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## County Challenges BLM Grazing Permit Reductions

By Christy Lattin

Churchill County filed an appeal on Aug. 12 with the Bureau of Land Management challenging the agency’s decision to reduce grazing rights on the Lahontan and Horse Mountain grazing allotments, arguing the agency is moving too quickly on a decision based on incomplete information and unfulfilled requirements.

A Jul. 31 BLM decision authorizes new 10-year grazing permits for Snow Livestock LLC for the Lahontan and Horse Mountain grazing allotments, and for Damonte Ranch LLC, also on the Horse Mountain grazing allotment. However, according to County Manager Chris Spross, the Bureau made significant reductions to current grazing acreage, allowable livestock numbers, and grazing time to accommodate the expansion of the B-16 bombing range at the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). The expanded BRAVO-16 range takes a sizable section out of the Lahontan allotment, specifically a large southeastern portion of that range. The Horse Mountain allotment is less affected but still loses acreage in its northern portion. The Lahontan allotment sits on the Lyon-Churchill County line south of Lahontan Reservoir, while the Horse Mountain allotment is south of the White Throne Mountains



Moving cattle through grazing allotment. Photo courtesy of Justin Snow.

that skirt the southern edge of the Lahontan Valley. In the appeal, the county argues that the decision is “incorrect and premature” for several reasons. First, the county believes that the BLM is using incorrect boundary maps that do not match those specified in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act that authorized the FRTC land withdrawal. Additionally, the county contends that federal law prohibits the Navy from using the expanded training areas until both the Navy and the Department of the Interior (DOI) certify to Congress that all required commitments have been completed. According to the filing, the Navy has yet to fulfill several obligations, including compensating the grazing permittees, completing environmental approvals, and constructing replacement roads. “The Navy has not, to the county’s knowledge, completed its ROD commitments,” writes Spross in the appeal, referencing requirements detailed in the 2020 Record of Decision (ROD) for the FRTC project. The decision states that before the BRAVO-16 range becomes operational, the Navy and DOI are to construct a new right-of-way for Sand Canyon Road and reconstruct sections of Sand Canyon and Lone Tree roads. Further, the county asserts that the Navy has not authorized compensation for permanent improvements such as corrals.

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## Library Director Position Offered to Top Candidate, John Hong

By Christy Lattin

The Library Board of Trustees selected a candidate for the library director position after a day of interviews with two applicants. Interviews were held Aug. 28, when candidates were given a tour of the library and an opportunity to talk with the library staff. Human Resources Manager Kim Brontsema provided the board with the final scoring of the candidates, and John Hong emerged as the top contender. He currently works at Dallas Baptist University’s Vance Memorial Library as its assistant professor of library science. He has also worked at three community libraries in Texas as a li-

brarian or branch manager. Hong earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the State University of New York, and a master’s degree in library science from Queens College of the City University of New York. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in leadership studies from Dallas Baptist University. During his interview, Hong said he sees the Churchill County Library as a focal point in the community and sees numerous opportunities to create partnerships to enhance the library. Hong also spoke about how he would develop a teamwork atmosphere at the library, and asked about the board’s plan to expand the library.

The board unanimously voted to offer the library director position to Hong and instructed the human resources department to begin drafting an employment offer for him. They will hold a special meeting on Sept. 10 at noon to formally offer employment. The search for a new library director began when former director Cathy Thorsen unexpectedly resigned June 18 after only eight months of employment. Prior to Thorsen, C. L. Quillen held the library director position for about 13 months. In July, the board appointed Penny Esposito, a former educator, as the interim director until a new director is in place.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain’s Log

## Tweezers and Readers

By Rachel Dahl

Sometimes when ideas come for this column, I'll say to whomever I'm talking, "That's a column!" and then quickly make a note in the story list folder so when it's time to write, there is something in the idea bank.

This week, it happened during a conversation with friends at the office. We were all sitting around chatting while we processed mail, discussing the inordinate number of reading glasses we stash around our lives – next to the bed, in the bathroom, in the car, in the purse. That led to a lively confession regarding witch hairs, those pesky antennae that grow sneakily for several months out of your chin or cheek or eyebrow until one day you catch a glimpse of the offensive strand in just the right angle of sunshine in the rear-view mirror while you pause at a stoplight.

How in the heck could you have missed that thing for it to have gotten that long?

Which leads to the confessional of the tweezers. Apparently, we all have an equal number of those stashed about our lives as we do readers.

And then we were laughing that it has all come to this – we sit around talking about the vestiges of age. We used to talk about boys and the weekend, what we would name our children, and what we're wearing to prom. Now it's a good day if we're talking readers and tweezers instead of that damn hip or our week knees, or how long we have to stand and let things adjust and warm up when we rise from our desk chair before taking that first step.

This week we'll have Book Club. The original book club, the friends who helped launch this paper, the OG focus group, the ladies who started out as a softball team and morphed into a drinking club. Then, by default of age and interest, into the newspaper support crew, still exists, and we still get together fairly often – as evidenced by the reader conversation around the mail table.

But now we've branched off and expanded a bit into a more traditional book club, mostly out of curiosity. After all this time as "Book Club," Denice suggested one day that we maybe ought to consider getting together in a more structured situation. One that actually reads. The same book. And when we're done, we get together and talk about the book and have snacks.

It's fun. We take turns picking the book, which is interesting because we all like different stuff. We've stretched quite a bit in our views, and we've practiced considering ideas outside our own closely held opinions. And so far, we've all remained friends. It's been really good for us.

So with my newly plucked chin and these stashed readers, I'll be quickly trying to finish "Theo of Golden" while we all are right here...

... Keeping you Posted.

*Rach*



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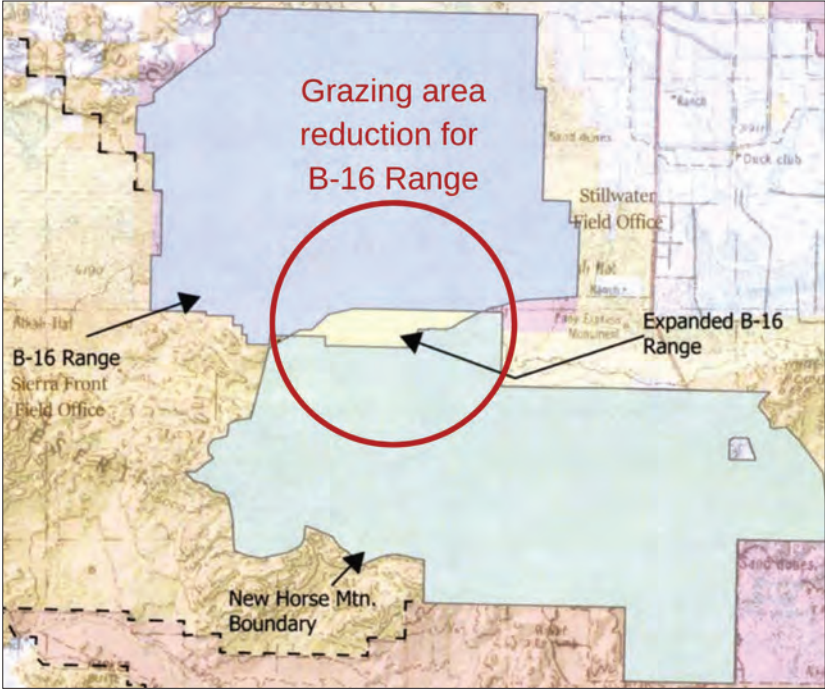
Spross also states that while the Navy offered payment to affected permittees for lost forage, these offers have not been accepted, and alternative compensation methods outlined in federal law have not been fully explored.

Churchill County is requesting the BLM delay its final decision until at least Apr. 1, 2026, and confirm its mapping of the allotment areas, allowing Snow Livestock and Damonte Ranch another full grazing season and time to agree on a final mitigation package.

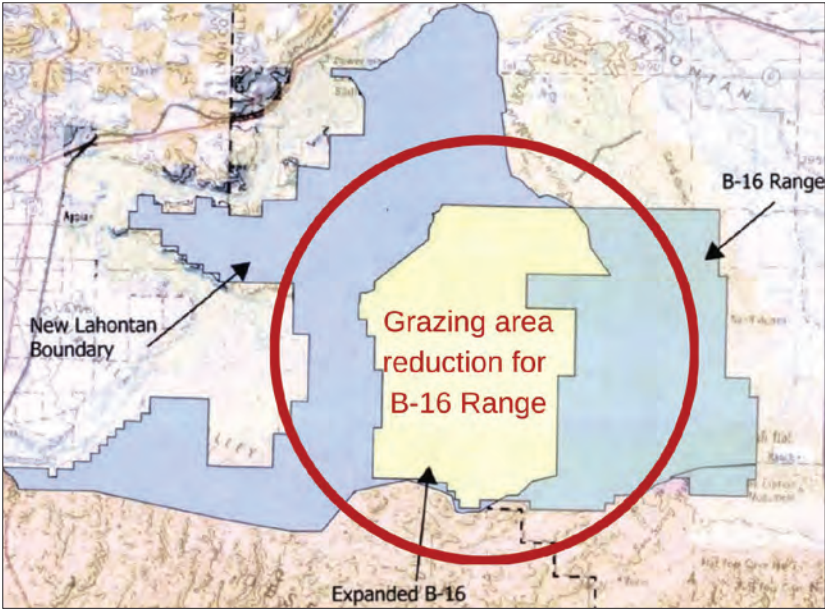
“The delay would have no impact on the Navy, would allow the Navy and [the permit holders] more time to come to an agreement on a final mitigation package, and provide significant goodwill within the community,” writes Spross in the appeal, who also says the Navy cannot legally use the expanded range until all requirements are met.

Commission Chair Myles Getto, who comes from a long-standing Churchill County ranching family, said county residents have always been supportive of the Navy, and the new grazing allotments will affect future generations of ranchers. “I just hope the Navy is supportive of ranching,” he said.

