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## Pinwheels for Prevention *Taking a Stand Against Child Abuse*



County Commissioner Myles Getto, Mayor Ken Tedford, and Brittany Burton. Photos courtesy of Churchill Community Coalition.

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County is joining communities across the country in recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, taking a stand for the health, safety, and future of local children.

During a recent meeting of the Churchill County Commissioners, Social Services Coordinator Shannon Arts introduced Brittany Burton, who leads the county’s prevention efforts.

“Each year, Churchill County receives over 300 reports of child abuse and neglect,” Burton said. “April is a time for us to raise awareness, educate the public and focus on building strong, resilient families.”

To kick off the month, the community “Painted the Town Blue” on Tuesday, April 1, starting with a pinwheel planting at Millennium Park and the symbolic dyeing of the fountain on Maine Street.

A joint proclamation from Churchill County and the City of Fallon was read at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 4, affirming a shared commitment to prevention and child welfare efforts.

Churchill County Social Services is

hosting a series of events this month to support families and raise awareness, including a Family Carnival on Wednesday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the William N. Pennington Life Center and Free Movie Nights at Fallon Theatre on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, at 6:30 p.m., where they will be showing “Inside Out.”

Burton also encouraged residents to wear blue each Friday in April to show support.

“We hope the community will join us not just tomorrow, but every Friday in April by wearing blue,” she said. “Each pinwheel we plant represents a child’s bright future — one filled with safety, love and opportunity.”

The commissioners unanimously adopted the proclamation, officially declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Churchill County.

“Let’s stand united to break the cycle of abuse and foster a brighter tomorrow,” Burton said.

A full calendar of events is available on the Churchill County Social Services Facebook page and website.

## County Begins Search *New County Manager as Barbee Announces Resignation*

By Rachel Dahl

After nearly seven years of service, Churchill County Manager Jim Barbee will step down from his position this summer. The Board of County Commissioners officially accepted Barbee’s resignation at their April 3 meeting. His last day will be July 7.

Barbee has served in the position since 2018 and helped guide the county through major challenges and growth, including the COVID-19 pandemic and continued infrastructure development.

With Barbee’s departure on the horizon, commissioners approved a plan to launch the search for the county’s next top administrator. The hiring process, laid out by Chief Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford, includes public advertising, pre-screening, and final interviews expected by early June.

Unlike the 2018 recruitment effort, this year’s plan does not include hiring an outside search firm. Instead, the county will



use widely accessed job platforms such as LinkedIn, Indeed, and professional sites tailored to public service roles.

Under the proposal, Barbee would help form a small recommendation panel to screen initial applications and present a shortlist of three to five qualified candidates to the commission. However, not

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log  
Detailing

By Rachel Dahl

Trevor and I were talking last week about our rigs and the abundance of life, as evidenced by the plethora of “things” taking up space inside each of our vehicles. We really meant that they are both complete pig styes, and we needed to adult up and take half a minute to clean them out.

Like mother like son.

We were laughing about the strange things we accumulate and how we’re littering potentially useful space — I mean, can anyone explain why the dog carrier is still in there months after I rescued Larry the Rooster from a gal in South Reno whose neighbors were aimed on souping him? My favorite sneakers live under the passenger seat, with a pair of heels (in case I have to cover a meeting), and always there are flip-flops. Because you know — pedicures.

Trev’s big rig hosts more rugged outdoor wear than mine. They do live within a stone’s throw of the Arctic. He could successfully ice fish if the need arose and, of course, entertain a seven-year-old and maintain Chopper, the griffon-faced hunting dog who won’t point or retrieve. It sounded like, as they aim for warmer weather, there was also enough equipment to build a garden complete with raised beds and a drip system, as well as provide entertainment for the child’s eighth birthday party with everything just short of the clowns.

A long time ago, when I was writing for Short Anne at *The Fallon Star* Press, one of my most entertaining “Losing it...” columns explained extensively the conditions of my minivan and how, surely, if stranded on a desert island I, along with my three children, could easily survive for three months living out of the van down by the river. There were plenty of potential snacks, water abounded in the discarded water bottles strewn here and there, and the amount of clothing and shoes would surely suffice both covering bodies but



Image by Leanna Lehman with DALL-E.

also provide ample bedding and, if needed, could probably also frame a lean-to.

You know it’s time when it all begins to take on a smell — maybe you left a pan or a dish in there after the church potluck, and the entire cab wafts of stale chocolate cake each time you open the door.

Luckily a quick trip to Reno this weekend with a friend included an hour-long wait while said friend took the only available massage appointment. There was a fancy car wash right down the street and I took the opportunity to wait in the sun while the magicians had their way with both the inside AND the outside of my truck. Helen has never looked so good. (Helen is my truck – for the actress in my favorite Bruce Willis movie).

Trev will have to wait for the July thaw in North Dakota before his gets a bath. LOL.

So while I enjoy the smell of coconut air freshener baked in the early spring sun, we’ll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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FEATURES

# Spring Blooms

## Annual Home & Garden Show

Staff Report

*The Soroptimist International of Fallon is welcoming spring in style with the 24th Annual Home & Garden Show, happening this weekend, April 12–13, at the Fallon Convention Center.*

A longtime local favorite, the show runs Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. With vendors lined wall-to-wall and something for just about everyone, it’s a great way to spend the weekend with family or friends.

Shoppers can expect home and garden décor, handmade jewelry, original photography, local produce and preserves, and plenty of arts and crafts. Outside, a spread of food trucks will be serving up local flavors, and there’s no shortage of treats to try between booths.

For the kids, free hands-on activities will keep them busy. At the same time, Saturday morning brings an extra dose of nostalgia with a vintage car show from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Admission is just a suggested \$1 donation



Photos by Rachel Dahl.



per adult — a small price for a big impact. Proceeds go toward Soroptimist scholarships and programs that support and empower women and girls in the Fallon community.

For vendor information, contact [teresa.walden@bannerhealth.com](mailto:teresa.walden@bannerhealth.com).

Bring the family, grab a bite, browse something beautiful — and help support a great cause while you’re at it.

Spring Blooms at last year’s Annual Home Show, Phyllis Dowd, Teresa Walden, and Marcia Vinson.

# Whisperings of the Nevada Desert



Kelly Melancon, CCHS Advanced Art Student, “The Lights.”



Myles Coatney, CCHS Advanced Art Student, “The Desert Wakes.”

By Nancy Chapman

*What do you get when the Churchill County High School Advanced Art Teacher, Mrs. Amanda Hammond, asks her advanced art students what they see or feel when they think of “Whisperings of the Nevada Desert?” After their Christmas break, the students challenged by this question answered it by producing forty pieces of work in a little over two months. These pieces are on display in the Fallon Community College Art Gallery, and the show will continue until April 25.*

Mrs. Hammond welcomed students, parents, grandparents, school bus drivers, and many more individuals to enjoy these students’ accomplishments. Joy Swett, Churchill County School Bus Driver, was there to support the art students on her bus. The kids kept her informed of the progress of their projects since starting them in January.

These forty pieces of art were on display: ceramics, paintings on canvas, felt, and mixed media. Trinity Tohannie wrote on her theme, “I had drawn inspiration from

Nevada for both of my artworks somehow it was hard to do, but I still got it. My motivation for the “Kettle Corn Skies” was simple Bob Ross, but I did my own thing for the sides of the canvas. I love complementary colors. I felt “Town Clown Motel” hasn’t been my greatest work, but it was still fun. Working with felt is NOT for the weak.”

Multiple works from the advanced art students were displayed in the gallery. Myles Coatney was one of those. He had six pieces using mixed media, gouache on canvas, mixed media on paper, and acrylic on canvas. He said art was one of his favorite classes, and it shows.



Mrs. Amanda Hammond, CCHS Advanced Art Teacher.

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all board members were on board with that approach.

Commissioner Eric Blakey raised concerns about transparency and emphasized that elected commissioners — not a committee — should be the ones deciding who moves forward in the hiring process.

“I think it’s our duty as county commissioners to pick the next county manager,” Blakey said. “I’m not interested in people from past administrations making decisions for our future.”

He added that the commission should have access to all applicants, not just a preselected group.

Commission Chair Myles Getto and Commissioner Matt Hyde voiced support for the recruitment plan, calling it efficient and in line with standard hiring practices. They agreed that commissioners could approve the members of the recommendation panel, ensuring oversight throughout the process.

