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# **CCHS Robotics Team on the Road to State Championships**

Written by CCHS Students Kayla Koppenhaver and Emily Tenney, with photos courtesy of CCHS.

Excitement was in the air as Churchill County High School's First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics teams, the Green Bandits and Techno Wave, showcased their skills at the Northern Nevada League Tournament held February 9 and 10 that could determine their path to the State Championships in March. The talented and dedicated students had been tirelessly working on their robots and strategies, eager to make their mark in the competitive world of robotics.

Over the past few months, the FTC Robotics teams have diligently designed, built, and programmed their robots to meet the challenges presented in this year's game. The teams faced various obstacles, solved complex problems, and demonstrated remarkable teamwork to bring their robots to life.

Under the guidance of Coach Stephanie Kille-Reese and supportive CCHS teachers, the students honed

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# From the Publisher

# Captain's Log – In the Jungle, the Mighty Jungle...

I sent a picture of the sunrise this morning on the sister text, and one of them answered back, singing that song.

It seems appropriate somehow with the beginning of the campaign season launching last week with the presidential primary and the caucus and then the announcements from several local candidates. It's upon us! Here we goooooo......

Actually, we should all be very grateful there are good, community-loving people who are willing to put themselves out there and run for office and serve in all those positions. Otherwise, how would we keep this little Oasis of Nevada going? Because they are there going door-to-door and going to meetings, we don't have to. And we have some good ones to pick from so far.

Speaking of jungle – the bunnies are all in their winter coats, and oh, baby, do we have a jungle. Some fancy rabbit grooming will commence this weekend in earnest. Also, I finally found a friend and phoned her to help me with the spinning wheel, so hopefully, we'll be back in the spinning business in short order. And none too soon. The fiber production has gotten ahead of me.

Honestly, one day, there will be beanies, I swear there will.

So, while we enjoy this beautiful morning and work on more election stories for you, we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

Rach



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their technical skills. They developed innovative solutions to tackle the unique tasks set by the FTC game. The journey was challenging, but the students embraced the opportunity for growth, learning, and collaboration.

#### Season League Rankings:

Meet #1N – CCHS Fallon NV (Nov. 18)

#### End of Scrimmage Ranking:

Green Bandits (23861) – 7 Techno Wave (22296) – 9

Meet #2N – Excel Christian School (Dec.13)

#### End of Scrimmage Ranking:

Green Bandits (23861) – 4 Techno Wave (22296) – 6

*Meet #5N – Life Church Carson City* (*Feb 3*)

#### Beginning of Scrimmage Ranking:

Green Bandits (23861) – 14 Techno Wave (22296) – 17 End of Scrimmage Ranking: Green Bandits (23861) – 9 Techno Wave (22296) – 11

#### *Final ranking before the Tournament:* Green Bandits (23861) – 12 Techno Wave (22296) – 14

As the tournament date approached, anticipation built among team members, coaches, and supporters. The competition tested the robots' capabilities and challenged the students' strategic thinking, adaptability, and teamwork. The event was a critical checkpoint in the teams' journey, determining whether they would advance to the State Championships in March. The tournament brought together FTC teams from various schools, creating an atmosphere of friendly rivalry and camaraderie. CCHS's teams were ready to showcase their hard work, determination, and innovative designs in the pursuit of victory. To make it to the championship, our teams needed to remain in the top 10 ranking in the Northern Nevada League.

The success of the FTC Robotics teams would not be possible without the community's unwavering support. The encouragement, mentorship, and financial support provided by local businesses, parents, and community members played a crucial role in the teams' ability to participate in competitions.

The teams geared up for the tournament and looked to the community for continued support and enthusiasm. Attendees at the event were encouraged to cheer on CCHS's teams, fostering an atmosphere of encouragement and celebration of their achievements.

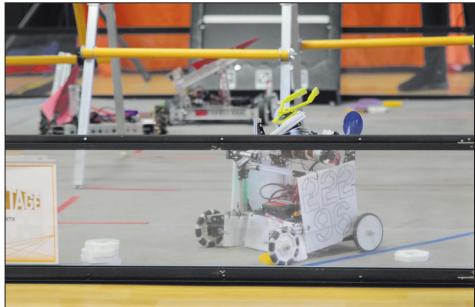
Winning the tournament is the ticket to the State Championships in March. The prospect of representing Churchill County High School on a statewide stage is both thrilling and a testament to the students and their mentors' hard work and dedication.

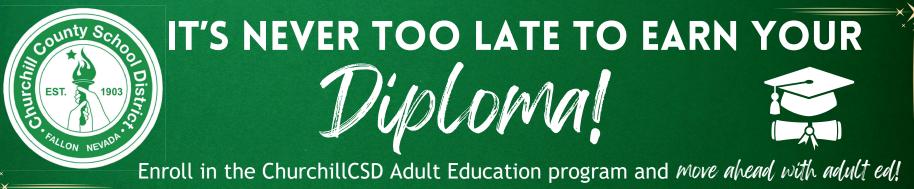
The journey to the State Championships also promises further growth, new challenges, and the chance to showcase Churchill County High School's commitment to excellence in STEM education.

Stay tuned for updates on the tournament results.









# Obituaries Nancy Dorene (Tachovsky) Hyde

March 18, 1934 - February 8, 2024

Our beautiful and talented mother, Nancy Dorene Hyde passed away peacefully at her home in Fallon, Nevada February 8, 2024. She was born March 18, 1934, to Percis and Stanley Tachovsky in Fresno, California.

Nancy was the eldest of 6 children, two sisters, and three brothers, all of whom have preceded her in death, except her sister, Bessie Silvers of Sacramento, California.

Nancy married the love of her life, Robert L. Hyde, in 1950. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Nancy and Bob had a wonderful marriage of 61 years prior to his passing in 2012. Their example of devotion to God, each other and their family has been exemplary to all who knew them.

Nancy and Bob moved to Fallon with their five children in 1962. Nancy went back to school in her early thirties and became a Licensed Practical Nurse, which provided her the opportunity to compassionately serve the Fallon community in the local hospital, schools, and medical offices. Bob and Nancy also owned several businesses, which provided them the opportunity to meet and bless the lives of many.

She loved her Labradors of Silver Sage and supported Robert L. as he showed, trained, and raced horses.

Nancy was an extremely talented artist who blessed the lives of others with her exquisite artwork. She also loved to write short stories and poetry and compiled her life's history for her posterity.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, serving in many different callings. Her legacy is one of unwavering faith, honesty, strength, and charity, a testament to Jesus Christ.

Nancy was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She cared deeply for her family. She exuded compassion, love, joy, kindness, a cheerful outlook, and had a knack for making everything beautiful around her. Her passing brings us sorrow because we love her so much. We will deeply miss her unconditional love and positive expression of how "wonderful" life is! We are grateful that she can now be with her beloved R.L. and family in paradise.

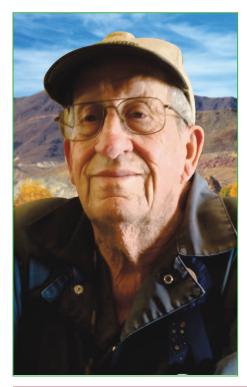
She is survived by her sister Bessie Silvers (Bob) and her children Roxann Lewis (Gary), R. Mark Hyde (Anne), Carol Rhempp (Greg), Rod Hyde (Heather), Julie Martin (Justo), 43 grandchildren, 125 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren along with many other nieces and nephews from extended family who cherish their relationships with her. Preceding her in death Robert L. Hyde (husband), Percis and Stanley Tachovsky (parents), Larry, Gerald, Dewey Tachovsky (brothers), Penny Tachovsky (sister), Mathew Hyde Lewis, Jared Gary Lewis (grandsons), Candace, Camille Jones (granddaughters) and Darrell Young (son-in-law).

A funeral service will be held Friday, February 16 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day



Saints 750 W Richards St. Fallon, NV. A viewing will also be held Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV, from 6-8 in the evening and at 9:30 the morning of the funeral service.

# Harold (Hal) Charles Edward Newman



July 31, 1930 - January 21, 2024

Long-time Fallon resident Harold (Hal) Charles Edward Newman, 93, passed away at home on January 21, 2024. He was born on July 31, 1930, to Dorothy Adele (Stroebel) and Harold Philip Newman in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

While growing up, Hal went to schools in California, Arizona, Tennessee, and Michigan before graduating from Churchill County High School in 1948 and the University of Nevada, Reno in 1960 with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. He was a Naval Veteran and a Registered Professional Engineer working for several mining companies, culminating as the National Sales Manager for Kennametal, Inc. In 1966-67, Hal was the Nevada Chairman of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. During his career, he authored or coauthored a variety of patents and shared his knowledge by teaching at

the Fallon campus of Western Nevada Community College.

