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CCHS Comes Out in Force for Labor Day Parade



Churchill County High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard marched with precision and patriotic pride, while CCHS Cheer and the Greenwave Marching Band filled downtown Fallon with Greenwave spirit during the Fallon Lions Club Labor Day Parade. Photos by John Baker.

Battle of the Badges Brings New Rivalry to Top Gun Dragstrip



Dragsters prepared to race at Top Gun Dragstrip south of Fallon. Courtesy of Top Gun Dragstrip.

By Leanna Lehman

Gentlemen, start your engines!

A dangerous high-speed chase is generally something law enforcement would rather avoid. But going really, really fast? Apparently, that's another matter. Give two officers a sanctioned dragstrip and a little friendly rivalry, and the question becomes: Who's faster?

During the final race weekend of the season on Sept. 26, Churchill County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brian Miller and Fallon Police Sgt. Dewayne Edwards Jr. will represent their respective agencies at the region's only National Hot Rod Association-sanctioned dragstrip, racing for bragging rights and a traveling trophy that, as of last week, organizers were still figuring out.

The drivers, however, are geared up and getting ready to rumble.

Motor Sports Safety Inc. treasurer Ed Keefe, one of four members of the nonprofit governing board that operates Top Gun Dragstrip south of Fallon, said he learned just how seriously the competition was being taken during a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon. When the question of who would drive came up at the Fallon Police Department, Keefe was told there had initially been plenty of interest.

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Fallon Golf Course Updates

By Sydney Trainor

The Fallon Golf Course generated \$721,650 in revenue in 2025 and invested about \$178,000 in course and facility improvements, Churchill County Commissioners heard Sept. 3.

The county-owned course has also experienced overall growth in rounds played since 2018 while supporting school golf programs, community events, and fundraisers. At the Sept. 3 Churchill County Board of Commissioners meeting, Marty Davis presented an update on the Fallon Golf Course.

Davis said Alan Kalt, president of the Fallon Golf Course Inc. board of directors, prepared the presentation but was unable to attend.

Golf course revenue has generally increased, reaching about \$640,000 in 2023, \$651,000 in 2024, and \$721,650 in 2025. Through July 2026, the course generated slightly more than \$500,000.

Davis said the course is a nonprofit and is not intended to generate large profits but should avoid sustained losses. The course recorded a net gain of \$83,000 in 2021 and \$49,000 in 2022 before posting a \$24,700 loss in 2024. It finished 2025 with a \$12,741 gain but had a net gain of



Golfers at the Fallon Golf Course driving range. Courtesy of Churchill County.

just \$375 through July 2026.

Davis also reported on the number of rounds played annually. The course recorded just over 11,000 rounds in 2018, about 10,500 in 2019, nearly 11,000 in 2020, about 13,000 in 2021, more than 14,000 in 2022, and 15,500 in 2023. Rounds dipped slightly to 14,300 in 2024 before bouncing back to more than 16,000 in 2025.

The golf course receives \$50,000 annually from Churchill County for capital improvements, while

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log: *All the Icky Things*



By Rachel Dahl

Sitting in church on Sunday, my mind wandered down a rabbit hole of contemplation about things we could and should do but absolutely don’t want to.

It feels like a ridiculous amount of life comes down to that place between the drudgery of the icky things and avoiding them or growing up and just getting them done.

True confessions — I’m an idea gal. I’ll generate ideas, see possibilities, start new things all day long, but when it comes to details and the tedious monotony of real life, the uncomfortable, emotionally loaded jobs, I just make up some new fun things to do and move on.

Denial has been a lovely place for many years.

It’s a personality flaw for sure, but mostly I haven’t cared. I like doing fun things, being happy, and enjoying myself.

Maybe it’s this getting old thing, but the idea of just doing the icky stuff has started to actually enter my consciousness. It’s not really forcing myself to do the things I don’t like so much as becoming aware that I do this. And then realizing I can just do the icky thing and get over it. Get it over with.

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the City of Fallon contributes \$25,000 each year toward operations.

Facility improvements cost \$96,119, including more than \$42,000 for a bathroom remodel, more than \$13,000 for kitchen and banquet refrigeration equipment, nearly \$32,000 for remodeling the caretaker apartment, and \$8,300 for an HVAC upgrade.

Course improvements totaled just under \$82,000, including \$9,382 for driving range netting and installation, nearly \$7,000 for irrigation upgrades, \$62,320 for bridge repairs and improvements, and \$3,350 for improvements to the maintenance shed. Davis said the investments were paid for with golf course profits and funding provided by the City of Fallon.

Churchill County owns the golf course, which is operated by Fallon Golf Course Inc. A board of directors oversees the course. The board includes county representatives Joe Sanford and Gary Fowkes; City of Fallon representative Paul Harmon; and directors Alan Kalt and David Halloran.

The golf course operates with limited year-round staffing, with four full-time equivalent positions regularly staffed throughout the year.

The results have been gratifying. Icky things lose their sting — their power.

Maybe our grammas were right; we really should forgive people, speak up, clean the garage, make the dump run. Clear the gunked-up spaces for the good stuff.

I feel like I’m not the only one who does this kind of stuff. Communities and institutions have “icky things” too. Deferred maintenance, bad employees nobody confronts, budgets nobody wants to look at. Relationships that need repairing. Decisions postponed until someone else makes them for us.

Maybe adulting isn’t becoming the kind of person who suddenly loves doing hard things, but figuring out you don’t have to like it; you just have to get it done.

So while we enjoy all this newspapering — all the parades and covering the meetings and meeting all the cool people, we’ll still be right here, filing and taking out the trash, and as always...

... Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

During the primary golf season, which generally runs from March through October, staffing increases to as many as 14 full-time equivalents.

Staff members maintain the greens, tees, fairways, irrigation and sprinkler systems, and fertilizer and pesticide programs. Operations also include equipment replacement and maintenance involving mowers, tractors, and carts, along with bridge work, kitchen and refrigeration equipment, and clubhouse maintenance and repairs.

The Fallon Golf Course supports men’s and women’s leagues and high school golf programs. Since 2021, the course has hosted 20 fundraisers supporting scholarships, veterans, and other community causes. The course has also offered scholarships to local high school seniors since 2022 and provides banquet facilities for special events.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Matt Hyde asked whether the revenue figures included money generated through the clubhouse and bar. Davis confirmed that the figures reflected overall revenue. No other questions or concerns were raised, and Commissioners thanked Davis for the presentation.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Penny is Available for Adoption

Penny is a 1-year-old border collie mix with an affectionate, playful personality and energy to spare. This 49-pound girl loves fetch, water, car rides, treats, and spending time with her people. Penny is spayed, vaccinated against rabies, house-trained, and crate-trained. Penny would thrive in an active home with older children and people committed to exercise, enrichment, play, and training. She can be selective and dominant with other dogs and is not recommended for a home with small dogs. Penny guards her food and should be fed separately.



Meet Mufasa

Mufasa is a handsome cat with a big personality and an even bigger presence. He knows what he wants in a home and will do best with patient, understanding people who will respect his boundaries and take the time to earn his trust. Once they do, Mufasa forms a deep, loyal bond with his person. He is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and ready for a home of his own. One does not simply choose Mufasa; Mufasa chooses you. Could you be the person he has been waiting for?



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FEATURES

Churchill Republicans Host Candidate for Sheriff Michael Davis

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County Sheriff candidate Michael Davis spoke to members of the Churchill County Republican Central Committee. Because of a scheduling conflict, he was unable to attend the CCRCC forum held July 16, where candidate and incumbent Sheriff Lee Orozco shared his background and vision for the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office.

During the Aug. 20 meeting, Davis shared the path that brought him to law enforcement and what he would like to change — and preserve, if elected in November.

Long before Davis became a patrol sergeant, he owned a construction business in Minden. In that role, he managed employees, budgets, and scheduling until the economic downturn hit the construction industry and prompted him to change careers. He spent over four years as a corrections officer at the Lovelock Correctional Center, then joined the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office in June 2013.

Davis began his tenure with CCSO in the detention center. His work there included serving as a field training officer, court bailiff, and gang unit liaison. There, he earned his Nevada Peace Officer Standards and Training Category I certificate, which allowed him to move into general law enforcement duty.

Davis talked about family, raising his children and coaching sports, including soccer. Soccer was unfamiliar territory for Davis. When he was asked to coach, he joked that he had to read “Soccer for Dummies” to learn the game. He told the group that working with young athletes with different personalities and abilities helped develop skills he later carried into leadership roles in law enforcement.

Davis was named Deputy of the Year in 2019 and joined the Nevada North Central Narcotic Task Force in 2021. Davis returned to patrol after his promotion to sergeant in 2022. He said then-Sheriff Richard Hickox asked him to return



Michael Davis at the Aug. 20 Churchill County Republican Central Committee meeting. Photo courtesy of Michael Davis.

to patrol to help with leadership and morale.

Davis has also served as vice president and president of the Churchill County Sheriff’s Deputies Association, where he participated in contract negotiations with the county. He noted that he stepped down from his association position after announcing his candidacy for Sheriff.

As Sheriff, Davis said public safety would come first, particularly investigations involving violent crimes and crimes against children. He wants additional investigative training for deputies and more patrol coverage in residential

neighborhoods, although he acknowledged that putting more deputies in neighborhoods will require more staffing.

Speeding is another concern Davis said he hears regularly from residents. He would like to establish a motor unit and obtain a radar trailer that could be moved to areas where speeding is a problem.

But staffing, both hiring and keeping the people the department already has, has received particular attention from Davis. He wants employees to have opportunities to move in different directions within the agency, receive additional training, and prepare for future leadership roles.

Davis said he wants deputies and staff to “come to the Sheriff’s Office and build their career here as well as raise their families in our beautiful community.”

That also ties into how Davis sees the Sheriff’s job.