“Ultimately, the final interviews and selection will be up to us,” Getto said. “We’re just trying to streamline the process to bring forward the most qualified candidates.”

The job posting is expected to go live on April 11. Application screenings and background checks will follow in May, with interviews and a final decision by June 6. The new county manager would begin work by the end of June, allowing some overlap with Barbee for a smooth transition.

Job listings will be published locally in The Fallon Post, Nevada Appeal, and Reno Gazette-Journal, as well as on national platforms geared toward government professionals.

The board approved the recruitment plan in a 2–1 vote, with Blakey opposed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Western Nevada College

## Opens Registration for Summer and Fall Semesters



Photos courtesy of WNC.

Staff Report

Students considering their college options for the coming academic year may find the right fit close to home. Western Nevada College (WNC) is now opening registration for its Summer and Fall 2025 semesters, offering a range of benefits designed to support student success.

Continuing and returning students can begin registering on Monday, April 7, through their myWNC accounts. New students will be able to register beginning Monday, April 14.

WNC touts several advantages for students, including affordable tuition, smaller class sizes, experienced faculty, flexible scheduling, accelerated class options, and access to financial aid and scholarship opportunities. The college also offers multiple campuses, including one in Fallon, and programs that lead directly to industry certifications.

For students eager to plan ahead, a full list of available courses is posted online at [wnc.edu/class-schedule](http://wnc.edu/class-schedule). The 2025–26 Academic Program Guide, available at [wnc.edu/academic-program-guide](http://wnc.edu/academic-program-guide), provides detailed information on degree and certificate programs.

Summer session will run from June 9 through August 2, while the Fall 2025 semester begins August 25.

New students are encouraged to begin the process by enrolling at [wnc.edu/admissions](http://wnc.edu/admissions). For additional guidance, students can connect with WNC’s academic advising team through [wnc.edu/advising](http://wnc.edu/advising) or by calling 775-445-3267 for Carson City or 775-445-3379 for Fallon.

Whether starting college for the first time, returning to complete a degree, or seeking to gain career-ready skills, Western Nevada College offers a variety of paths designed to meet the needs of local students.



# Movies & More

By Kelli Perez



“The Lorax” Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

*Hello, friends and supporters!*  
*The heart of our theatre continues to beat, thanks to the incredible support of our community.*

By joining our Sustaining Membership program, you help ensure we can continue providing enriching experiences for all by bringing a variety of films, music, and performances to the stage. We invite you to be part of this journey and support the arts in our community. The link to sign up for membership can be found on our website, [fallontheatre.com](http://fallontheatre.com), and membership comes with some great concession perks!

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., we’ll screen “The Lorax” (2012), a colorful and heartwarming animated film based on Dr. Seuss’ beloved tale. “The Lorax” is a fable addressing the dangers of

unchecked industrial growth and the importance of environmental protection. It has a runtime of 1 hour and 26 minutes.

At 7 p.m. both nights, we’ll be showing “The Wild Robot” (2024), an inspiring animated film about Roz, a robot who learns to survive on a remote island by adapting to her surroundings and the creatures she encounters. The runtime of this film is 1 hour and 42 minutes. Both films showing this weekend are rated PG.

Looking ahead to May, don’t miss Head Over Feet, a tribute band celebrating the music of Alanis Morissette, on May 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are just \$15 at the door!

As always, both our auditorium and marquee are available for rentals! Contact us today at 775-423-6210 or email [thefallontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:thefallontheatre@gmail.com) to book.



## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Bunny is Available for Adoption

Meet Bunny, a 6-month-old Manx with a bobtail and a big heart. This soft, affectionate kitten loves people and wants nothing more than to be by your side—following you from room to room, chirping and curling up close. Bunny has a playful streak too, enjoying toy chases and the occasional zoomie session, but she’s just as happy snuggling in your lap. She’s spayed, vaccinated, and ready to be your one and only—Bunny does best as the only pet in the home. Visit our adoption center to meet this sweet girl and see if she’s the perfect fit for your heart and home.



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



Big Guy is a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever and Border Collie mix with a heart full of potential. Rescued from a hoarding situation, he’s shy around strangers but becomes a total sweetheart once he feels safe. He loves ball-

on-a-rope toys, enjoys exercise, and is equally happy snuggling on the couch. Big Guy attends doggy day care, is curious about other animals, and is learning basic commands. He’ll do best with a patient, understanding owner who can give him time to build trust and confidence. If you’re ready to earn the love of a loyal companion, come meet Big Guy today.

Want to help more? We’re looking for volunteers, vendors for Bark in the Park (June 6–7), and flea market donations (April 3 drop-off). Learn more on our website or contact us at [caps@cccomm.net](mailto:caps@cccomm.net) or 775-423-7500. CAPS is located at 5894 Pasture Road in Fallon.

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OBITUARY

ELINOR ELAINE “LAINEE” HEATH  
June 28, 1943 - March 7, 2025

Elinor Elaine Heath, better known as Laine, was born on June 28, 1943, to Edward and Freida Warman, in Fallon, Nevada. She passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on March 7, 2025. She was the oldest of four siblings and a lifelong resident of Fallon. She was known for her fierce attitude and her unwavering love for her family. Laine met her husband in 1966, married and had two sons; Patrick in 1967 and Steven in 1968. After spending many years caring for her husband and boys, she went to work with her best friend Kathy Cooley at Stop & Shop Market. During her time at Stop & Shop she was known and loved by many. Throughout her sons’ childhoods, Laine was very active in the PTA and the FFA, as well as being known for her vocal support of her boys at all basketball games, football games, and wrestling matches.



Laine loved cooking, camping at Reese River, and fishing and hunting trips with her family. Laine’s presence, kindness and daily actions made those around her feel truly loved. She was loved beyond measure and will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her husband Paul, her father Edward Sr., her mother Freida, her sisters Evelyn and Bonnie, her nephew Michael, her mother-in-law Mildred, father-in-law Raleigh, and brother-in-law Denny.

Laine is survived by her sons, Patrick ‘Yoda’ Heath, Steven Heath, and stepson Paul Heath Jr., brother Edward Warman, Jr. (Kathy), her grandchildren Scott Heath and Courtney Hyde, sister-in-law Kay Allen (Buzz), Teena King (Randy), her nieces Lynn Portillo (Alex), and Cynthia, Marsha, and Mary Eaken, as well as numerous great nephews, great nieces, and great grandchildren.

There are no services planned.

DORA DEAN HARRIS/STARK  
January 24, 1931 - April 5, 2025

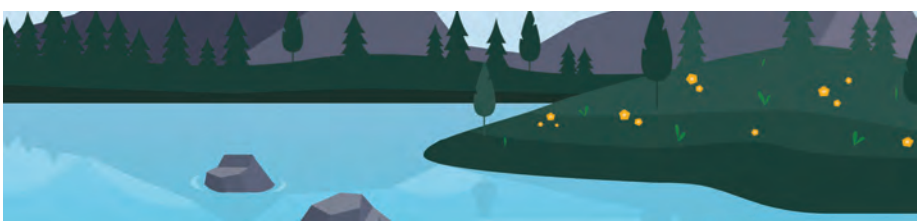
Dora Dean Harris/Stark quietly slipped through the veil on April 5, 2025, at the age of 94. Dora was born on January 24, 1931, to Edward Calvin Harris and Lula May Arnolds. Dora was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Frank Burnell Stark; sister Phillis; brothers George and Edward (Bud). Still living is sister Rayola.

Burnell and Dora were married on February 19, 1948, in Eureka, Nevada, on a dare from a friend. They have three children: Lance Frederick Stark (Janet), Barbara Lewis (W. Bruce Lewis), and James Calvin Stark (Leslie). Dora and Burnell have 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. They also adopted Dale and Linna Thomas and their four children into the family.

Dora was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dora loved music and spent countless hours conducting, singing, playing the piano, and giving piano lessons. She has left her mark on this community.

Private services are being held by her family. Messages or comments are greatly welcomed and can be left at [SmithFamilyFuneral-HomeFallon.com](#).





### WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken April 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	202,200 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	472 cfs
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Carson River at Ft. Churchill	338 cfs

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COMMUNITY

# Stories from the Desert

## An Evening with Caleb Cage

Staff Report

Fallon readers and lovers of literature are invited to an evening of reflection and storytelling as part of the Churchill Arts Council’s Literary Arts Series. On Saturday, April 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., author and veteran Caleb S. Cage will take the stage at the Oats Park Arts Center for a live reading, Q&A, and book signing centered around his acclaimed collection *Desert Mementos: Stories of Iraq and Nevada*.

