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Fallon Food Hub Gears up for 2024 Season

Story and photo by Christy Lattin

The Fallon Food Hub basket program returns for the 2024 growing season, with the first baskets headed out in early March. Customers can receive locally-grown fruits and vegetables – even flowers and coffee – on a weekly basis and help sustain our food network in the process.

Fallon Food Hub can draw its roots from the collective of local farmers who first started the Great Basin Basket Farm Share. Originally sprouted by Lattin Farms and the second oldest farm share in Nevada, the Fallon Food Hub took the reins for the administration of the program in 2017. Technically speaking, it's called Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), where customers are buying directly from local farmers, helping to keep farmland profitable. Last year, the Food Hub provided 2,078 baskets and earned about \$67,000. They also received a grant to provide fresh produce to the Pennington Life Center and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

The Food Hub gathers the produce from growers located mostly

in Churchill and Lyon Counties and then builds each box according to the customer's order. The offerings are available as they come into season, and this program often carries a slew of varieties of tomatoes, melon, and squash. The growing season for the boxes runs about 40 weeks from March through October in Nevada. Ordering is through an online platform called Harvie, where customers sign up and pay for their subscriptions. There's even a private Facebook group for subscribers to network, and the boxes come with recipes to prepare vegetables that may be unfamiliar to some – like how to cook a kohlrabi.

The program currently operates from Lattin Farms and distributes the boxes with its delivery van and newly acquired refrigerated truck. The boxes are available for pick up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Lattin Farms on McLean Road, and the van transports boxes to other cities for customers outside Fallon, including Fernley, Sparks, Reno, Carson City, Garnerville, Douglas County, Minden, and even the Desert Farming Initiative with the University of Nevada Reno. Its goals



this next year are to increase to 350 weekly orders, add a truck to the budding fleet, and welcome new board members.

Subscriptions run \$30 for a small box and \$50 for a large box, which

Secretary Sara Beebe-Wolken says is the most affordable CSA in Nevada. You can choose from a weekly or bi-weekly subscription, and each box

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log – Good People Quietly Doing Good

We spend a lot of time lately lamenting the strangeness and bad behavior that has evolved in our society, permeating social media, taking over our schools, and oozing into our everyday lives.

It's icky what's happening and hard to watch. It's important to be aware and self-correct and make sure we don't fall into the trap of what has become plain bad behavior and bad manners.

Part of that is to recognize and acknowledge the beauty of kindness when we see it. There is so much good that is getting ignored under the shock and spectacle of what passes for public discourse.

I watched a beautiful thing happen in church on Sunday and can't even write about it without watering my keyboard.

There has been a concerted effort lately to include the youth in our services – giving talks, saying the prayer, and leading the singing. One of the young men got stuck with song leading in Sacrament Meeting in front of the whole congregation on a particularly tricky song. He wasn't expecting the music to be so fast, and he struggled, way off beat, and you could watch him physically begin to melt down. I mean, seriously, who can lead 3/2 time well anyway?

As the song went on, this little trooper couldn't look up, couldn't catch up, and across his face was the pure pain of public humiliation. Having been in exactly that same position about 40 years ago, I was crushed for his little heart.

And then, suddenly, he was watching out across the crowd somewhere and his lead hand began to keep tempo, his face calmed, he began to catch the beat, and physically relaxed into the song.

I wondered who he was watching. Clearly, someone out here was doing something helpful.

Searching the crowd, I saw one of the several musically inclined dads in our ward with a kid on his lap, looking down at his hymnal, subtly but clearly moving his hand in the 3/2 time where the young man could see from the front of the chapel.

There was nothing about what he was doing that was obvious or drawing attention. He was just quietly and mercifully offering what he could to help this young man in desperate need of relief.

And the young man eased into careful mime, keeping in time with inconspicuous, thoughtful aid.

As I watched that tender moment of connection and grace, it hit me smack in the face how easy it is to be helpful to each other. Just a moment of kindness and compassion for the suffering of another and how easy it was to give relief.

So, while we hope that we can notice when someone needs help and be there for them, we'll be right here...

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Rach



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Finalists Selected for Oasis Academy Executive Director

Staff Report

Four candidates are moving closer to the position of the Oasis Academy's executive director/K-8 principal. After reviewing the application materials, the search committee narrowed the finalists to Dr. Bobby Allen, Melissa Cook-Sanford, Dennis Holmes, and Rochelle Tisdale.

Finalists will participate in a virtual open forum on Tuesday, February 27, from 6-8 p.m. They will be asked to respond to questions submitted by Oasis Academy stakeholders. A link to the forum will be available to the Oasis community on Monday, February 26.

Viewers will not be able to interact with the candidates during the forum. Still, they will be asked to submit feedback regarding the finalists to the Oasis Academy Board of Directors at its conclusion.

In person interviews will then be held with the Oasis Academy Board of Directors on the evening of March 27 from 5-9 p.m. Candidates will also receive a tour of the Oasis Academy campuses and be able to meet with staff that day.

On March 28, a special board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the candidates and possible action.

Board interviews are subject to open meeting laws, with the public welcome to attend.

Dr. Bobby Allen

Allen is an experienced educator who started his career in education in 1997. He has been an academic leader at the school and district levels for many years.

Allen is a well-published author and proven leader who has led turn-around efforts in several schools. He is also a well-decorated officer of the US Army Corps of Engineers, where he served eight and one-half years. He has been married for 31 years, and he and his wife have three adult children.

Melissa Cook Sanford

Sanford earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Nevada, Reno, her Master of Education degree at Sierra Nevada College, and

her medical Master of Arts degree at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona. She has been a Nevada educator for over 20 years, serving in the capacities of a classroom teacher and administrator.

Sanford has been privileged to work with students and teachers in various K-12 settings: rural and urban, comprehensive and alternative, and preschool to adult.

Sanford said she believes a growth mindset is critical for educators and administrators. She has a contagious passion for language instruction, social-emotional learning, and working with at-risk youth. Sanford and her husband are parents to three children, and she belongs to many community service clubs.

Dennis Holmes

Holmes has over 30 years of experience as an educator. He has taught in grades 1-12 and served in every leadership role at the school level. He was an associate superintendent of Instructional Support in an 8,700-student district in Gillette, Wyoming.

Holmes is known as hard-working and dedicated, being the first in and last out, and for his trustworthiness and loyalty.

Rochelle Tisdale

Tisdale is a long-time resident of Fallon and Churchill County. She taught elementary school in Lyon County before coming to Oasis Academy.

Tisdale has been with Oasis Academy for over ten years, most recently serving as chief academic officer and interim chief executive officer. One of her most significant accomplishments was designing and opening Oasis Academy College Prep High School in 2015. The high school has been a 5-star school with a 100% graduation rate since its inception.

Tisdale said she considers it an honor to watch as Oasis Academy has grown from 180 students to almost 800. She earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in educational leadership. She raised two boys in Fallon and said the community is her home.



Dr. Bobby Allen.



Melissa Cook Sanford.



Dennis Holmes.



Rochelle Tisdale.

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Obituaries

Phillip Lee Metz

December 9, 1945 - February 14, 2024



We are saddened to announce the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Phillip Metz, on February 14, 2024.

Phillip Lee Metz was born in Kokomo, Indiana, on December 9, 1945, to Lester and Marjorie (Baker) Metz. He spent his youth in Southern California, graduating from Huntington Park High School before serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married Marsha on April 27, 1968, and with her had two children. The family moved to Fallon in 1978, where they made their permanent home.

Phil is survived by his wife, Marsha; children Terry and Katy (Johnson); grandchildren Austin, Taylor, Alexis, Emma, and Connor; and great-grandchildren Madison, Londynn, Harper, and Soren, all of Fallon. Phil was known in our community as a horseshoer, steer wrestler/team roper, school bus driver, drag racer, and – to many – a friend. He will be missed.