Churchill County served as a cooperating agency during the original environmental review process and was directly involved in developing the federal legislation authorizing the FRTC land withdrawal. The county is requesting that, when a final decision is issued, the BLM provide additional detail and transparency regarding the final analysis used to determine the adjustments in the permitted number of animals allowed in the allotted areas.



Horse Mountain grazing area, courtesy of Churchill County



Lahontan grazing area, courtesy of Churchill County.



FEATURES

# State Responds to Network Security Incident Affecting Online Services

Staff Report

The Nevada Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (EOM) has created a temporary Nevada State website for public information regarding the recovery status after a cyberattack disrupted some Nevada state government websites and online services.

According to the website at <https://www.oem.nv.gov/en/recovery/>, in the early morning of Sunday, Aug. 24, the State of Nevada identified a ransomware-based cyber incident and immediately activated its cyber response plan, engaging in 24/7 recovery efforts. To contain the threat, teams isolated and took some systems offline while restoring others safely in stages.

The incident remains under active state and federal investigation in coordination with CISA and the FBI. A forensic review confirms that some data was exfiltrated (moved outside the state network). Investigators are determining the scope, and if personal information is confirmed, the State says it will notify affected individuals consistent with law.

The incident continues to impact the availability of certain state technology systems. Some websites or phone lines may be slow or temporarily unavailable during recovery.

The website says that the Office of the Governor and the Governor’s Technology Office (GTO) are working continuously with state, local and federal partners to restore

services safely. Services will be brought back in phases after they pass security checks, with priority on public-facing and critical services.

Some county systems that are maintained by the state were also affected. Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope said the server for the sheriff’s office’s report management system was shut down. The program is used to dispatch law enforcement, fire and EMS services throughout the county. While radios are still working, all logs are being done by hand while the system is down.

Pope said every division of the sheriff’s office is dependent on the report management system to operate. Services that are provided at the substation are on hold until the state is back online and the system is operational.

## NDOT to Begin Overnight Lane Reductions on I-80 Between Sparks and USA Parkway



I-80 east of Sparks. Photo courtesy of NDOT.

Staff Report

**SPARKS** – Drivers on Interstate 80 east of Sparks should plan for overnight lane reductions starting Sept. 7 and continuing through December as the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) prepares for a major widening project.

Crews will close single lanes on both eastbound and westbound I-80 between Vista Boulevard and the USA Parkway interchange. Westbound lanes will be reduced from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., while eastbound lanes will close from 7:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Lane closures will shift between sections of the interstate and could stretch up to two miles.

The overnight work is designed to minimize impact on the nearly 50,000 vehicles that travel the corridor daily, particularly commuters to and from the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center. NDOT is advising motorists to allow extra travel time and be prepared for delays.

THE PROJECT HAS TWO IMMEDIATE GOALS:

- **Geotechnical soil surveys** – Engineers will collect data on the steep slopes and rock formations along the corridor. The information will guide design work for widening I-80, which could begin as early as 2027. NDOT says widening the freeway is expected to reduce total crash rates by about 20 percent.
- **Roadside litter removal** – Five NDOT highway maintenance crews will also clean debris along the interstate. Officials remind drivers to properly secure their loads and note that fines can be issued for roadside littering.

Traffic on this stretch of I-80 has surged more than 70 percent in the past decade. The upcoming widening project between Vista Boulevard and USA Parkway is part of NDOT’s long-term effort to improve safety and keep pace with growth in the region.

For real-time updates, follow NDOT on social media: @nevadadot on all platforms, as well as @nevadadotreno, @nevadadotvegas, and @nevadadotelko on X.

## Titus Announces Reelection Bid for State Senate Seat



Senator Robin Titus.

By Christy Lattin

*Dr. Robin Titus announced her campaign for reelection to the Nevada State Senate, where she represents District 17. The district spans Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, and Nye counties. Titus says she is seeking her second term as a state senator.*

A physician by trade, Titus was first elected in 2014 to the Nevada Assembly, where she served for four legislative sessions. She won a seat in the Nevada Senate in 2022 and was named Senate Minority Leader in 2024.

“While others seek new political paths, I remain fully committed to fighting for our rural way of life. As a family practice physician for 40 years and your Senate Minority Leader, I’ve dedicated my career to serving Nevada — in the exam room and in Carson City.”

A graduate of Smith Valley High School, Titus earned her medical degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and its School of Medicine. She is the chief of staff at South Lyon Medical Center.

In the 83rd legislative session, Titus served on the Education, Finance, and Health and Human Services committees. She sponsored legislation to expand Nevada’s social worker workforce, and to launch nursing apprenticeship programs, though both bills did not advance.

Titus has also worked to reduce Nevada’s reliance on California for fuel. While her bill to create a task force on the issue did not pass, she continues to pursue solutions, including meeting with the governor and other leaders during the legislative interim.

In her reelection announcement, Titus said she is “standing firm in the Capitol to defend our conservative values.” She emphasizes her commitment to protecting Second Amendment rights, pushing back against rising fuel costs, supporting military communities, including NAS Fallon, and strengthening rural economies and infrastructure.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movies and More

By Kelli Perez

We’re welcoming September with a weekend full of family favorites on the big screen and a packed lineup of nearby events!

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., bring the kids for “Peter Rabbit” (2018). This lively adaptation of the classic tales follows Peter and his mischievous friends as they tangle with their grumpy neighbor, Mr. McGregor. With a mix of live action and animation, plus plenty of laughs, it’s a great choice for the whole family. Rated PG, 1 hour 35 minutes.

Or join us at 7 p.m. for “Babe” (1995), the heartwarming story of a little pig with big dreams. With help from barnyard friends and a kind farmer, Babe proves even the most unlikely hero can make a difference. Rated G, 1 hour 31 minutes.

Another big thank-you to everyone who joined us for the Cantaloupe Canter 5K. The race doubled in size from last year, with runners and walkers of all ages supporting the Fallon Theatre. Your participation helps us continue preserving and improving our historic venue.

LOOKING AHEAD THIS MONTH:

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.:** David Hayes: Master Showman. An evening of clean, family-friendly entertainment that blends music, comedy, and variety. Tickets: \$15.

**Friday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.:** Absolom live at the Fallon Theatre. This Reno-based hard rock band brings high energy to our stage for one night only. Admission is free.

**Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.:** Show ‘N’ Shine in downtown Fallon. This free, family-friendly tradition features classic cars, live music, food, and more. Vehicle registration is open at fallontheatre.com.

**Saturday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.:** Toiyabe Chamber Music Society. The “Not-So-Lonely Illustrated Concert Series” features the Toiyabe Trio—Dustin Budish (viola), Aaron Hill (oboe), and Emily Barnes (harp)—performing alongside projected images for a multi-sensory concert experience. Suggested donation: \$5.



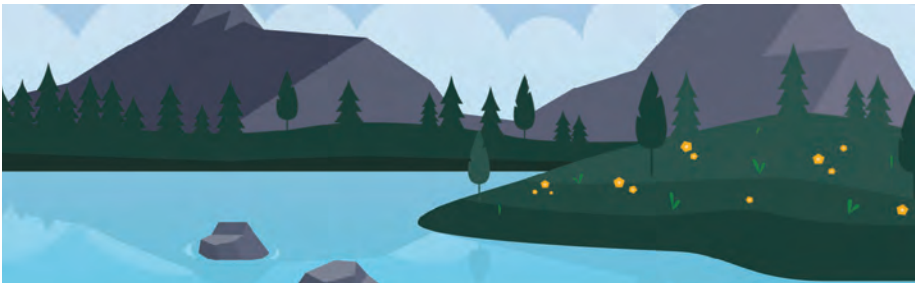
**EARLY OCTOBER PREVIEW:**

**Friday–Saturday, Oct. 3–4:** “Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl” 4D weekend, sponsored by Huck Salt. The 6 p.m. screenings include immersive effects like mist, scent, vibrations, and flashing lights, plus live character appearances and themed treats. Prefer a traditional viewing? Catch the 7 p.m. shows without added effects. Reservations are available on our website for a small fee.

**ALSO COMING UP:**

- **Saturday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.:** Luke and Kaylee in concert. Admission: \$20.
- **Friday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.:** Nashville comedian Lee Hardin. Admission: \$20.
- **Saturday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.:** River Rogue in concert. Admission: free (tips welcome).

As always, movie screenings at the Fallon Theatre are free, and concessions are stocked with popcorn, candy, and drinks to complete your night. To rent the theatre for a private event or to put a message on the marquee, call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	92,390 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	476 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	108 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	80.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	1.31 cfs

September 2, 2024	September 2, 2023	September 2, 2022
176,5713 acre feet	252,511 acre feet	42,620 acre feet

Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second | Af - Acre Feet | TCID.org & Water Data.USGS.gov

MEETINGS

September 8–12, 2025

Churchill County School District

4th Wednesday of the Month

at 5:30 p.m.

CCSD Admin Bldg.

690 S. Maine St.

Next meeting:

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 12

Fallon City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

at 9 a.m.

City Hall, 55 W. Williams Ave.

Next meeting Sept. 16

TCID

Next Meetings:

Oct. 7, Nov. 4 at 9 a.m.

2666 Harrigan Road

County Meetings

155 N. Taylor St.

Commission Chambers

County Commission

meets 1st Thursday

and 3rd Wednesday

of the Month

Next meeting:

Sept. 17 at 1:15 p.m.

Library board, special meeting

Sept. 10 at 12 p.m.

Planning Commission

Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Hooray for Baxter!



After 134 days at the shelter, Baxter—last week’s featured pet—has a for-ever home with a wonderful family!

Now available: three 9-week-old Australian shepherd mixes, one female and two males, ready for adoption. We’re also caring for strays and cats; if you’re missing a pet, please check the shelter or our social pages. We’re working to reunite lost pets with their families; if you recognize a dog or cat in our care, contact the shelter.