Cage, a Reno native and U.S. Army veteran, brings a distinctive voice to the page—one shaped by experience in the deserts of both Iraq and the Great Basin. His book, published by the University of Nevada Press, delivers nine short stories that move between wartime deployment and the long road home. The characters in *Desert Mementos* wrestle with loss, loyalty, identity, and redemption, set against a backdrop of stark, unforgiving landscapes.



As reviewer Scott Neuffer wrote, Cage’s work “shows the effects [of war] up close and personal... the human conscience disappears and reappears and swirls like smoke on the battlefield.” But in quieter moments—driving through a Nevada snowstorm, sitting in a hometown diner—there are glimmers of hope and healing. “The same open desert that kills also nurtures,” Neuffer wrote. “Even in a broken world the soldier could pick up the pieces... and build something new.”

The event is free and open to the public, and promises a thoughtful evening of art, conversation, and community. The Oats Park Arts Center is located at 151 E. Park Street in Fallon.

For more on Cage’s work, visit [wnpress.unr.edu](http://wnpress.unr.edu). For event details, visit [churchillarts.org](http://churchillarts.org).



Students L to R: Shane Rustan, Jackson Barbee, and James Lofthouse. Adults: Jessi Amos, FSA farm loan officer, Stacy Emm, UNR Reno Extension Office for State of Nevada.

# CCHS Students Explore Ranching Through Youth Loan Program

Staff Report

While leading a goal-writing session with juniors at Churchill County High School, School to Career Coordinator Dr. Sue Segura asked students about their future career interests. One student replied, “I want to be a rancher.”

Segura invited the student to meet with her during lunch. When they spoke, she asked if he had access to land for running cattle. He said he did. That conversation sparked the beginning of a career pathway tailored to ranching.

Segura’s first step was reaching out to Stacy Emm, who oversees University of Nevada, Reno Extension programs statewide, to ask whether the “Youth Loans Program” was still available. Emm agreed to present the program to interested students.

When she arrived, Emm clarified that the Youth Loan Program is actually administered by the Farm Service Agency. She connected Segura with Jessi Amos, the agency’s Fallon-based representative, who was able to visit the high school and speak directly with students.

The session became a hands-on introduction to entrepreneurship in agriculture. Several students are now preparing to apply for Youth Loans to begin building their own ranching operations.

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GOVERNMENT

# School Board Reviews Budget, Instructional Time, and Counseling Restructure

By Rachel Dahl

At their regular meeting on March 26, the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees heard updates on several topics, including new learning tools in the classroom and ongoing budget challenges.

Assistant Superintendent Stacey Cooper presented a report on the district-wide rollout of i-Ready Math, a program now in full use for kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Introduced initially as a pilot under former Superintendent Dr. Summer Stephens, i-Ready has since grown into a full curriculum backed by the state and used across Nevada.

The program includes digital lessons and printed materials, giving teachers data to tailor instruction to each student’s needs. While kids liked the online features, Cooper said many asked for paper workbooks. That feedback helped drive the decision to adopt the full print version this year.

One trustee said, “I’m highly impressed with i-Ready and how it meets students where they are.” The board confirmed that the program is now a required part of classroom instruction for all K–8 students in the district.

Comptroller Kristi Fielding shared early numbers for the 2025–26 school budget; among the most pressing concerns are a 3.25% increase in retirement contributions and a 12% jump in insurance costs. Fielding said those changes alone significantly strained the district’s general fund.

While the state’s proposed budget gives Churchill County a \$120,000 boost in per-pupil funding, that only works out to about \$39 more per student. At the same time, the district is set to lose more than \$300,000 in funding for at-risk students.

To help cover the gap, Fielding identified over \$2.3 million in this year’s budget that hasn’t been spent — including funds for unfilled positions, unused technology and training, and contingency dollars. If those funds remain unspent, the district’s end-of-year balance would sit just above the state-mandated minimum.

But more cuts may still be needed. “We need to find either \$1.5 million more in unspent funds this year or reduce next year’s budget

by that amount to meet the 4% minimum fund balance,” Fielding told the board. Trustees emphasized the need for timely information so decisions aren’t left to the last minute.

Superintendent Derild Parsons also addressed questions that had come up about how instructional minutes are calculated. After going back and reviewing the data as far back as the 2021–22 school year, district staff found that some time had been inconsistently reported.

Parsons said adjustments have already been made at schools like Lahontan Elementary to ensure students get as much learning time as possible within teachers’ contractual schedules. Trustees asked that future reports include both instructional time and professional development hours so they can better understand how teacher time is balanced.

Trustees approved a plan to restructure the Churchill County High School counseling department better to support students’ academic planning and personal well-being. One unfilled counselor position will be converted into a Dean of Students role.

CCHS Principal Tim Spencer said the new position will help meet growing student needs — from scheduling and graduation plans to behavior support and community-based services. “This is not a reduction in services—it’s a reimagining to improve efficiency and impact,” Spencer said.

The Dean of Students will take the lead on programs like MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports), coordinate care teams, and serve as a liaison with local mental health partners. At the same time, the change will allow assistant principals to spend more time mentoring teachers and leading school-wide instruction.

Trustees noted how hard it has been to find qualified school counselors and supported the change as a creative solution that other schools might consider if it proves effective. Superintendent Parsons confirmed the change would not increase the overall staffing budget.

The board will revisit the budget at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 9. Trustees also requested a future agenda item to review how the high school prepares students for the ACT and how those strategies might be improved.

Coverage of the April 9 meeting will appear in the April 18 edition of The Fallon Post.

# Time Change Bill Clears Committee

## *Stirring Up a Century of History*

By Leanna Lehman

Last week, a bill that would keep Nevada on standard time year-round cleared its first legislative hurdle. Assembly Bill 81, known as the “Lock the Clock” Act, passed out of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee on March 31. The proposal now heads to the State Assembly for debate and a floor vote.

If approved, Nevadans would change clocks back in November 2025—then never change them again. Starting in December, the state would permanently remain on standard time.

Daylight saving time was first adopted during World War I by Germany as a way to conserve energy and fuel. The U.S. followed suit in 1918 and again in World War II. By 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, creating a national framework that allowed states to opt out of daylight saving time — but not to adopt it permanently without federal approval.

Today, only two states—Arizona and Hawaii—stay on standard time all year. Arizona stays on Mountain Standard Time year-round, except for the Navajo Nation. Hawaii remains on standard time due to its proximity to the equator, where sunrise and sunset times don’t vary as much throughout the year. Several U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, are also on standard time year-round.

If AB 81 becomes law, Nevada would be within its rights to join those states and territories on permanent standard time (November through early March). However, it could not shift to permanent daylight time (mid-March to early November) without action from Congress.

Supporters of the bill say the twice-a-year clock change is more trouble than it’s worth. Some studies link the springtime shift to increased risks of heart attacks, strokes, workplace injuries, and car crashes. Many find it disruptive to sleep cycles, family schedules, and work routines. Supporters also argue that changing clocks creates unnecessary additional confusion in a digital world where schedules and meetings cross time zones daily.

Another long-held argument favoring DST—energy savings—has also weakened in recent years. A 2017 review of 44 international studies found that the energy savings from daylight saving time were minimal—about 0.3% on average—and often wiped out by increases in heating costs. In a study of Indiana households after the state adopted DST statewide in 2006, electricity use went up by 1% due to more heating in the mornings and cooling in the evenings.

These findings reflect a shift in how Americans use energy. Decades ago, lighting made up much of residential energy use, and DST meant lights stayed off longer in the evening. But today, with the widespread use of energy-efficient lighting and higher reliance on electronics and climate control, the net benefits of DST are negligible.

Still, the issue isn’t without controversy.

During a February 24 hearing on the bill, pediatrician Dr. Ron Aryel testified in opposition, citing concerns about darker winter mornings. He warned that reduced morning light could contribute to safety issues, including crime and traffic accidents, and suggested the Legislature study the matter further before committing to a change.

The safety concern is not new. In 1974, during the nationwide experiment with year-round daylight saving time, eight children in Florida were struck and killed by vehicles while waiting for school

buses in the dark. The tragedy, along with other incidents around the country, prompted some school districts to delay start times—but public support for permanent DST plummeted. What started with nearly 80% approval dropped to less than 50% in just a few months. Congress reversed the decision within a year, returning the nation to standard time during winter months.

