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Superintendent Derild Parsons Announces Retirement at End of School Year



Churchill County School District Superintendent Derild Parsons. Photo courtesy of Leanna Lehman.

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County School District Superintendent Derild Parsons told trustees and members of the public last week that he has submitted a letter of retirement, with his final day expected to be June 30, following the close of the 2025-26 school year.

“This has been my entire career,” Parsons said during the meeting, reflecting on decades of work in the district from his early years in education through district leadership. He described the decision as personal, noting changes in his life circumstances.

“My life situation has changed,” Parsons told the board. “As many of you know, I have been dealing with some glaucoma issues... I have made the decision to retire at the end of this year.”

Parsons emphasized that his departure is not immediate and said he intends to remain fully engaged throughout the remainder of the school year.

“I will not be slacking prior to that time coming,” he said. “The last days that I’m here will still be pushing things hard, trying to get some things in.”

He also expressed confidence in district staff and leadership continuity, telling trustees he believes systems and forward momentum are in place to continue beyond any one individual.

“I do feel very confident in the people that we have within our schools and our district that have worked very hard,” Parsons said, adding that he hopes improvements underway will endure “so that they don’t end when people change.”

Parsons told the board he plans to remain involved in the community after retirement.

“I am not leaving,” he said. “I will still be bugging people, and I will readily help with anything that I can.”

Trustees thanked Parsons for his service and acknowledged the transition ahead, with one trustee noting the district would continue working together over the coming months. Board members did not offer extended comments during the meeting but expressed appreciation and indicated that the district will move forward with the process of selecting a new superintendent.

A special meeting was scheduled for December 16 to address next steps following Parsons’ retirement notice, including the district’s process for superintendent succession and recruitment. Look for a follow-up story in The Fallon Post next week.

Parsons’ retirement will be official at the end of his contract on June 30.

New Year’s Eve Top Gun Xtreme Bull Riding is Back

By Leanna Lehman

Dust off your boots and grab your hats. It’s almost that time of year when Busted Up Productions brings some of the Professional Cowboy Rodeo Association’s roughest, toughest bull riders to Rafter 3C in Fallon, all ready to take their chances on some of the sport’s biggest, baddest bulls.

The Roughy Top Gun New Year’s Eve Bull Riding is hosted by Nevada native Chad Denton. A former professional bull rider and National Finals Rodeo qualifier, Chad, who grew up in Round Mountain, knows firsthand what it means to chase rodeo dreams from rural Nevada.

Chad says bull riding grabbed hold of him early. “I started going to junior rodeos and then high school rodeos throughout Nevada ... I hit the professional ranks and moved up from there. I qualified for the NFR once, and the PBR [Professional Bull Riders organization] world finals three times,” Chad noted. “I rode in the PBR for many years. I made a living doing it, and really chased my dreams.”

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2024 Top Gun bull rider making a picture-perfect ride. Photo by Wild Red Photography.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Stardate 79126.4

By Rachel Dahl

My ChatGPT found the Stardate translation for me this morning. His name is Wallace, and he says, “In plain English: the ship is on course, the coffee is strong, and command has the conn.” Not sure what that means, but he tells me whoever “has the con” is the one giving orders and directing the speed and course. The control.

I’m sure that’s supposed to be me, but gratefully I have super good help, and we’ve begun spreading these duties around between Amber and Rhonda, Lori and Leanna.

That reminds me of when Endicott told me about the lighthouse, and I wrote about it a long time ago in here – the captain of a battleship at sea encounters a light dead ahead. He radios the object to alter course by 10 degrees south. The radio response suggests he alter course ten degrees north. He bristles and pulls rank, insisting as an officer in the US Navy that the object change course at once. Object replies, “This is a lighthouse. Your call.”

Wallace says the story endures because authority doesn’t change reality. What a profound thought for our time. A good thing to remember.

Along those lines, I had a super good weekend in the Bay Area with my oldest kids. My daughter-in-law graduated from chiropractic school, and her parents came from the East Coast and

several of her friends from far-flung places. I stayed with Kate’s mom – the moms get along super well, and it’s a testament to why our kids ended up together. Some good meshing of personalities and the creation of a whole new family group.

Several times over the weekend, some instances struck me as profound and special, mainly around the idea of family, how we are born into ones that we love and take for granted, and fit into with an acceptable level of comfort. And then there are those we create, either intentionally or by default. In this instance, being included by extension, yet finding a comfortable place and enjoying the unique personalities that make up a fitting whole.

I’m not sure this entirely makes sense, but it was new to me, and I liked it very much.

So, while we appreciate the things that are bigger than we are, that don’t always make perfect sense, but we alter course a bit to accommodate, we’ll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—*Rach*

[Top Gun continued from page 1]

That career came to an abrupt end when Chad broke his leg in the eighth round of the National Finals Rodeo. After retiring at 33, he transitioned to another high-risk profession, becoming a professional firefighter. But even as his riding days ended, a new idea took hold: bringing a high-caliber Xtreme bull riding event home to Nevada.

“From Round Mountain, it was a long way to go to any professional event,” Chad explained. “Pretty much the only thing was Reno Rodeo. I could go to the NFR, of course, but I couldn’t ever get tickets to that as a kid.”

With encouragement from friends in Fallon, Chad decided to build something for “kids like me, from the middle of nowhere.” The result was Busted Up Productions and its signature event, the Top Gun Invitational Bull Riding, held once a year in Fallon, even though Chad now lives and works in Northern California.

The first Top Gun Bull Riding kicked off in 2022. Now in its fourth year, Chad continues finding new ways to elevate the experience for fans. This year, he has partnered with Frey Ranch Distillery to introduce a new premium seating area, The Frey Ranch Corral, offering prime arena views along with two Frey Ranch cocktails per ticket.

VIP tables, which sell out every year, have also expanded, with 10 additional tables added for 2025. Troy’s Double Shot Bar is handling the bars for the event and catering the VIP dinner, which is expected to serve around 600 guests.

According to Chad, by the time the bull riding started last year, stadium seating had completely sold out, leaving standing-room-only tickets for late arrivals. With tickets selling earlier this year, Chad encourages fans to purchase tickets in advance and avoid waiting at the doors.

On the production side, Chad is bringing in three top-tier stock contractors: Four Star, Western, and Legacy Rodeo. The event is sanctioned as a PRCA Division 1 Xtreme Bulls Event, drawing elite riders from across the country.

In addition to standard prize money, Chad has added \$35,000 to the payout and will pay five places. Riders who score in the main event advance to the short go-round. Judges will combine scores from both rounds, with the two-ride average determining the top finishers of the night.

Following the bull riding action, country artist Chad Bushnell will take the stage at the Rafter 3C, keeping the New Year’s Eve celebration rolling well past the final buzzer.

The fun starts even earlier with a pre-party at The Grid on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m. Chad is bringing in live music from Dwayne Hargo, a Northern California bullfighter and the son of a world champion bull rider. Hargo describes himself as a “bull-hand and wanna-be musician,” and promises an entertaining kickoff to the event.

The pre-party will also feature a Calcutta-style team auction in which teams are auctioned off prior to the competition, with buyers earning payouts based on how their teams place. Last year’s Calcutta paid first and second place winners a total of \$7,941. Proceeds from the auction benefit Nevada Bighorns Unlimited.

Fans are encouraged to come early on New Year’s Eve to check out the western vendor market and catch up with old friends. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., VIP dinner at 6 p.m., and bull riding at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available in person at Les Schwab, 3-D Shipping, and The Grid, or online at www.bustedupproductions.com

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FEATURES

Bill Kennedy Remembered as Educator, Industry Leader, and Champion of Craft

By Rachel Dahl

Bill Kennedy, a lifelong educator turned global leader in the specialty coffee industry, passed away unexpectedly this week, leaving behind a legacy defined by teaching, craftsmanship, and an unwavering commitment to people.

Kennedy was the owner, president, and CEO of The San Franciscan Roaster Company, and the founder of Telegraph Coffee & Tap in Fallon. These two enterprises reflected his belief that quality, integrity, and community should always come before scale. He was based in Carson City, Nevada, after moving his production facility from Fallon several years ago in search of a more available workforce. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Those who knew Kennedy describe the loss as profound, not only because of what he built, but because of how he built it.

Long before he became a fixture in the international coffee world, Kennedy devoted nearly two decades to public education. He began his career as a teacher and later served as a middle school principal, a calling that never left him. Even after transitioning into manufacturing and business leadership, colleagues say he never stopped being an educator.

He had a rare gift for teaching, whether explaining the mechanics of roasting, unpacking a historical reference, or referencing a map of the world he kept in his office, pricked full of pins where each San Franciscan Roaster had been sent from production in Fallon and later Carson. He quietly encouraged those in his life who stood at professional crossroads with an approach that was patient, curious, and grounded in purpose and support.

Kennedy studied industrial management at LeTourneau University, graduating in 1985. That background would later inform his approach to engineering, operations, and leadership, blending practicality with vision.

In 2008, Kennedy purchased Coffee PER Inc., located in Fallon, the manufacturer of San Franciscan Roasters, from founder Sherman Dodd. Under



Bill Kennedy.

his leadership, the company became synonymous with durability, simplicity, and American manufacturing.

Kennedy championed machines built to last: mild-carbon steel drums, U.S.-mined and milled sheet metal, and American-sourced bearings, motors, and electrical components. He expanded the company’s offerings beyond the original SF-1 and SF-6 models to include the SF-10, SF-25, and SF-75, helping roasters of all sizes grow without compromising quality.

But it was not just the machines that earned loyalty, it was Kennedy himself.

He became widely known as a mentor who answered calls, welcomed questions, and treated first-time roasters with the same respect as industry veterans. He was readily accessible for service, guidance, and encouragement, often giving far more time than was required.

Kennedy’s reputation as a behind-the-scenes supporter was cemented through acts that rarely made headlines. In 2016, after a fire destroyed the headquarters of Bald Guy Brew in North Carolina, Kennedy quietly offered to pay for the owner’s Q Grader certification during the rebuilding process.

“He’s a quality guy who will walk with you through thick and thin,” Bald Guy Brew owner Don Cox said. “He loved the Lord, loved his family, loved people, and he loved coffee. He led with his heart.”

Roast Magazine founder Connie Blumhardt described Kennedy as a towering presence, physically and personally remembered for his big smile, unmistakable laugh, and genuine kindness.

Nearly nine and a half years ago, Kennedy brought his vision home to Fallon with the opening of Telegraph Coffee & Tap, giving the community a one-of-a-kind, elevated coffee experience rooted in craftsmanship and hospitality.

His knowledge and love of coffee were the spark that shaped the shop, but it was his belief in Fallon and in building something special for the community that sustained it.