City of Fallon Animal Shelter  
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775-423-2282

Meet Josie Rae



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caps@cccomm.net

Snuggle Buddy Ajax



Ajax is a sweet grey tabby who lives for pets, hugs, and lap time. With his soft coat and soulful eyes, he’ll melt your heart the moment you meet him. Ajax loves to curl up beside you, gently nudging for chin scratches or stretching out in a warm spot on the couch. He’s more than just a cat—he’s a loyal companion waiting for a forever family. If you’re looking for a gentle, affectionate snuggle buddy, Ajax is the perfect match.

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada. Questions? Call 775-217-4745 or, for barn cats, call Pat at 775-217-7248.



OBITUARIES

**KAREN CAE DUNKIN**  
*August 19, 1952 – August 20, 2025*

Karen Cae Dunkin, age 73, beloved mother, grandmother, and sister went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 20, 2025.

Born on August 19, 1952, to Alden and Charlene Atwell, she lived a life characterized by her faith, compassion, and adventure. She was known for her dedication to her family, had a passion for women’s ministries - especially discipling other women, was a pastor’s wife, and served in the mission field. She loved to travel and loved to read. Other hobbies included fixing up furniture and buying and selling antiques. Her greatest love was spending time with her grandchildren.

Karen was a loving mother to Jamie, John, Jenni, and Joel; a cherished grandmother of 18; and a great-grandmother of three. She is survived by her daughter, Jamie (Antonio) Sabino, her son John (Kimberly) Dunkin, her daughter Jenni (Paul) Sabino, and her son Joel (Shannon) Dunkin, her 18 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her four siblings Ken Atwell, Keri Atwell, Kelly Gannon, and Kristen (David) Frost.

Karen was proceeded in death by her father Alden Atwell, by her husband John Dunkin, who was the love of her life, stepfather Ken Simmons, and mother Charlene Simmons.

A service to celebrate Karen’s life will be held at Oasis Community Church on September 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at 1520 South Maine St., Fallon, NV 89406.



**JOHN TILLMAN PERAZZO**  
*June 8, 1932 – August 28, 2025*

John Tillman Perazzo was born in Grass Valley, California on June 8, 1932 to Otto and Noma (Smith) Perazzo. A longtime resident of Fallon, Nevada, John passed away in Fallon on August 28, 2025 at the age of 93.

John was raised on the family dairy farm east of Fallon. After graduating from CCHS in 1950, he served two years in the U.S. Army being stationed in Austria, Germany, and New York City.

After John returned home, he met Nancy Adams, the new extension agent, on a blind date when he filled in for her regular square dance partner. He and Nancy were sealed for time and all eternity in the St. George Utah Temple in April 1958. They built their home on the family farm where they raised their five children.

John and his brother Jim were partners in the Perazzo Brothers Dairy for 37 years.

Throughout his life he enjoyed working on the dairy farm, square dancing, gardening, genealogy, studying maps, playing games, and giving service to his family and community.

As a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served in many capacities. He had a strong testimony of the Savior and a great love for temples. After retiring from farming, John and Nancy served two full-time missions, one to the Texas Fort Worth Mission and the other to the Oakland/San Francisco Mission. He served as a counselor in the first Reno Nevada Temple Presidency for four and a half years and then continued to serve as a temple sealer for many years thereafter.

John was preceded in death by Nancy, his wife of sixty years, brother Jim and sister-in-law Margaret, grandson Adam Perazzo, and grandson-in-law Jon Scott.

John is survived by his five children: David (Jackie), Teresa (Matt) Loveland, Alan (Debbie), Glen (Beth), and Kathy (Gary) Jamieson, 26 grandchildren, and 66 great-grandchildren. He leaves a lasting impact on his family and all who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 12th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and Saturday, September 13th, from 9:00 - 9:45 am, followed by a funeral service at 10:00 am. The visitation and funeral will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 450 North Taylor Street. John will be laid to rest beside his wife in the Churchill County Cemetery.

Arrangements by Smith Family Funeral Home 775-423-2255.



# Maine Street SPOOKTACULAR

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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# Fallon Youth Club Celebrating

September 20, 2025  
Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 7:00  
324 Pennington Cir

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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.

<b>Monday, Sept. 8</b> Spaghetti & Meatballs Herbed Zucchini Colorful Salad Garlic Bread Sticks Orange-Mango Cup	<b>Tuesday, Sept. 9</b> Salsbury Steak Seasoned Potato Wedges Roasted Corn Mixed Green Salad Diced Pears	<b>Wednesday, Sept. 10</b> Chicken Pot Pie Mixed Green Salad 9 Grain Bread Orange Mango Cup	<b>Thursday, Sept. 11</b> Pepper Steak Roasted Garlic Mash Green Beans Mushrooms Cucumber Salad Bran Muffin	<b>Friday, Sept. 12</b> Cold Turkey Sandwich on WW Bread Tomato Soup Mixed Vegetables Fruited Jell-O
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## FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESERALDA AVE., FALLON NV | 775-423-4714

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

<b>Monday, Sept. 8</b> Enchilada Casserole Rice & Salad	<b>Thursday, Sept. 11</b> Chili & Corn Bread	<b>Monday, Sept. 15</b> Meatloaf Potatoes & Veggies	<b>Thursday, Sept. 18</b> Lasagna & Salad Doughnuts
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**Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.**



COMMUNITY

# Linda Bower Winner of Hearts of Gold Community Quilt Raffle

Staff Report

Linda Bower is this year’s winner of the Community Quilt, named “Lakeside,” which was stitched by the Hearts of Gold Quilters and raffled off at the recent Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair.



Linda Bower was the lucky winner of the “Lakeside” quilt crafted by the Hearts of Gold Quilters and raffled off at the Cantaloupe Festival. Photo courtesy Vicki Eckert.

Funds raised from the raffle ticket sales for the quilt go directly back into the community and are used to make donation quilts. Last year quilts were donated to Northside Early Learning Center, Banner Hospital emergency room, the Domestic Violence Intervention program’s shelter, and the Nevada Farm Bureau. The group also gives

quilts to residents struggling with devastating health issues, and to families that lost their homes in a fire. The Hearts of Gold Quilters thanks area businesses for displaying flyers and selling raffle tickets before the festival: The Home and Garden Show, Jeff’s Digitex Printing, 3 Dimension Shipping, Workman Farms, Connecting Thread, and Ambiance Salon. Raffle tickets were also sold in the Barrel House during the Cantaloupe Festival. In recognition of America’s 250th birthday, the group is planning a “Red, White, and Blue” quilt for 2026. The first viewing of the commemorative community quilt will be at the Soroptimists’ Home and Garden Show on April 11-12, 2026, and it will be raffled off at next year’s Cantaloupe Festival. The group meets weekly at the Oasis Community Church on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those interested in the quilting group are encouraged to visit. For more information, contact Vicky Eckert at 775-427-4415.

# Drakulich Foundation Provides Healing Opportunities Through Art “Art Heals War Wounds”

Story and photo by Christy Lattin

Members of the Drakulich Foundation recently scraped and sanded a flat steel panel at the base of the Veterans Memorial in the city hall courtyard. While the primed rectangle looks plain now, it will soon be transformed into a colorful mural. The design will recreate 12 military service ribbons representing veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and other major conflicts.

Founded in 2008 by Tina Drakulich, the Reno-based foundation serves northern Nevada veterans through arts, humanities, and recreation programs. The non-profit honors the legacy of David J. Drakulich, a young artist who joined the Army after the 9/11 attacks and was killed in Afghanistan on Jan. 9, 2008. His family continues his artistic mission by helping veterans process emotions through creativity.

“Sometimes veterans can’t articulate the thoughts or feelings that plague them,” said Gene Hughes, president of the foundation. “By giving them an artistic outlet, they can release those burdens in a healthy way.”

Veterans may be referred to the program through Veterans Administration hospitals or by word-of-mouth. Classes include drawing, painting, sculpture, writing, and even acting.

Hughes, a professional artist and

Vietnam veteran, first connected with Drakulich in 2010 after a mutual friend introduced them. He quickly became part of the organization, bringing his passion for teaching art to fellow veterans. The Churchill Arts Council has also embraced the foundation’s mission. On Saturday, Sept. 13, it will host a free papermaking workshop for veterans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hughes explained the unique element of this class: the paper is created from military uniforms that are shredded and pulped, giving veterans a way to



Members of the Drakulich Foundation are restoring part of the veteran’s memorial in the City Hall courtyard. Pictured left to right, Tom Drakulich, Tina Drakulich, and Gene Hughes. Photo by Christy Lattin.

turn symbols of service into something beautiful and new. In addition, foundation member Tom Drakulich will lead a three-session ceramics course at the Oats Park Art Center, beginning Sept. 10. Registration is available online at [churchillarts.org/oatsparkartschool](http://churchillarts.org/oatsparkartschool). For more information about the David J. Drakulich Foundation, visit [djdoundation.org](http://djdoundation.org).





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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Commission Tackles Heavy August Agenda

Home-Based Business to Relocate, Industrial Zoning, Conservations Easements Addressed

By Christy Lattin

The Planning Commission faced a heavy agenda for its Aug. 13 meeting and considered special use permits, industrial zoning language, and the transfer of development rights.

The commission denied the special use permit application from Garrett Roosa, owner of One Horse Overhead Door at 1955 S. Allen Road. Roosa is the new owner of the business, following the death of Randy Stanley, and wanted to continue operations in that location.

Dean Patterson, senior planner with the Public Works, Planning & Building Department, explained the garage door business had been at this location for more than 30 years, and the sheriff at that time permitted Stanley to operate as a home-based business. Since then, the operations have expanded beyond the scope of a home-based business, Patterson said.

Commissioners agreed, but also did not want to push Roosa to close shop or relocate. They voted unanimously to deny the SUP, but gave Roosa two years to find a commercial location for his business and suspended code enforcement actions.