Others argue that staying out of sync with neighboring states that continue to observe DST could complicate travel, broadcast schedules, and business operations.

There’s also a persistent myth that DST was introduced to benefit agriculture. In reality, many farmers opposed the shift from the beginning. Ranchers and growers time their work by the sun, not the clock. Cows don’t adjust their milking schedules, and hay doesn’t get baled any faster just because the hands on a clock moved. For many in rural Nevada, changing the time doesn’t change the work—it only shifts it on paper.

Under the current version of AB 81, Nevada would observe daylight saving time this summer and fall and then switch to permanent standard time in November 2025. From that point forward, no more clock changes.

Whether Nevada locks the clock or not, the conversation signals a growing shift. The twice-yearly ritual of changing the clocks is being questioned more seriously, especially in states like ours—where long distances, early mornings, and rural routines don’t always align with policies created in coastal cities a century ago.

A full Assembly vote is expected in the coming weeks.

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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, April 1, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Heather Aulani Muller pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills said Muller had been “drinking heavily” and chased her younger sister with a knife but noted the family primarily wants her to get help.

Steve Evenson, Esq. defense counsel for Muller, requested immediate entry into alternative sentencing through the specialty court track or traditional diversion. He said Muller is doing well at New Frontier, where she receives structured support in addition to substance abuse treatment.

Judge Stockard granted probation on a suspended sentence of 364 days, placed her on probation for 12 months, and ordered her into the Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court program.

Anthony Peter Kancler pleaded guilty to two charges: Count I – Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000; Count II – Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Misdemeanor Second Offense punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine up to \$1,000.

To be eligible for probation, Kancler must complete a psychological risk assessment showing he is not at high risk to re-offend. Sentencing was set for June 3.

Jeremy Wayne Southard admitted to a sentencing violation involving alcohol use. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker reminded the court of what Southard is on probation for: Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, and Battery Constituting Domestic Violence. She said the infant’s mother returned to find the child unsupervised. When Southard came home, the two argued, and he wrapped his arms around her neck until she passed out.

Southard was sentenced in July 2024. Two months later, he was arrested for DUI with a Blood Alcohol Content of .234. Baker asked the court to revoke probation and impose the underlying sentence.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel questioned the delay in bringing the violation forward and said Southard had completed all required classes and was engaged in treatment at New Frontier.

Judge Stockard reinstated probation, ordered the forfeiture of good time credit, and said, “Since September, you’ve done something.” He emphasized sobriety, stating there is to be no alcohol use “on good days or on bad days.”

Kenneth Jermaine Estrada appeared for sentencing after pleading guilty in January to Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, a Category B Felony.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said the state believes he is capable of reform. He has no criminal history and participated in Specialty Court until his removal in March. “He shows remorse,” she said, adding he needs guidance to avoid future offenses.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer said Estrada performs daily community service and is committed to change, though it’s been a slow process. Estrada tested presumptively positive for marijuana last week, but Sommer said the previous use was mid-February.

Judge Stockard continued the hearing to May 6 and ordered daily testing. “If you don’t want to go to prison, get a job,” he said. He noted the case stemmed from eluding law enforcement, not substance use, and expressed doubt about Estrada’s timeline. “You’re smoking more than you admit,” Stockard said. He allowed placement back into Specialty Court.

Christopher Paul Zimmer appeared for sentencing after pleading guilty to Non-Support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or Child, a Category C Felony.

CDDA Mills argued for prison, saying Zimmer had made no effort to pay support. “He hasn’t paid a dime—not a nickel, not a penny,” Mills said. He acknowledged Zimmer’s difficult upbringing but said that doesn’t excuse inaction. “There’s no reason he can’t get a job. His employment history is devoid of work.”

CCPD Sommer agreed the state’s request was not unreasonable but asked for probation with strict employment and support requirements. “Mr. Zimmer hasn’t had the

advantages of responsible guidance,” he said. Zimmer told the court, “I just want to apologize for everything ... I honestly don’t know anymore.”

Judge Stockard sentenced Zimmer to 12–36 months in the Nevada State Prison, stating, “If I had just seen a modicum of effort, I might have considered [probation]. But that has not happened.” Zimmer was remanded to the Churchill County Sheriff’s custody.

Timothy Michael Riddle appeared for a status hearing following a March 18 Notice of Violation of Conditions of Release due to a positive methamphetamine test with Carson City Drug Court.

SDDA Sanford noted Riddle had paid restitution in full and said the court had discretion to revoke his release pending sentencing, set for April 29.

APD Noel asked that Riddle’s own recognition (OR) release be reinstated, citing active Drug Court supervision and fulfilled restitution obligation.

Riddle told the court, “I fully take responsibility for my actions,” and said he had increased counseling sessions.

Judge Stockard acknowledged the violation and Riddle’s progress. “I don’t think it would be unreasonable for me to just order you to stay in custody until sentencing. I’m not going to do that,” he said. Riddle’s OR release was reinstated with conditions.

David Bryan Finley, in custody, appeared for sentencing on two Category B Felonies: Count I – Driving Under the Influence, Third Offense, and Count II – Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer.

SDDA Sanford requested consecutive sentences, citing BACs of .113 and .109, with \$10,990.32 in restitution. She cited a significant criminal history, including violent and sexual offenses. Sanford described a high-speed pursuit through residential neighborhoods during school dismissal and said Finley showed no remorse and has had multiple opportunities for treatment.

CCPD Noel said Finley began drinking at age nine and has battled addiction his entire life. He asked for DUI diversion and probation, stating Finley was asking for help.

Judge Stockard denied probation and sentenced Finley to 12–36 months on each count, to run consecutively for a total of 24–72 months in prison. He was remanded to the Churchill County Sheriff.

Nevada Supreme Court Orders Former Fallon PD Officer Removed as Esmeralda County Sheriff

By Leanna Lehman

The Nevada Supreme Court has ordered the removal of Esmeralda County Sheriff Nicholas Dondero, ruling that his 2007 conviction for domestic violence disqualifies him from serving as a peace officer under current state law.

In a unanimous decision filed on April 1, the court granted a writ of mandamus requested by Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford. The petition challenged a district court ruling that had allowed Dondero to remain in office despite being deemed ineligible for certification by the state’s Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission.

Dondero pleaded no contest to misdemeanor battery constituting domestic violence in 2007 in Churchill County New River Township Justice Court. Though the conviction was later sealed, a 2023 amendment to Nevada law (NRS 289.555) prohibits anyone with such a conviction—sealed or otherwise—from serving as a peace officer.

The law applies to all peace officers statewide, including sheriffs in counties with populations under 30,000. Dondero was elected in November 2022 and took office in January 2023. POST notified him in August 2023 that he could not be certified due to the conviction.

Because Dondero did not obtain POST certification within one year of taking office, the state also cited NRS 248.005, which requires peace officers to obtain certification or forfeit their position.



Nick Dondero, pictured left, before a 2024 court appearance in Goldfield with his Las Vegas attorney, Agustus Claus, center.

The Supreme Court concluded that Dondero’s failure to qualify under these provisions meant he was unlawfully holding office. Though Dondero served for a few years as a peace officer with Fallon Police Department, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Police, and with the tribal police in Schurz prior to 2007, his POST certifications had long since expired.

“The plain language of the statute specifically contemplates considering a peace officer candidate’s past convictions,” the Court wrote, adding that the Legislature “did not include any cutoff for older convictions.”

The Fifth Judicial District Court had previously denied the state’s motion for summary judgment, citing complex legal

issues and potential harm to the county if its elected sheriff were removed without a trial. The Supreme Court rejected that reasoning, stating the district court abused its discretion and that summary judgment was appropriate given the undisputed facts.

Dondero did not file a timely response to the state’s petition. Esmeralda County, which intervened in the case, argued that applying the amended law to a past conviction was unfairly retroactive. The Court disagreed, stating that the law’s application was prospective, based on Dondero’s current status as a peace officer.

The ruling directs the lower court to vacate its denial of summary judgment and issue a writ of quo warranto—formally removing Dondero from office.

The stay previously granted in July 2024 was also lifted. Stay posted for more on this story as information is made available.



GARDENING

# Spring’s Mini Marvels

## Flowering Cherry, Peach, Crabapple Trees

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

As the weather warms and trees begin to bud across the valley, Workman’s Farm and Nursery is offering a wide variety of flowering trees suited for both ornamental beauty and home-grown fruit. From colorful crabapples to compact peaches and graceful weeping cherries, these trees are well-adapted to Lahontan Valley conditions and can thrive with the right care.