Shirley Anne Ring

April 26, 1942 - February 12, 2024

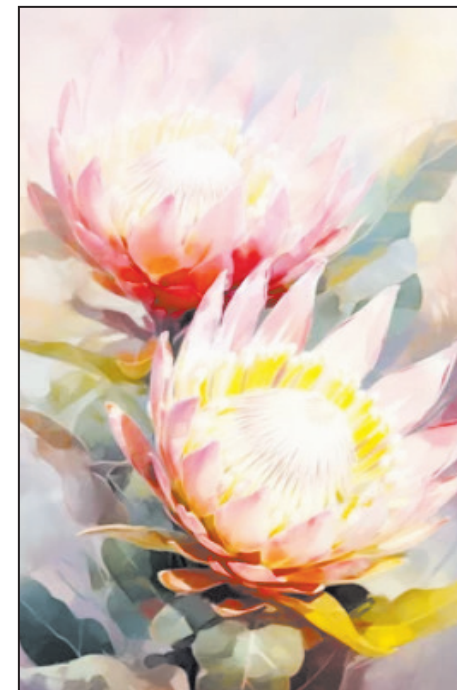
Shirley Anne Ring, 81, Fallon, Nevada, joined her Lord and Savior on February 12, 2024.

Shirley Anne was born on April 26, 1942, in Reno, Nevada, to Merritt Meredith Willis and Maud LaRayne Johnson Willis, the oldest of twelve children.

On February 26, 1963, Shirley married Rinault Eugene (Gabby) Ring. They met after being paired by height at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. A match that lasted over 60 years.

She was known as “Miss Shirley” during her years of teaching Special Education in Gabbs and Fallon. She and Gabby were also foster parents to a number of children over the years. She owned The Gingerbread Palace Daycare for several years after retirement. She fully retired when she began traveling with Gabby and the dogs in their little white Casita. Her biggest hobby was making countless quilt tops that she would give to anyone who asked.

Shirley Anne is survived by her husband; her children Nancy (Mark) Smith and Barbara Dan; her grandchildren Nathaniel, Allison, and Caleb Smith and Matthew, Andrew, and Rebecca Dan; her siblings Mary Rivard, Tyra Willis, Janice White, Roberta



Black, Steven Willis, and Bryan Willis. She was preceded in death by her parents, her children Robert and Bernadette, and her siblings Willie Willis, Patsy Egner, Larry Willis, Rebecca Neiderhauser, and Kathryn Willis.

The interment was on Thursday, February 22, at Mt. View Cemetery in Reno, after visitation at The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, Fallon, NV, 775-423-8928.

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CCSD Budget Survey Ends Mar. 4

Staff Report

The Churchill County School District has begun planning for the 2024-2025 school year's budget. They want to hear from parents, staff, and all interested community members how the district should prioritize within the schools and what is most important to you.

With that in mind, they have set up an online survey, which is currently available at <https://forms.gle/SLq2fi-h9PKEJE1mH7>. It will only be open until noon on Monday, March 4, so act quickly.

The district's budget policy requires the budget to be allocated to the strategic planning themes and the goals of the building performance plans, including improved achievement and development of the whole child. Staffing, curriculum, instruction, facilities, and school safety are some areas to consider.

If you have any thoughts or topics that are important to you, please share those as well. These ideas will be shared with the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees.

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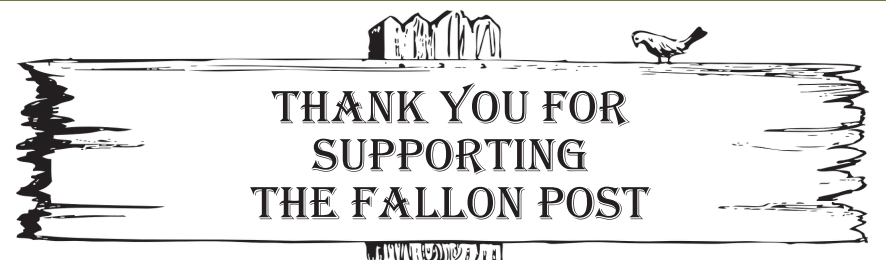
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Commissioners Scharmmann, Heath and Getto present a \$3,000 donation to the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers, represented by Pat and Wayne Whitten.



Commissioners Scharmmann, Heath and Getto accept a \$5,000 donation from the Fallon Rotary Club, represented by Darryl Hook and Chelsea Sanford. The donation will support a shade structure to be erected at the Cottage Schools where the county's CARE and SUMFUN programs are housed. Photos by Anne McMillin.

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Fallon Tribe Awarded \$3.7 Million Grant to Expand Infrastructure



Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.

Staff Report

The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, along with 14 other tribes and tribal organizations across several states, has been awarded a significant grant aimed at fostering community growth, bolstering community infrastructure, and creating new opportunities for tribal members.

The Small Ambulatory Program, administered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded \$55 million in grants across several states, with \$3,720,000 earmarked for the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, which will be dedicated to the expansion of existing facilities. The Fallon tribe was the only Nevada tribe to be awarded this grant.

“Tribal partners need access to culturally appropriate, quality health care, including preventative services for chronic diseases. To help meet that need, HHS is investing in the construction, expansion, and modernization of small ambulatory health care facilities,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. “For nearly a quarter-century, HHS has been partnering with tribes and tribal organizations to ensure all communities have access to the care they need and deserve. Our ongoing support for the Small Ambulatory Program ensures this vital work keeps making a difference.”

The Indian Health Services Small Ambulatory Program continues to support our tribal partners by expanding access to culturally appropriate, quality health care through a critical part of the Indian health system,” said IHS Director Roselyn Tso. “Since the program began in 2001, more than 79 projects have been funded, totaling more than \$178 million.”

Additionally, according to IHS, their Small Ambulatory Program is expanding access to various outpatient services for patients, including offering new services, building on existing services, and upgrading outdated facilities. Ninety-five percent of tribally operated health-care facilities provide primarily ambulatory services. These services include preventative services for chronic diseases such as diabetes. Ambulatory care settings operated by tribes and tribal organizations also provide increased access to culturally appropriate, quality health care.

The IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering supports IHS and tribal communities by providing functional, well-maintained health-care facilities and staff housing, technical and financial assistance to tribes on safe water and wastewater systems, and a broad range of environmental health and injury prevention activities throughout Indian Country.

...Food Hub continued from Front Page

is open to customizing from what’s in season and available that week. They’ll even accept special orders for those who want to can specific veggies. Current members can receive a \$25 discount with the Refer a Friend program. The first boxes this year will offer produce, baked goods, eggs, and locally roasted coffee.

Residents can support the Food Hub by volunteering to assemble boxes, hosting a basket pickup location, or even drive a delivery route. Growers interested in selling to the Food Hub will need a producer’s certificate and a

business license – for help, see Sara at the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Agency in Fallon.

Those interested in serving on the five-person board or providing for the Fallon Food Hub should email and inquire about opportunities and receiving certification – they’re currently in need of egg producers! Check them out at www.fallonfoodhub.com or email fallonfoodhub@gmail.com. To order, visit www.harvie.farm/profile/fallon-food-hub, and to participate, visit www.cedaattracts.com.



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Local Government

Incentivizing Education: CCSD's Plan to Attract and Retain Teachers

By Rachel Dahl

During their regular board meeting last week, the Churchill County School District approved hiring bonuses to attract new teachers to the district for the 2024-25 school year.