One of Kennedy’s longtime dreams was to place a San Franciscan Roaster inside Telegraph, connecting his two worlds. On December 2, that dream became a reality. Telegraph is now home to the only American-made coffee roaster in Fallon, a milestone made possible by Kennedy’s determination and belief in what was possible.

“That moment meant everything,” Crystal Bowman, the Telegraph’s manager said.

In 2025, Kennedy combined many of his passions as the host of San Franciscan’s “Coffee Roasting Legends” podcast, where he interviewed figures who helped shape the roasting industry once again stepping into the role of teacher and storyteller.

San Franciscan Roaster Company has announced it will honor Kennedy’s life by carrying forward what he built, continuing to craft artisan roasters “as he would expect.”

At Telegraph, staff say they will miss his morning phone calls, often starting with a simple, “Well, how are ya?” along with his enthusiasm for the Fallon community and his relentless drive to make the shop better.

Bill Kennedy’s impact reaches far beyond the walls of a roastery or a coffee shop. His lessons live on in roasteries across the world, in businesses guided by integrity, and in people who found their footing because he took the time to teach.

How do you move forward when a titan falls? By carrying what he built and how he built it into the future.



Bill Kennedy with the roaster that finally made it to Fallon. Photos courtesy of Telegraph Coffee and Tap.

Allison’s Book Report: “Grace and Henry’s Holiday Movie Marathon” By Matthew Norman

By Allison Diegel

This week, I have a perfect holiday read for you to cuddle up and devour in one sitting! You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll laugh some more! So go ahead – get into your holiday jammies, pour a glass of wine or a cup of cocoa, get under your coziest blanket, and get ready to get lost in a great holiday movie-themed second chance at love romance!

Matthew Norman’s Grace and Henry’s Holiday Movie Marathon is a heartwarming story that proves even the darkest winter can lead to a beautiful spring - or in this case, a cozy Christmas. Grace White and Henry Adler are two people linked by a “Great and Terrible Sadness”: the loss of their spouses within the same year. As the first holiday season without their partners approaches, neither is ready to move on, despite their well-meaning, meddling mothers’ attempts to set them up. While resisting the push for romance, Grace and Henry quickly realize they are the only two people who truly understand each other’s grief, and a genuine, supportive friendship begins to bloom.

The catalyst for their unexpected bond is a Christmas movie marathon. For Henry, it was a treasured tradition with his late wife, Brynn. To help him through the challenging ritual, Grace, a bar owner and mother of two charming young kids, offers to join the viewing. What starts as a way to



honor a memory slowly becomes a new, shared tradition. As they move through the iconic holiday classics, surrounded occasionally by Grace’s children, the heavy weight of their individual sorrows begins to lift.

Through their shared laughter, understanding, and, yes, a few emotional moments over the movies, Grace and Henry start to glimpse a future beyond their loss. Their connection grows into something more profound than mere companionship. But as they draw closer, the looming question of whether they are genuinely ready for a “second chance at love” - or if their bond is simply a result of shared circumstances leaves them uncertain.

Grace and Henry’s Holiday Movie Marathon is a poignant, sweet, and often funny tale that balances the real ache of grief with the irresistible, hopeful magic of the holiday season, ultimately asking if they have found a love worth taking a chance on all over again.

I know that the holiday is coming up fast, and we are all running around trying to get it all done – but I genuinely hope that you get a minute to enjoy this week’s pick. I loved this one, and I know you will. Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more bookish fun!

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Festive Fun Awaits!

Highland Village of Fallon, a nonprofit retirement community located at 550 Sherman Street in Fallon, NV, is excited to announce a variety of festive activities this holiday season. Residents and guests are invited to join in the fun and celebrate together!

- Christmas Mega Bingo, Friday, December 19, 2 pm – We'll be throwing a special bingo bash to celebrate Christmas! Join us for hot cocoa and gift bags.
- A Special Christmas Mug Club, Tuesday, December 23 at 9:30 a.m. – Join us in the dining room for some festive Christmas treats, coffee, hot cocoa, and a raffle.
- Mug Club is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- Join us for Bingo every Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Most Awarded Distillery 2025



Staff Report


Frey Ranch Distillery has been honored as the Most Awarded Distillery of the Year at the prestigious ASCOT Awards, securing an impressive 5 Double Platinum, 16 Platinum, and 6 Gold medals across its portfolio. This recognition cements Frey Ranch’s reputation as a leader in ultra-premium bourbon and whiskey, reflecting the dedication and expertise rooted in its 170-year family farming legacy in Fallon, Nevada.


Looking ahead to 2026, Frey Ranch is set to expand its lineup with the third edition of the Harvester Series and a new addition to its core portfolio, promising even more innovation for whiskey enthusiasts. The distillery, which grows 100% of its grains on-site, continues to offer public tours and tastings every Saturday from 12–4 p.m., inviting fans to experience its award-winning spirits firsthand.

Frey Ranch bourbons, ryes, and specialty whiskeys are available in 14 states and online. Stay connected with the latest updates and releases by following Frey Ranch Distillery on Instagram (@freyranchdistillery), Facebook (@freyranchdistillery), and X (@freyranch). For more information, visit [freyranch.com](https://shop.freyranch.com) or shop at shop.freyranch.com.

Local Educators Shine with NASB Honors!

During its annual conference held on Dec 4-6, the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) celebrated outstanding educators and presented them with awards. Superintendent Derild Parsons highlighted this achievement by saying, “We are incredibly proud of Shawn and Aaron. Their dedication, innovation, and positive influence on students exemplify the best of what education can be. These awards are a well-deserved recognition of their hard work and commitment, and a reflection of the profound impact they make not only in their classrooms and schools but in the future of our community.” Parsons also recognized the significance of Superintendent Michael Walker, saying, “His leadership, insight, and commitment to students have already made a meaningful impact in the Churchill County School District, and we are grateful to now have him as a member of our dedicated team.”





Shawn Purrell and Aaron Holt celebrate their achievements after receiving NASB awards. Photo Courtesy of Churchill County School District.

- Shawn Purrell, Principal of Numa Elementary School – NASB School Administrator of the Year
- Aaron Holt, CCHS Educator – NASB School District Employee Making a Difference Award
- Assistant Superintendent Michael Walker – NASB award for distinguished service on the Carson City School Board

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA J. LINDELL
1934 – 2025



Patricia was born in 1934 in Ventura, California, to Nancy Sem and Harry (Soo Hoo) Bock. In her youth, she enjoyed grunion hunting and watching westerns at the theater with her family. Patricia lived in Ventura until she married George Lindell, at which point the newlyweds moved to Vandenberg AFB. After the birth of their child and becoming caregivers to Pat’s parents, they moved to Lompoc, California, where she opened Lindell’s Gifts on South H Street.

In the 1990s, Pat and George moved to Fallon, Nevada, along with Pat’s sister and brother-in-law. They made many friends in town and enjoyed fellowship at the Country Church. Pat moved in with her daughter and son-in-law in Elk Grove, California, after her family in Fallon predeceased her. An avid crafter, Patricia enjoyed knitting, beadwork, sewing, and flower arranging. She had a green thumb and raised orchids and other flowering plants. She was an animal lover with a special place in her heart for dogs. Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, George; sister, Virginia; brother-in-law, Frank Blackburn; nephew, Steven Hotchkiss; and nephew-in-law, Gary Andrews. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela (Bill Griffin); niece, Linda Hotchkiss Andrews; nephew, Ron Hotchkiss (Cindy Beecher); grand-nieces and nephews, Daniel Boulter, Brian Boulter, Jeffrey Andrews, Andrea Hotchkiss, Gail Hotchkiss, Nicole Hotchkiss, and Veronica Hotchkiss; and great-grandniece, Alana Hotchkiss. Donations in her memory may be made to any local animal rescue organization.



In Remembrance

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or email: admin@thefallonpost.org

Paw prints and hearts

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Cinnamon!

Looking for a loyal companion? Cinnamon, a sweet two-year-old pup, is ready for adoption! She’s playful, affectionate, and loves other dogs, though she does chase cats. Cinnamon has been an outside-only dog so far and isn’t house-trained yet, but she’s eager to learn. Great with people of all ages, she warms up quickly to children.

If you’d like to meet Cinnamon, call 775-423-2282 today!



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

Fallon Animal Welfare Group Adoption Day!

Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift? Visit the Fallon Animal Welfare Group’s Adoption Day and Food Drive on Saturday and Sunday, December 20–21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet, play with, and cuddle cats and kittens hoping for a loving home. Adopting gives a homeless feline the best holiday present—a family.

Stop by 4629 Reno Highway and find your new best friend this season.



Questions? Call 775-217-4745

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada.

MEETINGS

Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

155 N Taylor Street
Next Meeting: Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

Central NV Health District

155 N Taylor Street
Next meeting: Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners

Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month
155 N. Taylor St
Next Meeting: Jan. 6 at 8:15 a.m.

Library Board of Trustees

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.


CC Communications

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: Jan. 6 at 11 a.m.

Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine Street
Next Meeting: Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m.





WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Dec. 15, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	71,410 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	2.36 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	248 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	216 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	162 cfs

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SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch is \$6 for those under 60 and a suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 and older.

Monday, Dec. 22 Chef Salad Lentil Soup Mandarin Spinach Salad Oatmeal Muffin	Tuesday, Dec. 23 Corn Dog BBQ Baked Beans Comstock Corn Spiced Pears Baked Potato Chips	Wednesday, Dec. 24 Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli Mixed Vegetable Crisp Green Salad Cannoli WW Roll	Thursday, Dec. 25 - Center Closed for Christmas - 	Friday, Dec. 26 Roast Cod w/ Cilantro Sauce Spanish Rice Refried Beans Green Salad Mango-Pineapple Cup
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

Monday, Dec. 22 Christmas Dinner Ham, Potato & Desserts	Thursday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Closed	Monday, Dec. 29 Buffet Night	Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.
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COMMUNITY



Kids participate in STEAM activities. Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Library welcomed children and their families on Friday, Dec 5, for a festive Holiday STEAM program that blended Christmas spirit with hands-on learning. Young participants explored a variety of science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities, filling the library with creativity and curiosity.

Among the most popular stations were Graham Cracker Houses, where kids engineered their own decorative structures, and paper snowflakes that showcased both precision and imagination.

In total, 48 patrons took part in the afternoon of activities, while festive music from Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker played in the background.

The library continues to offer a rotating lineup of STEAM programs every Friday from 1:30 to 3 p.m., inviting families to drop in and discover new ways to learn, build, and create together.

Key Updates from Senior Coalition

By Sydney Trainor

The Coalition for Senior Citizens convened on December 8, 2025, to address a range of issues affecting the senior community. The agenda included updates on senior transportation, movie events, financial matters, holiday planning, and strategies for future outreach events.

