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## Driver Shortages Leave Students Waiting, Chronic Absenteeism Solutions Explored

By Christy Lattin

Transportation challenges continue to strain the Churchill County School District, leaving nearly 180 students still on a waiting list for bus service.

At the Sept. 17 meeting of the School Board of Trustees, Superintendent Derild Parsons reported that the district began the school year with 368 students waiting for transportation. About 200 have since been placed on routes, but 178 remain without service, forcing families to find alternatives.

The district currently moves about 1,300 students daily—roughly 42 percent of the student population of 3,106. Routes have been consolidated to maximize capacity, and an in-town route now shuttles students to afterschool programs. Trustees approved hiring three new drivers in the past two months, though shortages persist.

“We’re short on drivers,” Parsons told the board. This school year, only 13 buses are in operation due to the driver shortage, compared to 17 and 15 in the past two years. During the 2023-2024 school year, the district resorted to rotating week-long route blackouts beginning in January to manage the shortfall.



Churchill County School District bus drivers getting ready for new routes before school started last month. Photo courtesy CCSD.

Transportation is available to all K-12 students in Churchill County, though most K-8 students living within a half-mile of a school inside city limits must walk. To fill driver vacancies, the district has stepped up recruiting through social media campaigns and newsletters, while relying on substitute drivers daily.

Trustee Kathryn Whitaker asked whether transportation problems are contributing to the district’s chronic absenteeism.

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## IEC Reviews Navy/BLM Progress on FRTC Modernization

By Rachel Dahl

The Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) for the Fallon Range Training Complex met Sept. 10 to review federal and state progress on implementing the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) expansion around Naval Air Station Fallon. The hybrid meeting was hosted at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with Zoom access for remote attendees.

Attending for Churchill, Lyon, and Pershing counties were Churchill County commissioner Myles Getto who serves as Vice-Chair of the IEC, Lyon County commissioner Scott Keller, and Pershing County Commissioner Connie Gottschalk. The NDAA directed the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior to establish the IEC to “exchange views, information, and advice re-

lating to the management of the natural and cultural resources” on the lands withdraws for the FRTC. The Navy coordinates with the DOI, State of Nevada, six counties, and 17 Indian Tribes.

The agenda ran through updates from the U.S. Navy and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on grazing decisions, cadastral (survey) work, real estate actions such as road realignments, natural resources plans, cultural resource surveys, and ongoing tribal engagement—key pieces in a multi-year program scheduled to run into FY31.

The Navy reported “Year 3” milestones: private-land acquisitions continue in B-17/Dixie Valley; two offers have been made on B-16 grazing payments and permit modifications; mining-claim payment initiation is underway for B-16, B-17 and B-20; and environmental work tied to new fencing and range improvements at B-16 is nearly com-

plete. A final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for B-16 range infrastructure is expected in October.

An integrated schedule shows related tasks—private land deals, grazing compensation, cultural surveys, and road/pipeline work—staggered across B-16, B-17, B-20 and Dixie Valley, with construction windows dependent on NDAA and military construction funding and coordination with BLM, NDOT, BOR and others.

BLM said proposed grazing decisions went out July 31 for two allotments affected by B-16: Lahontan would drop from 1,151 AUMs to 637 AUMs, and Horse Mountain from 3,000 AUMs to 2,884 AUMs. Full land-health assessments and fully processed permits are planned for FY29.

Cadastral work remains on schedule for B-16: surveys in Sectors 1–5 and 7–8 are

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain’s Log

## Goodness

By Rachel Dahl

I hate that it’s dark at six in the morning. And that it’s getting chilly. And I hate complainers.

The cold makes me cranky and a quick check at the weather confirms it’s only 51 degrees and I should buck up. We’ve got a long way to go.

Actually, these beautiful fall days have been just sublime. The rabbit brush is blooming across my yard and yesterday when it rained, between the rain, the rabbit brush, and the sage, it’s hard to think of anything on earth better than that smell. And the sunset off the porch, with the whole world lit with that soft, golden light – the chickens and the peacocks mulling around getting ready to settle in for the night.

“All is right with the world, and my joy is at its zenith.”

In spite of all that, it’s been another rough week in the world. The president of our church died at 101 years old, a madman burned a church after he shot it up, a beautiful former student was killed on his motorcycle, and one of our Fallon Post family lost their 15-year-old son in a horrible accident while they watched him do what he loved best.

It would be easy to get down in the trenches of despair and wallow in grief and misery, but watching our friends celebrate their sweet boy, generously share all their



lovely memories of him, see the community come to their aid and support them, restores a sense of the kind and hopeful.