Hal spent his free time hunting, fishing, camping, piloting his small aircraft, and visiting his parents in Berlin at Ichthyosaur State Park. He belonged to Toastmasters International and was awarded their highest honor, the Distinguished Toastmaster. He was active in Knights of Columbus, Fallon Rotary, where he served as President, and Boy Scouts, where he was himself an Eagle Scout, as were several of his sons. From 1986-2008, Hal served as Chairman of the Churchill Co. Mosquito and Weed Abatement District.

Hal is remembered for his selfless Christian spirit and his willingness to help anyone in need. Hal was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna, and their son, Thomas. He is admired and loved and will be sorely missed by the family he left behind: his wife of over 46 years, Phyllis; nine children: Kathleen (Kevin Kelly), Kristine (Roc Stacey), Karyl (Russ Brown), Steven (Tamara Sheppard), Luke, Jacqueline (Daniel Hickman), Rebekah (Will Woolsey), John, and William (Erin Doerr); 11 grandchildren: Nicole Thompson, Jessica Newman, Christopher Phelps, Thomas Newman, Kayla Good, Shane Kelly, Justin Kelly, Ryan Brown, Emma Woolsey, Bob Woolsey, and Charlie Hickman; and four greatgrandchildren: Noah, David and Joel Thompson and Solara Newman.

A private family service was held for Hal at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Fernley, with burial at the Northern Nevada VA Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall on 27 July 2024 at 11 a.m. and is open to all. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Harold Newman's memory to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fallon, NV, or to the Fallon Rotary Club, Rotary Foundation, endowment PO Box 93 Fallon, NV 89407.

# Obituaries

# **Phyllis Ann Dukeshier**

January 14, 1953 - February 2, 2024

Phyllis Ann Dukeshier, 71, of Ione, WA, died in Sacramento, CA, at the home of her daughter on February 2, 2024. In her final months and weeks, her son Jacob was her constant companion and caregiver.

She was born in Forks, WA, on January 14, 1953, to Glen and Mary Dukeshier. Growing up, she attended Selkirk Schools with her brothers Phil and Ron; her mother, Mary, was the high school secretary. She married John Dennis Webb, and they lived in Ione with their two children until their divorce.

Those who knew Phyllis will remember her energy and determination. She always had a project she was working on, and was usually making plans for the next one. She set goals for herself right up until the end: new glasses, red hair, making it to her seventy-first birthday, all of which she accomplished. She could not rest and be still; she needed to be active; even

# Business

in the last week of her life, she insisted on painting her bedroom walls. She had an aptitude for home improvement projects.

She had an adventurous spirit and was never afraid to strike out for new experiences. Over the years, the places she called home included Houston, TX; Kremmling and Walden, CO; Fernley, NV; Pittsburg, KS; Sequim, WA; Tacoma, WA; and Forbestown, CA, to name just a few. She had an especially strong connection to the towns of Fallon and Fernley, NV, where she lived for over 20 years. Phyllis maintained a close relationship with her former partner of 22 years, Tom Miller, who still lives in Fallon.

Phyllis was a devoted and loving mother. Her two children, Jacob and Shela, were always on her mind and in her heart. She was proud of their accomplishments, and she encouraged and supported them in all their endeavors. She loved her cats as family, her beloved Blu, who she nursed through years of ill-health, and three abandoned half-feral kittens she rescued: Biffy, Buffy, and Bitsy. For over ten years, her feline companions accompanied her on all her adventures. They were "Phyllis's Pride" and were with her through multiple moves and even an RV road trip during her final year of life.

Phyllis did not want a funeral or memorial. Her ashes, which will be mixed with the ashes of her cats, will be buried quietly in the family plot in Ione, WA. She asks that you remember her when you look at a butterfly or a dragonfly. They are her favorite creatures because "butterflies are free, and dragonflies are like miniature helicopters." Donations in her name may be made to any organization conducting research on autoimmune disease and treatment.

Phyllis will always be remembered for her strength and independence and for her unfailing loyalty to those she loved. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who had the good fortune to know her.



Phyllis is survived by her brothers Phillip Dukeshier (Janne) and Ron Dukeshier (Virginia); her two children, Jacob Webb (Stephanie) and Shela Webb-Magee (Lena Rose); her grandchildren Krista, Austin, Thomas, Stella, and Max, and her great-grandchildren Atticus, Dawud, and Fatima.

# Maine Street Cigar Company Opens Shop in Downtown Fallon

By Christy Lattin

The Maine Street Cigar Company held its grand opening on Saturday, February 10, in front of the Historic Churchill Bank Building. The Fallon Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to watch as proprietor Bill Post cut the red ribbon.

The new store hails itself as a gentlemen's mercantile offering premium cigars and other accessories like cuff links, ties, shaving brushes and mug sets. Of course, the main focus of the store is the temperature-controlled cigar room, where large humidors hold dozens of premium cigars from around the world. Customers can also choose from a variety of other tobacconist tools like cigar cutters, lighters, and cigar sets.

"When we moved here in September 2021, I went to find a good cigar and couldn't find one," he explained as his reasoning for opening the specialized smoke shop.

Post was a former radio broadcaster who served in the Oregon Legislature from 2015 to 2021. He resigned his legislature seat when he moved to Fallon where his wife Colleen currently works as a teacher. He also ran unsuccessfully as a board trustee for the Churchill County School District in the 2022 election.

While there is no smoking in the building, cigar customers can enjoy their stogies just across the hallway on a second-story balcony off the rear of the building. In keeping with the Prohibition-era theme, cigar customers will be able to purchase drinks from the adjacent Cranberry Cottage shop on their special Speakeasy nights to be delivered up to the smoking deck.

"I think we're going to have success because it's unique," said Post. Check out Maine Street Cigar

Check out Maine Street Cigar Company at 131 S. Maine Street, Suite



Bill and Colleen Post were joined by family, customers, and Fallon Chamber of Commerce ambassadors at the ribbon cutting during the grand opening of the Maine Street Cigar Company.

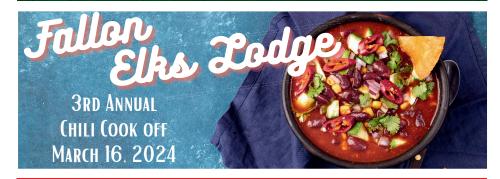
201 in the Historic Churchill Bank Building, Downtown Fallon, or call 775-302-8773. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday-Tuesday they are closed.

# Announcements

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Churchill County Board of Equalization will meet on February 27, 2024, commencing at 10 a.m. and will continue, from time to time, as needed. The meetings will be held in the Churchill County Commission Chambers, Churchill County Administration Complex, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 145, Fallon, Nevada. The County Board of Equalization shall conclude business on or before February 29, 2024.

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Leah Jurleen Grenz born January 1 to Kendra Lee and Allen Grenz, weighing 7 lb. 4 oz., 19 ½ inches.

Dillon James Denegree born January 4 to Stephanic and Derek Denegree, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz., 20 ½ inches.

Tanner Michael Hubbell born January 6 to Kimberly and Jerry Hubbell, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. no length listed

Irina Airam Quiroz-Montes born January 13 to Maria del Carmen Montes Gallegos and Jose Carlos Quiroz-Orozco, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz., 20 inches.