County transportation staff led a presentation and discussion on the status of senior transportation in Churchill County. Staff emphasized that transportation services remain active, with particular focus on maintaining medical appointment trips as the highest priority. Coalition members raised concerns about the recent reduction in transportation services for seniors traveling to the Senior Center for meals. Staff explained that these missed trips are due to limited driver availability or the necessity to prioritize urgent medical transportation.

Although staff shortages persist, approval to hire additional drivers is pending. Four full-time transportation specialists are set to begin employment in January 2026, and plans are to employ casual drivers to cover absences and emergencies. Cross-training initiatives to ensure drivers can assist with CART, Meals on Wheels, and other transportation services will be implemented. Additionally, one day each week dedicated to medical trips to Reno and one day to Carson City are to begin in January.

The group discussed afternoon and early evening movie events at the Fallon Theatre, noting their popularity and accessibility for seniors. Staff observed that screenings featuring older, well-known films tend to draw the largest senior audiences. Coalition members discussed ways to coordinate movie selections with the theatre’s current schedule, but no decision was made; the topic will be revisited later.

Members turned their attention to

December holiday celebrations. Following the cancellation of the December 11 Christmas event, members decided to host a New Year’s event after Christmas. This event will take place during the lunch hour and feature sparkling cider, light refreshments, and a group toast. The event intends to be low-cost, with items donated by coalition members. Promotion will occur via flyers, Facebook, and other social media platforms. Although no formal vote was required, the coalition reached a consensus and will proceed with the New Year’s event.

The coalition reviewed the financial report through October 25, 2025. Discussions included income sources such as United Way contributions and vending machine proceeds, account balances in checking and money market funds, and the timing of various expenses and reimbursements. Staff clarified that, despite reported losses, the coalition is not operating at a loss. Also discussed was the need for a credit card to streamline purchases and reimbursements. A motion to authorize the application for a coalition credit card was approved, along with the financial report itself.

Under agenda item ten, the coalition began planning a spring 2026 outreach event targeted at seniors who may not regularly visit the senior center. Elements under consideration include assistance with Medicare and benefits, help with basic tasks, information booths, and access to community resources. Potential venues discussed were the old post office and the convention center. A special planning meeting is set for January 12 at 3 p.m. to continue developing these plans.

Suggestions for future agenda items included finalizing a coalition logo, continued planning for the spring event, and establishing the 2026 meeting schedule. The meeting was adjourned without any further comments.

Adventist School Hosts Christmas Program

By Sydney Trainor

The Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Fallon will be hosting a Christmas program at 11 a.m. on December 20. Students have written three plays that they will perform, each focusing on events leading up to and surrounding the birth of Jesus. In addition to the plays, the event will feature a chimes performance. This special program is open to the public, and all community members are welcome to attend the show and enjoy a potluck afterward. For those unfamiliar, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a Christian denomination that observes the seventh-day Sabbath and believes in the second coming of Jesus.

The Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Fallon, Nevada, is the state’s oldest private school, in continuous operation since 1905. The church plays a vital role in supporting the school and ensuring its ongoing success. The school maintains accreditation through the Adventist Accreditation Association and the National Council for Private Schools, and all teachers are fully licensed and certified.

According to Wanda Brimmer, the school’s teacher, several factors make the institution unique. The school operates as a one-room schoolhouse, serving students in grades K-8. In addition to standard academic subjects, students participate in extra activities such as cooking, community service, music, and art. Many students are currently learning to play the ukulele together, fostering both musical skill and camaraderie.

The school’s motto is to “raise loving followers of Jesus.” Each day begins with morning worship, and students are offered Bible study that is tailored to their age level. Ms. Brimmer explains that one of the school’s primary goals is to “serve the spiritual, the academic, and the social needs of the children.”



Wanda Brimmer and Lenore Proctor in front of the Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, photos taken by Sydney Trainor

The school stands out for its academic performance. Students are assessed using the MAPS (Measure of Academic Progress) system three times a year. This quarter, the students achieved the second-highest overall scores in the entire Nevada-Utah conference, with their strongest results in science. To encourage students before testing, Ms. Brimmer has each student sign a contract with her, agreeing to work hard and avoid procrastination. As a reward for their effort, the class enjoys a party.

Another motivational strategy Ms. Brimmer uses is having students create personalized “I

Can” statements. When students achieve a specific goal outlined in their statements, they celebrate one another’s successes, fostering confidence, pride, and a sense of accomplishment.

The broad age range of students means the school day is structured differently from that in public schools. Collaboration is emphasized: when the teacher focuses on one age group, other students often help one another with their work. This system gives older students a sense of achievement and helps younger students feel successful, reinforcing a strong sense of community throughout the school.

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BUSINESS

WNC Expanding Nursing Education Opportunities in Fallon

Staff Report

Western Nevada College is moving forward with a major expansion of its nursing education facilities on the Fallon campus, a project expected to significantly increase access to healthcare training for students in Churchill County and surrounding rural communities.

Design and permitting are already underway for a renovation of the Piñon Building, with construction scheduled to begin in January 2026. Once complete, the upgraded space will feature modern clinical training areas, advanced simulation labs, and dedicated study and testing rooms designed to support hands-on nursing education close to home.

Currently, WNC serves eight Associate of Applied Science nursing students in Fallon. Many of those students travel approximately 140 miles round-trip to Carson City to complete required coursework. The renovation will allow the Fallon campus to accommodate up to 24 first-year and 24 second-year nursing students, tripling the program’s local capacity.

“In speaking about the expansion at our advisory board meetings, our clinical partners are excited about the prospect of educating more nurses in the rural community,” said Dr. Audrey Auer, director of nursing and allied health at WNC.

According to Auer, the long-term goal is for Fallon-based nursing students to complete all required classes on the Fallon campus. The expanded facilities will also allow WNC to recruit additional students from Fallon and neighboring communities, reducing travel barriers that can discourage enrollment.

“This expansion will provide additional lab and simulation space and open the potential for recruiting more students from Fallon and the surrounding areas,” Auer said.

The project is funded through a combination of federal and philanthropic support, including backing from the Health Resources and Services Administration, along with investments from the William N. Pennington Foundation and the E.L. Cord Foundation through the WNC Foundation. College officials said those partnerships have been critical to advancing the project.



WNC nursing student receives instruction. Photo courtesy of WNC.

WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe said the renovation represents a meaningful investment in rural healthcare infrastructure.

“This renovation represents a tremendous investment in the future of healthcare in rural Nevada,” Dalpe said. “The organizations that support this project recognize how vital it is for local students to access education close to home. Together, we are expanding opportunities and strengthening the pipeline of skilled professionals who will care for our communities.”

College officials said the expansion is expected to help address workforce shortages in healthcare while creating new educational and economic opportunities in Fallon.

New Thrift & Gift Shop Opens in Fallon

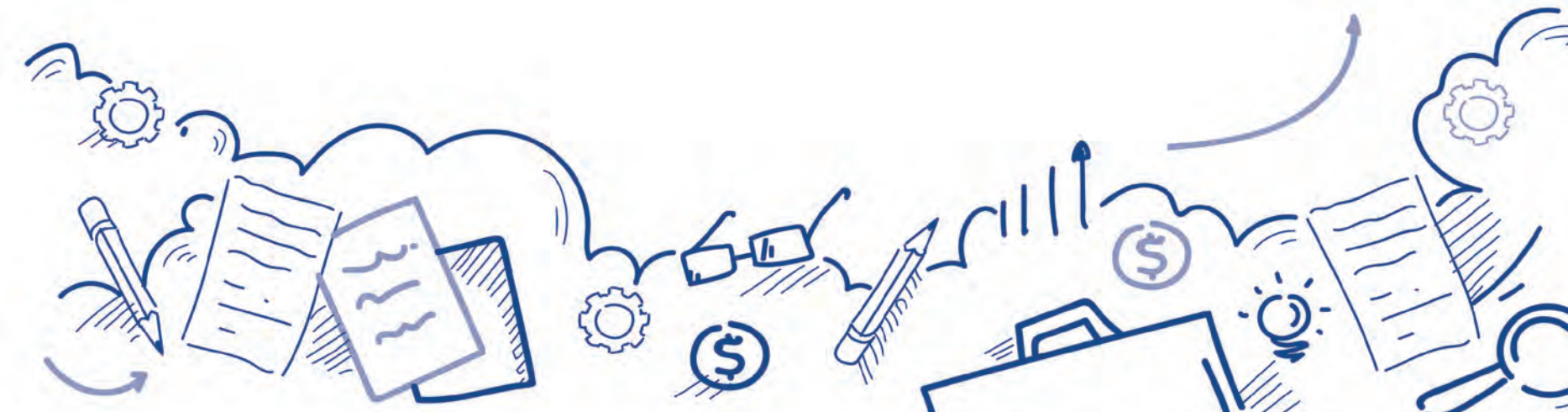


A peek inside what the thrift store has to offer. Photos courtesy of Facebook.

Fallon shoppers have a new destination for holiday treasures. Thrift & Gift, formerly known as Just4U, recently celebrated its grand opening on Thursday, Dec. 4. The store is located at 960 Auction Road, Suite E, near Domino’s and Buddy Boys Donuts. Community members are encouraged to stop by and check out the expanding selection of both new and gently loved items.

Thrift & Gift offers a diverse selection of merchandise for shoppers seeking both new and gently loved items. The store features a wide array of products, including collectibles, clothing, toys, kitchen goods, DVDs, and festive Christmas décor such as trees and ornaments. To keep things fresh, staff add new inventory daily, ensuring there is always something new to discover.

Unlike many thrift stores, Thrift & Gift does not accept donations because it operates as a nonprofit. The store is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., providing a budget-friendly option for both holiday shopping and everyday needs.



City of Fallon November Business Licenses

Business Name	Business Owner Name	Type of Business	Mailing Address
LLC Don James Roofing, LLC		Roofing contractor	5263 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City, NV 89706
Saige Investments	John Dyer	Real estate investing	3437 Saint Clair Rd., Fallon, NV 89406
Enamel Salon	Alisha Hill	Full service Salon and retail	Fallon, NV 89406
Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC	Ronald Simpson	Vegetation management and tree trimming	708 Blair Mill Rd. Willow Grove, PA 19090
Great Basin Land Holdings, LLC		Rental holding company	2258 Reno Hwy. Ste. A, Fallon, NV 89406
Constanza Cleaning Service & Transport Inc.	Constanza Roman	Installation of manufacture homes	455 E 5th Avenue, Sun Valley, NV 89433
Legacy Blue Property Solutions, LLC	Vaughna Bendickson	Family real estate	P.O. Box 1321, Fallon, NV 89406
Clear Path Healthcare	Martina Frogge-Jacovino	Home healthcare	50 Commercial Way, Fallon, NV 89406
Morgan Pearl Powell	Morgan Powell	Individual birth doula	3700 Hillsboro Blvd., Fallon, NV 89406
Intermountain Truck Rebuilders, Inc.	Amanda Gage	Manufacture / builder	2927 S. American Way, Ogden, UT 84401
K&K Ranch, LLC	Nathan Koyama	Meat processing	600 Howard Place, Fallon, NV 89406
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

School Board Awards Turf Installation Bid for Numa, E.C. Best

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to award a contract for playground turf installation at Numa Elementary School and E.C. Best Elementary School, approving a bid of \$1,585,000 to A&K Earth Movers Inc. for the combined project.