Language creating the new Industrial Zoning Districts of I-1 (light industrial), I-2 (medium industrial) and I-3 (heavy industrial) was adopted. The commission also rezoned 175 industrial parcels in the county with their new designations. Only existing industrial parcels were rezoned; no new industrial parcels were created.

The amended ordinance will be heard by the Churchill County Commission on Sept. 4, with a second reading and possible adoption on Sept. 17.

The commission approved the sending site application for 93 transfer of development rights, or TDRs, from Marc Simoncini for his Lonesome Duck Ranch on Beach Road. While Simoncini’s request for the sending site application was approved in a 5–1 vote, it started a larger conversation about the TDR program.

Property owners are able to receive TDRs, which translate to money, to establish a conservation easement on their land instead of subdividing that land. The program was started to halt development of land around the NAS Fallon accident potential zone, and many of the agricultural lands around the base are now in conservation easements. Simoncini’s ranch is in this zone, and the Navy opposed his initial desire to subdivide an 80-acre parcel into eight separate parcels.

The Sending Site Committee, which reviews these requests before they go to the commission, recommended approval of the TDRs. However, the Public Works, Planning & Building Department staff recommended immediately extinguishing the TDRs, which caught commissioners by surprise.

“The Sending Site Committee reviewed the application and recommends approval of the sending site. Recommended approval of 93 TDRs. In addition, its recommend the new TDRs be extinguished by the board to avoid increasing the overly large pool of TDRs that already exist. You’ll find this

in the motion, and will probably be our recommendation for future sending site applications,” said Patterson.

Currently, there are 12,770 TDRs in the county — 300 privately held with the county owning the balance. Patterson said each TDR represents a house, and currently there are more TDRs than existing homes in Churchill County.

Randy Hines, Public Works director, said his department has discussed what to do with the large number of TDRs on hand. The committee may have “jumped the gun” in recommending extinguishing new TDRs, but the issue will be brought to the commission later, Hines said. The approved sending site application will be forwarded to the county commissioners for final approval of the TDRs.

**ALSO APPROVED:**

The SUP for Northern Nevada Research Co., 7162 California Street in Hazen, for the addition of a 30-by-40-foot facility.

The SUP for Bulldog Auto Restorations, 3921 Arnold Way, renewed after applicant Brenda Garabito met parking conditions.

The SUP application for Valley Rentals, 7250 Reno Highway, by Robert Yost, approved pending resolution of Nevada Department of Transportation concerns.

Abandonment of a 20-foot drainage easement on Conrad Place, filed by Gary Laca.

Termination of a SUP for 75 Bench Road after the closure of a horse boarding business.

Spross Outlines County Priorities at CEDA Breakfast



County Manager Chris Spross, at right, spoke recently at the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association’s monthly breakfast. He is joined by CC Communications General Manager Mark Feest, and CEDA director Sara Beebe-Wolken. Photo by Christy Lattin.

By Christy Lattin

Churchill County Manager Chris Spross, who took the helm July 7, shared his priorities and ongoing projects with the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association at its monthly breakfast meeting August 27.

A key topic was the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA), which provides grant funding from land sales in southern Nevada. Churchill County was awarded \$42 million in November 2024 for improvements at the Rafter 3C Event Complex and the North Maine softball and baseball fields. Spross said the county has completed its environmental clearances on both projects, but noted the Bureau of Land Management moves slowly, especially now that it’s facing a labor shortage.

While SNPLMA funds require no local matching funds, the competition is tough. Churchill County can submit up to three projects in each funding round, and Round 21 is approaching next year. Spross said his recent experience reviewing and scoring other applications has given him insight into how to submit stronger proposals.

Spross also spoke about provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which made Churchill County eligible for SNPLMA grants. Through negotiations, the county reached agreements to rebuild Lone Tree Road and reroute Sand Canyon Road to support the Navy’s B-16 bombing range expansion. He emphasized the Navy cannot move forward with its expansion until it fulfills these obligations.

Another win came in resolving checkerboard land ownership issues in northern Churchill County. The “checkerboard” parcels skirt the Interstate 80 corridor north of Hazen. The county created a land-swap process wherein they will “sit at the table between BLM and the private owner” to help owners of less-desirable mountaintop private sections become eligible for an exchange of valley floor sections more suitable for development.

The county has begun work toward a new secondary water treatment plant at the golf course, using \$6 million in secured funds to prepare the site and purchase equipment. More money will be needed to finish construction.

Other updates included the stalled courthouse expansion, the transition of the Churchill Area Regional Transport to county management Oct. 1, and the growing economic impact of the Rafter 3C Arena, which has expanded from \$8.5 million to \$12 million in three years.

School District Teacher Shortage Continues, New Comptroller Hired

By Christy Lattin

The Churchill County School Board of Trustees hired a new comptroller and heard staffing updates during its Aug. 27 board meeting.

Trustees unanimously approved a contract for Amanda Hammond as comptroller. She will be paid \$96,000 a year, with the district covering her full Public Employees’ Retirement System contribution. Hammond previously worked in governmental accounting at CC Communications before teaching art at Churchill County High School. She said “teaching was a detour” for her, and while she will miss her students, she’s glad to return to the business side of education.

Human Resources Manager Cameron Sorensen reported the district welcomed 20 new teachers, two nurses, 10 newly licensed staff, and nine new classified employees this school year. Still, the district began classes short 15 certified teachers and nine classified positions.

While the number of vacancies has declined compared to last year, Sorensen said recruitment and retention remain ongoing challenges. Superintendent Derild Parsons noted that many teachers are expected to retire in the next three years, so the district needs to hone its recruitment practices. The district continues to rely on temporary staffing, such as long-term substitutes and critical needs positions.

One tool that’s helped fast track potential teachers is the Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) Program, offered through the Nevada Department of Education. This program allows individuals with a bachelor’s degree to work toward a teaching license while teaching under a conditional license. The University of Nevada, Reno, offers an elementary education ARL program, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has both elementary and secondary education programs.

Through ARL, the district was able to help fill two teaching positions, with a third in the pipeline.

The district is also investing in its New Teacher Academy, launched in 2023. The program helps long-term substitutes and new teachers transition into licensed positions while offering mentorship and classroom strategies. Teacher-on-Special-Assignment Jennifer Gehant told trustees that 36 educators have gone through the academy so far, including 15 long-term subs who became licensed teachers through ARL, or business and industry pathways.

This year, Gehant is working with five long-term substitutes, three of whom are expected to earn ARL licenses, and 22 licensed teachers. She emphasized that continued funding is key to sustaining the mentorship aspect of the program, as her role is grant-funded and future funding is not yet secured.



COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, August 26 Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

By Teresa Moon

*Lisha Ellen Douglas* pleaded no contest, or guilty pursuant to Alford, to Possession of a Controlled Substance, First or Second Offense — a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. In an Alford plea, defendants do not admit guilt, however, accept the full penalties of a guilty plea.

Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Priscilla Baker said the state could prove Douglas possessed methamphetamine and recommended Douglas be placed on probation and Drug Court.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel asked the Court to grant his client the privilege of entering Drug Court.

Douglas addressed Judge Stockard directly, saying, “Be patient with me. I’ve been going through a lot the last few years ... and am just starting to get better.” She said she was willing to give Drug Court a try.

Judge Stockard responded, “I see some real red flags; like drug court — if you’re ‘willing to try it,’ that’s not going to work. You’re either going to go in and do it, or you’re not going to do it.”

Stockard suspended proceedings and ordered Douglas to obtain a substance abuse evaluation, follow all recommendations, and complete the Western Regional Drug Court Program.

*Laura Marshall* pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Low Level, punishable by 1–5 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. She was found in possession of more than 14 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, a Schedule I controlled substance. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for October 28.

*Michael Duane Alliston*, in Washoe County custody, failed to appear for arraignment. Judge Stockard issued a \$25,000 cash bench warrant.

*Matthew David Honecker* appeared for arraignment on a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a first or second offense punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. He also appeared on a non-technical probation violation involving failure to report to Parole & Probation, violating conditions regarding prohibited associations and conduct. Honecker admitted to the violations on Aug. 12 and pleaded guilty to the possession charge during proceedings.

DDA Baker requested the 19–48-month sentence, emphasizing that Honecker committed the offense while on probation for a previous drug possession conviction. “We ask the court to encourage this defendant to take this opportunity seriously,” Baker said, adding that Honecker is currently doing well in the Lionheart Recovery program. “We hope he stays on that path, and we don’t see him again.”

APD Wright Noel also asked for probation, stating his client is engaged in a VA-affiliated program and is making progress. “We’re not asking for Drug Court, just that Mr. Honecker be allowed to continue his program,” he said.

Honecker told the court, “This whole thing has been a blessing to me.” He said he had lacked the tools for recovery but was now learning them. “I’ve never felt more alive, honestly.”

Judge Stockard granted Honecker probation on a suspended 19–48-month sentence and ordered him to complete the Lionheart program and aftercare. On the violation, Stockard reinstated probation and ordered all good-time credit to be forfeited.

*Acea Michael Hardie Napora* appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, to which he pleaded guilty on Aug. 19.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Lane Mills said, “Part of this happened down there in Mineral County, and part of it happened here. This defendant engaged in conduct that easily could have gotten him killed.” Mills said a tribal officer opened fire on Napora when he saw him backing up toward other officers. “This is a very serious case and this defendant easily could have been in a body bag.”

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer responded, “Acea is extraordinarily aware of what the state just said about the serious nature of this and consequences that could have happened.” Sommer said since being released the previous Tuesday after more than 500 days in custody, Napora had secured housing at the Lighthouse and found employment. “While it’s only been a week, Your Honor, I think there’s some good things that are ahead of Mr. Napora.” Sommer asked the court to grant probation.