Weeping cherry trees, one of the nursery’s most striking selections, feature delicate cascading blossoms that make them a favorite for early spring planting. These trees are grafted, with a non-weeping rootstock (*Prunus avium*) supporting the distinctive top growth. When planted in full sun and well-drained soil, they offer an elegant addition to any landscape and require minimal maintenance beyond occasional pruning and mulching.

Plant your weeping cherry in sunny, well-drained soil. Keep the soil evenly moist but not overwatered. Allow for plenty of airflow, and do not plant too close to other trees and shrubs. Weeping cherry trees perform best in ground that is at least moderately rich. Feed it annually in early spring. As with all trees, Workman’s Farm and Nursery prefers a more organic approach to fertilizing by using mulch, such as dried lawn clippings, dried leaves, or dried bark.

Weeping cherries need little other pruning unless you find a dead branch. Any shoots from



the rootstock are undesirable - prune off immediately; your plant is diverting valuable energy from the rest of the tree into these useless, unattractive shoots. However, if disease becomes an issue, prune affected branches out or selectively prune branches after flowering to increase airflow to help combat fungal disease.

Other flowering miniature trees are flowering peaches, which will produce fruit. There are several Cling Peach or stone-free varieties with different skin types and meat colors. These trees grow between six and eight feet tall, making them significantly smaller than their standard counterparts and easier to

cover in early spring when they are most vulnerable to Mother Nature. Despite their compact size, they still produce fruit that rivals the flavor and quality of peaches from larger trees.

Crabapple trees are another stunning ornamental flowering tree that does well in the Lahontan Valley, boasting spectacular shades of pink, white, cream, purple, orange, and red. They produce small fruits called crabapples that generally have a tart taste. The colorful miniature apples often stay on the tree long after the leaves have dropped in the fall. In addition, crabapple, with its small-sized fruit, makes them popular in floral arrangements and crafting. The small fruit comes in various colors, from light yellow to orange to red, with different types of leaves, fruit colors, sizes, and growth forms. They tolerate a wide range of soil conditions if they are well-drained. Beyond ornamental value, look for disease-resistant strains when purchasing your crabapple trees.

Dwarf trees include crabapple, peach, and citrus, with many bearing fruits sooner than traditional trees. These miniature trees come with a variety of planting options, fitting seamlessly into tight spots. Additionally, harvesting fruits from shorter trees is also easier. A small, flowering variety may be the perfect tree for your yard. Stop by Workman’s Farm and Nursery to see the many trees in stock at 4990 Reno Highway, or give them a call at 775-867-3716.

EDUCATION

# Veritas – Classical and Christian

## Exciting Changes Ahead for Veritas Kindergarten Program

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photo courtesy of Veritas

As the school year winds down, Veritas Preparatory School is already looking ahead to the upcoming year and the exciting opportunities it will bring. In particular, we are thrilled to welcome Ms. Jessica Kelsey as our new Kindergarten instructor.

Ms. Kelsey brings nine years of experience teaching kindergarten and second grade, including five years in public education and three years at Fresno Christian Schools. After moving to the area last year, she joined the Veritas team as a second-grade teacher. Passionate about early childhood education, Ms. Kelsey understands that kindergarten is a pivotal time when children begin to form their opinions about school. She brings a fun, energetic presence to the classroom and loves nurturing the joy and curiosity of young learners.

The kindergarten program at Veritas is truly one of a kind. From the very first day, students enter a highly structured environment with high expectations. They are taught to complete their work “neatly, completely, and to the glory of God.” A strong emphasis is placed on developing reading literacy



skills to lay a solid foundation for future academic success. As students progress, they will begin learning cursive and even start studying Latin—making strong reading and writing fundamentals essential.

Though the classroom environment is structured and disciplined, Veritas kindergarteners enjoy regular interaction with students from all grade levels up through eighth grade. Older students serve as “big brothers and sisters,” playing basketball or four-square at recess and participating in collaborative projects such as art activities. These relationships provide valuable mentorship and create a tight-knit, supportive school community.

Enrollment for our Kindergarten class is now open, and spaces are filling quickly. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Veritas Preparatory School at (775) 217-0069 or visit our website at [www.veritasfallon.org](http://www.veritasfallon.org). Give your child a strong foundation for success in a fun and engaging learning environment.

# Logos Christian Academy

## Growing Great Minds: Early Childhood Education

Story and photos courtesy of Logos

It’s enrollment season! If you have a 4-year-old or one who will soon be that age, you may be searching for quality pre-kindergarten options. Logos Christian Academy offers an exceptional pre-kindergarten program that you should consider visiting. Our faith-based learning takes place in a vibrant, loving environment where children can learn, play, have fun, and discover Jesus and His love for us—creating the perfect recipe for nurturing young minds.

At Logos Christian Academy, our pre-k program features a structured curriculum that aligns with educational standards, incorporates a classical Christian approach, and emphasizes a love for Jesus. Students engage with phonics, letters, and numbers while focusing on learning about Jesus through engaging stories, enjoyable activities, and hands-on learning tools.

We believe education goes beyond just ABCs and 123s. Our pre-k students also learn essential life skills, such as helping others and working as a team—setting up cots for nap time, gathering supplies together, and cleaning up after activities. They practice good manners, learning to ask to be excused from the table after lunch and saying phrases like “please,” “thank you,” and “yes ma’am.” These young hearts even learn to pray for one another and offer hugs to friends who may be having a tough morning because we know Mondays can be challenging.

One of the many beautiful aspects of choosing a private school like Logos Christian Academy is the opportunity to empower and



challenge young learners. For instance, one of our current pre-k students was identified as ready for a greater challenge. This industrious young learner spends her afternoons in the kindergarten classroom, participating in kindergarten-level phonics and reading lessons. She is reading beautifully and is truly remarkable for her age.

Choosing Logos Christian Academy for your little learner means selecting a path filled with flexibility, love, kindness, and a commitment to knowledge—the perfect environment for young learners to thrive.

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14.



EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Parapros Brittney Robbins, Leslie Slocum, Luna Conley, Leanna Fitzpatrick, and Alecea Gutierrez. Not pictured- Amy McElvain and Julie Blackwater.



Numa 5th Grade Soar students.

CCHS

Students in Amanda Hammond’s art class unveiled their latest exhibition, Whisperings of the Nevada Desert, now on display at Western Nevada College’s Fallon campus. Students spent the semester creating original pieces reflecting the beauty of Nevada’s desert landscape in various media styles. “My advanced art students worked hard to create this exhibition at WNC’s Fallon campus,” Hammond said. “Their commitment to capturing our local landscape and bringing this show to life has been inspiring to witness and be a part of. The show will be in the WNC gallery for a month.

CCMS

Last week, LaResa Darrington’s class fell for a well-executed April Fool’s prank. With help from the front office, a mock phone call was made to Darrington’s class calling for a flood drill exercise. Without hesitation, students followed instructions, began climbing onto their desks, removed their shoes and socks, and waited patiently for further instructions. “Not one of them caught on,” Darrington said. The prank left the class laughing, and it was a memorable experience for her middle school students.

NUMA

Last week, Numa recognized third-quarter SOAR students. These students participated in a flash challenge while their classmates cheered them on. Each quarter, teachers select

students who consistently demonstrate the Numa SOAR motto by helping keep the school safe, showing outstanding character, striving for academic excellence, and treating others respectfully.

E.C. BEST

E.C. Best celebrated their paraprofessionals who make a lasting impact on the school community. Paraprofessionals assist with classroom instruction, providing individual support and helping teachers and staff manage daily classroom activities. “We could not survive without these caring, patient, and loving women,” teacher Christine Mori said. “We are so grateful for them and wanted them to know just how much we value all that they do.” The staff at ECB would like to express their appreciation to these ladies for all they do.

LAHONTAN

Students at LES came together to celebrate the strength and resilience of military children through a school-wide art project. Each class received a large dandelion to decorate, expressing the idea that military children, like dandelion seeds, can bloom wherever they land. Teacher Lindsey Bacallo planned the project with the Purple Star Committee at LES. To take this project a step further, the school librarian will read the book “I’m a Dandelion” and lead a lesson with each class so they can further explore the meaning behind the dandelion for military children.