The district will provide a \$2,500 relocation incentive to teachers who relocate from anywhere outside of Churchill County and a licensed teacher incentive of \$7,000. After the first week of reporting, \$3,000 of the bonus will be paid, with the balance paid on the September check after the first year of employment. New special education teachers, in very high demand, will receive a \$12,000 incentive with \$5,000 paid after the first week and \$7,000 paid in September of the second year of employment.

Superintendent Derild Parsons said there are nearly 60 open teaching positions for the 2024-25 school year, 25% of the licensed staff. "I'm panicked, to be honest," he said.

Covering classes with no teachers has been a significant problem for the district for the past two years, driving the board to incentivize substitute teachers during the board meeting in January.

While the country suffers a severe teacher shortage, Parsons said, "One of the issues here is housing. We get people on contract, and they can't find a place to live, and we lose them." He said it could run nearly \$450,000 to fund a bonus program if the district were to fill every open position, but the likelihood of that happening is highly unlikely.

"I would be secretly ecstatic if we had to worry about spending that

money because we filled all those positions," said Trustee Joe McFadden.

Trustee Matt Hyde said that part of retaining teachers is the district's culture. "Getting things in place for behavior would speak volumes for retention."

Funding for the bonuses will come from the remaining ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) and from budgeted general fund money that hasn't been used due to open positions.

In other business, trustees received a written report from Assistant Superintendent Stacey Cooper. They questioned her regarding the district behavior plan update and the curriculum review for English Language Arts and Mathematics. The district plans to hold training sessions in March for the district office staff, principals, and administrative staff with the Nevada Department of Education to launch the Restorative Practices required by the legislature.

Passed during the 2019 session, Senate Bill 89 and Assembly Bill 168 require each school district to complete Restorative Discipline Plans, formerly Progressive Discipline Plans, as an alternative to exclusionary disciplinary practices, which removed students from school when serious infractions occurred.

"Modeling restorative behavior has to start with the district office and principals if it is going to work," said Cooper. "This training will give us the same language, and then we will train the trainers and teach the staff and then the students. We don't have a common understanding, and we need to look at how are our behaviors

impacting the schools."

During the training, staff will look at real-life scenarios and embed the training into the district's behavior plans.

Trustees also asked Cooper about the efforts to select curriculum for ELA and math toward efforts at improving student achievement. Staff and administrators are currently examining samples from three products, HMH, Savvaas, and IReady, to review and score. The process aims to complement the Learning Centered Framework, diversity, and alignment to the Nevada standards.

Trustee Kathryn Whitaker had concerns about the purchase price of the curricula after a choice is made, as well as whether teachers would use the materials if they were available.

Cooper said that with 20% of the staff not being certified, the intention is to use the adoption of the curricula to provide support to the teachers and ideally have a set for every classroom.

Additionally, Trustees discussed budget preparations with Parsons asking each board member to share their budget priorities. Trustee Tricia Strasdin said she would like more discussion on the alternative classroom idea for behavior support, addressing the truancy issue, and a cost analysis of returning to K-5 grad schools.

Amber Getto said she also has received several inquiries from constituents regarding the issue of K-5 schools and would like to see a cost breakdown of that possibility as well as the pros and cons of academic performance in that scenario, along with the factors that caused the move to the grade level model that the district has now.

Hyde agreed, saying that the issue was one of the first big votes when he was first elected. He would also like to consider after-school tutoring and allowing interested teachers a stipend to run a program and help students improve their achievements.

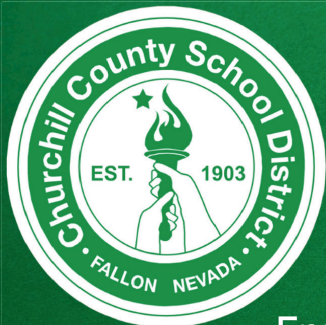
Trustee Julie Guerrero-Goetsch would like to address security and the resource officer position at the high school and said the city of Fallon is in the process of filling that position for next year.

Whitaker said, "I would like to point out our district goals, which need to be paid attention to when deciding what to fund. Priorities need to go to what will help us meet the district goals of graduation rate, math support, and CTE completion."

McFadden said he was eager to see data on the K-5 school concept and a focus on graduation, math, and ELA. "Our goals can't be achieved without highly effective staff."

Board President Gregg Malkovich said he was focused on recruitment. "If we don't have staff, we won't improve any of this."

The community thoughts on school district budget priorities are being solicited through noon on Monday, March 4, through an online survey. Go to <https://forms.gle/SLq2fih9PKE-JE1mH7> and let your voice be heard.



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County Projects Advance: Floodplain, WNC Nursing, and More

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Commission heard a report from Public Works Director Chris Spross regarding constructing the secondary water treatment facility in the 100-year floodplain. Commissioners approved the publication of the final public comment period and beginning the implementation of the project under the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

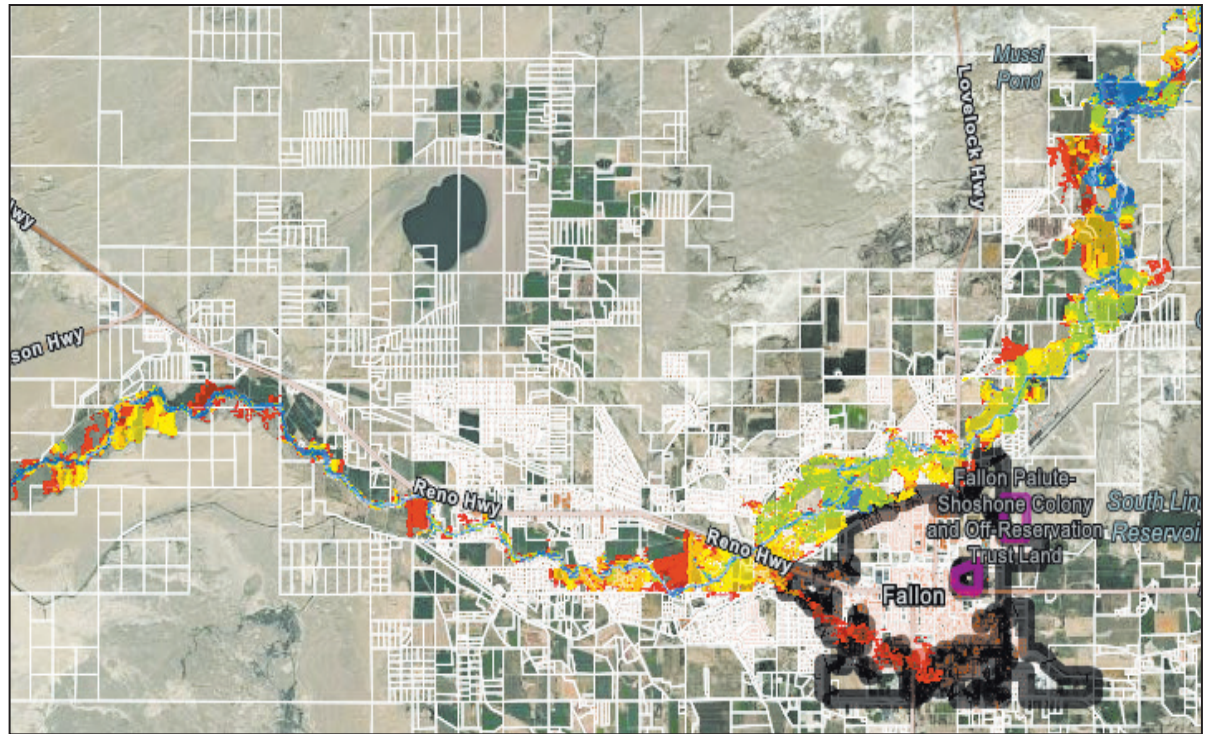
According to Spross, revising the floodplain mapping with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is ongoing. When that process is completed, the treatment facility is anticipated to be pulled out of the floodplain.