We are surrounded in this community by so much goodness.

Times like these allow us to reflect and ponder and refocus on the things that really matter. This time of year is the same – we can look back on the year so far and see how much we’ve accomplished, regather ourselves as we go into winter and wrap things up while we settle in to enjoy the holidays. Just one big turn of the world before we get ready to do it all again.

So while we enjoy this beautiful time of year and appreciate where we live and those we love, we’ll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

*— Rach*

# School Board Rejects Early Retirement Incentives This Year

By Christy Lattin

There will be no early retirement incentives offered to employees this school year, following the Churchill County School Board of Trustees’ rejection of the issue at its Sept. 17 meeting.

“Buyouts make no sense right now because we’re short employees,” said board president Gregg Malkovich. He said if the early retirements were granted, the board would end up hiring them back in the future due to a staffing shortage. The district has 16 open licensed positions, and nine open classified positions, as reported in the agenda packet.

The personnel policy regarding early retirement incentives outlines the eligibility requirements, incentive options and conditions. Typically, an employee with 20 years of service working for Churchill County School District can petition for early retirement. The incentive options include the district purchasing one year of retirement service credit, the employee purchasing additional retirement credit with unused sick leave, or exchanging either option for one year of health insurance.

Following the introduction of the agenda item, Malkovich said he would entertain comments from other board trustees, but he was looking for a motion not to approve early retirement incentives. Fellow board members agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the board heard a presentation on the LEAD program, a leadership development program for educators. Jennifer Gehant, teacher on special assignment, told the board this is a “grow your own” program intended to nurture teachers and employees wanting to move into administration or become “teacher leaders.” Gehant said the cohort includes teachers from all grade levels who interact weekly, letting them network with educators in different grade levels they normally don’t interact with. The group will

meet 17 times during the year, and teachers can earn three professional development credits.

In his quarterly progress report, Parsons reported on the six goals he’s challenged with. His top three goals are to increase the graduation rate to 90 percent, to improve the attendance rate to 95 percent, and to decrease chronic absenteeism to 20 percent all by the end of the 2026-2027 year. He also shared that Churchill County High School rose to a three-star school through the Nevada School Performance Framework ratings, and while the middle school did not increase from a one-star rating, they are within striking distance of an increase.

**The board of trustees also took action or heard the following agenda items:**

- Enrollment data shows CCSD lost 68 elementary students over the summer but gained 37 middle school and high school students, ultimately down 31 students. Total student population is at 3,106 as of Sept. 2, which is a steady decline in numbers over the past three years.
- Human Resources reported that assignment letters and license contracts are being distributed for signatures. HR is also piloting a new teacher evaluation process.
- Budget updates, and notice of a retiring employee in the administration office.
- The consent agenda included approval of the CCHS Track & Field holiday wreath fundraiser, a review of policies, and acceptance of a \$10,000 donation from Gemini for STEM/CTE programs.
- A report on the safeTALK suicide prevention training in August. More trainings will continue until 100% of staff have been through the training.

The school board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 690 S. Maine Street.



FEATURES

# Passing the Torch at Lattin Farms

## Growing Food and Family Fun

By Christy Lattin

For nearly five decades, Lattin Farms has been a cornerstone of the valley, welcoming generations of Nevadans to experience the simple pleasures of farm life. What began in the 1970s, when Rick and B. Ann Lattin first sold their fresh produce from their farm stand, has blossomed into a cherished community tradition. Now, after 27 years of hosting their famous Fall Festival, the Lattins are passing the torch to the next generation.

Lisa Lattin Voigtlaender and her husband Ryan have taken on the significant responsibility of stepping into Rick’s shoes following his retirement. The transition, while exciting, hasn’t been without its challenges.

“It’s a lot,” Lisa admits. “Dad’s done a lot of work and he’s built great things here. At first it felt overwhelming, but he’s built so many bridges in the community that I can reach out if I have questions. I’m learning.”

Ryan is an employee of the Foreign Service, and his job has taken the couple and their three children around the globe. The couple returned to Fallon in 2023 for one month, just to help with the Fall Festival, but Lisa decided to stay. She is eager to carry on the traditions Rick has built, and to start new ones herself.

While Lisa is committed to maintaining the farm’s beloved traditions, she envisions expanding the experience beyond the big festival days. Her dream is simple yet profound: she wants people to come out and visit the farm, sit at a table in the shade of an ivy-wrapped tree, and connect with their neighbors. She has ideas sprouting all the time, but first comes the most important event of the year – Fall Festival.