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

OASIS FFA STORMS NEVADA FFA STATE CONVENTION

By Taylor Sowersby



Brooke Manskie and Amerlyn Casey.

Oasis FFA Members went to Reno last week to attend the 96th annual Nevada FFA State Convention. While there, members competed in various Career Development Event (CDE) competitions, attended general sessions, participated in various workshops, and made connections with members from throughout the state.

In addition to this, several members earned and were presented with their Silver State FFA Degree, in which members must be enrolled in FFA for three years, complete hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience, as well as community service time. Congratulations to Grace Laca, Trevor Barrenchea, Ryder McNabb, and Matthew Bird for achieving this prestigious award.

Students also received results for the CDE (career development event) competitions. Congratulations to Meirra Cavanaugh and Reese Laca for gold in plant systems agriscience fair and earning their way to nationals, Brooke Manskie and Amberlyn Casey for earning gold in animal systems agriscience fair and advancing to nationals, and Sadie Whitaker and Kiley Detomasi for gold in plant systems agriscience fair.

Other awards included: Lily Smith, Izzy Grimes, Washington Scott and Josh Gusewelle - third place high ag sales team. Meirra Cavanaugh, Matthew Bird, Washington Scott, and Taylor Sowersby - second place high farm and agribusiness management team. Trevor Barrenchea, John Schoenmeier, Matthew Bird and Washington Scott - third place poultry evaluation team.

FFA Advisor Jackie Bogdanowicz was named Ag Teacher of the Year. The award was given by the Nevada Ag Foundation.

The Oasis FFA chapter would like to thank all coaches, volunteers, and chaperones for their help this year; none of this would be possible without them.

“I’m super proud of all the time and effort everyone put into practicing and preparing for their competitions,” said Jackie Bogdanowicz, Oasis FFA Advisor. “They all did very well, and I look forward to next year’s successes! I’m so proud of my chapter and am grateful for such a good group of kids.”

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: HALEY ORTEGA ROMAN



Graduating senior Haley Ortega Roman started at Oasis Academy in her sophomore year of high school. The experience marked a significant change for the student, and she acknowledges the substantial personal and academic growth she has achieved while at Oasis.

“At first I really struggled badly with high school until I switched to Oasis, and it slowly got much better,” Roman said.

“My time at Oasis has been great,” she said. “I’ve grown so much as a person and academically. There were some curveballs along the way, but now that I see how far I’ve come it’s been a blessing.”

Roman knew she was in better hands when it came to her education at Oasis Academy. Specifically, she’d like to thank Counselor Andy Lenon for his support.

“A teacher/counselor I would like to thank is Mr. Andy Lenon,” she said. “He has been there and has always been supportive of not only my dreams but also those of other students. Whether it’s about school, real life, or

even acknowledging mental health, his support has helped and meant a lot.”

When Roman graduates in May, she will earn her high school diploma and associate of arts degree from Western Nevada College. As part of that degree, she also found a new hobby with watercolor painting.

“My favorite class was and is watercolor,” she said, “I’ve developed a new hobby I can start doing by taking the class.”

Getting to know yourself and enjoy school are both pieces of advice for future students from Roman.

“My advice for a future student is to focus on yourself, as you are the most genuine person you will ever know, and that authenticity will shine through in all your relationships,” she said. “Also, while you’re doing school you will dread it but once you’re done, you’re going to miss it. I haven’t even graduated and it’s a big eye opener. Twelve years was long and fast at the same time, but it was worth it.”

STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY AND NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Middle and high school students were inducted into the prestigious National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society groups on Wednesday, April 2. The ceremonies were held at the Fallon Convention Center.

The National Honor Society inductees were Meirra Cavanaugh, Kaylee Craig, Eli Jones, Emma Lewis, Hazel Mackedon, Jilliana Morales, Caitlin Oyler, AlexZander Sheldon-Davis, Alexis Slupski, and Taylor Sowersby.

National Junior Honor Society inductees were: Samuel Acomb, Pearl Ansotegui , Adley Arritt, Brooke Bennett, Macady Bogdanowicz , Emma Carrasco, Kennedy Chandler, Owen Corbett, Ellie Davis, Sophia Derby, Makayla Dynek, Reagan Farley, Brendalynn Heald, Avarie Hyde, Tensley Johnson, Sophia Kirkland, Ellie Peixoto, Hailey Shawcroft, Khloe Shawcroft, Hadley Tippet, Audrey Blakemore, Greysen Dubois, Eliana Gyax, Tyler Mitchell, Luke Moffitt, Dayana Moran Rodriguez, Kelsey Nall, Katelyn Smith, Dylan Clark, Clayton Hiibel, Greyson Johnson, Aliyah Schleyer-Ashmead.



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Fallon Rodeo Club Shines on Home Dirt at Spanish Springs Rodeo



Stella Lee.



Rio Segura.

Story and photos by John Baker

The Rafter 3C Event Complex was buzzing with excitement as Fallon welcomed junior high and high school rodeo athletes from across the region for the Spanish Springs JH/HS Rodeo held April 4–6. Local competitors from the Fallon Rodeo Club turned in impressive performances in front of their hometown crowd, landing multiple top placements across a range of events.

### HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

In the boys division, Caleb Edgmon and Wyatt Peek roped their way to a 6th place finish in Team Roping. On the girls side, Brooke Allison took 1st

place in Goat Tying and placed 7th Overall, while Aubrey Flower earned 10th place in both Goat Tying and Pole Bending.

### JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

It was a dominant weekend for Fallon’s junior high athletes. Stix Lee led the boys with a 1st place Overall finish, along with wins in Ribbon Roping and Tie-Down Roping. He also took 2nd in Boys Goat Tying, Chute Dogging, and Team Roping. Clayton Hiibel claimed 2nd in Team Roping and Boys Breakaway, and finished 6th Overall, also placing 6th in Ribbon Roping. Rostin Snow earned 1st in Bull Riding, 2nd in Bareback Riding, and 10th Overall. Wyatt Greenwood placed 7th in Boys Breakaway,

8th in Ribbon Roping, and 9th in Team Roping. In the girls division, Stella Lee had a standout weekend, taking 1st Overall and in Ribbon Roping, 2nd in Pole Bending and Girls Goat Tying, 3rd in Barrel Racing, and 8th in Team Roping. Megan Allison placed 4th in Girls Breakaway, and Chloe Kent rounded out the results with 7th in Girls Goat Tying and 10th in Barrel Racing. The Fallon Rodeo Club will be back in the arena April 18–20 as they host the Fallon High School & Junior High Rodeo at the Rafter 3C Complex. Come out and support these hardworking young athletes as they compete on their home turf!



Photos by photographer Taryn Lennon.

## Play Ball! Fallon Youth Baseball Kicks off 2025 Season

Staff Report

Fallon Youth Baseball swung into the season with its annual opening ceremonies on March 19, bringing together players, families, and volunteers for a morning that blended tradition, teamwork, and a whole lot of syrup. Troop 1176 kept everyone fueled with a pancake breakfast, flipping flapjacks and serving smiles. Milk for the breakfast was donated by Northern Nevada Dairymen, keeping it local from first pitch to first pour. The National Anthem was performed by Dana Barton, whose heartfelt rendition set a respectful tone before the first games got underway. Providing the soundtrack for the day was Auditory Sensations, with Todd Moretto donating his time and equipment to power the music and sound system. The event marked more than just the start of a baseball season — it was a celebration of youth, sportsmanship, and the community that rallies behind both.

## Harleigh Workman Wins Big at World of Wrestling Tournament

Update and photos courtesy Debbie Workman

Fallon’s own Harleigh Workman made a name for herself on the national stage this weekend in Reno, taking home the championship title in her weight division at the prestigious World of Wrestling tournament—known in the sport simply as the “WOW.”

The WOW is one of the largest and most competitive youth wrestling tournaments in the world, drawing top athletes to Northern Nevada each year from all 50 states and two countries. Winning at this level is a rare and remarkable achievement, marking Harleigh as one of the top young wrestlers in the nation. Described by coaches and fans alike as one of the toughest tournaments in the sport, the WOW is a proving ground for future champions. Harleigh’s win is a testament to her dedication, strength, and skill on the mat.



Her family, including proud dad Brett Workman, says they couldn’t be more thrilled by her performance and perseverance. “This is a huge accomplishment,” he shared. “To win at WOW means you’re among the very best.” Congratulations to Harleigh on an incredible win—we’re proud to have her representing Fallon on the national stage.



COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:  
Pan-Seared Chicken Quarters with Mustard and Tarragon Velouté

Kelli Kelly hosts guest columnist, Erik Jimenez

It appears that Spring is finally upon us. As the warmer temperatures make their way into homes, gone are the days of slow braises and winter soups and stews. And in their place, we’re going to move into a bounty of dishes featuring fresh herbs.

This week, we’re going to highlight one of my favorite herbs: tarragon. A gentle herb with notes of licorice, vanilla, and pepper, the addition of fresh tarragon leaves can elevate a simple weeknight meal into an elegant dinner for two.

Too often, many home cooks don’t prioritize their sauce game, and as a result, their dishes don’t have a level of depth and sophistication that you find in restaurant kitchens. This week’s recipe builds upon one of Escoffier’s foundational mother sauces, where we traditionally make a blond roux and add stock to create a velouté.

We’ll build upon this sauce with the addition of white wine, cream, fresh tarragon, and Dijon mustard to create a luxurious sauce that will bathe seared chicken quarters. Additionally, we’ll sear the chicken in a cold pan, to allow the skin to get super crispy while allowing the meat to remain super moist and tender.

While this recipe uses chicken, you could easily use this vibrant springtime sauce with fish or with roasted vegetables.

Pan-Seared Chicken Quarters  
with Mustard and Tarragon Velouté

Servings: 2  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp. Butter
- 3 tbsp. All-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup White wine (sauvignon blanc)

- 14 oz. Chicken stock
- 2 Bay leaves
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup Heavy cream
- 1/2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Fresh Tarragon leaves, roughly chopped
- Lemon juice to taste
- 2 Chicken quarters with skin-on
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS

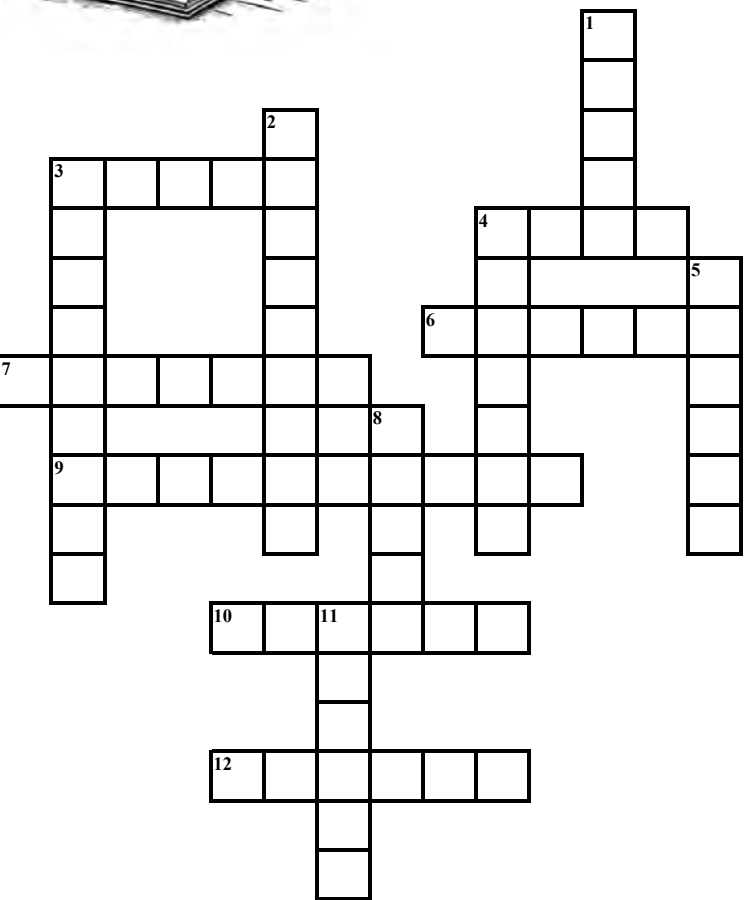
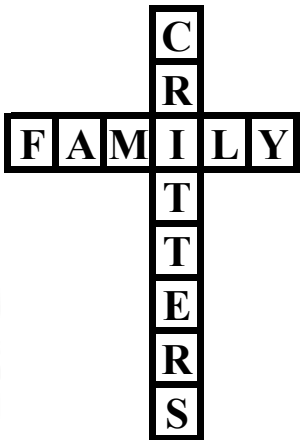
1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Pat the chicken dry with paper towels and season both sides liberally with salt and black pepper. In a cold cast iron or stainless-steel skillet place the chicken quarters skin-side down into the pan and turn the heat to medium. Gradually cook one side of the chicken until the skin gets crispy and releases from the pan, about 15-18 minutes.
2. Once one side of the chicken is cooked, place the skillet with the chicken in the oven and cook until it reaches an internal temperature of 165°F.
3. Once up to temperature, remove the chicken from the oven and allow it to rest.
4. While the chicken is cooking, in a small saucepan heat the chicken stock until simmering.
5. In a separate saucepan or heavy bottomed skillet with high sides, preheat on medium-low and melt the butter. Right as the butter is starting to foam, slowly add in the flour and whisk to combine.
6. Allow the roux to cook, whisking consistently to avoid burning. We are looking for a blond roux here, which will take about 3-4 minutes.
7. Once the roux is lightly colored and has a toastiness to it, gradually ladle in the hot



- chicken stock into the pan, whisking constantly to work out any lumps.
8. When you’ve added all of the stock, add the bay leaves, and increase the heat a little. Stirring consistently until the sauce comes to a boil.
9. Once boiling, reduce to a simmer and cook gently for 10-15 minutes.
10. In a separate stainless-steel bowl, mix the Dijon mustard with a small amount of the sauce to make a slurry and prevent the mustard from forming lumps in the sauce.
11. Reincorporate the slurry into the remaining sauce. Add the cream, Worcestershire sauce, and chopped tarragon. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and lemon juice.
12. When serving, flood the plate with the sauce. Top with the seared chicken quarters and garnish with a final crack of black pepper.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 3. Lizard
- 4. Sterilize
- 6. Canine
- 7. Feline
- 9. Pig
- 10. Aves
- 12. Snake

Down

- 1. Aquatic
- 2. Rabbit
- 3. Rodent
- 4. Safe place
- 5. Save
- 8. Alpaca cousin
- 11. Sterilize

[ Crossword answers found on page 13 ]

Allison’s Book Report  
You’re Invited by Amanda Jayatissa’s

I often mention my little library at the top of the stairs in my Book Report. When my girls were little, it served as their playroom. The floor was constantly covered in Lego and Barbie dolls, and it was a perpetual mess. Two years ago, I reclaimed the neglected little room, slapped some peacock blue paint on the walls, bought a bunch of bookshelves and a used loveseat from Facebook marketplace and my dream of having a little library came true.

I didn’t realize it at the time, but I also share the space with my big, beautiful, fluffy orange cat, Luna. If ever we are wondering where Luna (named after my favorite Harry Potter character) is, just check the library. We have spent many afternoons together in “our” library, where she definitely does more napping than reading. This week’s book, like many others, was read with her snoozing on the back of my couch like the Queen Library Cat she is.

If you’re looking for a juicy, twisty thriller, you have to check out Amanda Jayatissa’s “You’re Invited.” Imagine getting an invitation to your ex-best friend’s over-the-top wedding in Sri Lanka - but she’s marrying your ex-boyfriend. Yeah, that’s Amaya’s situation, and it’s safe to say she’s less than thrilled. Amaya and Kaavi have complicated history - they used to be super close, but things went south, and now there’s this intense rivalry and a whole lot of bad blood. You get to see their friendship unravel through flashbacks, and let me tell you, it’s a tangled web of secrets and resentments. You’ll be wondering who’s the good guy and who’s the bad guy the whole time because everyone seems to have something to hide. The setting in Sri Lanka is absolutely gorgeous,



but things get seriously intense when someone ends up dead at the wedding. Suddenly, everyone’s a suspect, and Amaya finds herself right in the middle of it all. Is she being framed? Is Kaavi as innocent as she seems? Or is there someone else pulling the strings?

Jayatissa keeps you guessing until the very end. The characters are so interesting and flawed, and you’ll find yourself constantly changing your mind about who to trust. It’s not just about solving a murder; it’s about exploring the messy side of friendships and the damage that past hurts can cause.