During a question-and-answer session, Davis was asked about the Sheriff’s Office’s use of license plate readers. Davis said he couldn’t care less whether Churchill County had the readers, but as a law enforcement officer, he likes the technology because it can assist deputies when needed. He also discussed safeguards intended to prevent misuse.

His support, however, has a limit.

“If factual, credible information was presented indicating they were accessing personal information,” Davis said he would take the readers down himself if they were found to violate “the citizens of this county’s constitutional rights.”

Davis ended where much of his presentation began — with leadership. He told the committee he believes the Sheriff should stay involved with the people doing the work, be willing to step in when needed, and remain visible in the community rather than becoming solely an administrator.

Sometimes, Davis said, that means rolling up your sleeves and getting to work.

Civics 101: Representative Government

By Rachel Dahl

“Shouldn’t the community have some say in this before it’s just decided for us?”

I saw that question in a comment this week and have been thinking about it ever since.

Because yes. Of course, the community should have a say. But maybe not quite in the way we have come to think.

Somewhere along the line, a whole bunch of us got the idea that democracy means everybody gets to vote on everything. That if a city council, county commission, school board, or legislature makes a decision without first asking the whole community what it thinks, then somehow the people have been left out of the process.

Except that isn’t really how our government was built.

We have representative government. Which means we vote for people and then, for better or worse, those people make decisions. That is their job.

It is why we have city council members, county commissioners, school board trustees, legislators, and members of Congress instead of dragging the whole town down to City Hall every Tuesday night to vote on sewer lines, copier contracts, and whether the public works department needs a new pickup.

Depending on the week, that might be entertaining. The idea is much older than our local government meetings, of course. The Declaration of Independence says governments get their “just powers from the consent of the governed,” and that is the most important part.

Government does not get its authority from the king. Or the governor. Or the mayor. Or some guy with a title and a nameplate. It gets its authority from us.

But that has become the difficult part.

How exactly do a bunch of free people govern themselves without making an absolute mess of it? The Founders spent a great deal of time on that question. They did not particularly trust government. They also did not particularly trust us.

Which, when you think about it, was probably wise.

James Madison gets into this in Federalist No. 10, which is my favorite of the Federalist Papers and one I keep coming back to. Madison was worried about factions. Basically, people.

Groups of people with strong opinions and interests who might get enough power to run over everybody else.

Madison understood that you could not get rid of factions because you would have to get rid of liberty to do it. As long as people are free, they are going to disagree.

I feel like Madison would have taken one look at Facebook and felt terribly vindicated.

His concern was what happens when one faction gets enough power to impose its will on everyone else. And that includes the majority. We toss around “majority rules” as though that is the whole American system. If 51 percent of us could do absolutely anything we wanted to the other 49 percent, we would have a pretty lousy system of liberty.

One of my professors during my undergraduate studies was always reminding us that a majority can, quite literally, vote itself out of a democracy. So the Founders built in layers.

Representation. Two houses of Congress. Separate branches of

government. Checks and balances. Federal and state power. Elections. A Constitution that limits what government can do even when a whole lot of people would very much like it to do something.

It is maddeningly inefficient.

On purpose.

Representative government is one of those layers. We elect people to listen, study, argue, deliberate, and make decisions on our behalf. Sometimes they make decisions we like, and sometimes they make decisions that leave us wondering what on earth they were thinking. That does not necessarily mean the public was denied a voice.

Our voice came earlier when we elected them and sent them off to handle what truck to buy.

We also have a voice while they serve — we can call them, write them, show up at meetings, read the agendas, ask questions, request records, stand at the podium during public comment, raise a fuss, and organize our neighbors. And when election time comes around, we can fire them.

That is an awfully big say.

The more useful question, then, may not be, “Why didn’t they ask us first?”

It may be: Did they actually have the authority to make that decision? Did they follow the law? Was the decision made in public when it was supposed to be?

Did the public get proper notice? Did they listen before they voted? Did they explain themselves? And are we still willing to trust them with that authority?

Those questions, though, require us to know something about how our government actually works. Which, inconveniently, is where civics comes in. A class our parents had, but many of us did not. That’s a whole other column.

Federalist No. 10 is a good place to start if you want to understand why the Founders chose a republic instead of direct democracy. Federalist No. 51 is another.

That is the one where Madison writes, “If men were angels, no government would be necessary.”

I love that line; it tells you almost everything you need to know.

The system was not designed with the assumption that politicians would always behave beautifully. Or that voters would always be wise. Or that everybody would agree.

It was designed around the knowledge that human beings are human beings.

Which brings me back to that comment. “Shouldn’t the community have some say in this before it’s just decided for us?”

Yes, we should, and we do. The trick is knowing where that say takes place, when we exercise it, and what we have already entrusted our representatives to do.

Which, it turns out, requires knowing how the government works.

Before she started local community newspapers, Rachel Dahl studied political theory at the University of Nevada, worked on political campaigns, and served on the Fallon City Council. She also taught government and civics as a discussion leader for Western Traditions at the University of Nevada and at Western Nevada College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheriff’s Office
Issues Dove Season
Safety Reminder

By Sydney Trainor

Dove hunting season opened Sept. 1, and the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office is reminding the community that gunfire may be more common in certain areas.

According to the sheriff’s office, the sound of gunfire alone does not necessarily indicate an emergency. Residents who hear gunshots in areas where hunting is common should not call 911 unless there are signs of an immediate threat or emergency.

An emergency call is warranted when gunfire appears to endanger someone. That includes seeing a person shoot toward a home, occupied building, roadway, vehicle, or another person. Residents should also call 911 if someone has been injured or threatened, or if any firearm activity presents an immediate danger.

The sheriff’s office also reminded hunters to follow all hunting and firearm laws, practice safe firearm handling, and respect private property. Hunters can help prevent accidents by identifying both their target and the area behind it before firing.



A mourning dove. Courtesy of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

CCHS Reminds Families of
Athletic Event Expectations

Staff Report

Churchill County High School is reminding families that children who are not yet high school age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult throughout Friday night’s home football game against Truckee and all CCHS athletic events.

Children will not be admitted without an adult and should not be dropped off or left unattended.

All children and students attending athletic events must remain in designated spectator areas. They may not roam the facilities, adjacent grass fields, or parking lots.

Anyone engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior or failing to follow event expectations may be removed. CCHS staff cannot assume responsibility for supervising children or students who have been removed from an event.

CCHS has also added security cameras around its athletic facilities. Additional lighting behind the stadium is coming soon. The measures will help staff monitor and respond to unsafe behavior.

Athletic events allow the community to come together, support student-athletes, and enjoy the games. The school is asking attendees to help keep the events safe, positive, and focused on students.

Miss Margie’s Gift Supports Local Arts



Carol Lloyd, Zip Upham, and Tedd McDonald — all members of the Churchill Arts Council board — stand with philanthropist Miss Margie and Executive Director Robyn Jordan at the Oats Park Art Center on September 3 as Miss Margie presents her latest gift supporting the council’s work in Fallon.

Sawyer-Bryan Fundraiser Dinner Set for Sept. 12

Staff Report

The Churchill County Democratic Central Committee will host the Sawyer-Bryan Fundraiser Dinner on Sept. 12 at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way.

The event will bring together community members, local elected officials, and Democratic candidates. A social hour will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. A silent auction will also be held.

The program will feature Erik Henzl, a staff research scientist in the Division of Hydrologic Sciences at the Desert Research Institute, and Dan Saftner, an assistant research scientist in the institute’s Division of Hydrologic Sciences.

Tickets are \$50 for one person, \$90 for two people, or \$350 for a table of eight. Tickets may be purchased at [SBDinner.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door on the day of the event.

For additional information, contact Nate Helton at 775-750-8494 or churchillnvdeems@gmail.com.

Stillwater Refuge Headquarters
Plans Grand Opening

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

The Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge will hold a grand opening for its headquarters office Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 3175 Freeman Lane in Fallon.

Fallon Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lucy Carnahan will host the celebration. The chamber’s ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 12:30 p.m.

The event will include arts and crafts for children, live music featuring Steven Blais, fine art exhibits by local artists, snacks, and drinks.

Visitors can welcome the Stillwater refuge manager and tour the visitor center.

August Marriage Licenses

8/3/2026	John Jay Dyer, 56, of Fallon, and Manuela Simona Popa, 53, of Granby, Quebec, Canada.
8/5/2026	Craig Elliot Olszewski, 52, and Kristina Elyse Perry, 33, both of Fallon.
8/10/2026	Alfredo Luis Andrade, 22, and Bethany May Rodgers, 22, both of Fallon.
8/11/2026	John David Rossman Jr., 38, of Fallon, and Michelle Mendoza, 36, of Hawthorne.
8/12/2026	Manuel Albert Bettencourt, 45, and Kathleen Lillian Gutierrez, 39, both of Fallon.
8/13/2026	Bartley James O’Toole, 39, and Georgean High, 35, both of Fallon.
8/14/2026	Nathen Michael Wolters Hall, 28, of Concord, California, and Shanon Muse, 51, of Stockton, California.
8/20/2026	Kelsey Marie Fey, 33, and Tegan Jay Nevarez, 35, both of Fallon.
8/21/2026	Linzy Shawn Wilke, 36, and Wesley Alan McKnight, 38, both of Fallon.
8/24/2026	Toriana Josephine Linda Rahm, 24, of Fallon, and Tristen Gabriel Salazar, 30, of Spring Creek.
8/25/2026	Catherine Judith Raymond, 17, and Hogan Lee Stewart, 19, both of Fallon.
8/25/2026	Vickie Lee Osten, 76, and Michael Joseph Bell, 73, both of Knoxville, Tennessee.
8/28/2026	Austin Marc Lafleur, 30, and Elizabeth Rachael Archuleta, 30, both of Fernley.
8/28/2026	Curtis George Loyd Jr., 31, and Ariana Elizabeth McLain-Smith, 20, both of Silver Springs.
8/28/2026	Alissa Reanna Arredondo, 30, and Matthew Chaney Schultz, 30, both of Fallon.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, Sept. 14 Beef Stew Buttermilk Biscuit Mixed Green Salad w/Garbanzo Beans Diced Pears	Tuesday, Sept. 15 Chicken Enchiladas Spanish Rice WW Tortilla Refried Beans Spinach Salad Chocolate Cake	Wednesday, Sept. 16 Birthday Lunch Hot Turkey Sandwich WW Bread Peas & Carrots Stewed Tomatoes Oatmeal Cookie Fresh Orange	Thursday, Sept. 17 Beef Chili Corn Bread Pasta Salad Butterscotch Pudding	Friday, Sept. 18 Fried Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw Three Bean Salad Carrot Cake Fresh Apple
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m. All meals are subject to change. All are welcome.