January Marriage Licenses

1/8/2024 Andrea Michelle Hiibel, 40, to Stanley Duane Carnahan, 59 1/12/2024 Lori Lee Eaton, 42, to Allen James Haigler, 38 1/18/2024 Lexus Christine Rogers, 33, to Sterling Casey Fernandez, 30 1/19/2024 Judith Shelby Neidigh, 26, to Juan Manuel Cervantes, 27 1/22/2024 Gloria Carroz Thompson, 62, to Keith Allyn Wing, 56 1/22/2024 Lisa Dee Edmonds, 46, to Wayne Thomas Melville, 52 1/23/2024 Monette Ann Jenkins, 32, to John Richard Rutledge II, 1/24/2024 Kyra Noel Sichelstiel, 30, to Matthew Emerson Othus, 30 1/25/2024 LaDonna Faye Gaines, 34, to Trevor Joseph O'Kelley, 32 1/26/2024 Elizabeth San Agustin, 58, Dennis Richard Mansion, 49 1/26/2024 Dina Ann Formentini, 37, to David Daniel Gutierrez, 42 1/29/2024 Cecilia Denise Ramirez, 24, to Brandon Jay Rau, 24 1/30/2024 Madison McKenzie Orozco, 30, to Michael Trace Smith, 34 1/31/2024 Calisha Janay Johnson, 25, to Cody Patrick Briggs, 30 All of Fallon 1/12/2024 MacKenzie Brianne Coffman, 24, of Visalia, CA, to James

1/12/2024 MacKenzie Brianne Coffman, 24, of Visalia, CA, to James McDonald Botzer, 32, of Fallon

1/29/2024 Gabrielle Eve Galemore, 32, of El Cajon, CA, to Devin Robert Greer, 29, of Fallon



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# Community

# **3C Exhibit Highlights Nevada's Ranching Lifestyle**

#### By Anne McMillin

Churchill County will host a dedication event for the new state branding exhibit now on display at the Rafter 3C Arena on Friday, February 16, at 2:30 p.m. Dignitaries invited to attend include J.J. Goicoechea, Nevada State Director of Agriculture, and Bill Payne, Dean of the University of Nevada College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. The public is welcome to attend.

The branding exhibit and its sister exhibit in the Buckland Room both highlight different aspects of ranching heritage. As you walk into the Rafter 3C Arena, look left to see the state branding iron exhibit. In the Buckland Room, the Churchill County Museum has curated items from horsehair ropes to stirrups in the wooden cases lining the far wall.

The state branding iron exhibit comes to Churchill County on loan from the University of Nevada, Reno's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources farm, and features a collection of more than 145 irons, some of which had famous owners, including former governors and Hollywood crooner Bing Crosby. The exhibit features a selection of the total brand collection hung vertically on the wall with the brand itself burned into the barnwood wall covering and labeled with its first registered date and owner.

Beneath the wall display of branding irons are several historic saddles from the museum's collection and on loan from individuals, including the 2013 Ellensburg Rodeo Championship saddle won by Fallon's own Jade Corkill.

Display cases inside the Buckland Room are now filled with Western artifacts, including mid-century brand books, two varieties of chaps, an intricate Garcia bridle, and several items from the former Ranchharrah estate in Reno.

Museum Curator Rae Sottile headed up the pieces selected and the display itself in the Buckland Room. He describes the challenges that came from working with artifacts from outside the museum collection. "While most of the collection came labeled, several pieces did not, so I went to the museum's reference library, and that, along with reaching out to area experts, gave me the opportunity to identify some of the more unusual pieces."

The final display in the Buckland Room has minimal interpretation which allows the visitor to take a step back and admire the diversity in approaches to ranching and riding in Nevada from the mid-nineteen century to today.

Tyson Torvik brands the wall of the state's branding iron exhibit earlier this month. Photo by Anne McMillin.



# **Fallon Elks Hoop Shoot**

#### By Ted Balash

Now, here is some exciting news. Some of you may remember when Fallon Lodge hosted the Elks Hoop Shoot contest in past years. For the last six or eight years, especially during the pandemic, there was very little response - until this year. On December 16, 2023, we had some 18 boys and girls between eight and 13 years old sign up. They competed in the eight to nine-year-olds for boys, 10-11-year-olds for boys, 12-13-year-olds for boys, and 12-13-year-olds for girls. No younger girls signed up.

The results at our Local Lodge level were: Deacon Johnson won the eight to nine-year-old boys contest; Luke Champneys won the 10-11-yearold boys contest; Weston Starr won the 12-13-year-olds boys contest; and Amillya Bishop won the 12-13-yearolds girls contest.

But wait, there's more. On Saturday, January 27, 2024, our Fallon winners were invited to go to the Central District Elks Hoop Shoot Contest in Austin, NV, to compete with winners of the Reno, Carson City, Sparks, Tonopah, Tahoe/Douglas, Elko, and Hawthorne Elks Lodge Contest winners.

Deacon Johnson won the Central District 8-9-year-olds boys contest; Amillya Bishop won the District's 12-13-year-old girls contest; Luke Champneys finished 2nd in the District's 10-11-year-old boys contest.

So here is the latest: Deacon & Amillya and their folks headed to Hawthorne, NV on February 10 for the Nevada State Elks Hoop Shoot Finals. They both have won and now are the Nevada State Elks Hoop Shoot Champions.

They will now go to Las Vegas on February 24 for the Elks Area 7 Finals to compete against the Area Winners from California/Hawaii, Utah, and Arizona. A win there means a trip to Chicago for the championship and





Left: State Champion Amillya Bishop. Right: State Champion Deacon Johnson. Photos courtesy of Fallon Elks Lodge.

your name in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, right along with some of the best players in the NBA.

# Law & Order District Court News, February 6

#### By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, February 6, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

*Roselee Giovani Went*, who appeared via Zoom, pleaded guilty to the charge of Manufacture, Importation, Possession, or Use of a Dangerous Weapon, or a Silencer, or Carrying a Concealed Weapon without a Permit, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. According to the factual basis for the charge, Went had a concealed firearm on his person for which he did not have a permit. A Pre-Sentence Investigation was ordered, with sentencing set for April 30.

Jillian Olivia Yesslith, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Probation Violation. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked the court to reinstate Yesslith on probation and provisionally place her in the Western Regional Drug Court Program. The judge consented, released Yesslith on her own recognizance, and ordered Court Services Supervision.

Brandon Heleodoro Rodrigues-Sigala, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Probation Violation for a DUI with reckless driving and other related violations. In November of 2022, Rodrigues-Sigala received probation on a suspended sentence of 12-32 months in prison for Possession of a Controlled Substance (9.1 grams of cocaine), a first or second offense. Judge Stockard revoked Rodrigues-Sigala's probation, granted him 210 days for time served, and remanded him to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.

Justin David Carter, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Probation Violation for failing to obtain a substance abuse evaluation as ordered and absconding from supervision. In November 2022, Carter also received probation on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st or 2nd offense. The judge revoked Carter's probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 12-32 months in prison. Credit was given for time served, and Carter was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Travis Reed Johnson pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Battery on an Officer, a Provider of Healthcare, School Employee, Taxicab Driver, Transit Operator, or a Sports Official, which carries a potential penalty of 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. The factual basis stated that during interaction with law enforcement, Johnson kicked an officer in the leg. The judge provisionally placed her in the Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court program and ordered supervision by Court Services.

Vanessa Kaylynn Rodrigues, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony of Escape by a Felony Prisoner while in Lawful Custody, which carries a possible punishment of 1-10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The factual basis stated that Rodrigues did escape by sliding her hands out of her handcuffs while in custody. The judge ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set sentencing for April 30.

Jose Carlos Trujillo appeared for sentencing on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or a Debit Card, both to which he pleaded guilty last November. The judge proposed setting sentencing out six months to see what restitution payments Trujillo would make in that time. Judge Stockard proposed, "Instead of telling me what you're going to do, showing me what you're going to do." After Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas conferred with the victims and Churchill County Public Defender discussed the matter with Trujillo, both parties accepted the proposal. Sentencing was continued to August 6.

Travis Wade Souza appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), to which Souza pled guilty in January. At that time, he was provisionally placed into the Western Regional Drug Court Program. PD Sommer, defense counsel for Souza, told the court that Souza has been doing well in Drug Court. Sommer asked that the defendant be officially placed into the program. The judge suspended the proceedings, placed Souza on probation for 12 months, and officially placed him in Drug Court, which may extend his probation by 12 months if needed to complete the program. Souza was also ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and to follow the recommendations therein. Fees and assessments were imposed.

*Michael Jacob Casey*, in custody, pleaded not guilty to a Category D Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon for a Victim Aged 60 or Older, or a Vulnerable Person, which carries a potential penalty of 1-6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Casey invoked his right to a speedy trial on this charge, and the trial was tentatively set for March 11-15.

Casey additionally pled not guilty to three other felonies: 1) Category B Felony of Burglary of a Firearm, which carries a potential penalty of 2-15 years and a fine of up to \$10,000; 2) Category B Felony of Grand Larceny of a Firearm, punishable by 1-10 years and a \$10,000 fine; and 3) Category D Felony of an Ex-felon Not to Possess a Firearm, which could carry 1-6 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Casey waived his right to a speedy trial on these charges. A trial date will be set administratively.