This year’s Fall Festival kicked off last Saturday and continues on October 4, 11, 18, 24, and 25, with the farm opening its gates at 10 a.m. each day. The popular Pumpkin Tower will be lit towards dusk on Oct. 18. Visitors can enjoy all the classic favorites that have made this event special for nearly three decades: Hay rides, pumpkin



Lisa Lattin Voigtlaender and her husband Ryan stand behind her parents B. Ann and Rick Lattin. Lisa and Ryan have assumed management of Lattin Farms and are preparing for this year’s Fall Festival. Photo by Christy Lattin.

picking, the scarecrow factory, the eclectic craft fair, and the corn maze – this year’s theme is “Bats!”

The corn maze itself is a story of evolution and efficiency. Lisa recalls their first maze in 1998, when cutting corn stalks with machetes and hauling them out by hand was a week’s worth of work by several people. Today, a professional maze company completes the same task in just hours using GPS-guided equipment – a perfect example of how tradition and technology can work hand in hand.

The High Desert Grange brightens the festival atmosphere with their reptile display and their popular Goat Days event, creating educational opportunities alongside the entertainment.

No festival would be complete without delicious food, and Lattin Farms delivers with smoked pork, hot dogs, and seasonal favorites like pumpkin pies and pumpkin rolls. Lisa’s aunt, visiting from Utah, has been busy baking homemade goods for the festival, while B. Ann continues to lend her helping hands in every aspect of the farm.

Individual tickets for the corn maze run \$10.08 per person, a hay wagon ride and one pumpkin from the pumpkin patch is \$9.05 per person, and a combo ticket for both events runs \$15.23 per person.

As Lisa settles into her new role, the future of Lattin Farms looks bright. The flame of community spirit that Rick and B. Ann kindled continues to burn brightly, now tended by hands ready to nurture it for the next generation of residents and visitors alike. With deep roots in tradition and fresh ideas for growth, the farm will continue to serve as a gathering place where families create memories, neighbors reconnect, and the simple joys of rural life are celebrated.

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit [lattinfarms.com](http://lattinfarms.com).

Editor’s Note: Reporter Christy Lattin is not associated with Lattin Farms.

# Rogne Realty Welcomes New Broker and Owner

By Christy Lattin

*Rogne Realty has new ownership, but the faces are familiar to Fallon residents. Longtime employee Lauren Wilson purchased the agency on Sept. 1 after founder Kelly Rogne retired. The realty firm held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 26 with the Fallon Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the transition with customers and the community.*

Wilson has worked at Rogne Realty for more than a decade, starting as office manager. She earned her real estate license seven years ago and has been an agent since. Now, she steps into the role of broker and owner.

Her second-in-command, Paige Morasky, also worked her way up in the company—starting as a cleaner before becoming a real estate agent. Today, she assists in all aspects of the business.



The Fallon Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Rogne Realty and new owner, Lauren Wilson, center. Wilson was joined by friends, family and members from the Fallon Chamber. Photo by Christy Lattin.

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Originally from Virginia, Wilson has lived in Fallon for more than ten years. As a single mother, she said she valued the flexibility her career provided and considers Rogne Realty a second home. “My two daughters were raised in the hallways of the building,” she said.

“I love real estate,” Wilson added. “I’m passionate about helping residents in rural areas find the perfect house. We understand the rural areas better than a Reno agent would.”

While she lists some properties in Reno, Wilson’s primary market includes Fallon, Fernley, Yerington, Lovelock, and Silver Springs. She also represents buyers and sellers in distant Nevada communities such as Wells, Ely, and Tonopah.

Wilson said she sold more than \$8 million in real estate last year and was named one of the top 10 agents in Fallon by the Northern Nevada Regional MLS. In addition to real estate sales, Rogne Realty also manages properties for off-site owners in Fallon and Fernley, handling rental applications and tenant communications.

Founded in 2007, the firm won’t see major changes right away, Wilson said, though she plans to refresh the décor and expand the team. She expects to add another real estate agent by the end of the year, with more to follow in 2026.

Rogne Realty is located at 590 W. Williams Ave., and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wilson and her team are available on weekends or after hours by appointment. For more information about Rogne Realty, visit [rogne Realty.com](http://rogne Realty.com) or call 775-423-3700.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Frey Ranch Whiskey Harvest Festival Returns October 4

By Staff Report

Fallon’s own Frey Ranch Distillery is inviting the community back to the farm this weekend for its fourth annual Whiskey Harvest Festival — a celebration of Northern Nevada’s fall season that mixes farm traditions with good food, live music, and, of course, world-class whiskey.