Monday, Sept. 14 Steak & Eggs Toast & Potatoes	Thursday, Sept. 17 Pasta Primavera Salad & Dessert	Monday, Sept. 21 Meat Loaf Veggies & Dessert	Thursday, Sept. 24 Enchilada Casserole Salad & Fruit	Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.
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OBITUARIES

CHARISSA MAE LUNDERSTADT

February 27, 1989 – August 29, 2026

Charissa Mae Lunderstadt, 37, was born February 27, 1989, in Truckee, California, and raised in Tahoe City by her parents, Gary and Julie Glander. On August 29, 2026, Charissa and her sweet baby went home to be with the Lord. Charissa was a rare kind of person. She wanted to be a cowgirl — so she did it. She pursued the education and experience required and made the dream her life. She had a deep love for horses and animals of all kinds and was happiest on a good trail ride or working in the arena. She gave every horse she owned her full measure of compassion and care. She was the kind of cowgirl who showed up in any weather, at any hour, whenever a mount was injured or loose — even once arriving to feed in a windstorm wearing skydiving goggles to keep the hay out of her eyes. She was going to face the wind full force. She wanted to be involved with her family — so she made it happen. She prioritized holidays and birthdays and made financial and emotional sacrifices to be there for the people she loved. A devoted and self-sacrificing daughter and sister, she made every family gathering a little sunnier simply by being there. She was also an intentional, phenomenally fun aunt. She loved her nieces and nephews as if they were her own and was the kind of aunt who could always be found out on the trampoline, laughing and playing with the kids. She was never too grown-up for them. She wanted to be a good friend — so she was. She laughed and prayed and mourned and encouraged alongside the people fortunate enough to call her friend. Over the years, she had a way of

noticing what her friends needed — even when those needs were small or seemingly silly. She met people where they were and made them feel loved and seen. To be Charissa’s friend was to be more intimately acquainted with kindness, servanthood, and laughter. She wanted to be a wife — so she waited and prayed, and when the Lord provided that blessing, she chased it down with her whole heart. She married Austin Lunderstadt on May 23, 2025. In Austin’s words, “Life with Charissa was beautiful. She made every moment that we spent together feel special” — from something as big as their wedding day to something as simple as chores around the house. Their marriage was filled with dancing in the kitchen, surprise flowers, watching sunsets together, and plenty of laughter. Their time together in this life was short in the light of eternity, but it was full of love. She wanted to be a mom — and the Lord, so graciously, answered one of the deepest desires of her heart. Charissa and Austin were expecting their baby in March 2027. She shared the joyful news with a twinkle in her eye and the biggest smile across her face. That was Charissa. She ardently went after the things the Lord put within her reach, and she faithfully waited on Him for the things that weren’t hers to take. She loved the Lord and His Word, immersing herself in Bible studies and sweet time with Him.



No matter what church community she was part of, she poured into the people around her, often stepping naturally into the role of mentor. Anyone who had the honor of being mentored by Charissa came away loving Jesus more for having spent time with her. She was fiercely loyal, thoughtful, funny, generous, and truly a joy to be around. One of her most beautiful features was the smile lines around her eyes — a quiet testament to how much joy she carried and shared. Charissa loved with her whole heart. She gave, served, encouraged, and blessed without keeping score. The Lord blessed this earth when He gave Gary and Julie their first daughter. And on August 29, He blessed heaven when Charissa and her sweet baby went home to Him. Charissa is survived by her beloved husband, Austin Lunderstadt; her parents, Gary and Julie Glander; her siblings, Stefan, Travis, and Alexis Glander; her sister-in-law, Kelli Glander; her nieces and nephews, Jaxon, Judah, Juniper, and Josephine Glander; Austin’s parents, Carl and Kristi Lunderstadt; Austin’s sister, Abigail Danielson, and her husband, Ryan Danielson; and their children, Kenzie and Toby. A celebration of Charissa’s life will be held Friday, September 11, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Parkside Bible Fellowship in Fallon, Nevada. A potluck reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Charissa’s memory with a donation to one of the ministries she loved and supported: Peak Women’s Care in Truckee or Awaken in Reno.

JUDY ELLEN EWING LUTTRELL

September 17, 1945 – May 5, 2026

Judy Ellen Ewing Luttrell, born September 17, 1945, in Fallon, Nevada, to Marvin and Margie Ewing, died on May 5, 2026, in Winnie, Texas. Judy attended schools in Fallon and graduated with the class of 1963. She went on to Heald Business College in California. She spent 20 years working for Target in Texas and, following retirement, worked as a “lunch lady” in local elementary schools. She loved her WW friends and their daily walks, her cat, and the Houston Astros (especially Jose Altuve).



Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Benny, and her parents. She is survived by her children, Cyndi Benitez (Tommy) and Randy Martin (Annabella); grandchildren Amber, Brandon, Bradley, Angela, Tristan, James, and Emma; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and sisters Dona Eveatt and Linda McDaniel and their spouses and children. Judy will be buried in a private service near her parents in Fallon, Nevada. The family humbly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation at donorservices.alz.org. Friends are invited to join the family to celebrate and share stories and memories of Judy on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Pizza Barn.

GERALD ALVIN “PAPA” WORLIE

March 29, 1948 – September 2, 2026

In loving memory of Gerald (Jerry) Alvin Worlie “Papa,” 78. Jerry passed away peacefully at home and into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Minnesota on March 29, 1948, and was the son of Lyle Turner and Mary Arlene (Cyrus) Worlie. Jerry relocated his family from Minnesota to California in 1980 before moving to Fallon, Nevada, in 2012. Jerry had a passion for classic cars and enjoyed traveling and being outdoors. He loved spending time in his yard, where he could often be found tending to his flowers and making his yard beautiful. His yard reflected his love, care, and attention to every little detail. Jerry was loved by all who knew him, and all will miss the best big hugs he always provided. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Alvin Worlie, and sister Lylene Hyytinen. Jerry is survived by his soul mate Ann Rapp; children: Jill (Wayne) Pustovrh and Dawn (Jeremy) Burritt; six grandchildren: Crystal (Matt) Heyer, Rachael Pustovrh, Courtney (Trent) deBraga, Laura (Javi) Pena, Nathan (Reese) Pustovrh, and Anna Bear; 12 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends who mourn his passing. A celebration of life will be at Christian Life Center on Saturday, September 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. Address: 1435 Kaiser St., Fallon, Nevada.



CCHS Band to Perform at Nevada Football Band Day

Staff Report

The Churchill County High School band will perform during Nevada Football Band Day at the University of Nevada, Reno, on Saturday, Sept. 12. The band was invited to participate in the event at Mackay Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. For each ticket purchased through the CCHS band’s special ticket offer, \$5 will be donated to the band program. Tickets are available at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Churchillcounty2>.



FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fallon Community Calendar Movie Day Coalition for Senior Citizens The Fallon Theatre Every third Friday at 1 p.m.	Top Gun Dragstrip ET No. 9 and Pacific Triple Crown No. 5 Top Gun Dragstrip 15550 Schurz Highway Sept. 13 at 8:30 a.m.	Agape Church School Car Show, Cornhole, and Craft Fair Agape Church School Rafters 3C Arena, 325 Sheckler Road Sept. 19	Fall Festival Lattin Farms 1955 McLean Rd. Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
“The Layers of Nevada” Fall Lecture Series Churchill County Museum 1050 S. Maine St. Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, and 29 at 6 p.m.	Bad Art: Scrapbooking Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.	Crafternoon Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m.	A Guiding Light Fundraiser to End Family Violence Domestic Violence Intervention Inc. Fallon Eagles Hall Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
City of Fallon 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony City of Fallon Courtyard behind Fallon City Hall Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.	Open Mic Storytelling Churchill County Museum The Barkley Theatre Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.	Battle of the Badges Top Gun Dragstrip 15550 Schurz Hwy Sept. 26 at noon	This Community Calendar is sponsored by Range Media Co. An Oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert. If you would like to sponsor the Community Calendar, please contact The Fallon Post at 775-423-4545.
IMCA Dirt Track Races International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) Rattlesnake Raceway Sept. 11-12	Fall into Aquasize Churchill County Aquatic Center 333 Sheckler Rd. Sept. 19 from 8:45 to 10 a.m.	10th Annual Show ‘N’ Shine The Fallon Theatre Historic Fallon Theatre Sept. 26 at 9 a.m.	
American Hero 5K Financial Horizons Credit Union 340 Venturacci Lane Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.	Jim Regan Memorial Golf Tournament Fallon Golf Course 2655 Country Club Dr. Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.	Adult Chautauqua Presentations: America 250 Churchill County Museum Historic Fallon Theatre Sept. 26 at 3 p.m.	



COMMUNITY

Winner of the Quilt Raffle Is Bob Getto



Bob Getto stands with the Hearts of Gold Quilters' 23rd community quilt, "Happy 250th Birthday, USA," after winning the raffle.

Story and photo by Vicky Eckert

The winner of Hearts of Gold Quilters' 23rd community quilt, "Happy 250th Birthday, USA," is Bob Getto. He bought the lucky ticket from a H.O.G. quilt member.