#### **Continuances and Warrants**

- Jonathon Barajas's arraignment was continued to February 13.
- Bryant Bennett Jayne's arraignment was continued to February 20.
- Kristin Kay Scott's Sentencing Violation Hearing was continued to February 13.
- Nathaniel Arnold Slaamot failed to appear. A \$25,000 cash-only warrant was issued.



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# Law & Order

# Second Chance for Schostag: Probation and 220 Days in Jail for Child Abuse

#### By Teresa Moon

In a lengthy session of the Tenth Judicial District Court before Judge Thomas Stockard, Robert Charles Schostag III appeared for sentencing on February 6 relating to charges of Child Abuse, not Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, classified as a Category B Felony.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford informed the court of the alarming condition in which a 6-yearold victim arrived for the first day of school, including showing visible signs of distress. The child's appearance, marked by numerous bruises in various stages of healing, dried blood, and marks consistent with belt strikes, immediately raised concerns by the child's teacher.

Sanford's detailed account, which emphasized the gravity of the abuse, relayed the child's account in which he said Schostag "was rough with him while he was dressing him" and that he "punched him on purpose" with a fist, grabbed him hard by the ears and said, "this doesn't feel good." Further, the child said he asked Schostag to stop, but he would not, and he hit him with a belt.

Sanford also highlighted discrepancies in Schostag's statements regarding his disciplinary methods, initially denying and later admitting to spanking. Sanford said Schostag originally stated, "he does not spank the child or anything like that," but later conceded he had done it in the past, but only as corporal punishment as appropriate, "because this 6-yearold is bad."

The DA further corroborated the victim's assertions of abuse by reporting on another child's testimony, who said they were hit on their bottom with a belt.

"This six-year-old boy was hurt; he was beaten with a belt by this defendant, a large young man," said Sanford, who explained that the assessment concluded only Schostag's children are at risk. "The state wants to protect even his own children from his behavior." She asked the court to consider a significant prison sentence for Schostag.

Central to the case was the Psychological Risk Assessment by Dr. Sheri Hixon-Brenenstall, which concluded Schostag was not at high risk of reoffending, contingent upon maintaining certain stabilizing factors in his life. Charles Woodman, Esq., appointed defense counsel for Schostag, read portions of the risk assessment aloud, in which the defendant was apologetic, expressed regret, and took responsibility for his action. Schostag said he loved his child and was sorry for what he caused him, his fiancé, and other family members. He acknowledged what he did was wrong and recognized the seriousness of his current situation.

Woodman told the court, "My client has expressed regrets for what

he's done" and has recently moved into stage four of Drug Court. According to Woodman, the victim said he ran into something on the playground, which explained some of the bruises. "All of the injuries to the victim were gone over with the mother, and she provided an explanation for almost all of the injuries," said Woodman. "Obviously, not all of them. My client screwed up, and he acknowledges that he screwed up."

Woodman reported that Schostag, currently employed as a maintenance worker in a thrift store, has made progress in drug court and is 27 months sober. Arguing for probation with a stiff underlying penalty, Woodman said, "If the court hangs a big hammer over my client's head and he screws up, he's going to pay the penalty." He concluded by asking the court to consider the professional opinion in the assessment and give his client a shot at probation to rebuild a better life.

Schostag addressed the court, "All my psychological counseling and seeing a psychiatrist was voluntary. It was not required of me by Drug Court. I asked for it." He also started Strengthening Families counseling with his biological children. "I messed up. And I'll admit that. But I have started and have continued to move forward on everything that I am capable of doing to help prevent another mess-up."

If granted probation, Schostag plans to continue living in Fallon, wants to continue Drug Court, plans to continue treatment, and desires to



Robert Charles Schostag III. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

continue helping with the care of his children and to care for his ill grand-mother.

Judge Stockard granted Schostag probation on a suspended 28-72 month prison sentence. Additionally, he must serve 220 days in Churchill County Jail, which he will be allowed to do on weekends. He must also obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow the five recommendations set forth by Dr. Hixon-Brenenstall.

Schostag may not contact the victim unless unless approved by Parole & Probation.



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# **Elections Presidential Primary and Caucus Results**

#### By Rachel Dahl

The 26 Nevada delegates from the Republican party were won by Former President Donald Trump last week during the Nevada Republican Caucus, with a dismal 59,984 votes cast statewide out of 645,837 registered Republicans.

In Churchill County, the party faithful turned out strong on Thursday evening at the Rafter 3-C, where the voting lasted until 10 p.m. to allow those in attendance at the caucus to cast their ballot.

One of the volunteers who helped out at the caucus said it was a rewarding experience despite the long waits. In spite of the long lines and several people leaving in frustration, for the most part, Churchill County caucus voters were happy to participate and cast their votes.

"It was great to see so many residents of Churchill County brave the crowds and exercise their constitutional right to vote," said Assemblyman Greg Koenig (R-38).

In the state-run Presidential Primary held last Tuesday, Democrat voters turned out 62.60%, giving President Joe Biden 89.35% of the vote. Republican voters were at 37.4% turnout, casting 30.72% of their vote for Nikki Haley and 63.15% going to None of These Candidates.

President Joe Biden received 83% of the vote in Churchill County, with 10% going to None of These Candidates. Nikki Haley received 16.44%, while None received 65.90%.

> Republican caucus at 3C. Photo courtesy of Churchill County.



# Julie Guerrero-Goetsch Announces Run for County Commission

#### By Rachel Dahl

Julie Guerrero-Goetsch has announced her intention to run for Churchill County Commission, District 1, the seat currently held by Commissioner Justin Heath, who has decided he will not run for re-election.

Goetsch currently serves as the county's administrative services manager and has worked for the county for 20 years. "I work with all county departments, the County Manager, and the commissioners," she said. "I understand property rights, water resources, small businesses, and the value of local government serving local community interest."

If she is successful in her bid for the District 1 seat, she will retire from her current position with the county.

Goetsch has lived in Churchill County for 24 years, and her children were born and raised here. She is married to Brad Goetsch, who served in the Navy for 27 years and retired as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fallon. "I have worked for every county commissioner since Commissioner Jim Regan," said Goetsch, including Gwen Washburn, who served a 16-year term before term limits were instituted. "This has given me the unique opportunity to observe and work directly with many board members over the years. I am supported and endorsed by Commissioner Justin Heath and Com-

missioner Bus Scharmann." With two open commission seats, Goetsch says this is a unique time in our leadership history. "Come January, when those seats are sworn in, our senior sitting commissioner will have two years of service. Now more than ever, experience matters."

The Conservation Easement program is a project Goetsch has worked on for many years, of which she is very proud. Bringing together the Navy, the command at NAS Fallon, and agricultural landowners to help protect ag land, water rights, and the buffer area around NAS Fallon has secured thousands of acres of land and water in the Lahontan Valley. "This program supports agriculture and the military, two of our economic pillars which, along with renewable energy and our incredible local businesses, make up the backbone of Churchill's economy."

She says the most satisfying part of her job is helping others. "I am very passional about youth; our children and grandchildren are the future of this community. Being a county commissioner will afford me the opportunity to continue serving others in an even bigger way."

Goetsch was elected to the Churchill County School Board of Trustees in 2022, where she serves on the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee. She is the Chairman of the County's Insurance Advisory Committee and the Recording Clerk for the Fallon/Churchill Fire Board. She has served as the President of the Fallon Navy League and the Employee Management Committee. She is also a member of the Churchill County Republican Central Committee.

Filing for open seats in the 2024 election will open on March 4 and



close March 15. For more information, contact the Churchill County Clerk at 423-6028 or visit the elections website at churchillcountynv.gov/115/ Elections.



# Elections

# **Blakey Announces for Commission District 3**

#### Submitted by Eric Blakey

My name is Eric Blakey, and I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the seat of Churchill County Commissioner, District #3.

I have been a citizen of Churchill County since 1996 and have engaged with the community along the way through many different avenues, such as:

Past member of the Churchill County Youth Softball Association, serving as a board member and president for many years. Retired member of the Fallon-Churchill Fire Department with 20 years of service. During my career, I held the positions of firefighter, captain, and assistant chief.

Current Chairman of the Churchill County Planning Commission, serving six plus years.

Current member of the Churchill County Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Churchill County is changing at a fast pace, and now is the time for our community to have the right leadership to help our citizens navigate through these times together for the best outcome for all while preserving our heritage, agriculture needs, protecting our water resources, and managing growth in housing, both traditional & affordable as it comes our way.