The free event takes place Saturday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the distillery, located on the Frey family’s 2,000-acre farm. Guests can expect everything from distillery tours and food trucks to artisan shopping and lawn games, with the beloved corn cannon set to make its return. Fallon’s own band, The Coaches, will provide live music throughout the day.

One of the most unique features this year comes courtesy of the U.S. Forest Service, which will host an ornament-making station. Visitors can use Frey Ranch bottle toppers and coasters to design decorations for the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, which is making its way to Washington, D.C. from Nevada this holiday season.

The festival will showcase 14 local artisan vendors offering everything from pottery and boots to homemade treats. Food and drink options include Rusty Canteen’s farm-fresh cocktails along with Bali Express, Otis’ Grill, Grandpa Archie’s Ice Cream, and more. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket, picnic on the lawn, and soak in the harvest atmosphere.

For the Frey family, the festival is more than a party — it’s a toast to the harvest season that sustains their “farm-to-glass” spirits. Frey Ranch is one of the only distilleries in the country that grows, harvests, distills, and malts 100 percent of its whiskey grains on site. Each fall, the ranch’s harvest of corn, wheat, barley, oat, and rye culminates in the October celebration.

This year’s Whiskey Harvest also marks the release of the Har-



Whiskey Harvest 2024.

vester Series: Second Harvest, an ultra-premium wheat whiskey made entirely from Frey’s own slow-grown grains. Future releases will debut annually at the festival.

Founded by Colby and Ashley Frey in 2006, Frey Ranch has become one of the nation’s leading ultra-premium whiskey brands while staying rooted in Fallon’s 170-year farming heritage. The distillery offers public tours and tastings every Saturday and continues to win national recognition for its sustainable, homegrown approach to whiskey making.

More information about the Whiskey Harvest Festival can be found at [freyranch.com](http://freyranch.com) or on Frey Ranch’s Facebook page.

## Spaghetti Feed to Benefit Churchill County Museum

*Do you like food and supporting your local museum? You can do both on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Churchill County Museum.*

From noon to 5 p.m., the Copper Queen 1915 chapter of E Clampus Vitus (the Clampers) will host a spaghetti feed fundraiser in the museum’s multipurpose room. Plates include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and pepperoncini. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children under 11, and \$1 for sodas. To-go orders are available for an additional \$1.

The fundraiser overlaps with the museum’s lecture that day, so guests can enjoy their meal while listening in.

Proceeds benefit the Churchill County Museum, located at 1050 S. Maine St. in Fallon.

## Movies and More

By Kelli Perez

October is here, and the Fallon Theatre is kicking off the month with one of its biggest weekends of the year. For two nights only, *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (2003) takes over the stage and screen in a 4D experience sponsored by Huck Salt.

On Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., audiences can dive into the immersive 4D screening, featuring mist, scent, vibrations, flashing lights, live character appearances and themed treats. At 7 p.m. each night, the theatre will also present a traditional showing of the film without the added effects. Rated PG-13 and running 2 hours and 23 minutes, the swash-buckling favorite plays only this weekend. Reservations for the 4D screening are available now on the theatre’s website for a small fee.

The busy October schedule continues Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., when Nashville country duo Luke and Kaylee return to Fallon. Known for heartfelt lyrics, rich harmonies and lively stage presence, the pair bring an evening of high-energy entertainment. Tickets are \$20.

There will be no movies on Friday, Oct. 17, or Saturday, Oct. 18, as Performing Arts of Churchill County presents *Schoolhouse Rock*

*Live! Jr.* The family-friendly musical brings the classic songs of *Schoolhouse Rock* to life, performed by local talent on the historic vaudeville stage. Tickets are available through PACC’s website.

Halloween night is one of Fallon’s favorite traditions. From 4 to 6 p.m., families are invited downtown for the *Maine Street Spooktacular*, with safe trick-or-treating, games and costumes. At 7 p.m., the Fallon Theatre hosts the interactive cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Admission is \$10, and props are welcome (nothing wet or messy).

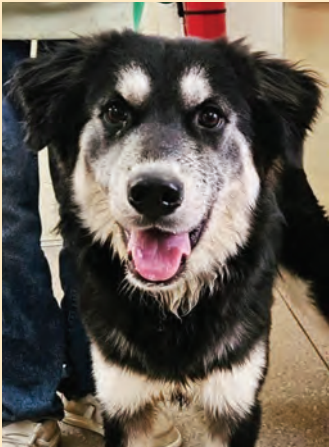
Looking ahead to November, the theatre continues to showcase live entertainment. On Friday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., Nashville comedian Lee Hardin returns with his clean, clever stand-up. Tickets are \$20. On Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., *River Rogue* performs a free concert blending country, rock and blues. Admission is free, though the band will be playing for tips.