Commissioners also approved an award to Miles Construction for \$595,260 for the tenant improvements to the Public Defender's office, which will be relocated to 101 N. Maine Street.

President Kyle Dalpe of Western Nevada College and Fallon Campus Director Lisa Swan came before the commissioners to discuss amending the ongoing lease between the college and the county. WNC has been awarded a \$2.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to renovate the interior

spaces of Pinon Hall at the Fallon Campus to expand the Fallon nursing program with updated teaching and testing equipment and improved facilities. Currently, Oasis Academy is in that space, but it will vacate it on July 1, 2024, allowing for expansion.

HRSA requires a recording of a Notice of Federal Interest against the property in the grant amount as a requirement of the grant. Since Churchill County owns the property, the county must grant consent, and WNC will secure the release of the Federal Interest as the value of the grant is depreciated. Commissioners approved the amendment, with Commissioner Bus Scharmann expressing his appreciation for the nursing program. "This



Projected flood areas from 2023, courtesy of Churchill County.

program has been here for a lot of years, and I just want to acknowledge the work Kyle has done to make this work. The enrollment comes because of you, and I just want to let you know how much we appreciate what you're doing."

Commissioner Justin Heath also supported WNC and Dalpe, saying that he was able to complete his first two years in Fallon without having to drive to Carson one time. "I want to see that continue. It is so important for working families."

County Officials Present Priorities in Annual Budget Hearings

By Rachel Dahl

Budget hearings were held in a day-long session last week, allowing county department heads to share their priorities and goals with commissioners.

The hearings were informational only, and commissioners will make final budget decisions over the next several months. Comptroller Sherry Wideman opened with a presentation reviewing the process and discussed the variables that go into a community budgeting process.

"There are many considerations from political influences, available resources, both state and federal mandates and regulations, and the goals of the community. We have to think of the pros and cons of spending money now

and the long-term impacts of approving things today. What are we giving up by spending today that we could actually use better in the future? What have we learned from the past?"

Wideman said that budgeting ensures that current operating revenues are sufficient to support current operating expenditures and that bond financing is not used to finance current spending.

Revenues primarily come from property, sales, and gas taxes and have steadily increased over time, with property taxes at just over \$10 million, sales taxes at just over \$8 million, and gas taxes at nearly \$3 million in 2023. Governmental funds in 2023 were considerably higher in 2023, she explained, due to the flood mitigation

efforts.

Human Resources Director Geof Stark asked about the drop in the historical ending fund balance from 2022 to 2023, which showed in Wideman's presentation from \$12 million to \$8 million. Wideman said that the civic center expenditures were run through the general fund, and there was a transfer to cover the \$9 million debt with the extra money being allocated to this fiscal year.

The total budget request from all departments is \$82,883,030, with salaries making up \$21.9 million. The total budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year was \$62,389,782.

District Court Judge Tom Stockard was the first department head to present at the hearing and went on the

record thanking retiring commissioners Bus Scharmann and Justin Heath, along with Stark, who is also retiring, for their dedication to the county over the years. "I appreciate your dedication, and I thank you for that. As a district judge, I'm a state employee, and this year, have traveled a lot to surrounding counties to cover and help relieve the backlogs in other courts caused during COVID. I can tell you that we have something special here, and we need to take a step back and acknowledge that. What we have here is special - what we are doing works."

Commissioners will make final budget decisions later this spring.

Law & Order

District Court News February 20

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened on Tuesday, February 20, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Nicholas Lord Jackson, in custody, appeared for a Status Hearing. According to Charles Woodman Esq., Jackson was sentenced on December 12 on charges of Felony Possession of a Schedule I/II Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sale and has been awaiting an interstate compact with South Dakota to be finalized. However, the compact has not materialized. Judge Stockard deemed the delay unacceptable and demanded prompt action. Following discussions between Stockard, Woodman, and Jackson, Stockard modified the conditions of Jackson's probation, stipulating that he would be released on the condition that he remain in Nevada until the compact is complete.

Silvestre Barco Nevarez pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to Controlled or Counterfeit Substance, carrying a potential penalty of 1-5 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. According to the factual basis provided, Nevarez possessed and transported methamphetamine, a Schedule I Controlled substance. In Nevada, transporting is limited to 99 grams, while trafficking involves transporting 100 grams or more. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set sentencing for May 14.

Kevin Franklin Russo appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Embezzlement of a Value of \$1,200 - \$5,000, to which he pled guilty in November. Russo was provisionally

placed in the Western Regional Drug Court at that time. "In reviewing this case, I understand the defendant has a severe drug problem," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Sanford, noting Russo's criminal record, which includes two prior felonies, one gross misdemeanor, and seven misdemeanors. Sanford argued for 12-30 months in prison for Russo or 19-48 months suspended if granted probation. She also requested Judge Stockard to order Russo to complete the Drug Court and serve 180 days in jail.

Wright Noel, with the Churchill County Public Defender's Office, argued that Russo has shown he is capable of paying restitution and is currently in a residential treatment program, per the recommendation of Drug Court staff. According to Noel, Russo hopes to move on to Cross-roads, a long-term sober living facility. However, he cannot do so while only provisionally in drug court. Noel asked the court to consider probation for Russo, who admitted, "I do have a serious drug problem," and acknowledged his failure to comply with a previous treatment program. Judge Stockard granted Russo probation on a suspended sentence of 19-48 months, officially placing him in Drug Court, ordering restitution of \$1,248.35 at the rate of \$300 a month beginning August 1, and mandating no contact with the victim.

Larry Lee Puchert appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, to which he pleaded guilty in November. Brenda Ingram with Court Services informed the court that the defendant had missed drug tests on several dates. Judge Stockard ordered a drug test before proceeding, ask-

ing Puchert, "What will those results show?" Puchert assured he would test negative for everything, which was confirmed. Public Defender Noel requested probation for his client, who apologized, stating, "I want to do something new; I've been doing drugs for four years. I'm trying." Puchert received a suspended sentence of 19-48 months in prison and was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation, follow the recommendations outlined, and report to Parole & Probation within 48 hours.

LeRoy Burton Allen Martin, in custody, pleaded guilty to a charge of Intimidating a Public Officer without Threat of Force, a Gross Misdemeanor carrying a potential penalty of up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. According to the factual basis given, Martin threatened a peace officer during an interaction. Martin was released on his own recognizance, sentencing was set for February 27, and he is prohibited from entering the Nugget Casino.

Kellsie Lynn Barry, in custody, admitted to two Technical Sentencing Violations, triggering graduated penalties. PD Noel stated that P&P is requesting Barry be required to go to The Empowerment Center for residential substance abuse treatment. Judge Stockard temporarily revoked Barry's probation for a period not to exceed 30 days and ordered Barry to be transported directly to the center as soon as a bed becomes available.

Angela Lynn Sanchez, in custody, admitted to Non-Technical Sentencing Violations, including failed reporting, controlled substance use, and absconding. DDA Thomas said Sanchez was missing for two months and was rejected by Drug Court due to a Facebook page with a title referring to dealing meth. Thomas requested Sanchez's probation be revoked and that

she serve the underlying sentence of 19-48 months. PD CCPD Jacob Sommer said Sanchez acknowledges her poor decisions, has stopped using drugs, is engaged in counseling, and has paid her supervision fees except for the two months she was absconded. He asked for 30 days of jail time followed by reinstatement of probation. Judge Stockard denied Sommer's request and modified the underlying sentence of 19-48 months for Possession of a Controlled Substance to 14-48 months. Sanchez was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.