These are just a few of my ideals and why we need great representation. I believe I am a strong, viable candidate to balance both the economic and physical growth of Churchill County as we move forward into the future. I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail.

Best Regards, Eric Blakey



# Wendy Bullock Announces Intent to Run for School Board

Submitted by Wendy Bullock

With great enthusiasm and a deep sense of commitment, I declare my candidacy for the Churchill County School Board.

Having called Fallon home for 23 years, I have witnessed the strength and potential of our community firsthand. Now, I am eager to contribute to its continued growth and success by serving as a School Board Trustee.

My educational background includes a bachelor's in criminal justice and a minor in Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno. Additionally, I hold an Associate of Liberal Arts and a Criminal Justice Certification from Western Nevada College. I am also a Certified Pretrial Services Professional and hold certification in Open Meeting Law.

This robust educational foundation and my passion for education, coupled with my dedication to advocating for the welfare of students, teachers, and families, drives my desire to serve. As a parent of three children, with two having graduated from Churchill County High School and one currently attending 7th grade at Churchill County Middle School, I understand firsthand the importance of ensuring a high-quality education for every child in our district.

Professionally, I proudly represent Churchill County as a Court Services Specialist, contributing to our community and local government. My extensive involvement as a community volunteer has provided me with invaluable insights into the diverse perspectives and concerns of our residents. I believe in transparency and open communication and will work tirelessly to keep the public informed and engaged.

I am committed to ensuring that every voice is heard and every perspective is considered. Together, let's strive for excellence in education and create a brighter future for Churchill County.





# Education Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy



Senior Spotlight: Natalie Jaques

Oasis Academy's project-based learning has been what set the school apart for senior Natalie Jaques. She started at Oasis Academy in third grade, and Jaques has appreciated the hands-on learning approach and supportive staff.

"I started at Oasis in third grade when the school had one of its first expansions," said Jaques. "My teachers have always been willing to help and taught me in a way I could understand. I loved all of the project-focused learning. I loved building miniature restaurants, bridges, and giant math posters."

One project in particular was her favorite.

"My favorite memory from Oasis was the annual lemonade and hot cocoa stands," she said.

Jaques would like to thank math teacher, Mr. Jake Lewis. He is also the teacher who organized and made those stands part of his curriculum.

"Mr. Lewis is an incredible teacher. He taught me so much and made math a blast," she said.

Jaques has been active during her time at Oasis Academy, participating

in several co-curricular activities. She plays soccer and lacrosse and is part of the high school student council and the National Honor Society. Keeping involved and busy is something Jaques recommends for future students.

"My advice to future students is simple: do everything you can," she said. "The busier you are, the happier you'll be. Try all of the electives, even if you're uncertain about it. High school is the time to try new things."

Jaques will graduate in May with her high school diploma as well as her associate of science degree from Western Nevada College. She then plans to work on a mechanical or aerospace engineering degree

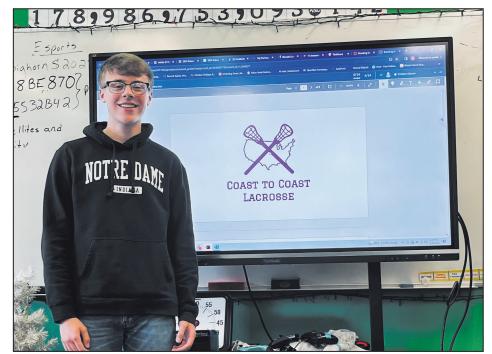
#### Branding Guidelines and Color Coordinations By Phynex Hunt

This week in Mrs. Angela Viera's Business and Marketing class, students had to create branding guidelines for brands they invented. Students created a variety of logos and guidelines for everything from beauty products and jewelry to food and clothing. Along with learning about branding, students learned about colors theory, were able to practice public speaking and learned a little more about each other.

The project consisted of a slideshow that contained the student-created logo, brand and identity colors, typography, brand identity, and do's and don'ts for their brand. Students expressed the backstory behind their brands and what their colors and fonts meant in their logos.

Overall, the project was a good learning experience and allowed them to step out of their comfort zones. It also showed students the thought process companies go through in developing brands to create brand recognition and loyalty.

"I learned about what colors have to do with branding and their meanings," said freshman Cristian Keener. "My brand was a lacrosse customization company. I applied colors and color meaning to my brand to show



how I wanted my brand represented." Science Fair Coming to Oasis

Middle School Science teacher Dane Nott has a passion for teaching science and having students experience the subject firsthand. As part of that, he is organizing this year's science fair. This will be the first fair since Covid.

"This is my second year teaching at Oasis and first year as Oasis Middle School Science Teacher. You might call me a science nerd at heart," said Dane Nott.

Nott knows the cross-curricular value of having science fairs.

"The Oasis Science Fairs will have hands-on activities that require students of all ages to connect ideas across all disciplines such as read-

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ing, writing, speaking, collaborating, listening, sharing, planning, analyzing, evaluating, presenting, and more," he said.

Nott has two goals for this year's fair.

"I tell my students all the time that I have two goals for them. The first is to develop their background knowledge and understanding of the world around them, and the second goal is to be an independent thinker using logic, evidence, and reasoning," Nott added.

Oasis students will be able to choose either demonstrations, inventions, or projects for the fair. To learn more about the fair or how you can help, contact Dane Nott at dnott@ oanv.org.

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# **Education**

# **CCSD Cool School News**

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie, photos courtesy of Churchill County School District



**LES** (above): Last week, students in Olivia Lefort's first-grade class learned about the Lunar New Year. They also learned about the lion dance, dragon dance, and lanterns.

NELC (right): During classroom walk-throughs last week, Amanda Hammer observed students in Octavia Merrit's class engaged and busy developing early literacy skills. "These are the types of activities we love to see happen in our classrooms. These students are engaged, having fun, and best of all are learning. Our teachers are the best at teaching them in ways that don't feel like work but feel like fun. We truly have the most amazing staff," said Hammer.





**CCMS** (above): *Written by Melody Garcia-Bishop, 8th grade, CCMS Student Council Historian.* The Middle School Academic Olympics recently concluded with a bang, leaving everyone in awe of the incredible young minds that took part. The four sixth graders and five eighth graders sure hit it out of the park despite all the challenges. This competition was a roller coaster of intellectual challenges and intense rivalries. From solving math problems in record time to deciphering many complex questions, these students showcased their exceptional knowledge and critical thinking skills. In the end, the CCMS team came in fourth. This unforgettable event was a testament to the power of young minds and their ability to conquer any intellectual challenge that comes their way.

ECB (right): Ashley Youles' class is participating in Trout in the Classroom. Last week, NDW delivered the trout eggs that will live in the classroom until they hatch and grow big enough to be released.



rissa Aguilera, 4th grade. On February 7, I was the weather girl for KTVN. When I arrived, I got to see the entire news studio - it was huge. There were lights, cameras, cords, TVs, and a ton of people working. After my tour, I was welcomed into the studio, where I worked with Mike Alger, the Chief Meteorologist for KTVN. He worked with me on my lines, the weather forecast, and where to stand. During my time on air, I gave a shout-out to my teacher, Mrs. Janine Mello, because she's the coolest teacher ever. I also made Mike Alger a KTVN bracelet so he could have something to remember me by. He told me that this was the first time any weather kid had given him a gift. After that, I was set to leave. Back home in Fallon, my family had a viewing party to watch me

Numa (right): Written by Ma-



on the news. Being able to be the weather girl was really fun. I think if you are shy, it might not be a great idea to sign up, but for me, it was amazing.



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# Education CCSD Partners with Paper Online to Offer Students Tutoring-on-Demand

#### Staff Report

Churchill County School District has partnered with Paper, an online tutoring service, to bolster its students' academic support. This collaboration aims to provide unlimited access to trained tutors, allowing students in grades 4-12 to seek assistance, tackle challenges, and enhance their academic confidence, all without incurring any costs for families.

Paper operates as an online, ondemand tutoring service, offering 24/7 academic support. Superintendent Derild Parsons emphasized the significance of this collaboration, stating, "Whether students encounter hurdles in their homework, are preparing for tests, or seek guidance on their writing assignments, expert assistance will always be within reach." Paper's services extend across all subject areas and are available in multiple languages.

The tutoring platform, as described by Paper, employs tutors who have undergone specific training to provide expert academic support through a secure, chat-based platform. The emphasis is on fostering deeper learning by prompting students with guiding questions and offering timely encouragement rather than providing direct answers.