As always, movies at the Fallon Theatre are free, and the concession stand is stocked with popcorn, candy and drinks. For rentals or marquee messages, call 775-423-6210 or email [thefallontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:thefallontheatre@gmail.com).

Organizers thank Huck Salt for sponsoring this weekend’s *Pirates 4D* event, and extend appreciation to the community for supporting the annual Show ‘N’ Shine last weekend.

PETS OF THE WEEK

### Meet Willow



This is Willow (D-762). She is an 8 month old Great Pyrenees/Lab mix. Willow is a very friendly and outgoing girl. We were told she’s good with car rides, getting bathed and going for walks. Told she is good with other dogs, unknown with cats. She was surrendered to us, due to the owners not having the time/space for a large playful puppy. If you think she would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call, or come check her out.

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### Bellalina Ready for Adoption



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SHARON ANN FLORA KIRKPATRICK  
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Sharon was born in Southern California to James and Dorthy Flora where she was raised on horseback, participating in all events, including fox hunts and becoming Miss Cow Palace Queen.

The family moved to Lake County, California in her high school days and continued her love of horses and was involved in 4-H, Jr and Sr Horsman’s, AQHA, NRCHA, organizations, and excelling in showing in all disciplines, but loved a good working cow horse, and cutting NCHA was her passion.

Sharon owned, bred and rode many good horses and won many trophies, buckles, and awards, being recognized as a good horsewoman by those with who she rode and showed or trained and into her late 70’s.

She is survived by her love and husband, Thomas Jerald Kirkpatrick of 55 years, her daughters Laurie Fullerton, Suzanne Fullerton, Carolyn Greene, Wendy Kirkpatrick (Brad), and Blair Kirkpatrick.

Grandchildren Cord Hess, Chelsea Barker (Jeromy), TJ Greene (Katie), Wesley Green, Emma Johnson (Justin) and several great-grandchildren.

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Carson River at Ft. Churchill	1.68 cfs

September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
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COMMUNITY

# Mayors Tedford and McIntyre Talk Housing, Growth, and Infrastructure with Area Realtors

By Rachel Dahl

Two mayors who grew up in the communities they lead, Ken Tedford of Fallon and Neil McIntyre of Fernley, sat down with local Realtors recently to compare notes on growth, housing, and what’s next for the region.

Speaking at a Realtors Association luncheon in Fallon, the pair outlined how their cities are built to make decisions and how that affects everything from housing approvals to road projects.

Mayor Ken Tedford reminded the crowd that Fallon is one of Nevada’s six general-law cities and operates under a strong-mayor form of government that dates back to 1908.

“The mayor is the chief executive officer,” Tedford said. “I don’t legislate and I don’t vote, our council does that, but day-to-day operations begin and end with me.”

Fallon’s footprint is compact, about four square miles with roughly 9,300 residents in the city and 26,000 countywide. The city also runs an unusual suite of municipal services: electric, water, sewer, solid waste and landfill, plus the municipal airport. Tedford said that “one hallway” services helps residents and developers get answers quickly. He’s created a standing development group made up of the city attorneys, engineering, public works, and the mayor’s office to meet with applicants and resolve issues early.

Fernley, by contrast, spans 168 square miles and uses a non-voting mayor system with a five-member council. “I only vote to break a tie, which is rare,” Mayor Neil McIntyre said. Fernley’s growth, he added, makes coordination essential: “There’s so much happening at once. We’re working to keep it organized, efficient, and attractive—and still keep our small-town feel.”

Both mayors said demand outpaces supply.

Tedford said the city is actively meeting with developers and is especially focused on housing near Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, where the

Navy has pushed for more single-family and multifamily options. Some annexed subdivisions are entitled but stalled, he said, largely due to interest rates and project financing.

Fernley has a large pipeline already entitled. “Right now, we have about 3,500 lots permitted and approved by council that haven’t been built,” McIntyre said. Within city engineering, another 1,400 single-family units and 592 multifamily units sit ready to go as market conditions improve, he added. National builders have shown interest, but timelines have shifted with rates.

Both mayors pointed out to attendees the Nevada Rural Housing programs that can help first-time buyers with down-payment assistance and interest-rate options, noting that some lenders and buyers overlook the program because of the extra paperwork.