Hearts of Gold would like to thank Jeff's Digitex Printing, 3-Dimension Shipping, Workman Farms, Connecting Thread, Rush Coffee Co., and Ambiance Salon for displaying and selling raffle tickets. We appreciate your support.

A special thank you to the Home and Garden Show and the Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair for letting us display and sell tickets.

The money we make from the quilt goes toward supplies to make donation quilts. We make quilts for the North Side Learning Program, Banner Emergency Room, the Domestic Violence Shelter, people with devastating diagnoses, and families who are victims of devastation.

Look for us at the Home and Garden Show in April 2027.

Come join or visit us, Hearts of Gold Quilters, at the Oasis Community Church on Mondays anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For questions, please call 775-427-4415.

Mylee Macedo Crowned Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen

By Nancy Chapman

Mylee Macedo, 9, of Lovelock, was crowned the 2026 Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Mia Armstrong, 8, of Winnemucca, and Ackley Goings, 10, of Fallon, also competed for the title.

All three contestants competed for the all-around title in addition to participating in the queen contest. The Fallon Post congratulates Macedo, Armstrong, and Goings on their accomplishments.



Mylee Macedo of Lovelock was crowned the 2026 Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen on Sept. 5. Photo courtesy of Chanci Macedo.

Fundraiser Helps CCHS Senior Get a Service Dog



Alex McBride, CCHS senior.

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Fallon Theatre hosted screenings of "A Dog's Purpose" on Sept. 5 and 6. These screenings were a special community fundraiser for Alex McBride, a local youth who needs a service dog to alert him to an impending seizure.

Alex is a 17-year-old Churchill County High School senior who was diagnosed with functional neurological disorder (FND) and autism spectrum disorder earlier this spring. Due to this, Alex suffers from debilitating seizures that can come on when he is exposed to too much emotional stimulation, said his father, Aaron McBride, pastor at Agape Church School and Victory Baptist Church. These emotions can be from laughing too hard, anger, excitement, being suddenly surprised, or any typical emotion someone would encounter during a normal day.

The service dog would help recognize these signs before Alex's brain does. The hope is that, over time, this will help Alex navigate through these seizures better. The first time Alex experienced this onset, he passed out at a cross-country race. He was rushed to Renown Hospital, where he stayed for three days, then was transferred to the University of Utah Primary Children's Hospital. During an episode, his brain forgets its primary functions. Then, slowly, the brain regains its basic functions, much like a computer rebooting, McBride stated.

Alex's parents, Aaron and Renee, were very willing to go the service-dog route. Then reality set in. A fully trained service dog costs about \$30,000, and the recipient never really owns the dog. Aaron was told about a young woman who works at the Fallon Animal Control Shelter, Alyssa Grondin.

Alyssa also owns Silver Desert K9 Training and is a licensed obedience and advanced obedience dog trainer. She picked out several dogs she thought might work, and then it was up to Alex and each dog to see whether they had a connection. The dog that connected with Alex was a four-month-old mixed-breed puppy. Letty is Alex's new service dog in training and has begun obedience training. Under Alyssa's guidance, Letty will advance through obedience training at her pace.

Aaron has set up a QR code that links directly to his GoFundMe page to help with the costs of training Alex's service dog. "Every bit helps," Aaron said, "and my family appreciates our community's generosity in supporting Alex!"

GoFundMe: Help Alex Get a Life-Changing Service Dog

Aaron McBride has set up a QR code that links directly to his GoFundMe page to help with the costs of training Alex's service dog.



Labor Day Pre-Parade Rotary Breakfast

Story and Photo by Nancy Chapman

The Rotary Club of Fallon continued its Labor Day pre-parade tradition Sept. 7 with an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in the dirt lot next to the Churchill County Library.

Rotary members served pancakes, sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, coffee, and milk from 7 to 10 a.m. Adult meals cost \$10, while children ages 12 and younger ate for free, courtesy of the City of Fallon. Proceeds supported Rotary scholarships and youth programs.

Momma's Meat Company and Louie's Ace Home Center provided donations for the breakfast.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 1776 helped clean up after the breakfast. Before helping Rotary members, the Scouts displayed American flags at local homes and businesses as part of the troop's holiday flag subscription fundraiser.



Lila Allegre, left, and her sister, Carolyn Teeter, enjoyed the Rotary Club of Fallon's annual Labor Day pancake breakfast.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 1776 ate breakfast before helping Rotary Club of Fallon members clean up after the annual Labor Day pancake breakfast.

BUSINESS

Bryan Trucking Earns National Women-Owned Business Certification



Photo courtesy of Bryan Trucking Operations Corp.

Staff Report

Bryan Trucking Operations Corp. (BTOC) has earned national certification as a woman-owned business, making the Fallon company eligible to pursue supplier-diversity opportunities with corporations and government agencies.

The Women’s Business Enterprise National Council granted the certification on Aug. 26 after determining the company met its standards for a Women’s Business Enterprise. The designation confirms Bryan Trucking is woman-owned, operated, and controlled.

Women’s Business Enterprise Council-West, a regional partner of the national organization, processed and validated the certification. It remains valid through Aug. 31, 2027.

Bryan Trucking provides freight transportation and logistics services throughout the United States and Canada. The company specializes in open-deck transportation, including flatbed, step-deck, hotshot, and heavy-haul freight.

The company is located at 601 S. Maine St., Suite F, in Fallon. More information is available at bryantruckingoperations.com.

The Bookish Meeple Opens Mobile Book and Game Store

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Junior and Ileigh Simons held a soft opening Sept. 5 for The Bookish Meeple, Fallon’s new mobile book and board game store, in the Rush & Rhythm parking lot.

The store’s slogan is “Find your next adventure in the pages or on the table.” A meeples is a small, person-shaped game piece, typically made of wood or plastic, that represents a player or worker in modern board games.

The couple said they created the business to share their love of books and board games with the community.

Ileigh is a job coach at EmployNV, and Junior works for Churchill County Parks and Recreation through the SumFun and C.A.R.E. after-school programs. Ileigh was born in Fallon but left for college before becoming a high school teacher. She said she always knew she would return to Fallon.

The couple said millennials are rediscovering traditional board games. They see The Bookish Meeple as a way to help customers find a game for family night or a book that offers a new adventure.

The Bookish Meeple will be at the Oats Park Art Center in October. Information about available books and games can be found on the business’s Facebook page.



Junior and Ileigh Simons stand beside The Bookish Meeple, their mobile book and board game store, during its Sept. 5 soft opening in Fallon.

New Churchill County Businesses August 2026

The Bookish Meeple LLC

Richard Simons
Mobile bookstore
431 Pheasant Drive, Fallon

Pure Imagination

Monica Fairbanks
Party rentals
260 S. Maine Street, Fallon

DBM Equipment Sales & Service LLC

Julie Stephenson
Heavy machinery sales and service
2366 Resource Drive, Fernley

The Studio For The Performing Arts LLC

Allysen Olsen-Baldwin
Dance studio
3963 Arnold Way, Fallon

Northern Nevada Solutions for Renovation and Maintenance LLC

dba Temporary Wall Systems Northern Nevada
Robert Faulkner
11700 Vista Park Drive, Sparks

Pulse & Protect LLC

Jamie Bekiares
Safety training and certifications
210 Classic Way, Fallon

The Experience Truck LLC

Kimberly Robinson
Food truck
6455 Curry Road, Fallon

June Sharkey LCSW – Valley Oasis Counseling

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TCID Reports September Water Outlook, Approves Flood Damage Claim

By Leanna Lehman

During the Sept. 1 Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Board of Directors meeting, Water Master Kelly Herwick reported Lahontan storage at approximately 105,945 acre-feet, with releases of about 541 cubic feet per second. End-of-September storage is projected at approximately 77,966 acre-feet.

Herwick said TCID is working with the Bureau of Reclamation on September storage targets and anticipates reducing Truckee Canal diversions during the month. Current projections show diversions continuing through December.

Reservoirs below Lahontan also remain in good condition. Herwick reported that downstream reservoirs also remain relatively full, with Harmon Reservoir approximately three-quarters full and S-Line Reservoir about nine-tenths full. Demand is expected to decline as the season progresses, particularly as corn harvest begins. Herwick also reported that annual water flows toward Carson Lake Pasture have begun, with no reported problems at this time.

General Manager Ben Shawcroft reported that TCID will participate in an online meeting next week to review the Federal Water Master’s model that will be used to calculate credits requested by the district. TCID’s consultant in Colorado will participate in reviewing the model to ensure it works for the district’s purposes.

In other business, directors approved a \$7,000 damage claim from Dan and Helen Shaw after two TCID-owned gates failed within approximately eight days, flooding their field.

Herwick said the first incident involved

problems with a headgate and resulted in flooding on the Shaw property and a neighboring property. A second problem involving a takeout gate occurred during another water run the following week, causing more flooding.

Herwick said the wood components of both gates were aging and ultimately failed. The Shaws told directors the field had recently been irrigated when the flooding occurred and that the damage affected an established alfalfa crop.

The Shaws submitted a revised claim of approximately \$8,476 for crop and field restoration costs. After discussing alternatives for restoring the field and reducing costs, the board approved reimbursement of \$7,000.

The board also authorized TCID to file a court action seeking recognition of a federal easement across property owned by the David L. Matley and Christine L. Matley Trust. According to the meeting agenda, TCID is seeking access to the easement so district personnel can clean and maintain a drain ditch.

Shawcroft said attempts to reach an agreement allowing TCID to perform the work had failed because conditions proposed for accessing the property were too restrictive. He said the district believed taking the issue to court was



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Water Master Kelly Herwick was recognized for 20 years of service. Photo courtesy of TCID.

preferable to entering the property while its access was being challenged. Directors avoided further discussion of the matter during the meeting because it could involve the district’s legal strategy.