Superintendent Derild Parsons expressed optimism about the impact of this collaboration on students, stating, "This tool will be invaluable for our students. With Paper at their fingertips, they can access additional assistance beyond the classroom, reinforcing their academic preparedness and success." The Superintendent emphasized that this initiative aligns with the district's commitment to eliminating barriers and supporting student success.

Already in use at Numa, the Middle School, and the High School, Paper has garnered positive feedback from students and staff. CCHS Vice Principal Reema Pulsifer observed students utilizing Paper during classroom walk-throughs and noted, "It's fantastic to commence the New Year with a support system that extends beyond



CCHS Vice Principal Reema Pulsifer captured this image of students using Paper in the classroom and enjoying the program.

school hours. CCHS students are eager to explore the Paper platform and find it remarkably user-friendly."

To access Paper's services, students in grades 4-12 can log in using their username and password via Clever, ensuring round-the-clock availability for academic assistance. This collaborative effort between the school district and Paper underscores the district's commitment to providing comprehensive support within and outside the classroom and fostering an environment where students can thrive academically.

# **CCHS Pep Club Shares Highlights**

Written By CCHS Students: Precious Christy, Emily Tenney, and Kayla Koppenhaver

As members of the CCHS Pep Club, we are excited to share the fantastic highlights and achievements from February, where student's enthusiasm, creativity, and generosity truly shone bright. Our events were not only filled with fun but also served as successful fundraisers, bringing us closer to our goals of supporting scholarships and enhancing our Pep Club activities.

Our "Send Your Crush a Crush" fundraiser turned out to be a heartwarming success. The halls were buzzing with excitement as students received Crush sodas adorned with personalized notes. The love and positivity shared during this event were heartening.

The Sweet Hearts Dance was a magical night filled with laughter,

dancing, and unforgettable memories. We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who attended, bringing the spirit of camaraderie to the dance floor. The success of this event is a testament to the unity and support within our Pep Club community.

Our dress-up extravaganza days were nothing short of spectacular. Students' creativity and enthusiasm were on full display as they embraced each theme with style. From Comfy versus Dress to Impress to the vibrant Color Splash by grade level on Friday, each day brought a unique and exciting energy to our school.

The Pep Club extends a heartfelt appreciation to a dedicated group of students, comprising of both Pep Club members and volunteers, whose efforts not only ensured the success of the Crush but also contributed significantly to the excellence of the dance. Their unwavering dedication, time investment, and strong work ethic played a pivotal role in making the dance an exceptionally delightful experience. From crafting posters to constructing balloon arches that reached towering heights, these students executed their tasks with grace, professionalism, and an undeniable school spirit.

A special thank you goes out to Kayla Koppenhaver, Emily Tenney, Precious Christy, Hannah Benjamin, Dillon Keener, Steven Pine, Takoda Pacheco, Abigail Lacow, Lillian Souza, and Maggie McPherson. Thank you to CCHS staff members Carlene Pacheco and Heather Benjamin for their help as well. We also want to give a huge shout-out to Pep Club advisors Stephanie Kille-Reese and Amy Kuhn. You both helped us make our ideas come to life, and these fundraisers and events

wouldn't have been a success without you.

We're thrilled to announce that the Churchill County High School Pep Club has raised over \$4,000 through our various fundraisers. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our members. These funds will play a crucial role in supporting scholarships and ensuring the continued success of our Pep Club activities.

As we celebrate these achievements, we also look ahead with excitement and anticipation for the upcoming events and opportunities. The student body, staff, and community's continued support and participation are invaluable, and we're excited to see what we can accomplish together in the coming months.

# Sports

# **Oasis Boys Basketball**

Submitted by Coach Donald Schank

Oasis Academy Boys Basketball team completed their season with their final three contests this week.

Wednesday, February 7, Oasis played North Tahoe at home. North Tahoe came out with strong inside play and aggressive offensive rebounding to jump to a 14 to 9 first quarter lead. This continued into the second quarter, with Oasis trailing 30 to 17. Oasis came out the second half, changing their defensive strategy, and outscored the Lakers in the second half, 20 to 17, but losing the contest 47 to 37. North Tahoe is a big team, and they were beating the Bighorns to every missed shot and loose ball. The boys got more aggressive on both ends of the floor, which turned the second half around. While the team could not put the two halves together, "I am proud of the way they responded," Schank said.

#### Player Stats:

Matthew Bird: 10 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal Kayden White: 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal Hunter Adams: 6 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, 2 steals Austin Booker: 6 points, 1 block, 1 steal Trevor Barrenchea: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals Benton Snow: 3 points

Friday, Oasis hosted Pershing County for its final home game of the season. It was also the night to recognize our graduating senior, Jason Neumann. Pershing County came out shooting, making six 3-point shots in the first two quarters and only hitting 2 field goals during the same time. They were moving the ball faster than our defense could react to and getting open looks at the basket. The second half was just a continuation of the 3-point bombs converting another five. Oasis shot the ball better in the second half but could never overcome the deficit from the first half, losing the contest 53 to 41.

#### Player Stats:

Matthew Bird: 20 points Trevor Barrenchea: 9 points Hunter Adams: 5 points Benton Snow: 4 points Kayden White: 2 points

Saturday, Oasis played its final game of the season, traveling to Carson City to play Sierra Lutheran. Oasis came out with cold shooting, trailing at the end of the first quarter, 5 to 12. Oasis turned that around with more aggressive defense, holding the Falcons scoreless and taking the lead at the end of the half 14 to 12. Oasis started the game out flat. Nothing was falling, and the defense was not in sync, allowing second shots and letting the other teams shooters get good looks. In the second half, the Bighorns continued the strong defense, holding the Falcons to one 3 and 2 field goals for the entire second half and winning the contest 34 to 24. "I was happy the team could end the season with a tough win on the road," said Schank.

#### Player Stats:

Matthew Bird: 10 points Austin Booker: 9 points Kayden White: 8 points Hunter Adams: 5 points Trevor Barrenchea: 2 points. Oasis ended the season 6 - 12 in league and 10 - 16 overall. "I always have high expectations at the beginning of the season. Our goal was to get to the playoffs in our first year competing in the 2A division. Unfortunately, we came up a little short. I know the boys were disappointed, as was the coaching staff, but we are still one of the youngest teams in the league, and I have high hopes for them next season," said Schank.

# Mackedon Named NIAA Athlete of the Week



A special shout-out to Oasis Academy basketball player, Fenn Mackedon. Fenn was recently named NIAA Athlete of the Week. Thanks to the NIAA, Fallon Ford-Toyota, Nevada Toyota Dealers Association, and Dolan Toyota for their support of Nevada athletes. Photo courtesy of NIAA.



# Columns





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.

# **Books by the Handful**

You know what my favorite thing in the world is? I love it when I have pre-ordered a book from Amazon, usually months before its release, and then I completely forget about it. When it finally shows up, it is such a pleasant little surprise. There are so many great books coming out in the near(ish) future, so this week, I am going to tell you about a handful of books that I currently have on pre-order so that you can order them too and join me in counting days and stalking the mailbox! So here we go – five yet-to-be-released books that I am waiting for with breathless anticipation, in order of their release date:

"Just For the Summer" by Abby Jimenez (release date April 2) - You may remember my review of "Part of Your World" a few months ago. Abby can always be counted on to deliver hot book boyfriends, hilarious awkward moments, and, of course, some hot and spicy scenes sprinkled in at just the right moments. I know that this little fake-dating/forced proximity number is sure to be a winner.

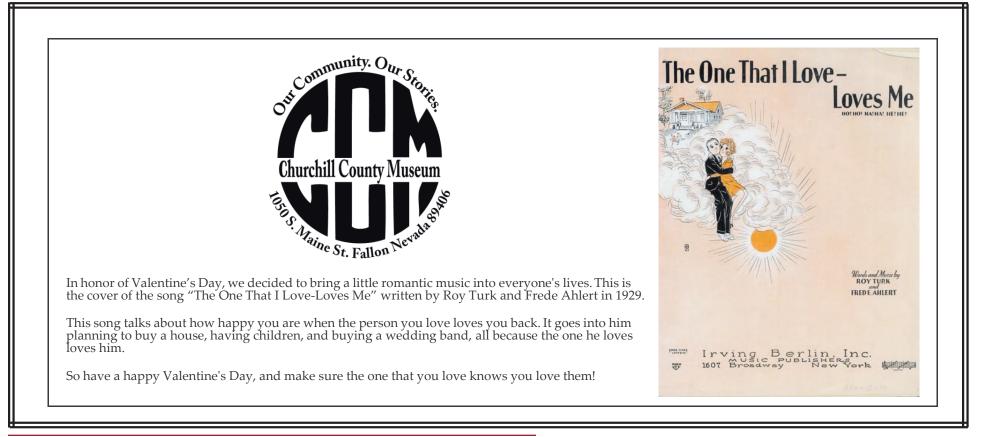
"Funny Story" by Emily Henry (April 23) - Emily Henry is my favorite. Her knack for writing witty characters and even wittier dialog keeps me turning pages every single time. "Funny Story" is another fake dating moment (what can I say? I have a type) but with a cute and creative ex-lovers twist. I cannot wait to get my hands on this one.