In Fallon, the city’s southeast business park is filling after years of groundwork. Recent additions include an Amazon distribution facility and Bay Tech. The Dairy Farmers of America plant continues to anchor the park. Tedford credited a long-running, city-county development partnership, now the Churchill Fallon Economic Development association, led by Executive Director Jim Barbee, with recruiting employers and pursuing new hotel projects to support events at the Rafter 3C Arena.

Fernley’s pitch centers on logistics and industry access: Interstate 80, U.S. 50, U.S. 95, and a mainline rail connection. McIntyre said interest from datacenter and lithium “loop” firms has grown alongside regional mining activity. The goal, he said, is to land employers that “hire locally and make it hard to leave,” allowing more Fernley residents, an estimated 65 to 70% of whom commute to work.

Traffic and connectivity drew plenty of questions. McIntyre said Fernley is advancing a bypass to connect I-80 to U.S. 50 near Victory Logistics, a project awarded a major federal grant several years ago but now facing higher construction costs. The city is also pur-

suing improvements on Main Street including benches, landscaping, art installations and updated development codes requiring sidewalks and paths in new projects.

The Fernley roundabout remains a sore spot at peak hours. McIntyre said long-term fixes could include the bypass diverting trucks and, someday, an elevated “flyover” if funding appears.

In Fallon, Tedford said the city has spent years adding and repairing sidewalks and trails from the Laura Mills Park loop to paths through the business park to improve everyday walkability. The city continues to coordinate with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) on state-route segments through town.

Both mayors said federal funding that flows through agencies can be slow to arrive, complicating local budgets as costs escalate. Tedford noted congressionally directed dollars (“earmarks”) awarded as far back as 2021 that have yet to be released by federal agencies. McIntyre shared a similar experience: a \$25 million federal award for the Fernley bypass now falls short as the estimate has climbed.

Both cities continue to work with regional partners; Fernley coordinates with the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) on water and sewer funding and economic planning and Fallon engages through local economic-development groups and with Churchill County on shared priorities.

Asked how they hope their cities will be remembered a decade from now, both leaders emphasized measured growth and quality of life.

“I want Fallon to be known for consistent, well-planned growth, always 20 to 30 years ahead on utilities without burdening residents,” Tedford said.

McIntyre’s vision for Fernley: “Organized, efficient, sustainable. Keep the small-town feel, add recreation and entertainment, and make Fernley a place where people live, work and play.”

## Fort Churchill Visitor Center Reopens After Renovations



Staff Report

Fort Churchill State Historic Park will celebrate the grand reopening of its visitor center on Saturday, Oct. 4, with a ribbon cutting, cannon salute, and a full afternoon of family-friendly activities.

The visitor center closed in 2023 for renovations, which included a complete redesign and modernization of its exhibits. The updated displays highlight the fort’s history as a U.S. Army outpost in the 1860s and its ongoing role as a cultural landmark in Nevada.

“This project has been a long time in the making, and we’re excited to welcome visitors back into the heart of Fort Churchill,” Park Supervisor Scott Egy said. “The updated exhibits bring the story of the fort to life and connect visitors of all ages to Nevada’s history.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony begins at 1 p.m. and will feature a cannon salute. Admission is free, and vehicle entry fees will be waived from 1-4 p.m.

- Events and demonstrations scheduled for the day include:**
- Encampment by the Nevada Civil War Volunteers
  - Displays from the National Pony Express Association, Nevada Division
  - Participation by the Fort Churchill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
  - Wagon rides
  - Root beer floats (while supplies last)
  - Adobe brick making and gold panning
  - A self-guided scavenger hunt around the ruins

The public is invited to attend and take part in the celebration. More information is available at [parks.nv.gov/events](https://parks.nv.gov/events).





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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Adopts New Industrial Zoning Districts

By Christy Lattin

Amended industrial zoning districts were formally adopted by the Churchill County Commission at its Sept. 17 meeting. The ordinance deletes the singular all-encompassing “I” zoning in the county and replaces it with I-1, I-2, and I-3 zoning designations.

The I-1 Zoning District is intended for commercial and light industrial uses, the I-2 Zoning District is meant for medium industrial uses, and the I-3 Zoning District is for heavy industrial uses. The new designations are meant to provide more clarity into the types of activities allowed in each district and to keep heavy industrial away from residential areas and located in areas that align with the county’s master plan.

The Planning and Public Works Department began work on the zoning changes in March and hosted joint workshops with the County Commission and Planning Commission in April and June. The Planning Commission approved the ordinance at its Aug. 13 meeting, sending it to County Commissioners for the first reading on Sept. 4.

Some of the changes to the ordinance include establishing a Conditional Zoning Permit, redefining power generation facilities as either minor or major generators, outlining the processes of sending notice to neighboring properties, and streamlining the zoning review.