District staff explained to trustees that the plan is part of ongoing capital improvements. It aims to address long-standing drainage and usability issues across both campuses, particularly issues such as mud and standing water that restrict students' play and physical education activities.

During the discussion, district leaders outlined paths trustees could take because the total cost came in higher than anticipated, especially for the larger turf area at E.C. Best. Staff said the board could approve the bid and proceed within available capital constraints, use funds earmarked for another turf area planned at E.C. Best in this year's capital plan to help cover the gap, split the work by approving one campus and not the other (with the contractor's agreement), or decline the bid and pursue alternatives such as regrading, soil improvements and irrigation work to support grass.

Superintendent Derild Parsons provided background on the ongoing challenges at E.C. Best, noting a low-lying area that historically struggles with irrigation and drainage, resulting in wet ground that can delay mowing and leave muddy patches even after extended periods without rain. Parsons said turf would require an engineered drainage system—a significant factor in overall cost—but could provide a longer-term solution with reduced routine maintenance compared with reseeded, mowing, and fertilizing.

Parsons also emphasized that the project is funded through capital improvement funds, which are legally restricted and cannot be used for staffing or general operating expenses. He said those capital dollars are limited to specific project uses under state rules and that the turf work does not affect the district's general fund budget.

E.C. Best Principal Brad Barton told trustees students would

“enjoy that side a lot more” with turf installed, noting children currently lose shoes in the mud in the targeted area. Numa Principal Shawn Purrell described Numa’s playground conditions as a longstanding problem, citing pooled water, uneven surfaces, scattered gravel, and limited usable space for older students who frequently play organized sports at recess. Purrell said the school lacks a gym, leaving PE classes dependent on outdoor space and a small multipurpose room for use during inclement weather.

Several community members urged the trustees to prioritize grass and green space improvements over artificial turf. Speakers cited concerns about turf overheating in warmer months, potential abrasions, long-term durability in desert conditions, and future costs of replacement and disposal. Suggestions included investing in soil improvements, irrigation updates, shade structures, trees, and school gardens.

Numa counselor, Noreen Swanson, told trustees that students have advocated for turf after researching playground conditions and options. Swanson said students have repeatedly asked about the project this school year because they were told turf was part of the plan, and she said they view it as an improvement over the current dirt-and-gravel conditions.

Board members asked athletic director Brian Mello to speak to the temperature issue. Mello said there is a difference between grass and turf fields, with turf being nine degrees hotter.

Toward the end of the discussion, trustees and staff clarified that much of the \$1.585 million price tag is tied to dirt work and drainage improvements rather than the turf material itself. District staff said the turf portion was estimated at approximately \$199,000 at Numa and \$549,000 at E.C. Best, with the remainder driven by site preparation and drainage infrastructure required to address persistent water problems.

In closing comments, Trustee Joe McFadden urged the board to keep the decision in context, stating the agenda item was not a choice between grass and turf, but the award of a bid for a turf project that has been approved in the district's capital improvement planning for several years. Trustees unanimously approved the contract.

Planning Commission Reviews Permits

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Planning Commission met Dec. 10. It approved multiple land use actions, including parcel maps, special use permits, and significant zoning changes tied to the county's newly adopted industrial zoning framework. The meeting also included follow-up compliance reviews on previously approved permits, discussion of enforcement timelines, and routine commission business.

The commission unanimously approved a modification to a previously granted special use permit for K & K Ranch, LLC, allowing the addition of domestic livestock meat processing at a home-based business located at 600 Howard Place.

Owner Nathan Koyama received approval in July 2025 to operate a wild game processing business from an existing 480-square-foot garage, subject to strict conditions prohibiting domestic livestock, slaughter, or retail sales. The amended permit expands the operation to include processing of cows, pigs, goats, and sheep while maintaining all prior conditions, including appointment-only service, limited hours, waste-handling requirements, and no on-site slaughter.

Koyama told the commission that the expansion would not increase traffic or neighborhood impacts, noting that domestic livestock requires longer hanging and aging times, resulting in

fewer customer visits. He estimated the facility could process approximately 26 cattle per year, handling only one animal at a time. Staff reported no complaints from neighboring property owners, and commissioners noted the business had operated quietly since its original approval.

Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend approval of a zone change for a 640-acre property near Trinity Junction, rezoning it from Rural Resource (RR-20) to Heavy Industrial (I-3) to accommodate a proposed explosive storage and distribution facility.

The application, submitted by the Amborski Family LLC, aligns with recent updates to the county's industrial zoning code, which established tiered industrial districts to separate high-impact uses from residential areas. While the parcel totals 640 acres, only approximately two acres would be developed, with the remainder serving as a safety buffer.

Planning staff noted the site's remote location, proximity to transportation and power infrastructure, and consistency with the county's industrial master plan. Commissioners acknowledged concerns about flash flooding and access roads, but were satisfied that the proposed facility location mitigated those risks. Final approval will rest with the Board of County Commissioners.

The commission also unanimously recommended approval of a zone change for more than

3,100 acres in the 40 Mile Desert area to support future solar development.

SEUS Development LLC requested rezoning seven parcels from RR-20 to Heavy Industrial (I-3), a change that would streamline permitting for a proposed solar and battery energy storage project. Planning staff explained that under recent code updates, solar projects in I-3 zones may proceed through a conditional zoning permit rather than a special use permit, reducing regulatory hurdles.

The proposed project would include approximately 240 megawatts of solar generation and 240 megawatts of battery storage, with access from the I-80 Nightingale interchange. Representatives said construction could begin as early as late 2026, pending federal approvals, particularly from the Bureau of Land Management. Commissioners agreed the project fit squarely within the county's long-term industrial planning strategy.

In commission business, members elected Tammy Edgmon as chair and Jeff Goings as vice chair for the 2026 term, following nominations and votes among commissioners.

The commission also approved its 2026 meeting schedule, with a modification shifting the November meeting to Thursday, Nov. 12, to accommodate the Veterans Day holiday. Staff noted that the commission maintains the flexibility to adjust meeting dates as needed throughout the year.



Fallon City Council Meeting Summary

By Riggin Stonebarger

At the December 16th meeting, the Fallon City Council considered and voted on Bill No. 809, Ordinance No. 790. This ordinance proposes amendments to Title 6 of the Fallon City Code, which pertains to animals. Specifically, the ordinance removes certain fines and fees from the code and grants the Chief of Police authority to set such fines and fees as needed. Title 6 includes detailed provisions for fines, penalties, impound and boarding costs, licensing and adoption fees, exotic animal permit fees, and administrative charges.

The council's consideration of this ordinance began on November 18th and culminated in approval at the December 16th session. Council Member Harmon initiated the hearing by requesting clarification on the bill's rationale. District Attorney Jaron Stanton explained that allowing the Chief of Police to set fines and fees would enable the city to better respond to changing conditions, such as inflation, thereby ensuring that expenditures for these services remain sustainable.

Councilwoman Frost made the motion to approve the ordinance, which Councilman Harmon seconded. With the council's support, the bill was passed and adopted.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for January 6th at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. For further information regarding upcoming meeting dates, please visit <https://www.fallonnevada.gov>.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Fallon before Judge Thomas Stockard.

By Teresa Moon

Michelle Yvonne Read was not present for her Status Hearing.

Court Services Manager Brenda Ingram told the court that Read missed four drug tests and had not checked in since Nov. 27. Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Priscilla Baker requested a warrant be issued. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer asked for a continuance. Judge Stockard issued a \$10,000 cash-only warrant.

Steven Henry Gainey appeared for sentencing on a charge of Attempt to Commit Mail Theft, to which he pleaded guilty on October 7.

Judge Stockard sentenced the offenses as a felony and granted probation on a suspended term of 14-40 months and ordered Gainey to obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation.

Elijah Raimon Davis appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Judge Stockard granted Davis probation on a suspended 19–48 month sentence and ordered him to obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation.

Faustino Torres-Orosco, in custody, pleaded guilty to Possession or Sale of Documents or Personal Identifying Information to Establish False Status or Identity, a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000.

According to the state, on Sept. 3, Torres-Orosco was found in possession of a false permanent residency card.

DDA Priscilla Baker argued, “This is an incident where this defendant obtained false identification to be able work in the United States being as he is not a U S citizen or has the appropriate paperwork from his country.” She said the state asked the court to sentence the defendant not only to encourage compliance with the law moving forward, “but also to send a message to any other illegal immigrant that they have to go through the proper channels in order to work in this country.”

Baker, noting that this is a mandatory probation case, asked for a sentence of 19 to 48 months in prison.

Defense attorney Charles Woodman said his client has lived and worked locally for more than 11 years. “My client has been in the country and here locally for over eleven years working and providing for his family ... It is just a classic example of what’s been going on in our country in recent times.” Woodman said Torres-Orosco obtained the documentation so he could continue working and supporting his family, adding that the defendant “understands completely that he is likely to be picked up by ICE here in the next couple of days and deported and go through all that process.”

Woodman acknowledged Torres-Orosco entered the country illegally but argued his long work history demonstrated positive intent. He asked the court to impose the minimum sentence.

Judge Stockard granted Torres-Orosco probation on a suspended 12–48-month sentence and ordered him to comply with all immigration laws as a condition of probation.

Cassandra Gail Davis, in custody, appeared for sentencing on two Category B Felony counts of Battery by a Probationer, Parolee, or a Prisoner in Lawful Custody, and one Gross Misdemeanor count of Battery Constituting Domestic Violence, to which she pleaded guilty in October. She also appeared for disposition on a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation she admitted to in September.

DDA Priscilla Baker said Davis, while under the influence of methamphetamine, held her mother down “to try to pray the devil out of her.” Baker said the victim expressed hope that her daughter would receive the drug treatment she needs. Baker noted that Davis had been sentenced in July to a suspended 364 days in jail and, less than two months later, committed the new offenses.

Baker said Davis again went to her mother’s home to see her children while under the influence of an illegal substance. She was incoherent, was asked to leave, and refused. Law enforcement was contacted. “911 operators heard the defendant growling at the victim, her mother,” Baker said.