"The Paradise Problem" by Christina Lauren (May 14) - This best friend writing duo are the reigning queens of romance, and I admit that I don't even care what the story is about if these besties wrote it. This one boasts a sham marriage, rich and snooty in-laws, and a huge future inheritance that is dependent on these two total opposites staying married. Sounds like a perfect summer pool read.

"The Guncle Abroad" by Steven Rowley (May 21) - This book is a sequel to 2021's "The Guncle" and continues the story of "Gay Uncle Patrick" (GUP for short) and his precocious niece and nephew as they head to Italy for a big family wedding. The first book in the pair was both hilarious and sad, as all of Rowley's books are. "The Guncle Abroad" is sure to follow suit, and I can't wait to revisit this modern family this summer.

"By Any Other Name" by Jodi Picoult (August 20) - Jodi Picoult is an author who practically has a cult following. With over 30 books, most readers are familiar with her remarkably well-researched and detailed storytelling. This time Picoult is tackling Shakespeare with a dual timeline following two female playwrights, one in our modern times and one in Shakespearian times, neither of whom can openly claim their work. Sounds like a home-run to me.

Okay, there you go. Go pre-order some books. A future version of yourself will thank you when a great read surprises you in your mailbox this summer. Meanwhile, go grab something from any of these authors' previous releases and visit me over on Instagram @allison.the.reader for more of my reading and rambling.



# Columns

# What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - Artichoke Spinach Rolls

This last weekend, my food focus revolved around events. I was asked to bring a dish to share at two separate potlucks. In theory, I really like the idea of a group of people bringing something they like to eat to share with their friends and family. In practice, navigating a potluck can be like taking a swim in eel-infested waters. I am always a bit concerned about food handling, cross-contamination, and time-temperature concerns. I suppose this is the challenge of all of the training I have received about food-borne illness and safe food handling. It takes the fun away from eating Aunt Betty's deviled egg potato salad.

Rather than focus on the red flags that pop up anytime I am invited to join in the age-old ritual of sharing food for a group, I would rather put my energy into figuring out ways to enjoy my favorite tastes without worrying about how long the mayo-based dish has been sitting at room temperature or how many people's fingers have been in the crudite. Take artichoke spinach dip, for example. While I am down for a bread bowl filled with creamy, chunky dip, surrounded by cubes of sourdough when hosting a small gathering in my house, I avoid the dish like the plague when at a backyard barbeque or while rooting for Taylor Swift's boyfriend in the big game.

Fortunately, there are others who think like me when it comes to dishes to share in places where no one is really in charge of monitoring the core internal temperature of the potluck spread. First, some general information about things to do when hosting or preparing food for a potluck.

- 1. Wash your hands Use warm running water and liquid soap. Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds, and scrub the backs of your hands, your wrists, between your fingers, and under your fingernails. Rinse well and dry your hands with a paper towel.
- 2. Clean your prep area Wash and sanitize any surfaces that come into contact with food. Use a sanitizing solution made from 1 teaspoon of bleach in a quart of warm water. Clean thoroughly between preparing different types of food.
- 3. Separate Cross-contamination is the quickest way to spread bacteria. Keep raw meat away from ready-to-eat foods. Wash and sanitize cutting boards after you have used them.
- 4. Cook Make sure that you cook your food thoroughly. Measure temperatures with a clean, calibrated food thermometer. Don't cook food partially to finish later. Keep the time between cooking and serving your food to a minimum.
- 5. *Chill* Refrigerate perishable foods in shallow containers. Keep your refrigerator at 40° or below.
- 6. Serve Try to serve your dish with some type of temperature control. Put hot foods in a crock pot or a chafing dish over sterno. Serve

cold foods in a bowl set on top of ice.

7. *Leftovers* - These are generally a bad idea from a potluck.

#### Kelli's Potluck Friendly Artichoke Spinach Rolls

#### Ingredients

8 oz cream cheese, room temperature <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c mayonnaise 12 oz marinated artichoke hearts, drained 1 pack frozen spinach, defrosted and drained/squeezed of all juice 8 oz shredded white cheddar cheese 2 oz grated parmesan cheese Onion powder Salt Black pepper Red chili flakes 2 cans Pillsbury croissant dough or croissant sheets

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper or grease with butter or pan spray.
- 2. Combine together cream cheese and mayonnaise with beaters until well-mixed. Add in drained artichoke hearts & spinach, cheddar cheese, and parmesan and mix well. Season to taste with onion powder, salt, pepper, and red chili flakes.
- 3. Unroll croissant dough or sheets onto a parchment-lined or flourdusted work surface. If using segmented croissant dough, pinch



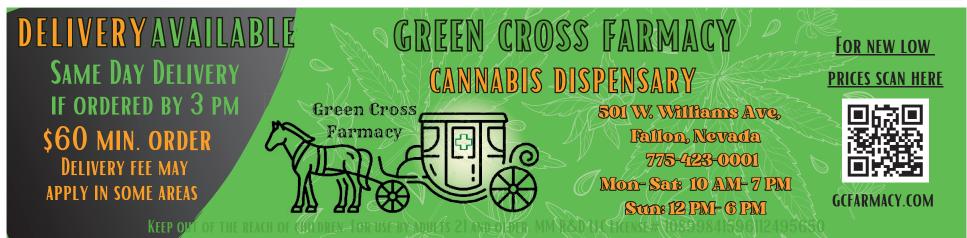
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together all of the seams to create one large sheet. Spread half of the cheese and artichoke mix over each sheet of dough.

- 4. Starting with the long side of the dough towards you, gently roll it into a long loaf. Slice into 1" buns and place on prepared sheet pans.
- 5. Bake for 30-40 minutes, switching shelves and rotating halfway through.

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





# Legal Notices

# **Movies & More**

Your Community-Owned & Operated Fallon Theatre

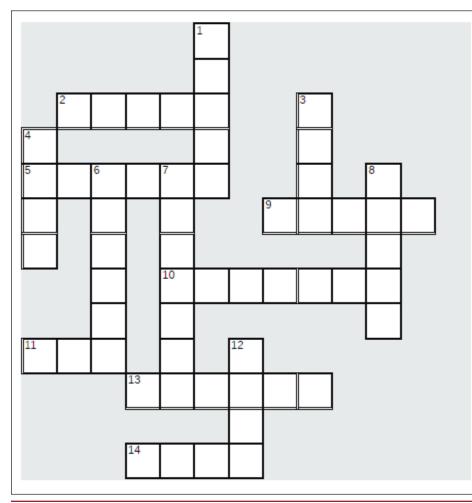
Thank you to all our sustaining members, sponsors, and volunteers; we couldn't do it without you.

