold beers, and hopefully dogs every-where – eating foods that humans drop on the ground.

However, since we are approaching the end of summer, there are only a few weekends left for cook-outs and barbecues. To celebrate the tail end of nice weather in north-ern Nevada, this week’s recipe happens to be my favorite thing to cook: paella.

I have cooked this dish at least 100 times, and after learning so much over the years, I am finally ready to share my recipe so you can recreate it for your next backyard function.

For this iconic Spanish dish that is de-signed to feed a crowd, we’ll start with a tomato and onion sofrito base and com-bine it with seared chicken thighs, Basque chorizo, shrimp, and mussels to make a beautiful paella mixto.

After experimenting with so many dif-ferent types of rice, I have learned that Uncle Ben’s parboiled rice lends itself to the best results every time, so you can avoid any undercooked grains of rice.

I would highly recommend you go on Amazon and purchase an affordable paella pan and a propane burner for this recipe. However, if you must, this dish can be prepared over a grill or stove with a wide-rimmed pan that can handle high temperatures.

This recipe serves about six people and should be served with crusty bread and classic Caesar salad.

Sofrito Base Ingredients

- 1
- Large yellow onion, small dice (about 2 cups)
- 5
- Roma tomatoes, grated
- 3/4 cup
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp.
- Sugar
- 1/2 tsp.
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp.
- Smoked paprika
- 1
- Bay leaf

Paella Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs.
- Boneless chicken thighs, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 lb.
- Basque chorizo, sliced into rounds
- 1 lb.
- Shrimp, deveined but not peeled
- 12–14
- Mussels
- 2 cups
- Uncle Ben’s parboiled white rice
- 5–6 cups
- Chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp.
- Saffron
- 1
- Red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1
- Bulb garlic, top sliced off

- 1 Tbsp.
- Smoked paprika
- 1 tsp.
- Onion powder
- 1 tsp.
- Garlic powder
-
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1/2 cup
- Frozen peas
-
- Lemon wedges for serving

DIRECTIONS:

Make the sofrito. On medium heat, heat olive oil in a skillet with high sides. Once hot, add onions and cook for about 30–45 minutes. They should start to turn golden brown. Add grated tomatoes, salt, sugar, paprika, and bay leaf and cook for another 20 minutes until the oil begins to separate. Re-move bay leaf and re-serve sofrito for later.

Bloom the saffron in the chicken stock. Roast the garlic bulb in foil at 400°F for about 25 minutes. Reserve the garlic bulb for later.

Heat a paella pan or other carbon steel skillet over a burner, grill, or the stove over medium heat. Add a few ta-blespoons of extra-virgin olive oil. Once hot, sear the chicken thighs until browned. Remove chicken thighs from the heat and cut into bite-sized pieces.

Add in the Basque chorizo to the hot pan and sear until crispy. Reserve for later.

Add the red pepper to the pan and cook for a minute or so. Add the re-served sofrito and cook for 2–3 minutes until well incorporated. Add in the smoked paprika, garlic powder, and onion powder and toast for 30 seconds.

Add the chicken stock with the infused saffron into the pan and heat to a sim-mer. Once simmering add the garlic bulb face down into the middle of the pan, along with the chicken thighs, Basque chorizo, rice, and a generous sprinkling of kosher salt. Stir briefly to combine.

Allow the mixture to come to a boil. Once boiling, reduce to a simmer and cook for 30 minutes or so until the rice starts to become tender. If it becomes a little dry, add more liquid to prevent the rice from burning on the bottom. Season to taste with kosher salt.

Once the rice has started to become tender, arrange the mussels and shrimp on top of the rice. They are done when the shrimp have turned pink and the mussels have opened.

Once the seafood is done, sprinkle the frozen peas over the paella, cover with foil or a towel, and let rest for 10 minutes.

Once rested, mix up the paella with a large spoon and serve with lemon wedges.

Erik Jimenez splits his time between the statehouse and the stove—he’s Nevada’s Chief Policy Deputy by day and an inventive chef by night. He brings flavor to everything he does—from state finance to five-star culinary delights.