Napora addressed the court, stating, “I’ve taken responsibility for the actions that I portrayed that day. It was dishonorable to treat an officer like that.” He said he intends to keep moving forward and “keep rebuilding myself to be a better person,” apologizing for his actions.

Judge Stockard granted Napora probation on a suspended 28–72-month sentence and placed him on 36 months of probation, to run consecutively to the 24–60-month sentence in the Mineral County case.

Stockard concluded, “Just looking at this history, this conduct has to stop. One way or another.”

*Kelsey Jordan Moore* appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or a Debit Card, and the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), to which she pleaded guilty on July 8. Both cases were continued to Oct. 21.

*Christopher Alan Burnside*, in custody, admitted to a technical sentencing violation.

CDDA Lane Mills said the state concurred with Parole & Probation’s recommendation for temporary revocation. APD Noel told the court his client recognized the violation and was accepting responsibility. Judge Stockard temporarily revoked Burnside’s probation and he was ordered to serve 30 days in custody.

*Darrin Ray Dummer*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the wobbler charge of Attempt to Commit Violation of an Extended Court Order Restricting Stalking or Harassment, punishable by either 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000, or 1–4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

A Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) was ordered, and sentencing was set for October 28.

Dummer then admitted to a non-technical probation violation related to the same charge and to absconding, and a disposition hearing was set for October 28.

Judge Stockard provisionally placed Dummer into the Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court program.

*Maverick Richards*, in custody, appeared for a competency hearing. Judge Stockard noted the case was before the court following Richards’ return from Lake’s Crossing Center, where two evaluating doctors found him competent to proceed.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford informed the court that Parole & Probation would be submitting discharge paperwork. Judge Stockard ordered Richards released later that day.

*Julie Ann Hayden* appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, to which she pleaded guilty on June 24.

DDA Priscilla Baker described the three-year relationship between Hayden and the victim as toxic and noted it produced two children. She said Hayden went to the victim’s residence intending to harm both herself and him, bringing flammable materials including acetone and a firework. “He took off his shirt and ran down the street, away from their kids to keep them out of harm’s way,” Baker said. “She followed and lit that firework.”

Hayden spontaneously told law enforcement she wished she had killed the victim, saying she wanted to “take him to hell with her.”

Baker read from the victim’s impact statement: “It has been extremely difficult to come to terms with the fact that I was assaulted by someone I trusted implicitly. Our four-year-old child was present and witnessed the entire event ... No child should ever have to witness one parent assault another.” The victim said their child later said, “Why did mom hurt daddy? I’ll protect daddy from mom.” Baker added, “These are things that a four-year-old should never have to say or even think.”

The victim asked the court to hold Hayden accountable, expressing hope she receives the “treatment and the intense intervention she needs.” The state requested a sentence of 24–72 months in prison and that Hayden participate in Specialty Court as a condition of probation—not as a diversionary program.

CCPD Jacob Sommer acknowledged the seriousness of the offense, telling the Court, “We should treat this very seriously ... seriously enough to impose consequences and punishment.” He argued that requesting diversion does not absolve accountability, but reflects a willingness to accept help. “What it does is illuminate someone’s ability to receive resources and opportunities that they desperately need.”

Sommer said Hayden was not competent at the time of the incident but later completed a 45-day inpatient program at New Hope Facility in California and was found competent to proceed. He added that a felony conviction would limit her ability to access further care. “Ms. Hayden is a wonderful young lady who ... is devastated by her conduct and wants to get better,” he said. “I believe ... the diversion program is intended for people like Julia who ... wants to make it work.”

Hayden told the court she regrets her actions. Sommer also noted Hayden had recently been diagnosed with cancer and that Specialty Court staff were aware of her condition.

Judge Stockard granted Hayden probation on a suspended 28–72-month prison sentence and placed her on probation for 36 months. She was ordered to consult with a physician annually regarding her physical health and complete Specialty Court.

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Meet the New Owners of Stockman’s Casino



L-R: David Ross, Co-Owner, Sally Gaughan, Co-owner, Emily Gaughan, Rebecca Ross, Patricia Ross, Megan Crossland, and Michael Adams

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Stockman’s Casino has been a mainstay of Fallon since 1955. With the recent purchase of the property by Clarity Game Nevada LLC, new owners and business partners Michael Gaughan and David Ross — along with their families — officially took over operations on April 8, 2025.

Clarity Game Nevada LLC is a true family business: Michael Gaughan’s father opened South Point Casino in Las Vegas, and now the family plans to bring that same tradition of hospitality to Fallon as the owners of Stockman’s.

This year marks the first time Stockman’s has sponsored a booth at the Cantaloupe Festival. They set up alongside the Folds of Honor booth,

a partner organization that provides educational scholarships for families of fallen or injured military members.

Renovations to the building are already underway. Co-owner David Ross said about 30 percent of the slot machines have been upgraded. During construction, the café will temporarily relocate to the steakhouse space. Once work on the café is complete, it will move back to its original spot and the steakhouse will reopen.

Both Michael and David said they are thrilled with the employees they’ve welcomed through the transition and expressed gratitude for the staff’s continued dedication to Stockman’s. They invite the community to stop by and see the changes at 1560 West Williams Avenue.

RNDC Offers Low-Interest Loans to Rural Nevada Businesses  
CEDA to Begin Revolving Loan Fund Soon

Story and photo by Christy Lattin

The Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC) has spent more than three decades helping small businesses in Nevada’s rural counties secure financing when traditional banks could not. Mary Kerner, chief executive officer of RNDC, spoke recently at the Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon and explained how her agency can help small businesses around the state.

Founded in 1992 as a private non-profit, RNDC began as a “lender of last resort,” Kerner said. Today, it operates as an “alternative lender,” providing low-interest loans to entrepreneurs and business owners across 15 rural counties. Headquartered in Ely with an office in Elko, RNDC has lent more than \$55 million and helped create or retain more than 2,000 jobs.

As one of only four Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in Nevada, RNDC plays a key role in providing loans under the State Small Business Credit Initiative program. Funding partners include traditional banks, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Economic Development Administration, and the USDA.

Loans can be used for a wide range of needs, including business purchases or startups, expansion, modernization, debt consolidation, equipment, or working capital. The organization also has more flexibility than most banks when it comes to collateral. Past examples have included homes, vehicles, trailers, and even livestock.



Mary Kerner, chief executive officer of the Rural Nevada Development Corporation, spoke at the recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon about the RNDC lending program. Kerner, left, is pictured above with Lucy Carnahan, executive director of the Fallon Chamber. Photo by Christy Lattin.

Applications for RNDC loans are not available online. Instead, applicants must submit paperwork directly to the nonprofit. A volunteer board reviews applications and takes a close look at each business owner’s financial history. That review includes credit scores, bankruptcies, and personal circumstances behind those financial challenges. Once approved, it typically takes about 30 days for funding to be released.

Along with small business lending, the RNDC has additional programs including down payment assistance, a weatherization program, homeowner rehabilitation, multi-family projects, and the I-80 Fund to support businesses along the Nevada Interstate-80 corridor.

Locally, the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association (CEDA) is preparing to launch its own microloan program this fall. With \$50,000 in startup funds from unallocated city and county contributions, CEDA will offer loans of up to \$10,000 at interest rates between 4% and 10%.

The Revolving Loan Fund will be available only to businesses within Fallon or Churchill County, and funds can be used for equipment, inventory, working capital, or facility improvements. As loans are repaid, the money will be reinvested in the fund to support additional small business growth.

More information: Rural Nevada Development Corporation, rnd-cnv.org, 866-404-5204. Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association, cedaattracts.com, 290 W. Williams Ave., Fallon; 775-423-8587.

“Find Your Folklife” and “Notions of Erasure” Exhibits Open at Oats Park Art Center

Staff Report

The Churchill Arts Council (CAC) held an opening reception for two new exhibitions presented through the Nevada Arts Council’s Nevada Touring Initiative (NTI) on Aug. 29 from 5–7 p.m. at the Oats Park Art Center.

The exhibitions include “Find Your Folklife” in the E.L. Wiegand Gallery. The show explores the living traditions and cultural practices that shape everyday life in Nevada. From music and dance to food, festivals, and community gatherings, “Find Your Folklife” reminds visitors that folk culture is not only history, it is alive, evolving, and part of each of us.

“Notions of Erasure: United by Territory” is on display in the Kirk Robertson Gallery. The exhibition provides an opportunity to view selected works from 2023 Fellows: Jeffrey Burden, Glynn Cartledge, Gig Depio, Miya Hannan,

Brent Holmes, and Bobbie Ann Howell. Each artist created work independently from the others and with no intention of ever appearing together; yet taken together, the exhibit reveals how an artist’s place, time, and circumstances create unexpected and unintended connections to the world around them.

The reception offered a chance to experience these exhibitions, enjoy light refreshments, and connect with fellow community members. Admission is free and open to the public, and the Art Bar is open. The showings will remain on display until Oct. 11.

“These exhibitions showcase the diversity of Nevada’s culture and heritage, while also encouraging us to reflect on how traditions, memory, and place shape who we are as a community,” said CAC Executive Director Robyn Jordan.

More information is available at churchillarts.org.



Artwork from Brent Holmes on display at the Oats Park Art Center until Oct. 11. Photo courtesy CAC.

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“KISS THE PIG” FUNDRAISER AT THE CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL



Oasis FFA gathered for the annual Kiss the Pig fundraiser. L to R: Bailey Beebe, Meirra Cavanaugh, Reese Laca, Claire Barbee, Bailey Peixoto, Grace Laca, Pete Homma, Colby Frey, Matthew Davis, Nicole Dooley, Dakota Groom, Macady Bogdanowicz, Taylor Sowersby, Avery Laca, Addison Allegre, Vincenzo Torres May, and Faith Torres May.

Oasis Academy FFA hosted its annual “Kiss the Pig” fundraiser again this year at the Cantaloupe Festival. Always a fan favorite, the event features five dedicated community members competing against each other to raise money for the FFA chapter.