Deputies arrived and attempted to remove Davis from the home. She resisted and became combative, “resulting in a physical altercation involving four deputies.” Baker said Davis continued to struggle, making statements to

deputies, like, “I hope you burn for eternity,” and accusing a deputy of raping her children.

“She becomes violent, delusional on her controlled substances,” Baker said. Davis scratched, bit, and pinched deputies, leaving “bite marks, bruises, scratching, ... and a chipped tooth.”

Baker asked the court to impose two consecutive 12–36-month sentences on the felony counts and a concurrent 180-day sentence on the misdemeanor, stating, “She continues to use and she continues to resort to violence.” The state also requested revocation of probation on the Non-Technical Sentencing Violation.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel said, “I think the state correctly highlighted that Ms. Davis is a different person when she’s on controlled substances.” He told the court Davis first used alcohol and marijuana at age 13, cocaine and methamphetamine at 16, and hallucinogens at 19. “For her entire adult life, and for most of her adolescent life, she’s been struggling with substance abuse issue ... It’s been harder to get away from that than she would have liked.”

Noel said Davis had spent four months in custody, allowing her to clear her mind. He said she worked hard while incarcerated, earned trustee status, and obtained privileges. Noel told the court that Davis secured a bed at a 45-day treatment program and arranged aftercare through the Life Changes program in Reno.

The defense asked the court to impose the state’s requested sentence as an incentive, while allowing Davis to be reinstated on probation so she could complete treatment.

Davis apologized for her actions and asked the court to grant her attorney’s request.

Judge Stockard imposed consecutive sentences of 28–72 months on Counts I and II, for an aggregate sentence of 56–144 months in prison. On Count III, he imposed two days in jail to complete 48 hours of community service, ordered six months of domestic violence counseling, and imposed a \$200 fine.

Editor’s note: Due to an editing error, last week’s District Court story reprinted two defendants from a prior hearing in November. We sincerely apologize for this error.



November Divorces and Annulments

Lin, Xiuwan vs. Lin, Xishun	Decree of Divorce
Ward, Amber Marie vs. Ward, Eric Sturtz	Decree of Divorce
Macasaet, Darwin Deleon vs. Utell, Ambra Marie	Decree of Divorce
Gubbine, Sonny vs. Chebrot, Janet	Decree of Divorce
Diaz, Kellen vs. Diaz, Tesla	Decree of Divorce
Elrod, Jessica vs. Hermann, Johnathan	Decree of Divorce
Burns, William vs. Burns, Jacquelyn	Decree of Divorce
Kent, Tyrone vs. Kotlowski, Michelle	Decree of Divorce
House, Darrell vs. House, Barbara	Decree of Divorce
Biagi, Briana vs. Oster, Jeremy L.	Decree of Divorce
Lee, Gloria Jobe vs. Lee, Keith Lamar	Decree of Divorce
Ditmer, Aubrie vs. Ditmer III, David	Decree of Divorce
Horn, Michal vs. Horn, Adan	Decree of Divorce
Nemedez, Rudy vs. Nemedez, Glory	Decree of Divorce
Craig, Hareld vs. Major, Tre	Decree of Divorce
Vanzie, Ranelle Marie vs. Elijo, Adisha Victoria	Decree of Divorce
Bailey, Ashley v. Bailey, Chase	Decree of Divorce
Stroup, William vs. Stroup, Katie	Decree of Divorce
De Almeida, Andrea Santos vs. Pulcini, Rovilson Jose	Decree of Annulment
Maravilla, Melody Dela Cruz vs. Maravilla Jr., Ricardo P.	Decree of Divorce
Bazile, Quanetta Linda vs. Davis, Darron De’Shaun	Decree of Divorce
Singh, Tanya Marie Adams vs. Singh, Balwinder	Decree of Divorce
Kelly, Donald Vincent vs. Funez, Francisco Lara	Decree of Divorce
Vatulko, Lillian vs. Lee Jr., Andrew Howard	Decree of Divorce
Cucchiaro, Cristina Delvalle vs. Dan, Domingo Rafael	Decree of Divorce





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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Student Alex McBride poses with the hallway candy cane decoration in front of the library that he created out of book covers.



Serenity Smith working on her instructions for Mrs. Lambson on how to decorate a Christmas tree.



Students in Olivia Lefort and Faith Deller's classes wear 6-7 crowns in honor of the 67th day of school.

CCHS

Churchill County High School is embracing the season with festive flair as students bring holiday cheer to every corner of campus. From colorful displays to creative classroom themes, the Greenwave spirit is on full display. One standout is Alex McBride’s absolutely brilliant decoration. He used only book covers to craft a magnificent, giant candy cane right in front of the library. It’s a sweet, creative, and perfectly on-theme piece of bookworm holiday art. Visit the CCHS Facebook page to check out more of the amazing work transforming the halls of CCHS into a winter wonderland. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

CCMS

Angela Stritenberger’s 7th-grade Advisory students put their teamwork to the test during club time with a fun and tricky challenge. Each group tried to stack as many cups as possible on one person, with the only rule being that the person could not touch the floor. The activity had students think creatively, work together, and balance carefully as they aimed for the highest cup stack. Laughter and friendly competition filled the room, making it a memorable club experience.

NUMA

For the past two years, Marissa Rau has been a familiar and valued presence at Numa Elementary, completing her WNC work study with Barb Hickox’s 5th-grade class. She also supported students last year as a duty aide. School Counselor Noreen Swenson praised Marissa’s contributions, saying, “Marissa has been an excellent support to our students and staff.

We are sad to see her go as she graduates with her associate’s degree and completes her work study.” In recognition of her dedication, Marissa received the Numa Golden Award and the QUACKTASTIC AWARD trophy, honoring her outstanding work with students. “We are so proud of Marissa and can’t wait to see her continue pursuing her teaching degree. We hope to welcome her back to Numa as a teacher someday,” Swenson said.

E.C. BEST

Students in Julieann Lambson’s class practiced writing informational “how-to” texts last week by explaining how to decorate a Christmas tree. They focused on using paragraph components and adding details to make their writing clear and engaging. Lambson then used their instructions to show why details matter, demonstrating that without them, things might not turn out quite as expected.

LAHONTAN

Friday marked the 67th day of school, and Olivia Lefort and Faith Deller’s classes celebrated by making “6 7” crowns. The phrase “6 7” has become a nationwide viral trend popular with students in 2025. It began as a catchy phrase and spread widely on platforms like TikTok and Instagram before becoming part of youth culture. The term doesn’t have a fixed meaning but is often used playfully by young people. Teachers have now embraced the fun after students wouldn’t stop saying it, turning the quirky number into a creative, hands-on activity. By making crowns, students marked the 67th day of school in a memorable way.

Veritas Preparatory School: *Classical and Christian*

Celebrating Advent Night

Contributed By David Ernst

On Tuesday, December 9, families and friends of Veritas Preparatory School gathered at Parkside Bible Fellowship for the school’s annual Advent Night — a meaningful evening of worship, reflection, and student presentations celebrating the coming of Christ.

The program featured Advent presentations from every class, offering a rich and reverent journey through the Advent story. Students from the youngest grades through the upper school shared songs, recitations, and reflections highlighting the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Each presentation focused on a different aspect of Advent, tracing God’s promises from the Old Testament prophets to their fulfillment in the birth of Jesus. This year’s theme, “The Music and Art of Advent,” guided the evening, with each class centering its presentation on a specific artistic work or musical composition that reflected the Advent story.

Among the featured performances, Mrs. Buller’s 2nd-grade class sang “Joy to the World” in Latin. Mrs. Pustovrh’s 5th- and 6th-grade students presented a retelling of “The Bells on Christmas Day,” a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Ms. Behimer’s 7th- and 8th-grade class recreated “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci, presenting both a dramatic reenactment and a visual rendering of the iconic artwork. Kindergarten 4 and Kindergarten 5 students combined their efforts to tell the story of the greatest gift of all - the birth of baby Jesus.



5th- and 6th-graders retelling Longfellow’s “The Bells on Christmas Day.” Photo courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.

“Advent Night is one of the most special evenings of the year for our school,” said Headmaster Jill Rosario. “It’s a beautiful reminder that our students are not just learning about the Christmas story - they are proclaiming it.”

Parents and grandparents looked on proudly as each class contributed to the evening, creating a unified program that reflected Veritas’s shared mission: to cultivate wisdom, character, and faith through Christ-centered education. The evening concluded with the entire sanctuary - students, parents, and guests alike - raising their voices together to sing “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.”

Following the presentations, families adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for cookies and conversation. The evening ended with joyful fellowship, leaving students and families with a lasting reminder of the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Advent Night is more than a performance - it is an act of worship and a time of fellowship for the Veritas community. The program concluded with a reminder that Advent is a season of waiting and hope, pointing not only to Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, but also to His promised return.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:
CHRISTINA ROBINSON

Senior Christina Robinson has been part of the Bighorn community since kindergarten and is now preparing for her next steps into the world of forensic science and biology. She plans to



Oasis Academy Senior, Christina Robinson.

attend college to pursue a degree in forensic science or biology. “I plan to major in forensic science or biology in college and earn both my bachelor’s and master’s degrees,” she said. She is already well on her way to that goal. Along with her high school diploma, she will also be gradu-

ating with her Associate of Science degree from Western Nevada College.

Along with receiving her associate’s degree, Robinson has numerous academic accolades. She is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as the chapter’s Vice President. Robinson has also been named to the Western Nevada College Dean’s List, and in 2024, she won the Nevada State Voice of Democracy audio essay contest. She then went on to Nationals in Washington, D.C., where she won a \$1,000 scholarship.

This semester, Robinson is participating in the IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) program under the supervision of WNC Professor Gary Evett. The research provides her with further laboratory experience that directly fits into her post-secondary education plan.

“INBRE is a grant-funded program that gives students a chance to participate in undergraduate research,” she said. “Under Dr. Evett and Dr. Prince’s supervision, my peers and I have been analyzing splice variants of an enzyme that relates to inflammation in the lab, using techniques such as PCR and TOPO cloning. We will be attending the conference to present our research in January.”

With more than a decade spent at Oasis Academy, Robinson has built lifelong connections and lasting memories.

“I started at Oasis in kindergarten, and I have known most of my class for many years. The environment at Oasis Academy has been supportive and friendly, and the teachers were encouraging,” she shared.

One memory from high school still makes her laugh.

“One of my favorite memories is when Mr. Evan Brandt dressed up as some kind of bird for Halloween, and we had to sit through his math

class with his disturbing painted face,” she said. Among the teachers who made a lasting impact, she credits Mrs. Julie Stockard with playing a significant role in shaping her academic interests and leadership skills.

“I would like to thank Mrs. Stockard because she is an amazing teacher who cemented my love for writing through her creative writing class and encouraged me to grow in my service and leadership skills through her community service elective and National Honor Society,” Robinson said.