Randy Hines, director of the Public Works, Planning & Building Department, said his department received a letter from SB Energy, a solar power plant near Interstate-80 in

northern Churchill County, requesting that solar-powered major power generation be considered with a Conditional Zoning Permit in the I-2 and I-3 districts. Ultimately, the commission voted that solar-powered major power generation will be a Special Use Permit in I-1 and I-2 zoning, and a Conditional Zoning Permit in the I-3 zones.

Although several public meetings were held this year about the proposed zoning changes, two residents spoke at the Sept. 17 meeting to express their frustration. Steven Vogel said he was against the rezoning in Hazen, claimed it would cause damages and affect the underground aquifer; he left before commissioners could respond. One woman, who did not give her name, said she didn’t understand the maps and how, or if, she would be affected. Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Joe Sanford summarized the changes and emphasized only existing industrial lots were being rezoned, no new industrial lots were being created. She was satisfied with the explanation.

Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Bill 2025-A, Ordinance 32 which amends Title 16 of the Churchill County Code. They also took action to rezone all industrial parcels in the county. New land use tables can be found on the webpage for the Public Works, Planning and Building Department at churchillcountynv.gov.

- The Commission also heard or took action on the following items:**
- A presentation from an Extension Specialist from the University of Nevada, Reno

- about a survey being done in the Humboldt River basin asking how rural communities deal with drought, heat and fire.
- Approved an abandonment of a drainage easement on Conrad Place, filed by Gary Laca.
- Approved of the disposal of broken equipment from the District Attorney’s Office
- Accepted a grant from the Nevada Department of Human Services to Churchill County Social Services to provide help for individuals and families in need through the Family Resource Center.
- Approved of John Hong as the Churchill County Library Director.
- Approved of the plan to close the Rural Public Health Laboratory.
- Heard a presentation from Steven Christie who pitched the idea of a bicycle pump track for future grant funding consideration.
- Approved of the advanced step appointment of Joe Sanford to Assistant County Manager-HR Director.
- Approved the distribution of Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes of \$3,071,354, which was \$296,354 above budget. The comptroller stated the excess will be sent to the Parks & Recreation Fund.
- Approval of the distribution of FY 2025 geothermal revenues, which came in \$26,987.48 under budget. The comptroller will adjust the budgets of three funds.
- Approval of the distribution of FY 2025 Consolidated Tax Revenue, which came in \$425,693.01 above budget. The comptroller will send funds to the Social Services and Parks & Recreation funds.

[ Driver Shortages continued from page 1 ]

Parsons said the issue is under review, though the district’s focus remains on high school students at risk of not graduating. “Once it’s brought to our attention, we’re resolved to find a solution,” he said, while noting that it is ultimately parents’ responsibility to ensure attendance.

According to the Nevada Report Card, chronic absenteeism across the district reached an estimated 30 percent last school year. Elementary schools reported absentee rates of 23 percent or lower, while the middle school recorded nearly 27 percent and the high school 40.9 percent. High school absenteeism has hovered around 40 percent for the past five years, peaking at 42.8 percent in 2022-2023. The state’s chronic absenteeism rate sits at 26.6 percent for the 202402025 school year, according to the Nevada Report Card.

[ IEC Reviews continued from page 1 ]

complete and filed; Simpson Road (Sector 9) will file before Sept. 30; and the Sand Canyon (Sector 10) administrative survey awaits a finalized right-of-way. Federal-authority surveys and field investigations are underway for B-17 and B-20, including a B-20 township survey in progress.

- Two high-interest road projects moved forward:**
- State Route 361 realignment (B-17): Under an MOU with FHWA and NDOT, alternatives to route SR-361 around the expanded withdrawal area have been developed; CA Group/NDOT baseline studies will feed a preliminary EA.
  - Sand Canyon Road (B-16): BLM leads NEPA with BOR as co-lead to realign a segment and close a portion to general traffic. The EA will consider road width, surfacing, stream crossings, and alignments so NEPA can proceed prior to final design.
- BLM also outlined Section 2907 land exchanges and public-purpose conveyances in Churchill County (fire station, wastewater expansion, gravel pits/rock quarries, recreation) and the broader “checkerboard resolution” effort to consolidate mixed ownership patterns.

The Navy’s Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) draft has completed stakeholder review (BLM, USFWS, BOR, NDOW, DCNR, and tribal partners). The Navy will meet with agencies and tribes to address comments, then begin the INRMP’s EA this fall, which includes a public review period.