This year’s candidates were well-known faces around the community: Colby Frey owner of Frey Ranch Distillery, Pete Homa a local dairyman, Nicole Dooley with the City of Fallon, Dakota Groom is a middle school teacher at Oasis Academy, and Matthew Davis is from the Fallon Police Department.

Community members donated funds toward their “votes” for the candidate they wanted to see kiss the pig. In the end, the person with the highest total was the winner to kiss the pig.

FFA members shared that the fundraiser is more than just a laugh—it helps support student projects, leadership events, and travel opportunities throughout the year.

“The community always shows up for us,” said Jackie Bogdanowicz, FFA Advisor. “It’s one of the most fun fundraisers we do, and people remember it.”

Towards the end of the Festival on Sunday afternoon a crowd gathered to see who this year’s would be chosen “pig kisser.” Colby Frey ended up the winner and kissed the pig first. Thanks to the generosity of supporters though, more funds were raised, and each candidate was auctioned off to also kiss the pig. Approximately \$800 was raised, and Bogdanowicz thanked the candidates for their good

humor and community spirit. “It takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there for something like this,” she said. “They help make the event such a success and remind us how supportive Fallon is of its youth and agriculture.”

OASIS ACADEMY HOSTS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Oasis Academy welcomed students and families back to campus on August 20 for its annual Back to School Night, kicking off the 2025–2026 school year with excitement and community support. Families had the opportunity to meet teachers, drop off school supplies, and get a jump start on building strong connections for the year ahead. Classrooms were filled with students exploring their new learning spaces, while parents visited with staff and learned about upcoming programs and expectations.

In addition to meeting teachers, families connected with several local organizations that play an important role in supporting Oasis students and the wider Fallon community. Representatives from Central Nevada Health District, Churchill Community Coalition, NAS Fallon Fleet and Family Support Center, 4-H, Army National Guard, Girl Scouts of Northern Nevada, Churchill County Social Services, Financial Horizons, Oasis Academy Offerings Food Pantry, Boy Scouts, and the Fallon Police Department all participated in the event.

THIRD GRADERS USE STEM TO SAVE FRED

For the first week of school STEM is already being highlighted in the classroom. Oasis Academy third graders put their problem-solving skills to the test with a hands-on STEM activity known as Save Fred.

The challenge asked students to rescue “Fred,” a gummy worm in a tricky situation: his boat, a plastic cup, had capsized, leaving him stranded. Nearby was his life preserver—a gummy candy ring—but students were only allowed to use paper clips to help Fred into safety.

Working in small groups, students quickly realized that success would require communication, creativity, and patience.

“It was pretty fun, and I liked doing the project,” Nadia Castillo said. “We put the paperclips around the lifesaver and then put Fred in the lifesaver.”

The classroom was filled with strategizing and laughter as different teams celebrated their hard-earned victories.

Castillo also liked the teamwork aspect of the project. “I liked working as a team to figure out how to save Fred. It was fun to work together to come up with a solution,” she said.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian

Veritas Expands Curriculum with Music and PE Classes

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas.

Veritas Preparatory School continues to grow its academic and extracurricular offerings, bringing even more opportunities for students to thrive. This year, the school has introduced music classes for students in K4 through 2nd grade, and physical education for students in 3rd through 6th grade, enriching the curriculum with programs that support both creativity and healthy development.

BUILDING A FOUNDATION IN MUSIC

The new music program introduces Veritas’ youngest learners to the world of rhythm, melody, and song. Through hands-on activities, students in K4–2nd grade will explore basic musical concepts, experiment with instruments, and experience the joy of singing together. The goal is not only to build musical knowledge but also to strengthen listening skills, coordination, and confidence in performance.

“Music is a universal language that engages both the mind and the heart,” said Assistant Headmaster David Ernst. “Music is fundamental to Classical education. By starting early, we hope to spark



Veritas students get ready to improve teamwork skills during P.E.

a lifelong love of music in our students and begin to train the next generation of musicians.”

PROMOTING FITNESS AND TEAMWORK

For upper elementary students, Veritas has launched a weekly physical education program. Students in grades 3–6 will take part in structured activities that emphasize movement, teamwork, and healthy living. The PE curriculum focuses on developing physical skills, emphasizing the importance of daily activity, and encouraging an active lifestyle.

“Our students already excel in academics, but physical education ensures they are also learning balance, discipline, and teamwork through activity,” explained Headmaster Jill Rosario. “These are life skills that reach far beyond the gym or playground.”

A GROWING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The addition of music and PE highlights Veritas’ commitment to a well-rounded classical education. Enrollment has grown steadily, and the expanded curriculum reflects the school’s mission to cultivate the whole child—mind, body, and spirit.

Parents and students alike have expressed excitement about the new opportunities. “My daughter came home singing after her very first music class,” shared one kindergarten parent. “It’s wonderful to see her so enthusiastic about learning in a new way.”

With these additions, Veritas continues to provide students with a rich education that prepares them not just for academic success, but for a lifetime of learning, creativity, and character.

CAPS Annual Spaghetti Dinner

FUNDRAISER

September 6, 2025 5:00PM

Fallon Convention Center

100 Campus Way, Fallon NV 89406

TICKETS

\$15 Adults | \$10 Kids (4-12) | Kids 3 & Under Free

Dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, drinks, and dessert.

Beer and wine available for purchase

FOOD - DRINKS -

SILENT AUCTION -

RAFFLES



SPORTS

Fallon Junior Rodeo Fun

Photos by John Baker.

The 55th Fallon Junior Rodeo drew several competitive youth contenders to the outdoor arena at the Rafter 3C Events Complex Labor Day weekend. Here are some of the best shots of the weekend. Event standings will be published once released.



Damon Edgemon calf roping.



Parker Dixon goat tying.



Kestin Moore calf riding.



Walker Greenwood steer daubing.



Timberly Glover mutton busting.



Carmen Luque barrel racing.

SLOW DOWN  
IN SCHOOL ZONES



STAY ALERT & LOOK TWICE

Chief of Police Daniel Babiarz reminds everyone:

- Drivers – Slow down in school zones. Never pass a stopped school bus.
- Parents – Teach your kids to stop, and look both ways..
- Students – Put phones away, turn earbuds down, and use crosswalks.

Together, let’s protect our kids and each other.





COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:  
This Month’s Flavor Passport Stamp: Za’atar

By Kelli Kelly

Greetings Gentler Readers,  
I am writing this week from sea level, where I’m attending a conference in Orlando. The air is heavy here, the kind of humidity that makes even a short walk feel like a slow melt. I’m not cooking in my hotel room, but I am thinking about flavors—because if travel teaches us anything, it’s that food and spice have a way of connecting us to place. Sometimes they anchor us in memory; sometimes they stir up dreams of places we’ve never been.

This month at the Churchill County Library, the featured “spice of the month” is za’atar—a Middle Eastern blend of thyme, oregano, sumac, sesame seeds, salt, and the eponymous za’atar plant (sometimes called hyssop). It’s a seasoning that evokes images of sunlit hillsides, communal tables, and bread freshly pulled from a wood-fired oven. When I open a jar of za’atar at home, I’m instantly transported—not to Fallon or Orlando, but to imagined kitchens half a world away. That’s the gift of spice: it is both flavor and passport.

Travel and spice are kindred. Cardamom puts me in a bustling café I once visited in Jerusalem, and saffron evokes meals I haven’t yet eaten in Morocco—but hope to. Za’atar does the same: it invites me to taste beyond my own borders, whether literal or imagined.

Since I’m not cooking on the road, let me share a simple recipe you can try at home, one that captures the essence of za’atar while fitting into any kitchen routine:

Za’atar Roasted Chickpeas

Ingredients

- 1 can Chickpeas, drained, rinsed, and patted dry
- 1 tbsp. Olive oil
- 2 tbsp. Za’atar
- Pinch of salt

DIRECTIONS:

Toss everything together and roast at 400 degrees for 20–25 minutes, until golden and crisp. They’re delicious as a snack, tucked into a salad, or carried along on your own travels.

Mediterranean Avocado Salad with

Feta Ingredients

For the dressing

- 1 Lemon, zested and juiced
- 1/4 cup Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 Garlic clove, minced
- 1 1/2 tsp. Za’atar, plus more to sprinkle
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper

For the salad

- 2 Large Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 English cucumber, diced



- 1 Shallot, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup Pitted Kalamata olives, plus more to taste
- 2 Avocados
- 10 to 15 Basil leaves, thinly sliced (chiffonade)
- 3 to 4 oz. Feta, crumbled into large chunks

DIRECTIONS:

1. Prepare the vinaigrette: Shake or whisk the lemon zest, juice, olive oil, garlic, and za’atar until well combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. Mix the salad: In a bowl, add the tomatoes, cucumber, shallot, and olives. Shake the vinaigrette again, then pour into the bowl and toss. Taste and adjust seasoning. Slice the avocados in half, remove the pits, and dice. Add to the salad along with the basil and feta. Toss gently, sprinkle with extra za’atar, and serve.

So, while I’m wilting here in the Florida air, I’m holding onto this thought: spice connects us to place, whether through memory or imagination. Head over to the Churchill County Library during the month of September to pick up your sample of za’atar and earn one more stamp in your flavor passport—because spices are an invitation to let your kitchen—wherever it happens to be—become a vessel for travel.

Until next week, may your food take you places.



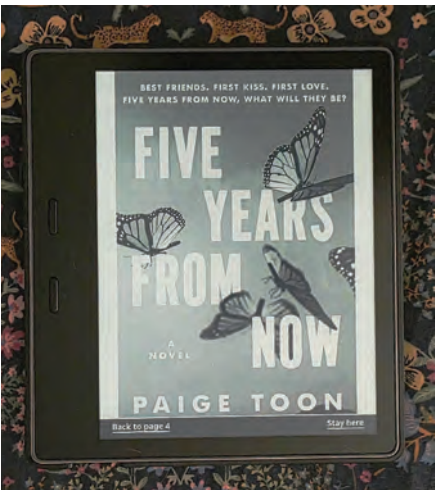
Kelli Kelly, Slinger of Produce.  
Slurper of Dumplings.  
Person of the Bean.