Tanina Rose Barley, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation for absconding for over 400 days. CCPD Sommer asked for reinstatement, proposing the court extend her probation for 12 months if she is required to do a specialty program. He said his client has been in custody for some time and wants the chance to show the court she can do this. Barley apologized, stating, "I want to prove to you that I can succeed at the program." DDA Sanford asked for revocation of probation in its entirety, arguing that the defendant did not comply for long before absconding. She had the privilege of Drug Court before; rather than complying, she absconded to commit crimes. Sanford said the state does not feel the defendant should be rewarded for her misbehavior. "It's finally time for her to suffer the consequences." Judge Stockard revoked Barley's probation and modified the sentence to 14-48 months in prison. She was remanded to the sheriff's custody for imposition of the sentence.

Kristin Kay Scott, in custody, appeared in court after being tested for drugs before her appearance. Testing negative, she admitted to a Technical

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Sentencing Violation regarding failed reporting and failure to obtain the ordered substance abuse evaluation. Last week, Scott tested positive for methamphetamine during her hearing and was taken to jail. CCPD Jacob Sommer told the court that Scott's evaluation has since been completed. DDA Chelsea Sanford asked the court to follow the recommendations from P&P, reminding Judge Stockard, "You saw her conduct in court just a week ago; she had the audacity to lie to this court. It is time for her to face the consequences." Stockard inquired of P&P, "What does she need to do?" It was explained that Scott needs to report when she is told to go to the Elko office, where her probation case was transferred. They have tried multiple times to get her to show up, but she comes up with various excuses, said a P&P officer, "Frankly, we don't know what she's been doing the last couple of months because she hasn't reported."

CCPD Sommer said Scott is learning some difficult lessons, and she is realizing it comes down to what she does. "She intends to do better from this moment forward," Sommer stated, who asked the court to consider her recent time in custody toward the 30 days she may be sentenced to today.

Scott told Judge Stockard she is trying to do the right thing and wants a chance to do something better and move forward. A family member told the court a train ticket to Elko for tomorrow at noon has been purchased. Stockard revoked Scott's probation for seven days and applied seven days credit for time served. He then reinstated her probation, ordering her to report to Elko P&P within 48 hours of her release.

John William Fullen appeared for sentencing on two Category C Felonies: 1) Offer, Attempt, or Commission

of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances; and 2) Fraudulent Act Concerning Gaming, to which he pled guilty last November.

Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas argued for two concurrent 18-60-month prison sentences. "There are details of this case that raise significant concerns for our community," Thomas said, explaining Fullen's eight prior felony convictions, all involving theft and/or controlled substances. The defendant sold 1.6 grams of methamphetamine to a protected source who also reported overhearing a conversation regarding Fullen going to pick up 1-3 pounds of methamphetamine in Mesa, AZ. In the gaming fraud case, Thomas mentioned that the restitution of \$173.23 has not been repaid, adding, "The defendant has shown no actions toward these reparations or righting the wrong he has committed."

Court-appointed defense attorney John Kadlic said Fullen has been out of custody since November 28 and has fulfilled all court requirements. Kadlic pointed out that his client's last criminal action was 17 years ago; he abstains from alcohol or drugs and is an ideal candidate for probation. Fullen received probation on concurrent suspended sentences of 19-48 months and was ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and adhere to the recommendations therein. Restitution was ordered to be paid at \$40 a month.

Sonnie Angelo Anzaldua appeared for a Status Hearing. Anzaldua's criminal trial is currently set for May 20-24, 2024. Court-appointed Attorney Robert Wieland said he has met with the defendant and would like to schedule a settlement conference. A date will be set administratively.

Sasser Lands 90 Days in Jail for Probation Violation

By Teresa Moon

Jillian Jean Sasser, in custody, appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court on Tuesday, February 20, before Judge Thomas Stockard, Sasser, who is currently pregnant, admitted to a Technical Sentencing Violation of using drugs while on probation. As this is her second violation, the court may revoke her probation for up to 90 days. Parole & Probation Specialist Landis told the court they were concerned about her behavior. "It's very discouraging and disappointing. I wish that we could ask for more than ninety days for her safety and the baby's safety."

DDA Sanford told the court, "This is probably one of the lengthiest violation reports seen before this court. It's very well detailed. It tells a lot of the offenses and grievances, and frankly, offensive behaviors." Sanford asked that Sasser's probation be revoked for 90 days, stating, "I don't know what other treatment programs there could even be available to this defendant." Judge Stockard asked Landis about Step 2, a long-term treatment program for women and mothers, who told him that Sasser completed 42 days, then went into outpatient for three weeks. She then said it did not work with her employment and quit her employment also. Landis told the Court, "We are out of options. And really, it's one of those things where it has to be on Jillian; you'd think that being pregnant, she would understand that." CCPD Sommer told the



Jillian Sasser (2021). Photo courtesy of CCSO.

court, "We are not going to oppose the recommendation of 90 days. We're not going to ask the court to release her. She knows that her behavior was - and this isn't the right word - but it's reprehensible, and there's no excuse for it."

Sasser told the court she is very sorry; she is ashamed, and she needs help. "To be pregnant and using, I am so ashamed and embarrassed." Judge Stockard temporarily revoked Sasser's probation, sentencing her to 90 days in the Churchill County Jail. Stockard told the defendant, "As a tribal member, you have a lot of options that not everyone has ... Nobody can want this more than you. We'll either see you back, or you'll be successful."

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Senior Spotlight: Emily Bird

Halloween is always a fun day for kids at school, but for senior Emily Bird, it was her first day at Oasis Academy in kindergarten. She was dressed as Minnie Mouse, and it was the beginning of her education in what she said was a supportive and fun environment.

"I have always felt extremely supported at Oasis, and I am thankful for the fun, project-based learning I received here," Bird said.

One of those projects included creating bungee jumping Barbies for math class.

"Some of my favorite memories from Oasis are the math projects I did in middle school," she said. "I had one project where our teacher climbed onto the roof of Oasis and dropped Barbies. We had to calculate the number of rubber bands to tie around the Barbie to get her as close to the floor as possible without hitting. I had a lot of fun, and I will miss the creative projects we got to do to make learning more interesting."

Along with project-based learning, one of Oasis' strengths is the support students receive, and she wants to make sure students take advantage of it.

"I would advise future students to utilize all the resources Oasis offers fully. There is so much support at the

school if you only ask for it. I am incredibly thankful for all the guidance I received," she said.

Bird has kept active throughout her four years of high school. She has participated in We the People, yearbook, Student Council, softball, and National Honor Society. She has also been active in the Fallon City Ballet Company.

Bird will graduate in May with her high school diploma and associate of science degree from Western Nevada College. She then plans to attend a four-year university and study bioinformatics.

Spelling Bee Students Advance to State

Oasis Academy hosted the Regional Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 15. Oasis students placed high in the competition, with many advancing to the State competition in Vegas next month.

The winners are:

5th grade:

- 1st place- Samuel Acomb
- 2nd place- Kason St. Amant
- 3rd place- Ava Hyde

6th grade:

- 1st place- Nickolas Sorensen
- 2nd place- Katelyn Smith
- 3rd place- Daniella Ramirez

7th grade:

- 1st place- Hunter Dalton
- 2nd place- Jack Fecht
- 3rd place- Duane Hughes

8th grade:

- 1st place- Asher Irving
- 2nd place- Braylon Byrd
- 3rd place- Valerie Antus

National FFA Week and Ag Day

February 18-24 was National FFA Week, and FFA students brought agriculture to all the classrooms at Oasis Academy. Activities were planned to engage all students in what FFA does.

The week started with high school FFA members reading agriculture-themed books to the younger students. The time together was not only



Ranger Farley.

for valuable lessons about all aspects of agriculture but also for students to share what to expect in high school FFA.