Directors also approved the purchase of a new Caterpillar track skid steer through a five-year lease arrangement. TCID’s existing skid steer has approximately 6,000 hours and has experienced problems with its diesel particulate filter system and hydraulics. The agenda lists the estimated cost of repairing the machine at \$31,144.98.

Staff said a new machine would cost approximately \$157,586 and recommended leasing rather than investing more than \$30,000 in the existing equipment. TCID plans to spend approximately \$3,500 to make limited repairs to the older skid steer and retain it for lighter use.

The board also adopted a Cyber Protection Policy required under TCID’s cyber insurance coverage. Shawcroft said the policy establishes procedures for responding to a cyber incident, including guidelines for restoring district systems. TCID is also exploring possible funding to hire an outside company to conduct a simulated cyberattack and test employee response to phishing attempts.

Earlier in the meeting, the district recognized Herwick for 20 years of service to TCID. Board President Eric Olsen thanked him for his work and said he hears “nothing but positive things” from water users about Herwick’s work.

Herwick said he enjoys working with and helping TCID water users and intends to continue looking for ways to improve district operations.

Churchill County Board of Commissioners Updates

By Sydney Trainor

The Sept. 3 Churchill County Board of Commissioners meeting opened with one public comment from Karen Hansen, who asked for information on data-center development in Churchill County. “Can you, at some time, give us an update on data centers in Churchill County?” she asked. Hansen also suggested an advisory ballot question on future data centers and lithium plants, saying community input is important.

During staff reports, County Manager Joe Sanford briefly responded, noting that the Sept. 9 planning commission meeting would include discussion on industrial development standards related to data centers.

Commissioners unanimously approved \$17,000 in funding for the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They also approved \$3,500 for the Fallon Community Theater to support movie licensing for free or low-cost films and the annual Maine Street Spooktacular.

The commission rescheduled discussion on a zoning application for Rivian until Sept. 16 because the required public notice was published one day too late to meet Nevada’s 10-day requirement. The application seeks to rezone a property along the Lovelock Highway from rural resource to heavy industrial use, allowing Rivian to develop a remote battery-testing facility. According to the application, the current RR20 zoning does not allow for the destructive testing planned for the site, prompting the request for I3 industrial zoning.

Commissioners reviewed the Sand Creek No. 2 Phase 1 final subdivision map, filed by Casey Road LLC. Casey Road resident Teresa Hurlman asked for clarification after receiving a project notice, questioning the project’s location, purpose, and whether it involved road widening. Staff explained the property is currently one parcel and would be divided into approximately one-acre residential lots. Commissioners approved the final map with recommended conditions.

A parcel map application from JDLN Enterprises LLC for property at 9900 Carson Highway was also unanimously approved. The application divides the 7.48-acre property into two industrial parcels of 4.15 and 3.33 acres. Planning staff said both parcels meet the two-acre minimum lot size required for infill development in the I2 zoning district.

PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE UPDATES

Resource Concepts representative Jeremy Drew updated commissioners on several public lands and natural resource issues, including the Fallon Range Training Complex, wildfire planning, mining, and wild-horse management. Drew said the next Fallon Range Training Complex meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22 and reported continued work involving Sand Canyon and Red Mountain roads. He also discussed implementation of the BLM’s greater sage-grouse plan, mining activity, proposed federal grazing-regulation changes, and concerns involving stock-water rights. Drew reported that about 700 wild horses were removed from the Lahontan Herd

Management Area during a July gather.

Drew also presented a Churchill County comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management on the Greenlink North transmission project. The letter supported changes narrowing and rerouting the utility corridor but raised concerns about greater sage-grouse exemptions applying to the entire corridor and affecting future land use. The county requested further review of the exemptions and reconsideration of an Interstate 80 route. Commissioners unanimously ratified the letter.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Commissioners unanimously approved personnel changes for fiscal year 2026–27, including eight new positions and eight position reclassifications previously approved during the county’s budget process. The effective date was moved from Oct. 1 to Sept. 28 to align with the county’s payroll cycle. An updated fiscal year 2026–27 job titles and range sheet was approved as well, with staff noting that approximately 240 employee action notices and more than 5,000 data points had to be reviewed and updated to ensure payroll accuracy.

The Alternate Public Defender’s Office requested more flexibility in filling an open attorney position. Commissioners authorized recruitment at any of three classifications: Deputy Public Defender I, Deputy Public Defender II, or Senior Deputy Public Defender. The request was unanimously approved.

Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner read proposed amendments to Title 3 of the Churchill County Code concerning overtime and military leave. The changes would allow certain law enforcement employees to work 12-hour shifts without conflicting with existing overtime policy, align military leave provisions more closely with federal requirements, and provide an option for differential pay. Commissioners unanimously scheduled a public hearing on the proposed amendments for Sept. 16, 2026.

In other business, commissioners approved an employment agreement for County Manager Joe Sanford. Because the county manager position is not included on the county’s new pay table, a separate agreement was needed to establish compensation and other employment terms. The board also appointed Mike Richards to the Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife for a three-year term ending July 31, 2029.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

During public comment, Michelle Anderson asked Churchill County to work with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to evaluate traffic safety on U.S. 50. “We’ve seen a number of serious accidents along this stretch of highway, including recent fatalities, and I think it’s worth taking a closer look at what can be done to make these intersections safer,” she said. Chair Myles Getto explained that the county has raised the issue with NDOT for the past four years, noting that U.S. 50 is a state highway and changes are ultimately up to NDOT. The next county commission meeting will be held on Sept. 16.

Fallon Hires Lobby Firm for Government Affairs

By Rachel Dahl with Denise Pinder

The Fallon City Council has approved a contract for government affairs services that will give the city representation in Carson City and Washington, D.C., as the 2027 Nevada Legislature approaches.

The agreement will bring R&R Partners onto the city’s lobbying team for a \$20,000 monthly retainer. Fallon native Ryan McGinness will provide government affairs experience in Washington, D.C., and Pete Ernauth will lead the efforts at the state level.

City officials said McGinness, who grew up in Fallon, brings familiarity with the community as well as relationships at the state and federal levels. Either party can terminate the contract with 30 days’ notice.

Bob Erickson, Chief of Staff, told the council that Fallon has historically maintained outside representation to help navigate state and federal

agencies, legislation, and funding opportunities, but has been without that representation for roughly six months.

Mayor Ken Tedford said having someone working on the city’s behalf has paid dividends over the years, particularly when Fallon has faced expensive infrastructure and regulatory issues.

He pointed to the city’s response to federal drinking water standards for arsenic as one example. Fallon ultimately constructed a multi-million-dollar treatment project, with the federal government paying the overwhelming majority of the cost after city officials and their representatives worked with federal agencies and Nevada’s congressional delegation.

Officials said similar help will be important as Fallon pursues funding for upcoming infrastructure projects and deals with issues involving its municipal electric utility.

Councilman Paul Harmon acknowledged the \$20,000 monthly cost but said the investment could be small compared with the amount of state and federal funding the city stands to obtain.

“If we can get some of these projects that we’ve identified funded, either federally or state, this price is nothing,” he said, noting several city projects will require outside funding to move forward.

Tedford said one of the lobbying team’s first priorities will be helping Fallon access previously approved congressional earmarks that have become tied up within federal agencies.

He said the city has been awarded millions of dollars in federal earmarks dating back several years, but accessing some of that money has proven difficult because the funds must now move through federal agencies rather than coming directly to local governments.

The council approved the contract unanimously.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, Sept. 1, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Aiden Andrew Verbridge, in custody, pleaded guilty to Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence by Strangulation, a Category C felony punishable by one to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

The factual basis provided by the defense was that Verbridge used force or violence against his mother by impeding her breathing.

Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for Nov. 3.

Brian Langlois Calhoun, in custody, appeared on a probation violation in a 2023 case involving an underlying charge of Attempt or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), to which he pleaded guilty and was sentenced in September 2023.

Judge Stockard noted that according to the violation report, the Division of Parole and Probation did not know whether Calhoun understood what was required of him because of a severe traumatic brain injury he suffered. Stockard asked the attorneys how they thought the case should proceed.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said Calhoun had 41 days’ credit for time served and suggested the court dishonorably discharge him from probation.

Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford told the court the defense “would be totally in line with that.” He added, “It is clear that his lack of compliance isn’t necessarily nefarious, it’s not necessarily willful; it is a side effect of what he has going on at this time [brain injury].”

Stockard said there was “no great solution



here.” The judge and attorneys agreed that dishonorably discharging Calhoun from probation, as Sanford suggested, was the most compassionate way to resolve the case.

Robert Lillburn Nelson appeared for arraignment on a charge of Destruction of Property and a charge of Violation of a Protection Order.

Nelson is representing himself but said he hopes to find an attorney. He told the court he wished there were a third plea option of “guilty with an explanation.”

Judge Stockard canvassed Nelson regarding his ability to represent himself. Nelson said he qualifies for a public defender but does not want one.

Following discussion with Stockard, Nelson agreed to the appointment of a public defender for a settlement conference only. The settlement conference was set for Sept. 25, and arraignment was continued to Oct. 6.

[Battle of the Badges continued from page A1]

Battle of the Badges grew out of having local law enforcement officers doing community outreach during races. “They go out in the crowds, and the families, the vendors, and the drivers love to talk to them,” Keefe said. “Some of the officers bring their families with them.”

The agencies already compete through Battle of the Badges blood drives and holiday donation drives. Why not a race too? “We’re like ... you guys each bring out your fastest vehicle, and you identify your most eager officer, and come out and we’ll race for a trophy,” Keefe said.

“The chief said we need to win this. Who’s our driver?” Keefe recalled. “They all backed away and they all pointed to one guy.” Battle of the Badges is now officially on the schedule.