Allison’s Book Report:  
“Five Years From Now”

by Paige Toon

By Allison Diegel

Back-to-school season is finally upon us this week here in the Diegel house. Whether you homeschool like we do or not, the change in seasons brings exciting challenges and a fresh start, but it can also feel a little overwhelming. Amidst the rush of all the things this time of year brings, it’s important to remember to carve out a little time for yourself. Unwinding with a great book is the perfect



way to escape. So, as you stock up on school supplies, go ahead and grab this week’s pick and make it a priority to get lost in the emotional story behind “Five Years From Now” by Paige Toon.

This is a story that will pull at

your heartstrings and make you a firm believer in the idea of “right person, wrong time.” It follows the journey of Nell and Van, two people whose lives become intertwined from the moment they meet as five-year-olds. Their parents fall in love, and the two kids form an incredible bond, becoming the best of friends.

But as fate would have it, a tragedy rips their families apart, and Van has to move across the world. Five years later, they find their way back to each other. They’re not children anymore, and that deep friendship has now blossomed into something more—a raw, undeniable connection. Just as things start to get serious, they are separated again.

This becomes a pattern for the next two decades. Life and circumstances continuously get in the way, bringing Nell and Van back together every five years, only to tear them apart again. You’ll be on the edge of your seat, desperate for them to get their happy ending. The book beautifully explores their complex relationship, as well as their individual lives and the other people who come into them.

More than just a love story, it’s a poignant and realistic look at relationships—with family, friends, and ourselves. It touches on themes of grief, growing up, and the belief that when you look back, you’ll understand why things happened the way they did. You’ll feel every emotion with Nell and Van as you follow their journey, and by the end, you’ll be left with a sense of hope and the feeling that sometimes, the world is still full of possibility. The story is a genuine tear-jerker that will leave a lasting impression.

That’s all for this week. I hope you are able to take a minute, slow down, and read a good book. Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more books for you to lose yourself in any time.

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.

Crossword

By Peanut

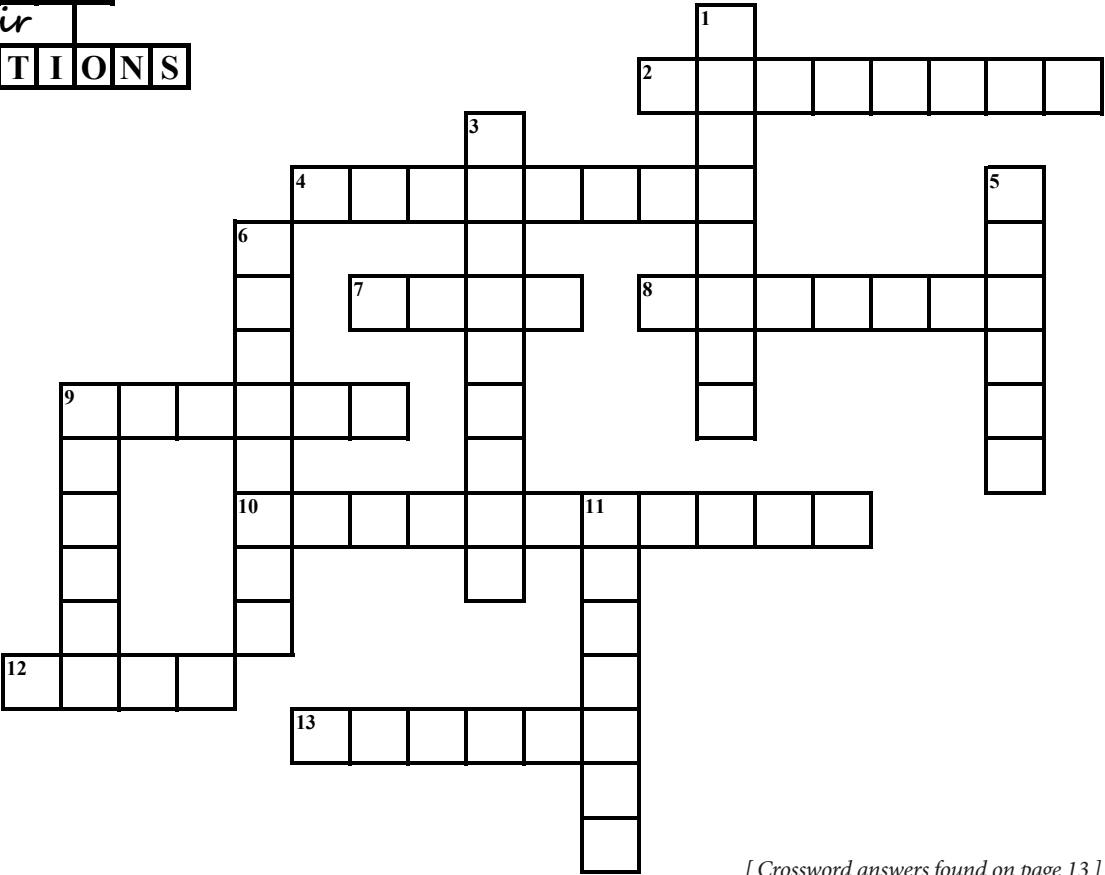
EXPLORERS  
and their  
EXPLORATIONS

Across

2. Deep sea
4. California
7. Artic, Antarctic
8. St Lawrence River
9. Florida
10. S & E Africa
12. Australasia
13. Columbia, Panama

Down

1. Colorado River
3. Moon
5. Mexico
6. Circumnavigated Earth
9. SE North America
11. Outer space



[ Crossword answers found on page 13 ]



LEGAL NOTICES

ORDER TO ALLOW SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION AND  
TO ALLOW NOTICE OF  
HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CHURCHILL

JEFFREY L. CHRISTIANSEN and  
JILL L. CHRISTIANSEN,  
individuals,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
Title Service and Escrow Company, a  
dissolved Nevada Corporation, or any  
person or entity claiming a right there-  
under; Anna Macari, a resident of Col-  
orado, now believed to be a deceased  
person; and also all other persons or en-  
tities unknown claiming any right, title,  
state, lien or interest in the real property  
described in the Complaint adverse to  
plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon  
plaintiffs' title thereto,  
Defendants.

ORDER TO ALLOW SERVICE BY  
PUBLICATION AND TO ALLOW  
NOTICE OF HEARING BY  
PUBLICATION

Pending before this Court is a Motion  
by Plaintiffs JEFFREY L. CHRIS-  
TIANSEN and JILL L. CHRIS-  
TIANSEN, individuals, by and through  
their counsel of record, R. Scott  
Jamieson, requesting that the Court  
enter an Order allowing Service by  
Publication against Defendants Title  
Service and Escrow Company, a dis-  
solved Nevada Corporation, or any per-  
son or entity claiming a right  
thereunder; Anna Macari, a resident of  
Colorado, now believed to be a de-  
ceased person, specifically, and also all  
other persons unknown claiming any  
right, title, estate, lien or interest in the  
real property described in the com-  
plaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership,  
or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title  
thereto, and to allow Notice of  
Hearing by Publication to the above-  
named persons and entities have an op-  
portunity to timely file an appropriate  
written Answer or other appropriate  
written response to the Court with re-  
spect to the above-referenced Summons  
and and Complaint, and to appear at a  
hearing wherein any interested person  
may appear to contest Plaintiffs' Com-  
plaint to Quiet Title, both directly and  
through their claim of adverse posses-  
sion. This Motion is made and based  
upon NRS 40.090, NRS 40.100, NRS  
40.110, NRCP Rule 4(d) (3), and upon  
10 JDCR Rule 4.4 and any other appli-  
cable Nevada Law. Based on the evi-  
dence and information provided to the  
Court incident to the above-referenced  
Motion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as  
follows: Plaintiffs shall serve the Sum-  
mons and the Verified Complaint in  
this case by means of publication, said  
publication to be made in a newspaper  
of general circulation, in the County of  
Churchill, State of Nevada, for a period  
of 4 weeks, and at least once a week  
during said time, effectuating service  
upon both all of the abovenamed spe-  
cific persons and entities and also upon  
all other persons or entities unknown  
claiming any right, title estate, lien or  
interest in the real property described in  
the Complaint adverse to plaintiffs'  
ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs'  
title thereto.  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the  
hearing date in the above referenced  
matter wherein the Court will be able to  
consider the Verified Complaint, is set  
for October 7 at 9:00 a.m., 2025, such  
hearing to occur after the date for filing  
Answers or other appropriate responsive  
pleadings to the required publishing,  
posting and recording as required under  
the applicable Nevada Rules and Statutes.  
This document does not contain the  
social security number of any person.

DATED this 5th day of August 2025.  
Tom Stockard  
District Judge

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SUMMONS  
CASE NO. 24-10DC-1125  
DEPT. NO. 1

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CHURCHILL

JEFFREY L. CHRISTIANSEN and  
JILL L. CHRISTIANSEN,  
individuals,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
Title Service and Escrow Company,  
a dissolved Nevada Corporation, or any  
person or entity claiming a right there-  
under; Anna Macari, a former resident  
of Colorado, now believed to be a  
deceased person; and also all other  
persons or entities unknown claiming  
any right, title, estate, lien or interest in  
the real property described in the  
Complaint adverse to plaintiffs' owner-  
ship, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title  
thereto,

Defendants.  
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SUMMONS

TO DEFENDANT TITLE SERVICE  
AND ESCROW COMPANY, A DIS-  
SOLVED NEVADA CORPORATION,  
OR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY  
CLAIMING A RIGHT THEREUN-  
DER; ANNA MACARI, A FORMER  
RESIDENT OF COLORADO, NOW  
BELIEVED TO BE A DECEASED  
PERSON; AND ALSO ALL OTHER  
PERSONS OR ENTITIES UNKNOWN  
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ES-  
TATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE  
REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN  
THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO  
PLAINTIFFS' OWNERSHIP, OR ANY  
CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFFS' TITLE  
THERETO.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE  
COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST  
YOU WITHOUT YOU BEING  
HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND IN  
WRITING WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ  
THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY  
CAREFULLY.