Allison’s Book Report:
“Happily Never After”
by Lynn Painter

By Allison Diegel

My husband and I are celebrating 18 years of wedded bliss this week. Our wedding was so much fun, but it wasn’t without some drama. The best man passed out from the heat during the ceremony, the cake table caught on fire due to a random gust of wind that blew the tablecloth into a candle, and the sheriff’s office showed up when the party was a little too loud late into the night. Honestly, it was the party of the century and we still talk about how fun and crazy it all was.

One thing that thank-fully did not happen to us was that no one stood up and objected during the ceremony – however, this week’s book is a snappy little rom-com about people who weren’t so lucky!

Lynn Painter’s “Happily Never After” is a fun, enemies-to-lovers rom-com that starts with a bang... or, more accurately, an “I object!” The story follows Sophie Steinbeck, who finds out right before her wedding that her fiancé, Stuart, has been cheating. The problem is, she can’t call off the wedding her-self because Stuart’s dad is her own father’s boss, and she doesn’t want to jeopardize his job. Enter Max—a professional wedding objector hired to do the dirty work. He saves Sophie from a disastrous marriage, and in the process, she gets a fantastic idea.

Intrigued by Max’s unique career, Sophie decides to join him. Together, they become a dynamic duo, traveling the country to break up doomed wed-dings. Their work is all about saving people from the pain of unfaithful partners and toxic relation-ships. While they work, they form a pact: no feel-ings, just a fun side hustle. After all, they’re both self-proclaimed cynics about love, especially after their own bad experiences.

As Sophie and Max work together, their undeni-able chemistry and witty banter become the heart of the story. They share drinks, laughs, and a grow-ing physical attraction that they both try to pre-tend is just casual. It’s a classic fake-dating trope but with a twist—they’re just two people who “don’t believe in love” trying to avoid falling for each other.

Everything changes when they get their next as-signment. A groom-to-be hires them to object to his wedding, but the bride-to-be is the woman who broke Max’s heart. This puts them in a tricky spot. Max has to confront his past, while Sophie has to face the unexpected reality that she’s falling hard for her partner in crime. The book hilariously and sweetly navigates their journey as they realize that maybe, just maybe, their happily never after is ac-tually a happily ever after with each other.

I hope you enjoy this week’s pick. Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and bookish fun.



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

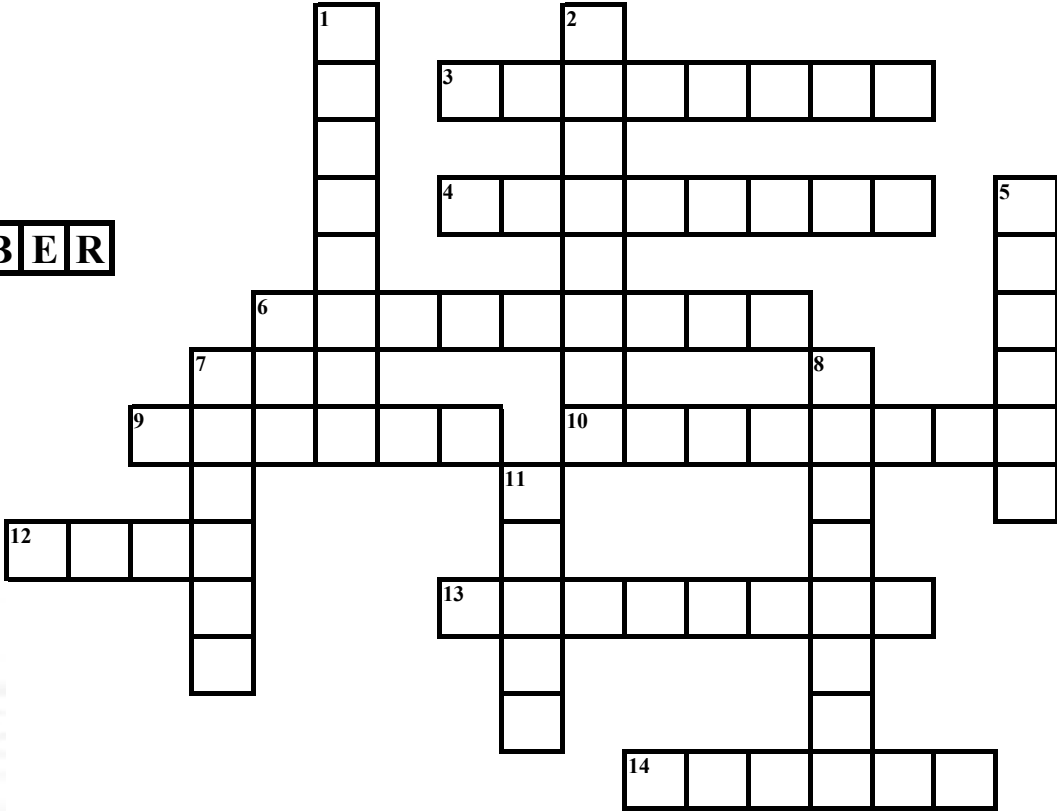
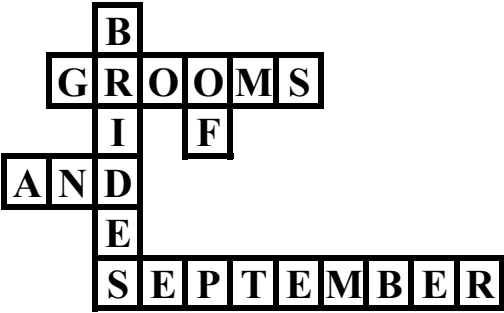
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Across