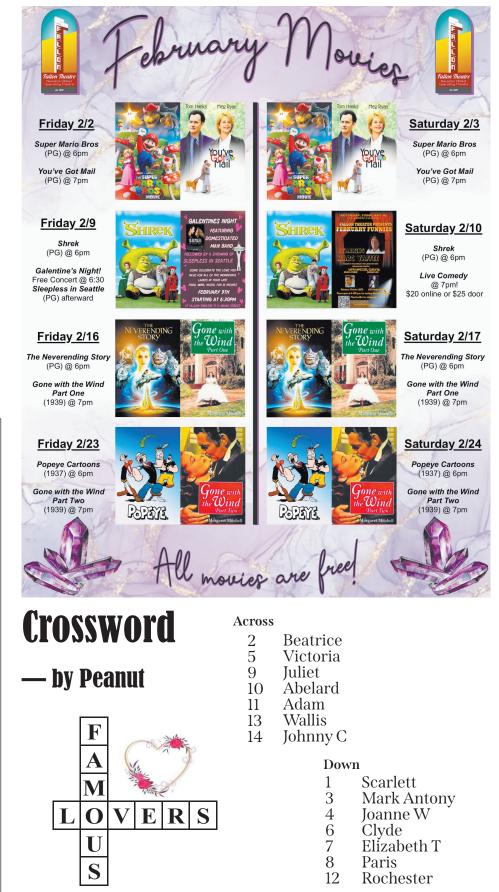
Two great movies for you this weekend, and they are free. Playing this Friday, February 16, and Saturday, February 17, at 6 p.m. each evening is the terrific fantasy adventure film "The Neverending Story." On his way to school, Bastian ducks into a bookstore to avoid bullies. Sneaking away with a book called "The Neverending Story," Bastian begins reading it in the school attic. The novel is about Fantasia, a fantasy land threatened by "The Nothing," a darkness that destroys everything it touches. The kingdom needs the help of a human child to survive. When Bastian reads a description of himself in the book, he begins to wonder if Fantasia is real and needs him to survive. Starring Noah Hathaway, Barret Oliver, Tami Stronach, and Gerald McRaney.

Our second feature on both evenings is Part One of the classic 1939 historical romance film "Gone with the Wind." An epic Civil War drama that focuses on the life of petulant Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara. Starting with her idyllic life on a sprawling plantation, the film traces her survival through the tragic history of the South during the Civil War and Reconstruction, along with her tangled love affairs with Ashley Wilkes and Rhett Butler. Starring Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, Olivia de Havilland, Hattie McDaniel, and Leslie Howard.

Part Two of "Gone with the Wind" will be shown next weekend.

#### See you at the movies!





# Legal Notices

Case No: 24-10DC-0167

DISTRICT COURT

CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA

In the Matter of the Application of:

Dianna Inzer For Change of Name.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the aboveentitled Court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from:

Dianna Lynn Inzer to:

Dianne Lynn Inzer

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 of applicant's name shall file written objection with the aboveentitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this Notice.

DATED 2 day of February, 2024. Submitted By: Dianna Inzer

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In accordance with NRS 268.030, the City of Fallon hereby publishes notice of the following total receipts, disbursements and bills allowed and paid for the quarter covering October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023:

Total Receipts: \$ 16,180,852

Total Disbursements and Bills: \$ 14,204,694

The public may view the detailed financial documents at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada or online at https://www.fallonnevada.gov/quarterly-financialstatements/. For further information or further instructions on how to obtain the detailed financial documents, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (775) 423-5104.

The original and any duplicate or copy of each receipt, bill, invoice, check, warrant, voucher or other similar document that supports a transaction, the amount of which is shown in the financial statement published pursuant to this section is a public record that is available for inspection and copying by any person pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 239 of NRS.

ATTEST: KEN TEDFORD, Mayor SEAN RICHARDSON City Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No.: 24-10DC-0212

The undersigned hereby affirms this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DIS-TRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL

In the Matter of the Petition of: SAILOSI ALFRED LATU for the adoption of: ISITOLO ISSAC TUUFULI, An Adult.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change the applicant's name from ISITOLO ISSAC TUUFULI to ISITOLO LUANI LATU.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

DATED: This 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

ISITOLO ISSAC TUUFULI Petitioner, In Pro Per

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# Bulletin

#### **Community Meetings**

**City Council** February 20, 9 a.m. **City Hall Council Chambers** 55 W. Williams Ave.

**Insurance Advisory Committee** February 20, 1:30 p.m. CC Admin Complex, Room 102 155 N. Taylor St.

**Regional Transportation Commis**sion February 21, 9:30 a.m. CC Admin Complex, Room 102 155 N. Taylor St.

**Highway Commission** February 21, 12:30 p.m. CC Admin Complex, Room 145 155 N. Taylor St.

**County Commissioners** February 21, 1:15 p.m. CC Admin Complex, Room 145 155 N. Taylor St.

**County Budget Hearings** February 22, 8:15 a.m. CC Admin Complex, Room 145 155 N. Taylor St.

Measurements taken February 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir 239.100 af **Carson River Below Lahontan** 3.22 cfs **Truckee Canal at Wadsworth** 0.00 cfs **Truckee Canal at Hazen** 0.00 cfs **Carson River at Ft. Churchill** 284 cfs

February 13, 2024 2024:239,021 acre feet 2023:116,963 acre feet 2022:93,875 acre feet cfs - Cubic Feet per Second af - Acre Feet TCID.org & WaterData.USGS.gov

# Pound **Puppies**

#### **Meet Charlotte**

Charlotte (D-91) is a 2-yearold Catahoula Leopard Dog. She is super sweet, and affectionate.

Catahoulas are a working livestock breed, who are intense, serious, and focused when working the field. When home, they are protec-

tive, playful, and affectionate. If you think she would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call at 775-423-2282, or come check her out at Fallon Animal Shelter. Picture by local photogra-

pher Holly Creates.

Monday, Feb. 19

William N. Pennington

**Life Center** 

952 S Maine St. Fallon, NV

(775) 423-7096

Tuesday, Feb. 20



ALBERT	HELOISE
BONNIE	JANE
CLEO	JUNE
DANTE	PAUL
EDWARD	RHETT
EVE	RICHARD
HELEN	ROMEO



Chicken Nuggets **Closed** for Meat Loaf Mashed Sweet President's Day Mashed Potatoes Colorful Salad Baby Čarrots Potatoes & Gravv Green Beans w/ Mixed Veggies Applesauce Spinach WW Roll Cornbread **FF** French Dressing Mushrooms **Tossed Salad Fresh Apple Oatmeal Raisin** Fruit Cup Mixed Berry Cup Cookie All are on **MEALS SERVED MONDAYS &** THURSDAYS 5-6 P.M. WOLF CENTER **457 ESMERALDA AVE. FALLON** Thursday, Feb. 22 Monday, Feb. 19 Monday, Feb. 26 Thursday, Feb. 29 Monday, March 4 Breakfast for Chicken Pot Pie Baked Chicken Ham To be announced Mac and Cheese Dinner **Roasted Potatoes** Bread Fruit Dessert Bread

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# **Business Directory**



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#### Find the local paper in your hometown business locations:

**3-D** Shipping **Banner Hospital Bassham Furniture** Camacho Auto Sales **Cheek Construction** Churchill County Museum **Cranberry Cottage** Digitex **Edward Jones Fallon Family Dental Fallon Floors Fallon Glass** Fallon Livestock Processing **Fox Peak Station Frontier Liquor** Grand Slam Market Harmon Junction **His Inspirations** 

Homestead JD Slinger's Restaurant Jerry's Restaurant Just in Time Heating and Air Conditioning Kent's Supply Mane Attraction My Gypsy Soul Ott's Farm Equipment William N. Pennington Life Center (Senior Center) **Owik Stop Market** Stone Cabin Coffee Stuff N' Such Thrift Shop Telegraph Coffee & Tap The Village Nursery **US Post Office** WaFd Bank Workman Farms

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#### The public and all veterans are invited to the annual



VietnamWar Veterans RemembranceDay Ceremony

#### "Reflections"

a presentation by Veterans of Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and Gold Star Families

#### ★ Saturday ★ March 23, 2024 ★

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM)

Truckee Meadows Community College Student Center ★ 7000 Dandini Blvd ★ Reno NV 89512 ★

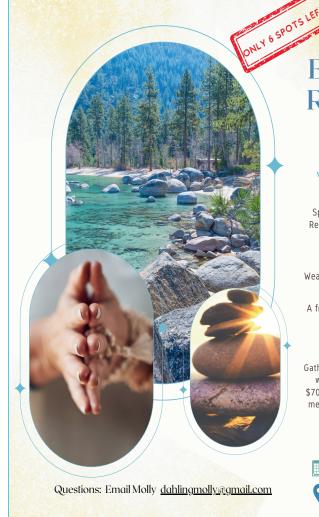
Wreath Placing Ceremony by the Patriot Guard Riders with Veterans of Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and Gold Star Families

Featured Guest Speakers: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, Lieutenant Governor of Nevada Major General Ondra L. Berry, Adjutant General of Nevada

Military and Veteran Support Organizations will be available for questions and resources

Sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Sierra Nevada Chapter 989 Reno in partnership with Truckee Meadows Community College.

★ Event is free to the public and a Non Political, Non Fundraising event ★ For Information Contact: Brigitte Stafford VVA 989 Event Coordinator at VVAReno989@gmail.com or 650.888.1564



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