You are summoned and required to  
serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney, whose  
name and address is noted below, a  
formal written Answer to the Complaint  
which is served upon you, within 20 days  
after service of this Summons, exclusive  
of the day of service, and to file such  
Answer with the clerk of the court  
located at 73 N. Maine Street, Ste. 8,  
Fallon, NV 89406. If you fail to do so,  
judgment by default will be taken  
against you for the relief demanded in  
the Complaint. This action is brought to  
obtain Quiet Title to real property  
located at 245 S. Taylor Street, Fallon,  
Nevada, Churchill County, APN No.  
001-521-01.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2024.  
Tiffany Josephs, Clerk of the Court.  
Plaintiffs' Attorney:  
R. Scott Jamieson  
Law Office of R. Scott Jamieson  
548 W. Plumb Lane, Ste. B  
Reno, NV 89509

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a  
public hearing will be held in the  
Churchill County Administrative  
Complex, 155 North Taylor Street,  
County Commission Chambers, Fallon,  
Nevada, on Wednesday, September 17,  
2025, starting at 1:15 p.m. The Churchill  
County Commissioners will hold a  
public hearing on the following request:

Consideration and possible action re:  
An ordinance amending zoning districts  
is under consideration by Churchill  
County. Current Industrial Zoned  
parcels, listed below, will be designated  
as I-1 (light industrial), I-2 (medium in-  
dustrial), or I-3 (heavy industrial).

002-431-04, 003-011-02, 003-691-61,  
003-691-67, 003-691-68, 003-691-69,  
003-691-70, 006-081-01, 006-132-13,  
006-132-14, 006-132-15, 006-132-38,  
006-132-39, 006-871-28, 006-871-29,  
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009-271-55, 009-271-72, 009-271-73,  
009-271-78, 009-271-79, 009-271-80,  
009-291-09, 009-371-01, 009-371-83,  
and 009-411-09.

If you cannot attend the meeting,  
written comments may be submitted  
to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N.  
Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, NV  
89406, before 5:00 p.m., September 16,  
2025. A copy of the amendment is  
available for public inspection at the  
Churchill County Public Works,  
Planning & Building Department.  
We will also post a scanned copy on  
September 11, 2025 with our Agenda  
Packet on our web page at  
<https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes> for the  
September 17, 2025 meeting.

Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a  
public hearing will be held in the  
Churchill County Administrative  
Complex, 155 North Taylor Street,  
County Commission Chambers,  
Fallon, Nevada, at approximately  
1:15 PM on Wednesday, September  
17, 2025, on the proposed Ordinance:

TITLE: Bill 2025-A, Ordinance 32, an  
ordinance amending Title 16 of the  
Churchill County Code and establishing  
the I-1, I-2, and I-3 zoning districts;  
deleting the I zoning district, defining  
the zoning and design review process,  
establishing zoning requirements for  
existing and additional industrial land  
uses, clarifying the requirements for  
power generation facilities, and other  
matters related thereto.

SUMMARY: This ordinance deletes the  
current I - Industrial zoning district and  
replaces it with the I-1, I-2, and I-3  
zoning districts. The I-1 zoning district  
is intended for light industrial uses, the  
I-2 zoning district is intended for  
medium industrial uses, and the I-3  
zoning district is intended for heavy  
industrial uses. The ordinance defines  
the review process and requirements for  
various new and existing industrial uses  
in the newly established districts. These  
changes will allow for a more granular  
approach in addressing industrial uses  
throughout Churchill County. The ordi-  
nance further establishes the zoning  
and design review process, which allows  
for the authorization and conditioning  
of particular land uses through an  
administrative review. The ordinance  
further clarifies requirements for all  
power generating facilities instead of  
just renewable energy facilities to address  
a gap in the county code requirements.

If you cannot attend the meeting,  
written comments may be submitted to  
the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N  
Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406,  
before 4:00 p.m. on September 16, 2025.  
A copy of the ordinance is on file and  
available for public inspection at the  
Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's  
Office. A scanned copy of the ordinance  
will be posted on September 11, 2025  
with the Agenda Packet on the county's  
website at <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes>.

Dated: August 12, 2025.  
Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

ARMSTRONG  
BALBOA  
CABRILLO  
CARTIER  
COOK  
CORONADO  
CORTES  
COUSTEAU  
DELEON  
DESOTO  
LIVINGSTONE  
MAGELLAN  
ROSS  
SHEPARD





COLUMNS

Postcards: Virginia Paine Smith

By Michon Mackedon

Dr. Virginia Paine Vineyard Smith was a female physician who came to Churchill County, along with her husband, Charles Carter Smith, a druggist, in 1903. What we know of her story sounds like a plot line developed for a contemporary Netflix series: woman doctor serves on the frontier, delivering babies, administering to victims of smallpox, measles, pneumonia, appendicitis, cholera, typhoid, croup, and all varieties of injuries, while raising six children of her own.

Smith’s story was researched by Bunny Corkill and Julie King and written up in an issue of “MuseNews,” published by the Churchill County Museum Association in 2015. Their article, “Medical Care in Churchill County 1860-1950” names many of our early medical doctors in the Valley and relates the details that are known about their practices. According to Corkill and King, Smith, along with her husband and children, “home-steaded a 40-acre farm in the area of present-day Manchester Estates. They lived in an adobe home on what is now known as Adobe Road.” Virginia, then in her early 60s, opened up a practice as a physician and surgeon. “By mid 1905 she had been appointed county physician and chairman of the board of health at the salary of \$50 per month. In this position she campaigned untiringly against the unsanitary

conditions in the town of Fallon. She also made regular professional calls in the city and vicinity for \$2.50.” She faced enormous difficulties day by day in the effort to reach patients by horse and buggy. According to Corkill and King, “In 1908 the Churchill County Eagle reported, ‘A horse attached to a buggy belonging to Mrs. V.P. Smith, M.D., ran away Wednesday afternoon. It ran past the Court House. Charles Wilson took after it on horseback. After running a block east it turned and came out on Maine Street between Popenoes’ and New River Hall. It jumped about 10 feet in the air and smashed things up in general. Wilson overtook and stopped the animal in front of the Eagle office.’” Corkill and King recount how Smith wasn’t quite as fortunate five years later, when, after visiting a patient in Hazen, her “spirited young horse became frightened during the heavy wind storm and ran away.” She was thrown from the buggy, sustaining lacerations and bruises. “The freight train was coming toward Fallon about that time and the crew saw the horse running toward Hazen. Further on, they saw Dr. Smith lying near the track, waving at them to stop. She was taken in the coach and brought here, but had to be carried from the train to the auto which conveyed her to her home a couple of miles south west of town.” She recovered from her injuries, but her family later recalled that “because the weather was so cold and miserable, she had taken along her heavy bearskin robe to wrap around herself. They believed that if not for the bearskin, she would have been killed.” Smith passed away on December 1,1923, after

administering to countless patients in Churchill County. She was laid to rest next to her husband, Charles, who had died in 1917. Her friends and neighbors spoke of her as “brilliant.” Thank you, Bunny and Julie, for sharing Smith’s story. Please send your stories and ideas for stories to mackedon@phonewave.net.

Michon Mackedon is a native of Fallon and a retired professor of English and Humanities (WNC). She loves her family, her home, her dog, reading, writing, making good food, and sipping a glass of fine white wine. Beyond that, she refuses to be categorized.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada on September 17, 2025 beginning at 1:15 p.m. regarding the following request:

Consideration and possible action re: An Abandonment of Easement Application, AE25-3, filed by Gary Laca, Trustee of Dani 1987 Trust Agreement for property located on Conrad Place, Assessor’s Parcel Number 006-231-74, consisting of 7.29 acres in the A-5 zoning district, whereby the Applicant proposes to abandon the drainage easement along the east and south sides of the parcel.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 5 p.m., September 16, 2025. A copy of the Application is on file and available for public inspection at the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office. We will also post a scanned copy of the Application with the Agenda Packet for the meeting on September 11, 2025. The Board of County Commissioners will make a final decision.

Dated: August 26, 2025.

Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)  
HVAC Removal / Replacement  
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe  
Indian Reservation

Scope of work: The FPST Housing Department is soliciting bids from qualified contractors to perform the removal and replacement of HVAC systems in 49 occupied residential housing units.

This project is funded by Indian Housing Block Grant and is subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO), and tribal tax policies.

Key Dates: Pre Bid Meeting:  
Aug. 14, 2025, at 10 a.m.  
(FPST Housing Department)  
Bid Deadline: Sept. 2, 2025, by 5 p.m.

A full RFP packet is available upon request by contacting:  
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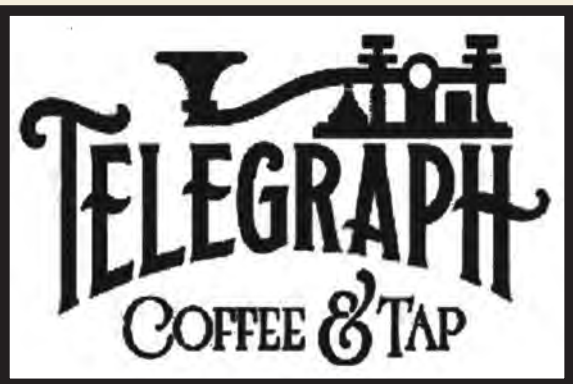
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