Finally, Ag Day was on Thursday. The parking lot was full of animals, including goats, lambs, puppies, a donkey, emu, chickens, ducks, and cattle. Several students also brought farm equipment, including tractors, a gravel truck, a forage harvester, a scraper, and a harrow bed. Students provided demonstrations on floriculture, pollinators, hunting, fishing, and veterinary science.

The day also included a new Oasis tradition of Kiss Stinky the Goat. Oasis Academy Staff were nominated to kiss the goat at the conclusion of Field Day. The winner was the candidate with the most money donated in their jar. Candidates were Mrs. Berenice de Leon, Mrs. Janet Renfroe, Mr. Dane Nott, Mr. David Springfield, Coach Amanda Gilbertson, and Mr. Jose Ramirez.

Mr. Nott won with the most money donated and puckered up to kiss Stinky. The runner-up

with Mr. Springfield, and after another \$20 donation, also kissed the goat. Over \$300 was raised for Oasis Academy FFA with the event.

Special thanks to Churchill County Farm Bureau for donating the Ag Book of the Year, ag magazines, and ag teachers' guides that students and staff used throughout the week. They also donated delicious cookies for FFA students.

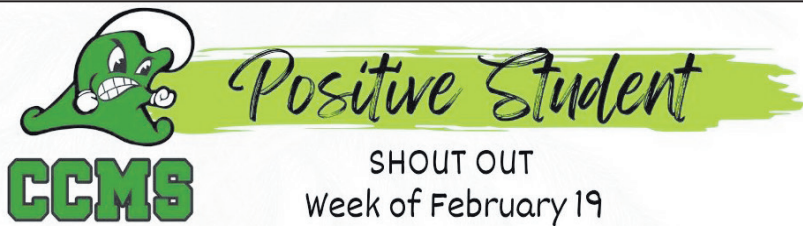
Thanks to the Oasis Academy FFA Advisor and FFA students for their hard work in making the week such a success.



Annie Sorensen.

CCSD Cool School News

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



CCMS: Last week, CCMS celebrated 38 students with a positive shout-out from their teachers. These students were nominated by staff for demonstrating CCMS school-wide expectations of Mutual Respect, Attentive Listening, Appreciation, and Kindness. New students are nominated weekly, and the number of students continues to grow as students observe their peers and want the same recognition.



Numa (above): On February 16, local professionals spoke with 4th-grade students about career opportunities in the area. Presenters included veterinarian Ray Cooper, biologist Kris Urquhart, attorneys Chelsea Sanford and Jacob Sommer, Air Force and commercial pilot Anthony Tisdale, KTVN Channel 2 News video journalist Jaden Urban, and business owner of The Grid Tiffany Picotte. The presentation began a project in which all 4th graders had to choose a future career possibility, research, and write a report on their choice. Numa would like to thank the presenters for helping kick off this project and making the presentation an amazing learning opportunity for the students.

NELC (left): In honor of Cherry Pie Day, students in Octavia Merritt's class make cherry pies. They also talked about George Washington and how he grew up on a farm and chopped down his father's cherry tree. This activity helped students work on hand-eye coordination, follow directions, and create and work independently in the classroom.



well done

ECB (left): The Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts came to ECB last week to perform for the students. They showed and taught students a little about acting and even threw in a few dance moves. "We are so lucky to have these resources and amazing programs close by. They never disappoint. They bring such a variety of performances to our students, and they love it," teacher Christine Mori said.

LES (not pictured): On February 16, local professionals spoke with 4th-grade students about career opportunities in the area. Presenters included veterinarian Ray Cooper, biologist Kris Urquhart, attorneys Chelsea Sanford and Jacob Sommer, Air Force and commercial pilot Anthony Tisdale, KTVN Channel 2 News video journalist Jaden Urban, and business owner of The Grid Tiffany Picotte. The presentation began a project in which all 4th graders had to choose a future career possibility, research, and write a report on their choice. Numa would like to thank the presenters for helping kick off this project and making the presentation an amazing learning opportunity for the students.

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Education

Churchill County High School FFA Celebration



Laci Peterson sharing her rabbit, Freckles, with the students at ECB in honor of National FFA Week. Photo courtesy of CCHS.

Written by Laci Peterson, 10th grade FFA Student

Each year, FFA chapters celebrate National FFA Week. The first FFA week was celebrated in 1948. It's a time to share what FFA is and its impact on community members every day. FFA week falls on George Washington's birthday as we celebrate his contributions and legacy in the agriculture community.

Last week, Churchill County FFA members had an opportunity to share what FFA and agriculture are by involving the community, schools, and students through various activities. Our chapter kicked off National FFA week with red, white, and blue and hunting camo dress-up day. The activity was "demo day," where CCHS students were allowed to hit a car as a fundraiser - safety gear was provided. On Wednesday, the dress-up day was blue and gold as we sported our FFA colors alongside our fellow students. The activity for another day was bringing books about ag to E.C. Best to read to the students. FFA members also brought their animals to E.C. Best, giving students who don't otherwise

have the opportunity to interact with animals something to remember forever and pique their interest in agriculture and livestock. On Thursday, chapter members and CCHS students dressed as their favorite animals.

FFA members also brought their livestock in and set up a petting zoo in the high school quad for the high school students and staff and the kindergarten and first-grade classes who walked over from Lahontan Elementary School. FFA members got to take their animals around the school and into many classes, boosting morale and raising awareness about the FFA program within our school. There were also donation jars in the office, and nine staff members were in the running to kiss a heifer or a pig. The staff members who raised the most money were Stephanie Kille-Reese, in first place, and the second place winners were Terri Pearson and Maile Munoz.

We ended the week with a FFA tailgate party, s'mores, and dancing. Overall, it was a great week, and we want to thank everyone who helped us celebrate.

What's Happening at the Library This Month

Special Events

- Spice Club in March examines the sweet, floral spice new harvest turmeric that grows in southern India. Pick up some at the library desk, share your culinary creations on social media, and tag the library.
- Senator Rosen's office representative will be at the library on March 14 at 1 p.m. for "office hours." Stop by and let the Senator's staff know what your concerns are.
- Reading with Rover also takes place on March 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children read books to dogs to improve their reading skills and confidence to a decidedly captive audience. Bonus: our furry friends are great listeners.
- Are you looking for work? Let EmployNV help you with aspects of finding a new job on March 7 and 21 at 2 p.m. at the library.
- Elementary Book Club meets March 29 in the Library Annex at 3 p.m. for those in elementary school. March's book is "Unseen Magic" by Emily Lloyd-Jones. It can be reserved to take home at bit.ly/CCLElementaryBookClub.
- Book discussion group for adults continues on March 28 at 6 p.m. in the library annex. This month's topic is "women's history," and you are encouraged to bring your favorite read to discuss and share with others. Light refreshments will be served.

Ongoing Programs

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" encourages youngsters to read age-appropriate books before entering school. Book titles are suggested and offered by library staff. Recognition is given for every 100 books read on the way to 1,000. Sign-ups are accepted at any time at bit.ly/CCL1000BBK.

Tuesdays

The Knitting Club meets at 10 a.m. on March 5, 19, and 26 and welcomes

both novice and advanced knitters. They are willing to offer advice and tips and offer encouragement on your project.

Virtual Reality drop-in sessions take place from 3:15 to 5 p.m. on March 5, 12, and 19. All are welcome to stop by.

Wednesdays

In-person children's story time meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Each week's story time will feature the same content. Children's Librarian Miss J reads picture books to children and offers a craft to accompany most stories. Geared to children ages 3-5, but all kids are welcome to participate.

Open makerspace will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. except for March 27. We open the library makerspace for 3D printing, video production, stop-motion animation, and more. Learn and experiment with our tools and materials and make something unique. Enjoy family board games at the library on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Children's story time is at 10 and 11 a.m. Knitting Club meets at 3 p.m.