Not surprisingly, her favorite class was also with Mrs. Stockard.

“My favorite class was Mrs. Stockard’s creative writing elective because my friend and I got to write a murder mystery book about a detective,” she explained. “I had so much fun in that class and learned a lot about story writing techniques from Mrs. Stockard.”

Outside the classroom, Robinson is deeply involved in the performing arts. As a dancer with the Fallon City Ballet Company, she performs in the Nutcracker each winter and a new production every spring, specializing in both ballet and modern dance.

As she prepares to leave Oasis Academy and begin her college journey, she offers thoughtful advice for younger students.

“Enjoy being in high school,” she said. “Make sure you keep your grades up, but also make sure that you don’t miss out on fun events and go to as many as you can with your friends. School is important, but so is making time for friends and making life enjoyable.”

OASIS ACADEMY AWARDED \$5,000
DOLAN CLASS PROJECT GRANT FOR
MUSIC PROGRAM

Oasis Academy celebrated a major boost to its growing music program after being selected as a winner in this year’s Dolan Class Project. The school received a \$5,000 grant from the Dolan Auto Group on December 2, which will directly support the K–8 music program by purchasing new instruments for students.

The Dolan Class Project awards funding to schools across Nevada based on video submissions that showcase innovative ideas, classroom needs, or student opportunities and include a community component. Winners are determined by public vote, making the community’s support also a key part of the process.

Oasis Academy leaders say the grant will have an immediate impact on students. The funds will allow the school to expand hands-on music opportunities, provide more instruments in the classroom, and support the continued growth of elementary and middle school music education.

The school expressed its gratitude to everyone who voted in the competition and helped Oasis secure the award. Special thanks were also given to the Oasis Video Production class, whose creativity and hard work brought the project to life

through their high-quality submission video. With this grant, Oasis Academy looks forward to continuing to improve students’ lives through opportunity, offering even more students the chance to explore music, discover new talents, and build skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

FAMILIES CELEBRATE LA POSADA

Oasis Academy welcomed families on December 9 for its third annual La Posada celebration, filling the school cafeteria with music, tradition, and holiday cheer. The event, which has quickly become a cherished school tradition, honored the holiday season’s cultural roots through songs, storytelling, and festive activities.

The evening started with parents and students joining in the call-and-response singing that is central to La Posada.

Once families entered the cafeteria, they saw it was transformed for the occasion, featuring colorful decorations, lights, and stations where students could participate in crafts and enjoy traditional foods. The evening also included food, a raffle, Loteria, and a special performance from dance group Nuestra Herencia.

Teachers and staff helped guide the event, ensuring that students not only enjoyed the celebration but also learned about the cultural significance of La Posada. This tradition reenacts Mary and Joseph’s journey in search of shelter. The evening offered a meaningful blend of education and community connection.

Mrs. Page Hiskett and Mr. Jose Ramirez organized the event. They were thrilled with the turnout and excited to see the tradition continue to grow each year.

“Each year this event grows and continues to benefit all our Oasis Families,” Page Hiskett said. “The Las Posada tradition ensures our school is culturally responsive to promote our students’ diverse backgrounds.”

“In addition to all the festivities and fabulous food, we raffle, for free, over a dozen holiday gift bags. Each prize bag includes a gift card and fun holiday gifts. Lastly, we raffle off one large basket of food items donated by our local food pantry, and the big giveaway is a donated electric scooter. The engagement between families and staff has built lasting and valued relationships,” she said.

Ramirez agreed that it is about the community and relationships that help make the event so special.

“Since starting Las Posadas, it has been an honor to see this event grow every year and see so many of our families spending time together with the teachers outside the classroom,” he said. “This event wouldn’t be possible without many of our Oasis families giving us feedback, helping make the food, and being able to attend to enjoy this fabulous event. I hope to continue this tradition and see more of our community participate in the event.

Celebrating Christmas at Logos

Contributed By Brenna Goings



8th Grader Austin Mills showing Jace Slentz and JD Richardson 3D printed objects.



James Challender and Emma Slentz serving popcorn. Photos courtesy of Logos Christian Academy.

This week at Logos, we started Monday morning with the Pledge of Allegiance at the flagpole and a wonderful prayer from Mrs. Lyle, reminding us of the reason for Christmas. Christmas is not about the cute commercials and presents under the tree- it is about the birth of Jesus Christ and the Love and Joy that He brings to us every day. The students continued to learn about the true meaning of Christmas and made a cute Advent calendar each day, taking baby Jesus from the star to the manger. The week concluded with a fundraiser hosted by the 8th graders for their end-of-the-year trip. They showcased 3D-printed objects they made themselves and offered a popcorn bar!

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SPORTS

McQueen Tournament – Greenwave JV Results

Staff Report

JV had a strong showing with multiple wrestlers reaching the podium. Nathan Anderson, Alijah Juarez, and Zach Lewis each earned first-place finishes, while Rhett Hammond, Cooper Gubler, and Lars Rasmussen took second. Avery DeAloia placed third, and Bartell Hammon and Trayden Huckaby rounded out the results with fourth-place finishes.



Back Row L-R: Coach Tim Grady, Rhett Hammond 2nd, Nathan Anderson 1st, Alijah Juarez 1st, Avery DeAloia 3rd, Bartell Hammon 4th, Cooper Gubler 2nd, Coach Darren Lewis. Front Row L-R: Coach Lonnie Slapinsk, Lars Rasmussen 2nd, Zach Lewis 1st, Trayden Huckaby 4th. Photo courtesy of Greenwave Wrestling.

Greenwave Wrestlers at Shadow Ridge

Staff Report

The Churchill County Greenwave High School Wrestling Team traveled to Las Vegas for a weekend meet at Shadow Ridge High School, facing off against some of the region’s toughest competition from Friday, December 12, to Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Churchill County opened the tournament on Friday with a challenging match against host Shadow Ridge. Despite several wins in the upper weights, the Greenwave fell 51-23 as Shadow Ridge dominated with multiple pins to secure a decisive team victory.

The Greenwave rebounded in Round 2 with a commanding 74-0 sweep over the All-Star Combo, controlling the dual with a blend of forfeits, technical falls, and quick pins. The victory showcased Churchill County’s conditioning and depth, with aggressive efforts across the entire lineup.

After receiving a bye in Round 3, Churchill County faced Alta in a nail-bit-

ing Round 4. The dual was decided by a single point, with Alta edging Churchill County 42-41. Falls proved critical, as most matches ended in pins. Forfeits at 106, 126, and 215 pounds played a pivotal role in the final score, and Alta’s roster depth in the middle and upper weights helped secure their narrow win.

Churchill County closed out Friday’s competition with a decisive 53-24 victory over Coronado, keeping its momentum heading into Saturday’s main bracket.

On Saturday, the Greenwave battled Desert Ridge High School in the first round of the championship bracket, falling 47-28 in a hard-fought match.

Throughout the tournament, Churchill County’s wrestlers demonstrated grit, technical skill, and competitive spirit, with several individual standouts and memorable team performances. The weekend provided valuable experience ahead of the remainder of the season, as the Greenwave continue to build on their strengths and aim for success in future meets.

Greenwave Stays Perfect, Rolls Sparks

Staff Report

The Churchill County High School Greenwave varsity boys’ basketball team continued its impressive start to the season, notching three decisive victories last week to improve to 5-0.

The Greenwave opened the stretch with a 76-43 win over Incline Village on Wednesday, Dec. 10, followed by a 61-24 road victory at Wooster High School in Reno on Thursday, Dec. 11. Fallon capped the week with a 67-35 rout of Sparks on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Senior Calin Anderson powered the Greenwave against Sparks, tallying a game-high 24 points along with seven rebounds and five blocks. Anderson’s standout performance anchored a team effort that has propelled Fallon to an undefeated record early in the season.

The Greenwave will look to extend their winning streak on Thursday, Dec. 18, when they host South Tahoe. The action tips off with the freshman game at 3 p.m., junior varsity at 4:30 p.m., and varsity at 7:30 p.m. Fans are encouraged to attend and cheer on the home team.

Girls Greenwave Basketball Dominates Sparks

Staff report

The Churchill County Lady Greenwave basketball teams continued their strong season Saturday, Dec. 13, with decisive home wins over the Lady Railroaders of Sparks.

The junior varsity team opened the night with a dominant defensive performance, holding Sparks to six points in a 41-6 victory.

Momentum carried into the varsity game, where Churchill controlled play from the opening tip and rolled to a 60-5 win. Kortnie Simper led the Lady Greenwave with 14 points and four steals, while Amillya Bishop added 13 points.

With the win, the Churchill County varsity team improved to 8-0 on the season.

Churchill will return to action at home Thursday, Dec. 18, when the Lady Greenwave host South Tahoe. The junior varsity game is scheduled for 3 p.m., followed by freshman and varsity contests.



High-scoring Kortnie Simper moves the ball against Sparks’ defender. Photo by John Baker.



Back row L-R: Harleigh Workman, Hudson Brandt, Wyatt Johnson, Finn Ritter. Front row I-R: Harrigan Brandt, Mickey Ritter Jr. Photo courtesy of Debbie Workman.

Outlaws Are Back at It

Staff Report

The Outlaws turned in a strong performance at the 2025 Oakdale Jr. Classic, finishing ninth out of more than 40 teams against a deep field of competition. Several Outlaws reached the podium, including Maudie, Harleigh, Finn, Hudson, Raymond, Clay, Jazmine, and Zack, while Kypton, Mickey, Zayden, and Gabriel each earned fourth-place finishes. The trip over the hill provided a valuable test as the team prepares for the upcoming SWA kickoff next weekend.

COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

I should be honest—I am a stuff person. My office is filled with little tchotchkes and mementos that make me smile. But my kitchen is different. The things that live there have to work. They have to get used. Every year, a handful of tools and ingredients earn a permanent spot on my counter or shelf. They’re the ones I reach for again and again—the ones that make everyday cooking feel easier, more enjoyable, and a little more thoughtful. If you’re looking for Christmas gifts for the home cooks, food lovers, or “I already have everything” folks in your life, here are a few of my favorites. No sponsorships, no trends, no viral TikTok videos... Just things that work.

START WITH BETTER INGREDIENTS

Good cooking doesn’t begin with fancy techniques. It starts with ingredients that actually have flavor. I’m a big fan of Burlap & Barrel spices, which are sourced directly from farmers and taste like what they’re supposed to taste like. Once you start cooking with fresh, fragrant spices, it’s hard to go back. Even simple meals (roasted vegetables, eggs, soups) feel more alive. My all-time fave from Burlap & Barrel is the Cobanero Chili Flake—it starts with a fruity aroma and finishes with a solid spicy kick. I sprinkle it on almost everything! To go with those spices, I use a dedicated grinder. I am partial to the VSSL Java G45 after being gifted one by Neil Patrick Harris (not a sentence I ever expected to write in a column). And yes, it’s technically a coffee grinder, but it lives with my spices, not next to the coffee maker. Freshly ground spices are one of those small upgrades that make a big difference.