3.
- Founding father/printer
4.
- His guitar softly wept
6.
- His bell has tolled
9.
- M*A*S*H’s Sherman Potter
10.
- Grease’s Danny Zuko
12.
- Anthropologist
13.
- Won awards for Gandhi
14.
- Partnered with Lewis & Sinatra

Down

1.
- Ghost’s Oda Mae Brown
2.
- First US Navy admiral
5.
- Chicago Bulls superstar
7.
- Superstition singer-songwriter
8.
- Slaughterhouse 5 author
11.
- Built 57 Varieties company



ORDER TO ALLOW SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND TO ALLOW NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

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

JEFFREY L. CHRISTIANSEN and JILL L. CHRISTIANSEN, individuals, Plaintiffs, vs. Title Service and Escrow Company, a dissolved Nevada Corporation, or any person or entity claiming a right thereunder; Anna Macari, a resident of Colorado, now believed to be a deceased person; and also all other persons or entities unknown claiming any right, title, state, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto, Defendants.

ORDER TO ALLOW SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND TO ALLOW NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

Pending before this Court is a Motion by Plaintiffs JEFFREY L. CHRISTIANSEN and JILL L. CHRISTIANSEN, individuals, by and through their counsel of record, R. Scott Jamieson, requesting that the Court enter an Order allowing Service by Publication against Defendants Title Service and Escrow Company, a dissolved Nevada Corporation, or any person or entity claiming a right thereunder; Anna Macari, a resident of Colorado, now believed to be a deceased person, specifically, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto, and to allow Notice of Hearing by Publication to the above-named persons and entities have an opportunity to timely file an appropriate written Answer or other appropriate written response to the Court with respect to the above-referenced Summons and and Complaint, and to appear at a hearing wherein any interested person may appear to contest Plaintiffs' Complaint to Quiet Title, both directly and through their claim of adverse possession. This Motion is made and based upon NRS 40.090, NRS 40.100, NRS 40.110, NRCP Rule 4(d) (3), and upon 10 JDCR Rule 4.4 and any other applicable Nevada Law. Based on the evidence and information provided to the Court incident to the above-referenced Motion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows: Plaintiffs shall serve the Summons and the Verified Complaint in this case by means of publication, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation, in the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, for a period of 4 weeks, and at least once a week during said time, effectuating service upon both all of the abovenamed specific persons and entities and also upon all other persons or entities unknown claiming any right, title estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing date in the above referenced matter wherein the Court will be able to consider the Verified Complaint, is set for October 7 at 9:00 a.m., 2025, such hearing to occur after the date for filing Answers or other appropriate responsive pleadings to the required publishing, posting and recording as required under the applicable Nevada Rules and Statutes. This document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 5th day of August 2025.
Tom Stockard
District Judge