Fridays

STEAM sessions with VR at 1:30 p.m. Have a problem with your computer or smartphone? Head over to the William N. Pennington Life Center on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. and get answers from Technical Services Librarian Joe Salsman, a technology expert.

Hours of operation

Library hours of operation are Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays and major holidays.

Call 775-423-7581 for more information on any of the activities above. The Churchill County Library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon. The library website is www.churchillcountylibrary.org.

Fallon Outlaws Take to the Mat at Rumble in Reno

Staff Report

Incredible performance this weekend from the Outlaws wrestlers. The Rumble in Reno included 2,500 wrestlers with over 170 teams participating from nine states. The team took 4th place in the morning session and 17th in the afternoon with wrestlers competing in various age groups and classes.

Rankings for 1st-6th Place in one or more session:

- Kaidan 1st, 2nd
- Raymond 3rd, 3rd
- Zack 4th, 4th
- Harleigh 4th, 5th
- Marco 2nd
- Stetson 2nd
- Christian 2nd
- Bartell 3rd
- Hudson 3rd
- Landon 3rd
- JJ 3rd
- Sasha 3rd
- Jazmine 4th
- Emmett 4th
- Breyson 5th
- Connor 5th
- Liam 5th
- Lincoln 5th
- Ethan 6th

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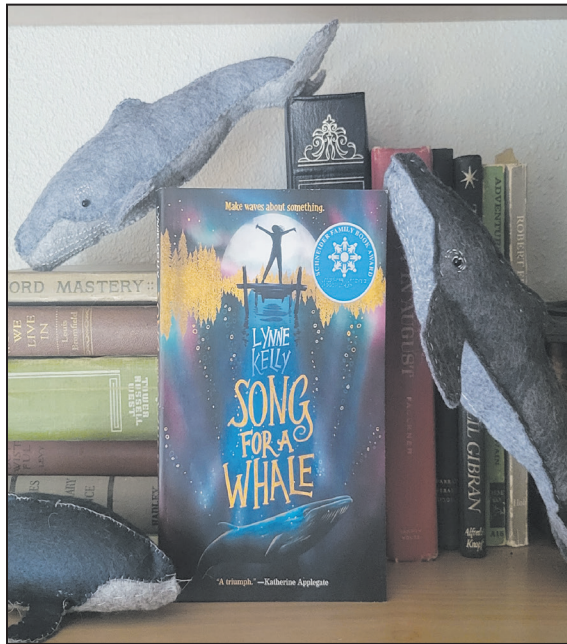
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Columns



ALLISON'S BOOK REPORT



“Song for a Whale” by Lynne Kelly

Happy Read Across America Week, Fallon. If you have kiddos in school, you probably already know Read Across America Weeks is March 2-6. Your younger kiddos are probably doing some activities and dress-up days at school, and maybe even some guest appearances by book lovers in the community. I can even confirm that yours truly will be making a quick guest appearance to read aloud to some littles at Lahontan Elementary on Wednesday, at 11:15 a.m.

At the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls, we have been discussing humpback whales ever since we came home from Maui. They are the most fascinating creatures, and we are all totally taken with them, so you know we couldn't turn down a read-aloud that was not only on-topic but just a dang good book.

Written by sign language interpreter, Lynne Kelly, “Song for a Whale” is the story of Iris, a twelve-year-old tech genius who loves to repair old radios. As the only deaf person in her school, Iris is tired of people treating her like she isn't smart. She feels like no one is ever really listening to her, and it is starting to affect her life at school as well as at home. When she learns about a mysterious and special whale called Blue 55, a whale who is unable to communicate with other whales in his species, Iris understands how alone he must feel. Then she has an idea: she sets out to find a way to “sing” to Blue 55. Blue 55 is three thousand miles away – how will she play her song for him from such a distance?

When I tell you that we loved this book, I am not kidding. “Song for a Whale” is a perfect middle-grade book to enjoy together. It might be a little bit young for my kids, but that didn't stop them from begging me for just one more chapter at reading time. My teenager said, “I was worried it would be babyish, but a good story is just a good story, no matter the age you are.” Queue this book-loving mama's heart exploding in her chest. If you are anything like us, it will send you down a million rabbit holes - including how radios work, learning ASL, exploring sound frequency, and watching one whale documentary after another. The chapters in “Song for a Whale” are short, making it a perfect bedtime read for your littles.

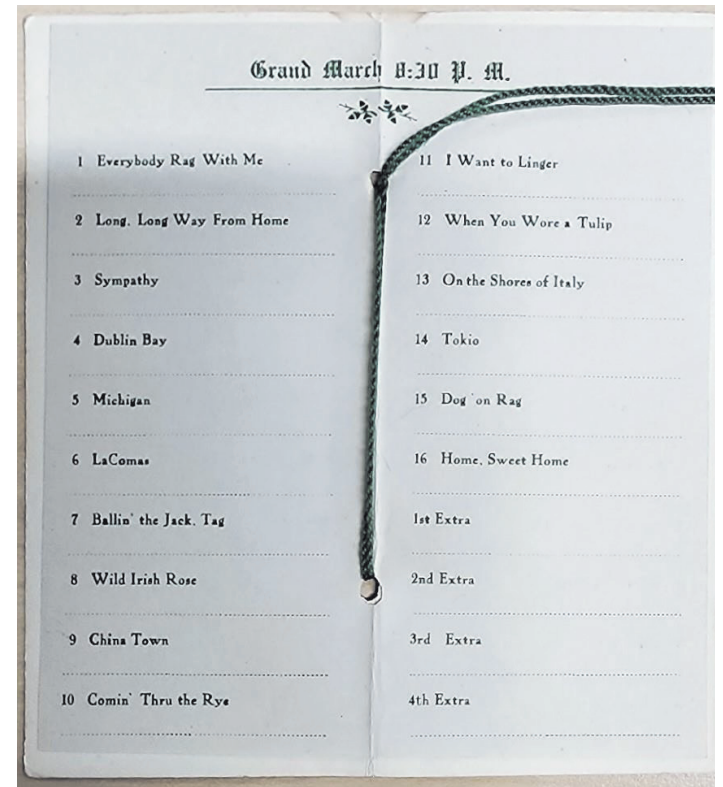
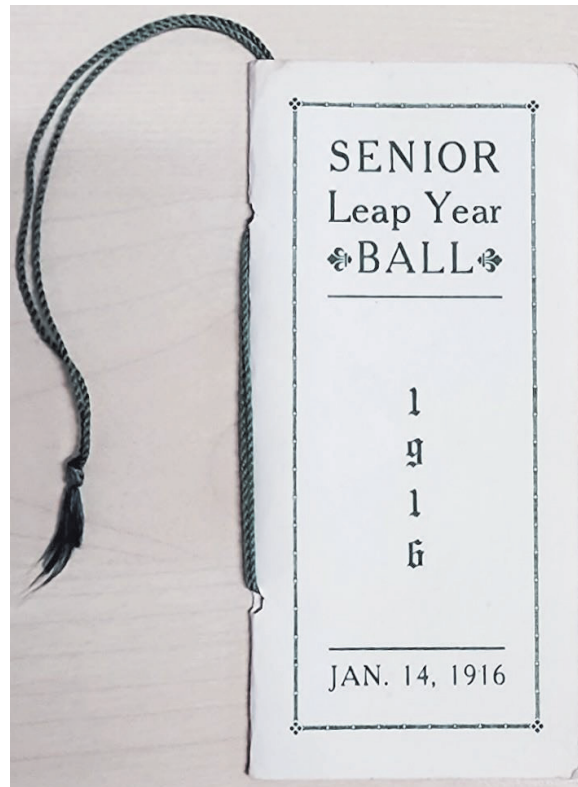
Now that I have shared what my kiddos love to read, pop over to my Instagram, @allison.the.reader, and let's swap some ideas to get and keep those kids Reading Across America all year long.