VINEGAR MADE THE TRADITIONAL WAY

Vinegar is one of those pantry staples most of us don’t think much about—until we try something better. American Vinegar Works makes vinegar the old way, and it shows. Their vinegars are bright without being harsh, complex without being precious. This is the kind of ingredient that quietly upgrades everyday cooking: salad dressings, braised vegetables, even a splash in soup. It’s also a great gift for someone who already “has everything,” because chances are, they don’t have this.

ONE REALLY GOOD KNIFE

If you’re going to invest in one kitchen tool, make it a knife you actually enjoy using. A standard chef’s knife like Messermeister’s Meridian is a workhorse for a reason, it’s balanced, durable, and built for everyday cooking.

That said, I’m partial to the Messermeister April Bloomfield (Girl & the Goat) collaboration. It has the same performance you expect, but with a little more personality. It fits beautifully in the hand, looks great on the counter, and (let’s be honest) it’s a sexy knife. A good knife doesn’t turn you into a better cook overnight, but it does remove friction. Prep goes faster. Cooking feels less frustrating. You’re more likely to make dinner when your tools aren’t working against you.

CLAY COOKWARE THAT ENCOURAGES PATIENCE

I’ve been especially drawn to tools that ask you to slow down, and Bram clay cookware fits that perfectly. These pots hold heat beautifully and are ideal for beans, stews, and long-simmered dishes—the kind of cooking winter invites. They’re not flashy. They’re solid, grounding, and built for food that takes time. In a season that can feel rushed, that feels like a meaningful gift in itself.

INNOVATION & DESIGN: TOOLS THAT ACTUALLY THOUGHT THIS THROUGH

Every once in a while, a kitchen tool comes along that makes you wonder why it took so long for someone to design it this way. The Dreamfarm Fluicer is one of those tools. It presses citrus efficiently, folds flat and doesn’t spray juice all over your counter. It does exactly what it promises and stores neatly when you’re done. The Scoups ladle is another small design upgrade that makes you wonder why it took so long for someone to think of it! With a firm base and a soft silicone edge, it scoops, scrapes, and serves without leaving food behind. It’s practical, comfortable, and genuinely useful, exactly the kind of innovation I appreciate.

A FEW THINGS THAT ALWAYS WORK

Some gifts don’t need much explanation:

- A really good olive oil with a harvest date
- A sturdy bench scraper
- Fancy pantry staples like honey or tinned fish
- An all-purpose wooden spoon

These are the things that get used—not stored, not admired, but worked into daily life. I am a firm believer that we should use our things. If you have silver, eat with it. If you have china, eat on it. If you have a beautiful leather-bound journal, write in it. Keeping our most precious things “safe” often does them a disservice. Objects are meant to carry the marks of living—scratches, stains, notes in the margins. When we use the things we love, they become part of our daily lives instead of artifacts waiting for a perfect moment that never comes.



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

Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

As the year winds down, the Fallon Theatre is filled with holiday cheer and moments that become cherished memories. We’re so thankful to celebrate this season with a community that shows up, comes together, and keeps these beloved traditions alive. We’re embracing the cozy, magical spirit of the holidays in the best way we know how... This weekend, one of our most beloved holiday traditions returns with The Polar Express! Join us on Friday, December 19th, and Saturday, December 20th, for free showings at both 6 pm and 7 pm, and relive those cozy memories of kids in pajamas, families snuggling up in blankets, and the warm excitement of the season. Our complimentary hot cocoa bar will be back with lots of fun toppings and sweet options, making the evening feel just as special as the movie itself. More than a film, this has become a true Fallon holiday tradition, filled with wonder, togetherness, and a little bit of Christmas magic we look forward to sharing every year. This film is rated G and runs for 1 hour and 40 minutes. As this will be our final weekend together before Christmas, we want to take a moment to wish everyone a safe, gentle, and peaceful holiday. May your days be filled with kindness, warmth, and time well spent with the people you love. However you celebrate, we hope the season brings you com-

fort, joy, and a little extra magic. Please note, the Fallon Theatre will be closed on Friday, December 26th, so our volunteers can enjoy a little rest and quality time with their families after the busy holiday season. We appreciate all they do to keep the theatre running and can’t wait to welcome everyone back that weekend! As we wrap up the holiday season and head toward the new year, we’re ending 2025 with two fun, nostalgic classics. At 6 pm, enjoy Elvis Presley in Follow That Dream (1962), a lighthearted comedy about a carefree family starting fresh in a small Florida town, only to stumble into unexpected legal and romantic mix-ups. Or, at 7 pm, settle in for John Wayne’s timeless western 3 Godfathers (1948), the heartfelt story of three outlaws who find redemption when they commit to protecting a stranded newborn in the desert. It’s a cozy, classic movie night designed to bring families and friends together as we say goodbye to another memorable year at the theatre. And the celebration doesn’t stop there! We’re excited to close out the year together with a brand-new New Year’s Eve event at the Fallon Theatre. On Wednesday, December 31st, after the community fireworks show, join us at 7:30 pm for live music with River Rogue. This dynamic cover band, featuring musicians from Schurz, Fallon, and Carson City, channels the best of country, rock, and

blues for an upbeat, feel-good night of music. Admission is free, the band will be playing for tips, and it’s a fun, relaxed way to welcome the new year with familiar faces, great tunes, and plenty of small-town cheer. Looking further ahead into next year, we’re preparing for a very special celebration of our region’s roots. On Saturday, March 7th, 2026, the Fallon Theatre will host Heritage of the West, a free event honoring the songs, stories, and traditions that built the heart of our communities. We’re inviting performers, historians, poets, and storytellers to share the sounds and stories of the past - heritage music, cowboy poetry, dance, and oral histories that keep our western spirit alive. If you’d like to take part in this meaningful tribute to the region’s history and culture, please reach out to huck_salt@yahoo.com or call 775-423-2055 or 775-217-4142. We’re proud to continue offering free movie screenings whenever possible, making it easy for the whole community to gather and enjoy a night at the theatre. Our concession stand offers all the classic favorites, including popcorn and candy selections. If you’d like to rent the theatre for a celebration or feature a message on the marquee, please click the links, call 775-423-6210, or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

Crossword

By Peanut



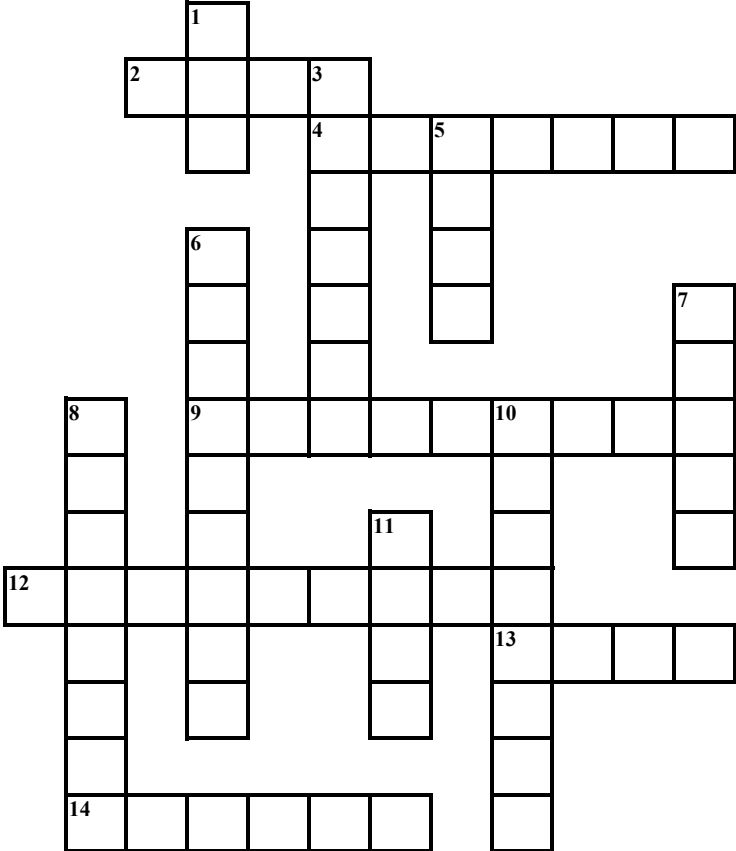
Across

- 2. Candied
- 4. Yorkshire
- 9. Green bean
- 12. Italian sweet bread
- 13. Herb-crusted rack entree
- 14. Roaster butternut

Down

- 1. Orange-glazed entree
- 3. With balsamic and cranberries
- 5. Crisp roasted entree
- 6. Apple, currant, beef pie
- 7. Roasted red or golden
- 8. Scalloped
- 10. Polish nut-filled pastry
- 11. Crown roast entrée

[Crossword answers found on page 15]



LEGAL NOTICES

Case No. 25DR16866

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF CROOK

SUMMONS
(Domestic Relations Suit)

In the Matter of:
JOSEPH SHERMAN and ADRINA
SHERMAN,
Petitioners,
and
JAZMINE JENNIFER SHERMAN
AND
JEREMIAH ANTHONY REYES,
Respondents.

To: JEREMIAH ANTHONY REYES,
Respondent

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF
OREGON, YOU ARE HEREBY
REQUIRED to appear within thirty
(30) days from the date of the first
publication of this summons. In the
event of your failure to do so, Petitioner
may apply to the court to grant the
judgment and relief demanded in the
Petition.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT:
READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

You may be liable for attorney fees in
this case if requested in the Petition. A
judgment for attorney fees may be en-
tered against you as provided in ORS
Chapter 109 should Petitioners in this
case prevail. If you do not “appear” in
this case, the other side will automati-
cally prevail. To “appear” you must file
with the court a legal paper called a
“motion” or “answer.” The “motion” or
“answer” must be received by the court
clerk within 30 days along with the re-
quired filing fee. The address for the
court clerk is: Trial Court Office, 260
NW 2nd St, Suite 300, Prineville, OR
97754. The Clerk’s phone number is
(541) 447-6541. The “motion” or “an-
swer” must be in proper form and have
proof of “service” (mailing or delivery)
to Petitioner’s attorney, or if Petitioner
does not have an attorney, proof of
service to the Petitioner. If you have
any questions, you should see an attor-
ney immediately. If you need help in
finding an attorney, you may call the
Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral
Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in
Oregon at 800-452-7636.