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**SUMMONS
CASE NO. 24-10DC-1125
DEPT. NO. 1**

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JEFFREY L. CHRISTIANSEN and JILL L. CHRISTIANSEN, individuals, Plaintiffs, vs. Title Service and Escrow Company, a dissolved Nevada Corporation, or any person or entity claiming a right thereunder; Anna Macari, a former resident of Colorado, now believed to be a deceased person; and also all other persons or entities unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto,

Defendants.

SUMMONS

TO DEFENDANT TITLE SERVICE AND ESCROW COMPANY, A DISSOLVED NEVADA CORPORATION, OR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY CLAIMING A RIGHT THEREUNDER; ANNA MACARI, A FORMER RESIDENT OF COLORADO, NOW BELIEVED TO BE A DECEASED PERSON; AND ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS' OWNERSHIP, OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFFS' TITLE THERETO.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOU BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND IN WRITING WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY.

You are summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney, whose name and address is noted below, a formal written Answer to the Complaint which is served upon you, within 20 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, and to file such Answer with the clerk of the court located at 73 N. Maine Street, Ste. 8, Fallon, NV 89406. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is brought to obtain Quiet Title to real property located at 245 S. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, Churchill County, APN No. 001-521-01.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2024.
Tiffany Josephs, Clerk of the Court.
Plaintiffs' Attorney:
R. Scott Jamieson
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Audrey Michele Wade
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Self-Represented Petition

DISTRICT COURT, CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA

In the Matter of the Application of:
Audrey Michele Wade
CASE NO.: 02-10DC-0840 DEPT: 1
For Change of Name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Courtrequesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from:
Audrey Wade
To
Audrei Michele Wade

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing his or her name for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing ofapplicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this Notice.

DATED:
this 3 day of September 2025

SUBMITTED BY:
/s/ Audrey Michelle Wade

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Crossword found on page 14

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MEETINGS

September 15–19, 2025

Churchill County School District
4th Wednesday of the Month
at 5:30 p.m.
CCSD Admin Bldg.
690 S. Maine St.
Next meetings:
Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 12


Fallon City Council
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month
at 9 a.m.
City Hall, 55 W. Williams Ave.
Next meeting: Sept. 16

TCID
Next Meetings:
Oct. 7, Nov. 4 at 9 a.m.
2666 Harrigan Road

County Meetings
155 N. Taylor St.
Commission Chambers

County Commission
meets 1st Thursday
and 3rd Wednesday
of the Month
Next meeting:
Sept. 17 at 1:15 p.m.





WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken September 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	85,140 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	629 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	109 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	81.5 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	1.31 cfs

September 9, 2024	September 9, 2023	September 9, 2022
167,696 acre feet	246,244 acre feet	34,835 acre feet

Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second | Af - Acre Feet | [TCID.org](https://tcid.org) & [Water Data.USGS.gov](https://waterdata.usgs.gov)

COLUMNS

Postcards: The Fallon Sanitarium

By Michon Mackedon

Those of you who regularly read this column know that I like to page through the vintage editions of the Fallon newspapers preserved by the Churchill County Museum and Archives. Lately, I have spent quite a bit of time looking over newspapers published 100 years ago, in 1925. The advertisements draw my eyes as often as do the headlines, and I was attracted particularly to an ad for the “Fallon Sanitarium,” publicizing medical care and treatment.