If you love thrillers with lots of drama, suspense, and a touch of glamour, “You’re Invited” is definitely worth picking up. You get bonus points if you read it with your cat like I did. Have a great week, readers – and as usual, don’t forget to go give me a follow in Instagram @allison.the.reader and let’s swap reading recommendations – and maybe even a few pictures of our cats!

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

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed proposals will be received for the Reconstruct West Taxilanes and Relocate Taxiway G project, addressed to the City of Fallon, Administration Office, City Hall at 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406 until 10:00 A.M. local time on May 2, 2025, and then will be publicly opened and read. Bids received after the time fixed for the opening will not be considered. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Fallon Municipal Airport located on Rio Vista Drive, at 9:00 AM, local time on April 22, 2025, for those interested contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. The project consists of, but is not limited to, the removal of existing taxilane asphalt, excavation to new section depth, subgrade preparation, placement and compaction of subbase and base courses, paving of asphalt surface course, and pavement marking. This project also includes the removal of the existing asphalt of Taxiway G, construction of new embankment, placement and compaction of subbase and base courses, paving of asphalt surface course, pavement marking, relocation of taxiway lights and taxiway guidance signs. Digital copies of the Bidding and Construction Documents Digital copies may be obtained via email at no cost by contacting Cole Herbert, P.E. at [CHERBERT@JUB.COM](mailto:CHERBERT@JUB.COM). Bidders must receive digital copies from J-U-B Engineers, Inc. to be place on the Planholders List. Bidders must be on the Planholders List to receive addenda and for their bids to be considered responsive. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cash, cashier's check, or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid.

CIVIL RIGHTS – TITLE VI: The City of Fallon, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award. The proposed contract is also under and subject to the following federal clauses: Affirmative Action, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace, Foreign Trade Restrictions, Buy American Preference, and Disadvantage Business Enterprise Requirements as follows: The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of the City of Fallon to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership. All required Federal Clauses including the labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents. Each bidder must supply all of the information required by the bid documents and specifications. This project includes Federal funds and is subject to the wage provisions of Federal Davis-Bacon, and related acts. This project is also subject to State of Nevada Prevailing Wage Rates. Each bidder shall furnish the Statement of Bidders Pre-Qualifications to the OWNER with satisfactory evidence of his competency to perform the work contemplated with the bid. The City of Fallon reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any informalities, or irregularities, postpone the award of the Contract for a period not to exceed One Hundred Twenty (120) days, and accept the proposal that is in the best interest of the City of Fallon. The award of the Bid is contingent upon the receipt of Federal funding.

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CITY OF LOVELOCK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Honorable City Council of the City of Lovelock will conduct a Public Hearing to establish the fair market value of a parcel of real property owned by the City which is located at 805 West Broadway within the City of Lovelock further identified as parcel number 001-128-10. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the City Council Meeting Room located at City Hall, 400 14th Street, Lovelock, Nevada.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
BRETT TYLER MORRISON, aka  
BRETT T MORRISON,

Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monte C. Morrison has been duly appointed and qualified by the above-entitled Court on March 12, 2025, as Administrator of the estate of Brett Tyler Morrison, deceased.

All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file the same, with the proper vouchers attached, with the Clerk of the Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication, or mailing, of this notice (as the case may be).

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 the undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 14 day of March, 2025.

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BID OPPORTUNITY

Oasis Academy, 920 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, NV 89406, is seeking bids for a janitorial services contract starting July 1, 2025. Services include daily, weekly, monthly, bi-annual, and core cleaning of classrooms, restrooms, offices, and more. Bid packets available upon request.

Mandatory pre-bid walk for all potential bidders will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 9 a.m. Sealed bids due by May 30, 2025.

Contact Richard Moore at 775-790-7384 for details and to obtain the bid packet.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

BEAGLE	NEUTER
BETTA	PERSIAN
CANARY	POTBELLIED
GECKO	PYTHON
GUINEAPIG	RESCUE
LLAMA	SHELTER
LOPHEARED	SPAY



MEETINGS  
April 14–18, 2025

<b>Fallon City Council</b> Tuesday, Apr. 14 at 9 a.m. City Hall, 44 W. Williams Ave.	<b>Regional Transportation Commission</b> Wednesday, Apr. 16 at 9:30 a.m.
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**County Meetings**  
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**County Commissioners**  
Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 6 p.m.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE PROPERTY SALE

Churchill County Treasurer  
Will be conducting an online sale of delinquent tax properties  
to be held on Thursday, April 17 thru Friday, April 18, 2025  
Bidding will begin at 8:00 AM on April 17th and conclude at 12:00 PM on April 18th  
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See website for registration and bidding instructions

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007-391-02	BLANKENSHIP, RAYMOND & WAGNE	1.00	2120 STARW LANE	200	REDEEMED
010-235-15	JOHNSON, ARTHUR W.	0.10	S7 T19N R31E CIRAC ADDITION, LOT 12, BLOCK 4	120	\$ 251.79

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COLUMNS

Postcards: A Circus Story

By Michon Mackedon

The circus is in my blood. My great grandmother was Wilhelmina Ringling Pappenfort. Her middle name/maiden name provides the clue to my circus heritage. Her brother was the father of the Ringling Brothers. Her daughter was my grandmother Clara Pappenfort Maupin, who by the time I was born, had lived in Fallon, Nevada for four decades. As a girl, growing up in Missouri, she had spent a lot of time with her famous cousins, the Ringling Brothers, but by the time I knew her, distance had come between them. However, she had been fast girlhood friends with Ida Ringling, the sister of the circus brothers, and I grew up hearing the name, “Aunt Ida.” Ida married Henry North, and their son, John Ringling North, eventually took over the management of the circus. I never met the famous family, but my father traveled to Reno sometime in the 1940’s to see the Ringling Brothers circus and he met John Ringling North (who, according to my mother, looked a bit like my father). I still have a beautiful photo album of the brothers and their families, full of pictures taken in Baraboo, Wisconsin, where the circus had started and where it kept its winter headquarters. I plan to hand-deliver that historic album to the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida and have spoken by telephone to the museum curator.

Well, so much for my circus genealogy. I was inspired to write about it when I read the Oral History of Orva Williams Smith (b.1903) held in the Churchill County Museum and Archives and available to read online at the Museum’s website. As the interview drew to a close, the interviewer asked Smith, “Do you recall anything else from your childhood [in Fallon, Nevada] that you would like to tell me about?

Smith: “Well, the circus tent blowing down. The circus came to Fallon in 1912 and they set up down on Maine Street about where either the junior high school or the museum is. Somewhere down in that area. It was kind of a funny day, overcast at times, and the animals were very very restless. They weren’t acting very well. The lion tamer was in the cage with the lions and a huge gust of wind came in and dirt was just rolling. It lifted the tent up, pulled the poles out of the ground and swung them around. The place



HER MIDDLE NAME/MAIDEN NAME PROVIDES THE CLUE TO MY CIRCUS HERITAGE. HER BROTHER WAS THE FATHER OF THE RINGLING BROTHERS.

was packed with people and everybody was screaming and trying to get out and the man with the tigers was begging to be let out. A pole had fallen against the door and they couldn’t get him out and he was just begging for them to do something, get him out of there. A lot of people went down through the seats and then some men took their pocketknives and sliced the tent, made openings. My cousin, Caire, was with us and she and I just looked at one another and down through the seats we went and out. We didn’t bother with anybody. My sister wouldn’t do anything but stand holding on to my mother and screaming. My brother was two years old and my father had him and he looked at my mother and nodded his head and down through the seats he went and took my bother and went outside. Then he came back to try to get my mother and I guess he met her coming out. He had turned my brother over to some woman. He had no idea who she was but he asked her to hold the baby and ...so he went back, got the baby, and come and collected my mother and my sister.

...Then after the wind had hit so hard and destroyed everything, it stated to rain and it just poured for about ten, maybe fifteen minutes. But it settled the dust and right away the circus people loaded up and we watched from the window at my aunt’s [home on Maine Street]. Here came a man riding an ostrich down the street. He went right down Maine Street to the depot and another man came with an ostrich hitched to a little cart. He was riding in the cart and the ostrich was just prancing. Then came the elephants all in a row holding onto one another and the cage with the lions and the tigers and one thing and another. They left town immediately.”

In 1912, my father would have been 12 years old and living in Fallon. Given that the circus was in his blood, he most likely was part of the crowd under the big tent the day the wind blew it down.

Please, and I mean please, send a story 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.

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