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DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA

In the Matter of the Estate of
ELAINE M. KORNACKI,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF SALE
[Pursuant to NRS §148.220]

ROBERT McMASTER, Administrator
of the Estate of ELAINE M. KOR-
NACKI, will sell at public auction
within one year to the highest and best
bidder, upon the terms and conditions
hereinafter mentioned and subject to
confirmation by the above entitled
Court, the Estate’s interest in and to
the following parcel of real property
commonly known as 7012 Grassy
Knoll Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89147
(the “Real Property”), more particu-
larly described as follows: Lot Twenty-
Five (25) in Block Four (4) of LAUREL
PARK HOMES NO. 2, as shown by
map thereof on file in Book 21 of Plats,
Page 39, in the Office of the County
Recorder of Clark County, Nevada and
that certain Certificate of Amendment
recorded March 18, 1980, as Docu-
ment No. 1160537 of Official Records.
APN: 163-15-811-138. Bids for said
property must be in writing and will
be received at the law offices of Daw-
son Lordahl Weisenmiller PLLC, or
may be filed with the County Clerk of
the above-entitled Court at 73 N.
Maine Street, Suite B, Fallon, Nevada
89406, at any time after the first publi-
cation of this Notice and before the
making of said sale. Said sale will be
upon the following terms and condi-
tions: (a) Cash or otherwise as ac-
cepted by the Administrator and as
approved by Order of the above Court.
(b)The Administrator reserves the
right to refuse any and all bids for any
reason whatsoever.

Dated: December 2, 2025
SUBMITTED BY:
DAWSON LORDAHL
WEISENMILLER PLLC
/s/ Kendal Weisenmiller

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to NRS 164.025, notice is
hereby given that B.F. (RICK)
MCCOY and JULIE R. SMITH are
duly appointed and qualified co-Trustees
of the B & A MCCOY FAMILY
TRUST. The B & A MCCOY FAMILY
TRUST was created on June 2, 1994,
by Bert F. McCoy and Arlie D. McCoy
as Trustees and Grantors. Grantor,
Bert F. McCoy, died on January 5,
2014, and Grantor, Arlie D. McCoy,
died on June 21, 2024. A creditor
having a claim against the Grantors
and/or against the trust estate must
file a claim with the undersigned at
the address given below within
90 days after the first publication of
this notice.

Dated this 20th day
of November, 2025

FUNK FIRM, PLLC
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CITY OF FALLON
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 788,
BILL NO. 807

Notice is hereby given that the City
Council of the City of Fallon, Nevada,
at a regular meeting held on December
2, 2025, adopted Ordinance No. 788,
Bill No. 807, entitled:
An ordinance amending Title 17,
Buildings and Construction, Chapter
17 .04, Construction Codes, Section
17.04.020, Adopted Building and
Construction Codes, of the City of Fall
on Municipal Code, for the purpose of
adopting the 2024 editions of the
International and Uniform Building
Codes, as further set forth.

Council members Harmon, Kent, and
Frost voted in favor of the ordinance.
The ordinance will become effective
upon publication as provided by law.
A copy of the full ordinance is avail-
able for at the Office of the City Clerk,
City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue,
Fallon, Nevada 89406, for public
examination and distribution upon
request. Members of the public may
request a copy of the Bill by contacting
Elsie Lee, Deputy City Clerk,
at 775-423-5104.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2025.

/s Michael O'Neill
City Clerk, City of Fallon

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CITY OF FALLON
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 789,
BILL NO. 808

Notice is hereby given that the City
Council of the City of Fallon, Nevada,
at a regular meeting held on December
2, 2025, adopted Ordinance No. 789,
Bill No. 808, entitled:
An ordinance amending Title 16, Fire
Prevention And Protection, Chapter
16.04, Fire Codes, Section 16.04.020,
Adopted Fire Codes, of The City of
Fallon Municipal Code, for the pur-
pose of adopting the 2024 edition of
the International Fire Code, and
appendices B, C, D and F, as modified
by NAC 477.281.

Council members Harmon, Kent, and
Frost voted in favor of the ordinance.
The ordinance will become effective
upon publication as provided by law. A
copy of the full ordinance is available
for at the Office of the City Clerk, City
Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon,
Nevada 89406, for public examination
and distribution upon request. Mem-
bers of the public may request a copy
of the Bill by contacting Elsie Lee,
Deputy City Clerk, at 775-423-5104.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2025.

/s Michael O'Neill
City Clerk, City of Fallon

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY
HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Central Nevada Health District
(CNHD) is soliciting proposals from
qualified contractors to design, conduct,
and deliver a comprehensive Commu-
nity Health Needs Assessment
(CHNA) for its service area, in com-
pliance with the Public Health Accred-
itation Board (PHAB) Standards and
Measures (Version 1.5 and subsequent
guidance).

The CHNA will serve as the founda-
tion for CNHD’s Community Health
Improvement Plan (CHIP), policy
development, and strategic resource
allocation. It will be developed using a
collaborative and participatory
approach, consistent with PHAB
Standard 1.1, and will address the full
CNHD jurisdiction.

The Scope of Work includes:
1. Phase 1: Project Planning & Partner-
ship Engagement.
2. Phase 2: Data Collection & Analysis.
3. Phase 3: Collaborative Assessment
Development.
4. Phase 4: Public Review & Feedback.
5. Phase 5: Final Report &
Dissemination.

The Request for Proposals are due by
5:00 PM on January 12, 2026 to the
Central Nevada Health District,
Shannon Ernst, Interim Administra-
tor, shannon.ernst@churchillcoun-
tynv.gov and to Shasta Garrison, Grant
and Fiscal Specialist, shasta.garri-
son@centralnevadahd.org. Late
submissions will not be accepted.
For further details, please visit the
following link for the full RFP:
https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/
bids.aspx.

Pamela Moore,
Deputy Clerk to the Board
Churchill County, Nevada

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OASIS COMMUNITY CHURCH IS HOSTING:

The Winter Arts & Crafts Fair

DECEMBER 20, 2025
10AM TO 5PM
OASIS COMMUNITY CHURCH
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The following is a list of vendors:
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Cleansing Candle Shop
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Granny’s Pak Boutique
Let Us Charm You
Life’s Little Treats
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Nettles Face and Body Art
7 Sisters Co.
Scherrie’s Bowtique
Taqizas La Gloria
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We will also have:
wreaths
crystal/bead suncatchers
paper crafts
tamales
face painting
wood burned products
handmade ornaments
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Postcards: Virgil Getto, Part 2

By Michon Mackedon

I have two sources to credit for information about Fallon’s Virgil Getto. Chris Hansen wrote about Virgil in the Friday, July 6, 2007 edition of the “Fallon Star Press,” and Virgil himself left a detailed oral history, now housed at the Churchill County Museum and Archives, also available online at the Museum’s website.

Last week I introduced Virgil’s Italian immigrant parents, Andrew and Desolina Getto, Andrew having arrived in America in 1907 from Ivrea, Italy, and Desolina having arrived in America in 1923 from the same Italian village to join Andrew. Virgil’s admiration for his parents is woven into both stories.

Getto (via Hansen): “My dad became an expert at leveling land by sight with horses, tailboards, and fresnos. The fields were smaller then, but he spent many hours each day leveling fields. ...My mom was a very ambitious lady. It wasn’t long before she had [at her home [1400 Lovelock Highway] a beautiful garden, 25 fruit trees along the river, a lawn, roses, chickens, pigs, and cows.”

Getto remembers how his early experiences on his parent’s Fallon farm shaped his own future.

Getto (oral history): “I remember when I was really little like five and six years old. I’d sit in the house and cut [paper]. Mom’d give me old catalogs, and I’d cut my little animals out of the catalogs, and I’d make my farm. ...And then, at six years old I started to milk cows. ...while my folks milked eighteen others.... She [Desolina] was really good. She was a fantastic milker.”

Getto via Hansen: “My dad fixed up a sled with a fifty gallon barrel, which we filled with skim milk, potatoes, barley—what we called pig slop—and it was my job to get this to the pigs.”

Getto (oral history): “...oh, I was nine years old, I got into the 4-H program, so then I started raising cattle. And then with ag and FFA [Future Farmers of America} I had my beef projects, and I had registered Hampshire pigs that I raised and sold. And I used to raise a ...do you know what a ton litter is? You know when the sow has one litter of pigs and by six months they have to weigh a ton, and I did that several times.”

Getto’s early introduction to raising livestock paid off when he reached Churchill County High School and entered the classroom of L.C. Schank. Hansen quotes Getto as saying, “He had the most profound effect on my life, maybe even more than my parents.... He was the only ag teacher in the United States who had three national FFA officers from the same school: Verl Hendricks, me, and Don Travis.”

Getto served as national Secretary for FFA, 1945-46, and traveled to New York and Washington, D.C., where he met President Harry Truman. Getto told Hansen, “...he [Truman] knew all about farming and could talk to us about it intelligently.”

Getto also confessed to high school high jinks (oral history): “Oh! Ditch day. With seniors we’d have a day that... we’d all ditch school...I was student body president, and George McCracken was our principal. He was very strict, very. None of the kids liked him until they got out of school, and then they had this wonderful respect for this man So I wrote a note—see, I used to write all my notes, anyway, and Mom would sign them because she didn’t write English very well, so I wrote my note, and then I took her signature. ...I traced it on a window, and that morning, boy I was nervous and I went into Mr. McCracken, and he had just railed at somebody else for cutting school.... So it was my turn, and I went into Mr. McCracken, and I sat there and I looked him in the eye. He said, ‘Well, young man, where were you yesterday?’ I looked at him, and I said, ‘I cut school, Mr. McCracken.’

I couldn’t go through with it. Oh, he gave me a pretty good lecture, and he said, ‘What kind of an example are you setting for the rest of the students? Here you are student body president and you’ve cut school.’ And, oh, boy, I was ashamed of myself, but I felt so relieved that I didn’t give him that note and have to live with that guilt. That’s a very good policy in life.”

His insight helped form the political leader, Virgil Getto, who later served a total of 24 years in the Nevada State Legislature, eight of them in the Assembly and six in the Senate. Next week, I’ll feature Virgil Getto, the legislator.

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

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GINA MORETTO, having filed with the clerk of this court their Petition for Probate of Estate, Issuance of Letters Testamentary and for Administration upon the estate of RICHARD J. MORETTO, the hearing of the same having been fixed by said court for Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at the courtroom, 73 North Maine Street, within Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada, and all persons interested in the said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said petition should not be granted.
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BILL NO. 809

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An ordinance amending Title 6 of the Fallon City Code to remove specified fines and fees and providing that such fines and fees shall be set by the Chief of Police.

Council members Harmon, Kent, and Frost voted in favor of the ordinance. The ordinance will become effective upon publication as provided by law. A copy of the full ordinance is available for at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for public examination and distribution upon request. Members of the public may request a copy of the Bill by contacting Elsie Lee, Deputy City Clerk, at 775-423-5104.

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