The race comes during a year of transition at Top Gun. Three members joined the Motor Sports Safety Inc. board at the beginning of the year, while one remained. Longtime board members who retired continue to assist as consultants. The current board includes president Philip Sabatino, vice president Mark Gonzales, secretary Walt Stacey, and treasurer Ed Keefe.

The dragstrip traces its roots back about 30 years, when young people racing on rural roads had become a safety concern. Keefe said local drivers and community leaders sought a safer place to race. Some drivers worked at Naval Air Station Fallon and approached the Navy, which allowed racing on a runway for several years.

As NAS Fallon’s mission expanded and the TOPGUN fighter pilot training program moved to Fallon, the City of Fallon and Churchill County worked with the Bureau of Land Management to secure the property south of Fallon where Top Gun Dragstrip operates today.

Thirty years also means aging infrastructure, and Keefe said racers had become concerned the track might close. “We believe that we’ve shown enough improvement that the drivers are not concerned about that now,” Keefe said. “But now they’re demanding what they want.”

Work this year has included pavement improvements, electrical work, LED lighting, and technology and safety upgrades. Food and other vendors have also been added to race weekends.

Much of the work at Top Gun has long depended on people and organizations beyond its four-member board. Keefe said some supporters have helped for decades.

A&K Construction has assisted with the track, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District cleared weeds before the season, mosquito control crews visit regularly, and local businesses provide services and materials. Banner Churchill Community Hospital has provided emergency medical coverage on race days for decades, while racers and volunteers handle much of the work required to put on an event.

“We’ve had extremely good community support,” Keefe said.

When the track is “hot,” meaning conditions have been determined safe for racing, required emergency personnel must be in place, including emergency medical services and a fire crew.

“We want to show these drivers we’re looking out for them,” Keefe said. “And we’re going to run the place safe, or we’re not going to run it.”

The board also hopes to revive Top Gun’s \$5 Fridays, when young drivers could bring their cars to the track for an inexpensive night of racing rather than testing them on public roads.

“That was the spirit and intent that the county commissioners and the mayor had when we started, was to get the kids off the street,” Keefe said.

Battle of the Badges will take place during Top Gun’s final race weekend of the season. Miller’s and Edwards’ vehicles must first undergo required NHRA safety inspections and participate in Test-N-Tune before the Sept. 26 showdown.

Then it comes down to two officers, two cars, one traveling trophy — and the sort of bragging rights likely to last considerably longer than a quarter-mile.

August 2026 Divorces

- 8/4/2026 Willis, Roanne Nuqui & Willis, Jordan Forrest Decree of Divorce
- 8/7/2026 Nealon, Thomas Charles & Nealon, Alma Saide Decree of Divorce
- 8/7/2026 Armstrong, Aril Michele & Armstrong, Bradley Robert Decree of Divorce
- 8/7/2026 Couturier, Katelyn Janeen & Gabay, Yarden Shimon Decree of Divorce
- 8/7/2026 Salazar, Erin & Salazar, Tristen Decree of Divorce
- 8/7/2026 McGurie, Brittney Shavonte & McGurie, Vametrious Darnell Jameson Decree of Divorce
- 8/10/2026 Raya-Sandoval, Daniel & Niemann, Susan Decree of Divorce
- 8/10/2026 Christensen, Katarina Noell & Saveliev, Alexandre V Decree of Divorce
- 8/10/2026 May, Jeanelle Nicole & May, Dominick Lee Decree of Divorce
- 8/10/2026 Barajas-Ramirez, Jose Mariano v. Barajas, Sophia Marie Decree of Divorce - Default
- 8/12/2026 Serratos Ramirez, Edwin Aldebarham & Diaz-Ortiz, Evelin Decree of Divorce
- 8/13/2026 Countryman, Tylor Scott v. Moon, Amber Nicole Decree of Annulment - Default
- 8/13/2026 Gilmore, Thomas v. Gilmore, Lauren Decree of Divorce
- 8/17/2026 Caudill, Nevaeh R. v. Wilcox, Blake M. Decree of Divorce
- 8/17/2026 Leyva, Tien Mai Vu & Leyva Alvarado, David Decree of Divorce
- 8/17/2026 Dime, Austin Nicholas & Dime, Karralynn Decree of Divorce
- 8/17/2026 LaBrake, David Joseph & LaBrake, Jonathan Robert Decree of Divorce
- 8/17/2026 Wilkerson, Aisha Shani & Wilkerson Jr., Jerome Decree of Divorce
- 8/20/2026 Sandvig, David B. & Sandvig, Tiffany A. Decree of Divorce
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CCSD Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie, photo(s) courtesy of CCSD.



Hope Squad students pose with school resource officer Sam Ugalde as they kick off a new year of promoting connection, peer support, and suicide prevention awareness throughout their school community.



Students enjoy a tasty popcorn treat purchased with Bulldog Bucks they earned by demonstrating the schoolwide Four B's: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.



Lindsey Bacallo's students work together using alphabet cards to review letters and sounds during their second week of school.

CCHS
Hope Squad students have been busy kicking off the new school year, focusing on connection, peer support, and building a positive school community. Over the past several weeks, students have worked together to plan activities for the year, develop new ways to connect with their classmates, and prepare for Suicide Prevention Month throughout September. Part of that work has been finding ways to reach students where they are, especially through social media. During the first week of school, Hope Squad members created a reel sharing helpful advice and positive messages with their classmates as they started a new school year. Last week, they followed it up with another reel introducing this year's Hope Squad members, helping students put faces to the peers who are there to listen, look out for others, and help connect them with support when needed. Through both in-person and social media outreach, Hope Squad is working to spread awareness and make sure CCHS students know they have people in their corner. They are developing an outreach plan for the school year that includes visiting classrooms, hosting events and activities for CCHS students, and creating more opportunities to connect with their peers. Their plans extend beyond the high school, with hopes of connecting with younger students at schools throughout the district and becoming more in-

volved in the Fallon community. The goal is to strengthen connections and share Hope Squad's message of students supporting students.

CCMS
CCMS students jumped into learning during their second week of the school year. Students put their skills to the test and showed what they know through the i-Ready Diagnostic, helping teachers identify strengths and areas for continued growth. Meanwhile, students in photo class got behind the cameras to explore different shots, angles, and perspectives while learning how photography can capture a moment and tell a story. From assessing skills to building new ones, CCMS students are already learning, creating, and making things happen.

NUMA
Kristina McFadden's fourth graders have been busy putting their science skills to work. Through hands-on activities, group discussions, and collaborative problem-solving, students explored science concepts while strengthening their teamwork skills. Along the way, they practiced sharing ideas, listening to different perspectives, and working together to solve problems. Just like real scientists, these fourth graders are learning that some of the best discoveries happen when you work together.

E.C. BEST
The Bulldog Buck Store is officially back open for business. Students can earn Bulldog Bucks by demonstrating the schoolwide Four B's: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. Students can then use the rewards they earn at the Bulldog Buck Store, giving them a fun way to celebrate the positive choices they make throughout the school day. With students and staff working together to put the Four B's into action, E.C. Best continues building a positive school community where students love to learn, and teachers love to teach.

LAHONTAN
During the second week of school, Lindsey Bacallo's students continued building their early literacy skills by reviewing letters and sounds through partner games. Working together gave students a fun and interactive way to practice recognizing letters, connecting them with their sounds, and reinforcing important skills they are developing in the classroom. Partner activities also encouraged students to learn from one another while building confidence. It's a great start as students continue building a strong foundation for reading this school year.

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

By David Ernst, photo(s) courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.

Welcome Back Chapel Begins a New Year at Veritas

On the final Monday in August, the Veritas Preparatory School community gathered together for its annual Welcome Back Chapel, marking the beginning of another year of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. This year, Veritas welcomed 96 students and 13 faculty members, filling the chapel with familiar faces as well as many new ones.

Chapel is an important part of life at Veritas. Throughout the school year, students and teachers gather to worship, study Scripture, celebrate milestones, and turn their attention toward the biblical truths that guide the school community. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend, making chapel an opportunity for the entire Veritas family to worship and learn together.

One favorite chapel tradition is the "sword drill." With Bibles in hand, students are given a Scripture reference and race to locate the passage. The name comes from the biblical description of the Word of God as the "sword of the Spirit." While the activity brings some friendly competition to chapel, it also helps students become increasingly comfortable navigating their Bibles and finding passages of Scripture for themselves.

Music is another important part of chapel. Veritas students learn and sing traditional patriotic songs such as "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful." Students also learn a new hymn each quarter. The hymn selected for the first quarter of the 2026–2027 school year is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Written by Martin Luther, the hymn comple-

ments the study of the Protestant Reformation taking place in some Veritas classrooms this year. Connections such as this are an important part of a classical Christian education, allowing students to see how theology, history, literature, music, and culture intersect rather than encountering each subject in isolation.

Chapel also provides opportunities to hear from members of the broader Christian community. Throughout the year, messages are often delivered by guest speakers, including local pastors and fathers of Veritas students. These speakers bring different experiences and perspectives while encouraging students to consider how biblical truth applies to their everyday lives.

This year, chapel messages will follow themes from "The Folly and Vanity of Youth," which addresses many of the moral challenges confronting young people. These lessons provide another opportunity to continue conversations that occur throughout the school day about wisdom, character, self-control, and living according to biblical principles. Rather than separating spiritual instruction from the rest of education, Veritas seeks to make Scripture the foundation through which students understand both their studies and their lives.

As another year begins, Veritas looks forward to many more chapel mornings filled with open Bibles, familiar hymns, thoughtful messages, birthday celebrations, and a school community seeking to grow together in knowledge, wisdom, and faith.

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Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, photo(s) courtesy of Oasis Academy.

ENGINEERING CHALLENGES PUT STUDENTS' CREATIVITY TO THE TEST

Students recently put their creativity, problem-solving skills, and engineering minds to work as they tackled hands-on building challenges in the classroom.