In my mind, a sanitarium, in general, is a retreat for sufferers of chronic diseases like tuberculosis, but the ads implied that the Fallon Sanitarium had a broader mission. Thanks to information provided by Bunny Corkill and Julie King, in their 2015 ‘MuseNews’ article entitled “Medical Care in Churchill County (1860-1950),” I learned the Fallon Sanitarium was, indeed, established to provide wide-ranging medical care and rehabilitation. Its founder, Julius H. Miller, arrived in Churchill County with a group of friends from Iowa in 1887 and he later “entered Pacific Union College at Healdsburg, Calif., taking a four-year ministerial course that included a two-year nursing class that trained him to holistically care for the sick and to perform minor surgery.”

Miller returned to Fallon, and with his wife, Emma Georginia Stockton, began to fulfill a life-long dream of caring for the poor and treating the incurable. The Fallon Sanitarium opened in 1909 with 30 rooms “fitted up” at 2120 South Allen Road (currently the location of Hiskett & Sons). All five of the Miller children were born there. In 1915, a fire destroyed the original structure, but Miller immediately built a 10 room “fireproof” replacement and developed plans to expand to a 52-room hospital. One addition he completed was a 180-foot glass enclosed sunporch, which allowed his patients to take in the warmth and healing power of the sun.

The newspaper ads detailed the many medical services offered at the Sanitarium: Hydrotherapy — Dietetics — Medicine — Surgery. Dr. Miller liked to administer to the soul as well as to the body, “believing that people can be cured through the gospel’s truth.” He also served as a deacon of the Adventist church, and for many years was appointed to care for Churchill County’s indigents. The Sanitarium was open to any other surgeon or doctor, regardless of creed, who wished to treat patients there.

Miller’s dream dissolved in the late 1920’s when he lost the County indigent contract because his advertised “hydrotherapy” (or hot water) treatments flew in the face of “modern” prescribed practices. His private funding also dwindled, and he lost the Sanitarium property.

Dr. Miller passed away on June 19, 1941, he is buried in the Fallon Cemetery. Emma reportedly remarried and died at age 98 in Napa, Calif.

There is no doubt that Dr. Miller had a humanitarian spirit, a big heart, and a gift for healing. In my opinion, he deserves an honored place in Fallon’s history.

Also included in my correspondence with Bunny Corkill is the official, detailed recipe for an Atlasta Good Beef Sandwich, as created by our own National Sandwich Queen, Helen Millward (see Postcards, “Fallon Post,” August 22, 2025).

Atlasta Good Beef Sandwich

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|-----------|---|
| 1/2 cup | Dairy sour cream |
| 1 tbsp. | Onion soup mix |
| 1 tsp. | Prepared horseradish, well-drained |
| 1/4 tsp. | Salt |
| Dash | of pepper |
| 12 slices | Cold roast prime rib of beef, sliced thin |
| 8 slices | Russian rye bread |
| 4 leaves | Lettuce |
| 4 slices | Garlic dill pickle |

Please send your stories and ideas for stories to mackedon@phonewave.net.

Michon Mackedon is a native of Fallon and a retired professor of English and Humanities (WNC). She loves her family, her home, her dog, reading, writing, making good food, and sipping a glass of fine white wine. Beyond that, she refuses to be categorized.



Maine Street SPOOKTACULAR

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Community members are working hard to bring Maine Street Spooktacular 2025 this Halloween season. **Participation is free to businesses/organizations who wish to join in.** We are looking for Sponsors to help this festive family-friendly event happen. **Deadline:** September 19th, 2025

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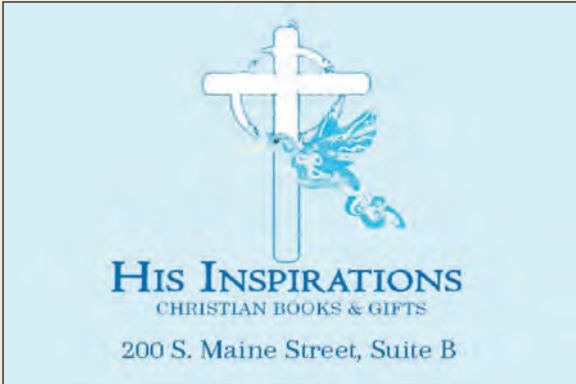
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