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.



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Before we get to movies, let's talk about Friday night's, March 1, live music - coming back to our stage after playing here a few years ago is the Reno-based band Night Rooms, and joining them is the Will Shamberger Band. Great music for your enjoyment. Music starts at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$12 at the door.

On to movies. Playing at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, March 1 and 2, is the 2014 animated comedy fantasy "The Boxtrolls." Eggs, an orphan, lives with the Boxtrolls - a community of quirky, mischievous creatures who inhabit a cavern beneath the city of Cheesebridge. When villainous Archibald Snatcher hatches a plan to get rid of the pretty harmless beings, Eggs decides to go above ground, where he meets and befriends feisty Winnifred. Together, Eggs and Winnifred devise a daring plan to save the Boxtrolls from extermination. Voices provided by Ben Kingsley, Elle Fanning, and Isaac Hempstead-Wright.

Also playing Saturday night, at 7 p.m., is the 1990 western adventure "Quigley Down Under." Matthew Quigley is an American rifleman who travels to the Australian outback to answer a help-wanted ad calling for a sharpshooter. When Quigley meets his employer, Elliot Marston, he's appalled to discover the job involves killing Aboriginal Australians. The two men fight, and when Quigley is knocked out, Marston leaves him and a local crazy woman to die in a remote part of the Outback. They're rescued, however, and plot their revenge. Starring Tom Selleck, Alan Rickman, Laura San Giacomo, and Chris Haywood.

Hope to see you for live music and some great movies.



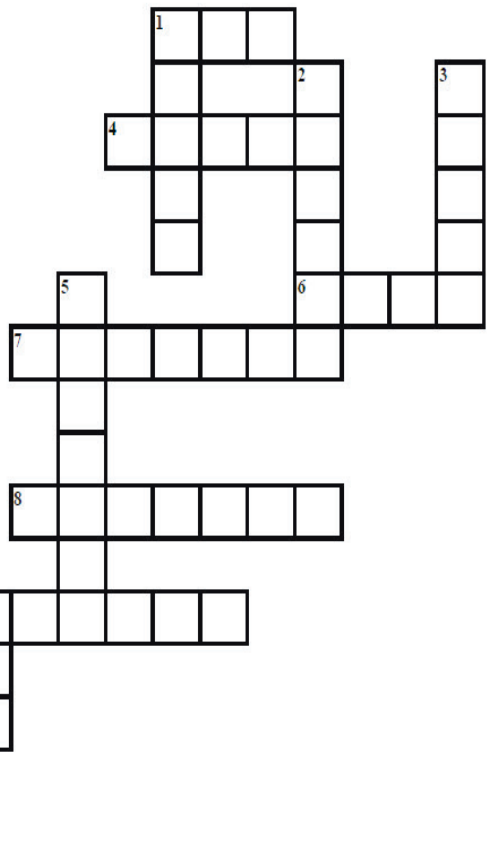
March Movies



<p>Friday 3/1</p> <p><i>The Box Trolls</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>Night Rooms & Will Shamberger Band</i> Live Music @ 7pm - \$12</p> <p>Friday 3/8</p> <p><i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i> (G) @ 6pm <i>Fast and the Furious</i> (PG-13) @ 7pm</p> <p>Friday 3/15</p> <p><i>Turbo</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>2 Fast 2 Furious</i> (PG-13) @ 7pm</p> <p>Friday 3/22</p> <p><i>Planet 51</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>The Big Lebowski</i> (R) @ 7pm</p> <p>Friday 3/29</p> <p><i>Peter Rabbit 2</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>Living Last Supper</i> @ 7pm</p>	<p>Saturday 3/2</p> <p><i>The Box Trolls</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>Quigley Down Under</i> (PG-13) @ 7pm</p> <p>Saturday 3/9</p> <p><i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i> (G) @ 6pm <i>Fast and the Furious</i> (PG-13) @ 7pm</p> <p>Saturday 3/16</p> <p><i>Turbo</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>2 Fast 2 Furious</i> (PG-13) @ 7pm</p> <p>Saturday 3/23</p> <p><i>Planet 51</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>The Big Lebowski</i> (R) @ 7pm</p> <p>Saturday 2/30</p> <p><i>Peter Rabbit 2</i> (PG) @ 6pm <i>Harvey</i> (1950) @ 7pm</p>
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- 1 Eat less of this
- 4 Eat less of this
- 6 Almonds, pecans
- 7 Broccoli, peppers
- 8 Chicken, duck
- 10 Eat less of this
- 11 Milk, cheese
- 12 Sunflower, pumpkin

Down

- 1 Apples, berries
- 2 Barley, rice, oats
- 3 Lima, chickpeas
- 5 Fish, shrimp
- 9 Beef, pork
- 10 Tofu, tempeh

Sheriff Warns Residents: Scam Callers Posing as Law Enforcement Officers

Staff Report

On February 22, Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox released information that his office had received reports concerning fraudulent telephone calls claiming the recipient failed to appear for jury duty and/or had an outstanding arrest warrant. These calls are a scam, not from the sheriff's office or any local court. The scammer tells the recipient that they can avoid arrest or other negative consequences by making a payment, which may include purchasing a pre-paid card, such as a Green Dot card or other gift card, and then giving the card number to the scammer.

Hickox warns that scammers may sound convincing and use factual information about the victim, such as real court addresses and real names of law enforcement officers, to make the swindle appear more credible. It is still a fraud; do not be fooled.

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office does not do business in this manner. Hickox advises the community, "If you ever have a concern that you may not be talking to an actual member of the Churchill County Sheriff's Office, you can always call us directly at 775-423-3116" 775-423-3116."

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Suite 145, CC Admin Complex
155 N. Taylor St.

Parks & Recreation Commission
Tues., Mar 5, 7 p.m.

Wildlife Advisory Board
Wed, Mar 6, 7 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Thurs., Mar 7, 8:15 a.m.

Highway Commission
Thurs., Mar 7, 1:15 p.m.

CC Communications
Thurs., Mar 7, 1:45 p.m.

Water Levels

Measurements taken
February 27, 2024
at 8 a.m.

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2.47 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
0.00 cfs
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0.00 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill
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February 26, 2024
2024 : 249,454 acre feet
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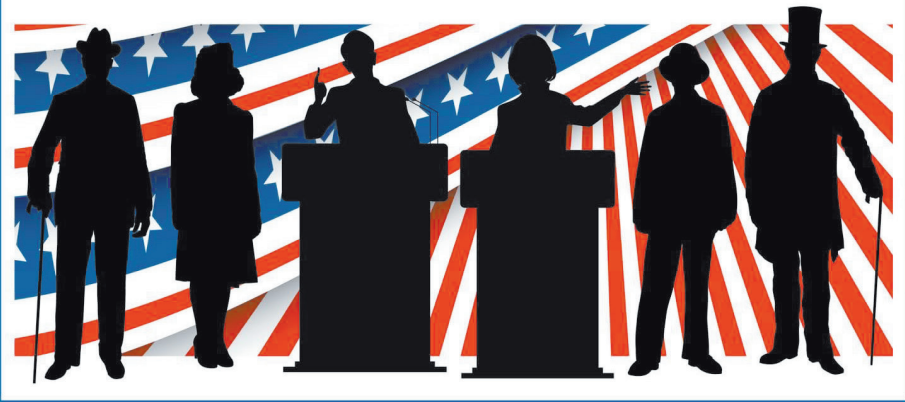
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