Second graders took on the challenge of building a house using just eight index cards and 12 inches of masking tape. With the limited materials, students had to think carefully about how to design a structure that could stand on its own. As they built, tested, and adjusted their designs, they discovered that successful engineering often means trying an idea, learning from what doesn't work, and making improvements.

Students in grades 3 through 6 faced a different challenge: Who could build the tallest standing paper tower using only five pieces of paper and 12 inches of masking tape? Students had to consider balance, stability, and structure as they experimented with different ways to fold, roll, and connect their paper.

These challenges are more than just fun building activities. They give students an opportunity to practice important engineering and problem-solving skills, including creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, perseverance, and learning from failure. By working within real constraints, students see firsthand that there can be many different solutions to the same problem — and that sometimes the best ideas come after a few attempts.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: MEIRRA CAVANAUGH

For Oasis Academy senior Meirra Cavanaugh, high school has been about much more than academics. Through academics, golf, FFA, National Honor Society, leadership at Western Nevada College, and countless connections with teachers and classmates, she has grown into a leader who is ready to take her next step toward a career in medicine.

Cavanaugh began at Oasis Academy during the second semester of sixth grade, arriving in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting at a new school was challenging, particularly with learning split between online and



Oasis Academy senior Meirra Cavanaugh plans to pursue a career in medicine after graduation.

in-person instruction. As things gradually returned to normal, Cavanaugh found her place within the Oasis community.

“One thing I love about Oasis is the small community,” she said. “You can really make strong connections with everyone at the school and get the proper help and support you need.”

Those connections have played an important role throughout Cavanaugh’s high school career. She credits several Oasis staff members with helping shape her experience, including Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz, who encouraged her to join FFA as a freshman.

“Without her and her constant support, my high

school experience would not have been the same. I am extremely grateful,” she said.

Cavanaugh also expressed her appreciation for golf coach David Halloran and counselor Andy Lenon.

“Coach Halloran has put in so many hours to the girls’ and boys’ golf teams even after his son graduated,” Cavanaugh said. “He is extremely informative on the rules and is always willing to help, support, and advocate for golf and our teams.”

“I would also like to thank Mr. Lenon,” she added. “He tirelessly works to advocate and support every student. He started helping me with applying to schools, scholarships, and college essays before the school year even started. I appreciate him and his constant support of every student, no matter their future endeavors.”

Her appreciation for her teachers extends into the classroom as well. Cavanaugh said her favorite teacher was Mr. Evan Brandt, and her favorite class was his math class.

“I learned a lot and didn’t realize what a great math teacher he was until I started taking other math classes,” she said. “I appreciated his way of teaching and helping students understand difficult topics.”

Cavanaugh’s involvement in golf has been one of the highlights of her time at Oasis. A varsity golf player and team captain of the girls’ golf team,

she has placed in the top six at the state tournament every year. In 2024, she placed second as an individual; last year, she placed fourth as an individual, and the team finished second.

Her commitment to the sport began early when she practiced alongside high school players while still in middle school.

“I have grown with the team, as I practiced with the high school players in middle school. Then, when the girls’ golf team formed my eighth-grade year, I attended almost every practice,” she said. “As a senior, I am grateful for the experiences competitive golf has given me. I would like to thank my coaches, current and past teammates, and fellow competitors for the memories on the golf course,” she continued.

Beyond athletics, Cavanaugh has developed into a leader within several of Oasis Academy’s organizations and beyond the school campus. She currently serves as Oasis FFA president after progressing through the chapter’s leadership ranks as a member, secretary, and vice president.

Cavanaugh is also the president of the National Honor Society, where she and her fellow members are embracing the theme “Beyond the Classroom” and planning ways to serve the community beyond the school.

Her leadership extends to Western Nevada College as well. Cavanaugh serves as a senator for the Fallon campus of the Associated Students of Western Nevada College, giving her another opportunity to represent fellow students and become involved in leadership at the college level.

Cavanaugh has also taken advantage of opportunities to explore her interest in the medical field through Western Nevada College. She participated in INBRE, or the IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence, working closely with Dr. Gary Evett, Dr. Brian Price, and Dr. Josué Pacheco. As part of the program, Cavanaugh presented her work at the University of Nevada, Reno, in August, gaining valuable experience in biomedical research and presenting in an academic setting.

Her academic and leadership accomplishments are equally impressive. She has earned A honor roll recognition and has been named to the Western Nevada College dean’s list every semester she has been eligible. This spring, she will graduate from Oasis Academy with her high school diploma as well as an associate of science degree from WNC.

Through her involvement in academics, athletics, leadership, and biomedical research, Cavanaugh has built a strong foundation for the future she envisions. After graduation, she plans to attend a four-year university and major in biochemistry. From there, she hopes to pursue a career in medicine, with plans to attend medical school and become an anesthesiologist or a physician assistant.

As she prepares to leave Oasis Academy and begin the next chapter of her education, Cavanaugh encourages younger students to take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

“Join clubs and make connections,” she advises. “Clubs are an easy way to gain leadership skills that can set you up for a successful future and make lasting friendships with other students and staff.”

OASIS FFA CELEBRATES COMMUNITY SUPPORT AT CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL

By Avery Laca

From Aug. 28-30, Oasis FFA volunteered at the annual Fallon Cantaloupe Festival. FFA members volunteered in the Nevada Farm Bureau’s Ag Wagon, where they helped educate the public about agricultural practices. They also volunteered and fundraised at the goat feeding and petting pen, as well as the annual Kiss the Pig fundraiser.

Generous donations totaling over \$1,400 will allow the Oasis FFA chapter of 95 students to participate in various activities throughout the year.

The event could not have been the success it was without the support of everyone in the community.

“This fundraiser is always one of our favorite community traditions, and this year our community truly outdid itself,” said Jackie Bogdanowicz, FFA adviser. “We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered, donated, participated, and especially to those willing to pucker up for a great cause. It shows just how much our community supports Oasis FFA and our students.”

Oasis FFA would like to thank Pete Homma for his goats for the goat pen. The chapter would also like to thank Chris Sowersby, owner of Edison Electric; Michael Davis from the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office; Joe Sanford, Churchill County manager; and Jami Rowlett, Oasis Academy’s vice principal, for volunteering to be the Kiss the Pig contestants.

Sowersby won the contest, receiving the highest total donations and kissing the pig first. The other candidates were auctioned off to also kiss the pig, helping raise even more money for the chapter.



Oasis FFA members and supporters gather at the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival. Front row, from left: Sophia Moya, Kylie Moya, Gabriel Houyoux, and Hannah Montalvo. Middle row, from left: Hayes Allegre, Zayden Maynez, Jami Rowlett, PheonYx Mathes, Alyssa Sowersby, Erin Mullins, Taylor Sowersby, Faith Torres May, Meirra Cavanaugh, Bailey Beebe, Kinsley Viera, Avery Laca, Macady Bogdanowicz, and Sarah Perry. Back row, from left: Jackie Bogdanowicz, Jonathan Velasquez, Michael Davis, Chris Sowersby, and Joe Sanford.

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Finding My Green Thumb

By Cassandra Hooper

Over the past two years at Churchill County High School, I’ve been given so many opportunities, and I have branched out so much to invest in those opportunities. One of the biggest things I discovered was how much I love plants. The day I stepped into Mrs. Sammons’ classroom, it didn’t take long for me to find my inner green thumb. She would always talk about her work at the refuge—the plants, the digging, and even the sunrises. I never thought I would eventually experience those things myself. I already knew I wanted to pursue a career in this field, but this summer helped solidify that decision for me.

This summer, my crew and I had the opportunity to work through the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge. If you aren’t familiar with the program, it is a summer youth program that gives students like me the opportunity to explore conservation while working on federal lands. Mr. Sluyter, our project crew leader, has been helping students like me explore conservation for 17 years now.

It became so much more than just a summer job—the work we did was often hard but very rewarding. I learned so much; most of our daily tasks were hands-on. We learned how to weld and use tools like a table saw when we were helping repair informational signs. We learned to identify native plants while planting, harvesting seeds, and weeding around the refuge farm. We also learned to fish and how to clean and cook what we caught at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. I learned the value of repairing things whenever possible, like weed eaters and other machines. I even got to begin to read the stars at night. Every day brought something different, and even the smallest jobs felt like they contributed to something bigger—and they did. Some days we were in waders clearing water pipes in Dixie Valley for the Navy; some days we were harvesting seeds from prince’s plume siliques so that we might plant the next generation of these beautiful native



Youth Conservation Corps crew members stand outside a field station at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge after a day of hands-on conservation work. Photo courtesy of CCHS.

Nevada plants. Another day, we got to take a bee class at the University of Nevada, Reno to help us identify native bees and butterflies. Did you know Nevada has nearly 1,000 different types of bees that are native to the U.S.?

My favorite memory wasn’t one singular moment, but our weeklong trip to Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The mountains, wildlife, long days, laughter, and a sky full of stars made it an experience I know I’ll never forget.

I’m incredibly thankful for Mrs. Sammons, Mr. Sluyter, the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge family, and especially our YCC crew for making this summer so special. The people I met showed me different paths I could take in the future and helped turn an interest I already had into something I could genuinely see myself doing. This opportunity gave me memories, lessons, and people I’ll carry with me long after the summer ended.

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Allison’s Book Report:
“The Vibrant Years” by Sonali Dev

By Allison Diegel



For this week’s book, I dove deep into my to-be-read stack for a book that has been there for years, just waiting for its day to be picked for The Book Report. Well, the wait is over for this sprawling, multigenerational saga about three women who are navigating independence, family dynamics, self-discovery, and romantic misadventures.

Sonali Dev’s “The Vibrant Years” is a heartwarming, chaotic, and delightfully unconventional ride through the lives of three generations of Indian-American women in the Desai family. At 65, Bindu Desai gets massive shock when she inherits \$1 million from a mysterious figure in her past. Naturally, instead of taking a sensible route, she panics about old secrets spilling out and immediately blows the money on a luxury condo in a Florida retirement community. Bindu is determined to live out her golden years on her own terms, which means diving headfirst into dating, dodging a ridiculously nosy neighborhood HOA, and embracing her inner bombshell.

Her sudden departure leaves her 47-year-old former daughter-in-law, Aly, totally thrown off balance. Even though Aly is divorced from Bindu’s son, the two women are so close that they still live together. Bindu’s move forces Aly out of her comfort zone to reevaluate her own life. As a dedicated news producer, Aly is constantly overlooked at work in favor of younger, lighter-skinned colleagues. Pushed by the changes around her, she finally decides to stand up for her career and start putting her own needs first.

Meanwhile, Aly’s 25-year-old daughter, Cullie, is a Silicon Valley tech prodigy who hit it big with a mental health app. When greedy investors threaten to ruin her company, Cullie frantically pitches a new idea: a revolutionary dating app. The tiny catch is that Cullie is a workaholic who has never actually been on a real date in her life. To build the app, she needs field research fast, so she enlists her mom and her bold grandmother as her test subjects.

What follows is an absolute whirlwind of disastrous dates, hilarious mishaps, and endless chai as all three women venture into the wild world of modern romance. As they test out dates for Cullie’s app, each woman is forced to confront deep insecurities, lingering career obstacles, and ghostlike secrets from the past. Through every awkward encounter and emotional bump in the road, the trio relies on their fierce love for one another, delivering a joyful and uplifting celebration of family, second chances, and female independence.

That’s it for me until next week. I hope you enjoy this fun read — and don’t forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and book talk!

Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.

COLUMNS

Postcards: News of 1906

By Michon Mackedon

Last week, I wrote about the surprising array of businesses operating in Fallon in 1906. Some were typical for a small rural community at the time, but many of them were unusual in their niche offerings—oysters, for example, and fresh peaches. In any case, the advertisements offered up a snapshot of what commerce on Maine Street would have looked like, and it was booming.

Another way to get a sense of early Fallon is to read the local news. The journalistic writing style of the day was formal, detailed, and wry. Humor, tragedy, and melodrama arrived in each edition...and, always in the form of a good story.

My heartstrings were stirred by this story, headlined with a question: "Where is J.C. Bell?"

“Mrs. J.C. Bell arrived in Fallon on Monday’s stage from Broken Bow, Nebraska, to meet her husband. She was accompanied by a daughter 2 years of age. Mr. Bell was not here to meet her, and the lady went to the Churchill Hotel and informed Mr. Wetmore that she was without means and offered to assist in the hotel work for board and lodging for herself and her child until such time as she could find her husband. ...Mrs. I.B. Marsh, hearing of the destitute circumstances of the strangers, kindly took them to her home” (“The Churchill Standard,” October 11, 1906).

The newspaper went on to reveal that Mrs. Bell had received a letter from her husband, re-

porting that he had located 80 acres in the Carson Sink and that she should join him. When she got here, Bell could not be found.

On a lighter note, the same newspaper carried this story about the niece of William Grimes, after whom Grimes Point is named. He was a successful farmer, entrepreneur, and politician, who settled on what many of you might remember as the May Ranch, now owned by the Naval Air Station. The article recounted that Grimes' niece, Miss Florence Roche, had become "acquainted with George Bertchy, who made frequent stops when going to and from Fairview in December and January. ...As assistant hostess of the Grimes ranch, famous for its hospitality and well known as the overland stage road, this young lady so impressed Bertchy that he located for her the 'Sunlight' claim, one of the best known in the district.

...As further testimony to her personality, Harry Jamison named for Miss Roche the 'Florence' claims.... Miss Florence Roche is the accomplished and deservedly popular niece of one of Churchill County's most highly respected citizens, District Attorney, W.C. Grimes."

Apparently, Florence had inspired quite a competition. However, neither suitor won. Florence Roche married District Judge LeRoy French in Fallon, in about 1908, and they made their home in Reno.

The news of the day usually included updates

on the local dancing scene. The editor showed off his vocabulary on this one. You might need to get out—or google—a dictionary.

"Another enjoyable time was indulged in at Stillwater last Saturday night when the elite of the various towns in the Sink assembled for a dance. A most palatable supper was served at 12 o'clock.

Among the young folks was Lieut.-Gov. Lemuel Allen, who put to blush with his latest and up-to-date stunts the pretended master of the terpsichorean art. His ability to entertain the fair sex, the while engaged in the hazy whirl of the waltz, made him the envied of all beholders" ("Fallon Eagle," Nov. 22, 1906).

And, closer to the center of things, a Thanksgiving Ball was held at the local courthouse, on Wednesday night, Nov. 23, 1906. You might be surprised to learn that the top floor of the courthouse was used as a ballroom! Admission to the ball, "with Lady, Including Supper" was \$3.00, and everybody was invited ("The Fallon Eagle," Nov. 22, 1906).

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

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Fallon Theatre Movies & More

This week we're sending out a huge thank-you to everyone who laced up their sneakers for our annual Cantaloupe Canter 5K at the end of August. Your record-breaking turnout directly supports our historic theatre, and we couldn't be more grateful. As summer cools off, things are just heating up here on our big screens. Fall is right around the corner, and we have an incredible lineup of events planned for the "-ber" months ahead, so stay tuned.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, bring the whole family along as we return to the bustling animal metropolis in “Zootopia 2” (2025). Rookie rabbit officer Judy Hopps and her clever fox partner Nick Wilde are back on the beat, tackling an all-new mystery that sends them undercover into uncharted corners of the city. Filled with vibrant animation and a whole new cast of colorful creatures, it is a fun, heartwarming ride for moviegoers of all ages. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour, 48 minutes.

Or at 7 p.m. both nights, step back into the '80s for the ultimate dark high school comedy, "Heathers" (1988).

Winona Ryder stars as Veronica, a teenager navigating the ruthless social hierarchy of Westerburg High, ruled by a cruel clique of three girls all named Heather. When Veronica meets the rebellious, mysterious new kid J.D. (Christian Slater), their anti-establishment antics quickly escalate into a wild, satirical crusade against the school's popular elite. Packed with sharp wit and endlessly iconic lines, it remains a towering benchmark of modern cult cinema. Rated R, it runs 1 hour, 43 minutes.

This screening of “Heathers” is proudly and generously sponsored by our wonderful partners at the Churchill Community Coalition. Their ongoing dedication to supporting and empowering our local youth and families makes events like this possible, so please join us in thanking them.

And please plan to join us for a cruise down memory lane on Saturday, Sept. 26, for our 10th annual Show-N-Shine. We're shutting down Maine Street starting at 9 a.m. for a morning of beautiful classic cars, good food, music, and community fun. Free for the public to attend, it's the perfect family outing. Car owners can register a vehicle for \$45 (\$30 per additional entry), which includes a goody bag and raffle entry. Plus, this year marks the debut of our new "Best of Show" perpetual trophy, to be proudly displayed in the Fallon Theatre lobby. Special thanks to our generous sponsors, Cheek Construction and The Nugget, for making a decade of classic cars possible.

In October, step with us into the world of bugs with Flik and friends for



a fully immersive, one-weekend-only 4D movie experience with “A Bug’s Life” on Oct. 2 and 3. This family-friendly event features a fully decorated theatre, themed treats, and sensory special effects, with interactive 4D screenings on Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (evening doors open at 5 p.m.). Tickets are already halfway sold out, and since these 4D events always sell out completely, reserve your seats now through the link on our website or Facebook page. Your \$5 reservation fee goes directly toward restoring our historic front facade. Prefer the traditional movie? Standard screenings (no special effects or reservations required) run Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Extra special thanks go out to the Huck Salt family, who plan, prepare, sponsor, and host these epic 4D events for the community to enjoy. They put a massive amount of time and effort into making these showings immersive and memorable, and we appreciate every bit of it.

In November, gear up for a night of pure laughter on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. as clean, family-friendly stand-up comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre. We are thrilled to

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Sept. 3 – 18, 2026

Fallon City Council

55 W. Williams Ave.
Next Meeting:
Sept. 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Regional Transportation Commission

155 N. Taylor St., Commission Chambers
Next Meeting:
Sept. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Churchill County School District Board of Trustees

690 S. Maine St.
Next Meeting:
Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Churchill County Board of Commissioners

155 N. Taylor St., Commission Chambers
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Sept. 16 at 8:15 a.m.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, on the proposed Ordinance:

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES TO TITLE 16.

SUMMARY: THIS ORDINANCE CHANGES TITLE 16 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE TO ADDRESS DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES. THE PROPOSED CHANGES REPLACE THE EXISTING “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES” USE IN THE USE TABLE WITH THREE NEW USES TITLED: “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, <10MW,” “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, 10MW-100MW,” AND “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, 100+MW;” PROVIDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE USE TABLE; AND CREATES A NEW CHAPTER PROVIDING STANDARDS TO MITIGATE IMPACTS FROM POWER CONSUMPTION AND BACKUP POWER PROVISION, CONSERVE WATER IN THE COUNTY, REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF NOISE ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES, ADDRESS TRAFFIC IMPACTS, AND REGULATE VISUAL IMPACTS AND SCALE OF THE USE. CHANGES ARE ALSO MADE TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES” AND ADD THE TERM “RESIDENTIAL USE” TO CHAPTER 24.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2026. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer’s Office. A scanned copy of the ordinance will be posted on November 12, 2026 with the Agenda Packet on the county’s website at <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes>.

Dated: September 2, 2026.
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer
Prepared by: Tara Adams,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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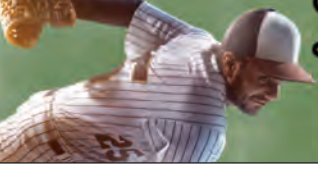
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