A Wildland Fire Management Plan draft is expected out for stakeholder review in October. Partnering with the USGS Fire Science Team, the Navy is modeling fire risk and proposing fuel breaks on the expanded ranges; the fire working group reconvenes Sept. 25. Implementation on historic ranges continues, with aerial herbicide trials on B-17 and planned pre-emergent treatments this fall.

A multi-year sage-grouse noise study with USGS and NDOW has finished Year-2 field work. Fall trapping is underway to equip birds with GPS/radio tags for Year-3. Full funding is expected in FY26 via the Navy and DOD’s SERDP program.

Cultural-resource inventory is extensive. At B-20, about 87,147 acres have been inventoried, documenting 572 cultural properties—primarily pre-contact sites—most along the range edges; another 13,000 acres will be inventoried by a second contractor. At B-17, roughly 200,000 acres have been inventoried with Native American monitors embedded; remaining inventories will be completed by tribal crews. Consultation on B-16 fencing effects is complete.

Tribal engagement includes a final draft Programmatic Agreement circulated for signatures, a draft cultural survey work plan for B-17/B-20 that elevates tribal-led data collection, and planned meetings on INRMP comments. The B-16 infrastructure EA remains on

The board has set six goals for Parsons, including reducing chronic absenteeism to 20 percent by the end of the 2026-2027 school year. To achieve that, schools are emphasizing early parent communication, while the district continues to use its School Attendance Review Board (SARB). The SARB reviews truancy cases, provides intervention and support, and can refer families to law enforcement or child welfare agencies when necessary.

The district is also exploring an online health provider, Hazel Health, which connects students with pediatric clinicians from the nurses’ office. The program aims to address minor medical issues quickly so students can return to class. According to the agenda packet, nine out of ten students resume class after a Hazel Health visit, helping reduce absenteeism while allowing parents to remain at work.

track for an October FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact).

During public comment, two mineral stakeholders raised concerns about compensation for mining claims within the expansion footprint, citing fair-market considerations and reimbursement for fees and past work. They asked the Navy to correct records, meet with claimants, and resolve missing payments before statutory deadlines. (Comments summarized from the IEC transcript.)

For Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing and Eureka counties and neighboring tribal nations, the modernization process affects local communities through ranching schedules and AUMs, where roads run (SR-361, Sand Canyon, Lone Tree), how public access changes with new fencing, how wildfire risk is reduced, and how cultural places are identified and protected. The IEC is the public forum to track those moving parts, weigh trade-offs, and keep local governments, landowners, and tribes at the table.

The IEC will poll members for an early-December meeting date, with details posted to the IEC page on the FRTC Modernization website along with slide decks and minutes.

- IEC** → Intergovernmental Executive Committee
- FRTC** → Fallon Range Training Complex
- NDAA** → National Defense Authorization Act
- NAS Fallon** → Naval Air Station Fallon
- BLM** → Bureau of Land Management
- NDOT** → Nevada Department of Transportation
- BOR** → U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- FHWA** → Federal Highway Administration
- EA** → Environmental Assessment
- FONSI** → Finding of No Significant Impact (explain the first time)
- INRMP** → Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan
- USFWS** → U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- DCNR** → Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- NDOW** → Nevada Department of Wildlife
- USGS** → U.S. Geological Survey
- SERDP** → Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (DOD)
- AUM** → Animal Unit Month (grazing measure)



NAVY

# Team Fallon Gathers for Quarterly Town Hall

By Staff Report

Sailors and families had the opportunity last week to view the online NAS Fallon town hall, where Commanding Officer Capt. Mike Haymon and his staff shared updates on housing, base services, and upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation events. Haymon opened the Facebook live meeting by thanking families for their continued support and emphasizing that Team Fallon thrives when everyone looks out for one another.

Housing Director Shelley Carter offered several reminders to residents, including fire safety guidelines for backyard grills and fire pits, proper use of trash bins and pet waste stations in common areas, and the importance of keeping yards free of weeds to avoid move-out charges. She noted that vehicles should be parked in garages with the doors closed, while recreational vehicles and campers may be staged for up to 48 hours during loading and unloading. Residents who need exceptions can work directly with the Liberty District Office. Visitors staying more than two weeks should be reported to housing staff, especially with the holidays approaching.

Carter also reminded drivers to watch their speed in the neighborhoods, keep music at a reasonable volume, and stay alert for children playing outside. Holiday lights may be displayed beginning Oct. 21 and can remain up until the second week of January, with lighting hours set from 5 to 10 p.m. each evening. She added that a sewer line inspection in the Ponderosa neighborhood identified the need for repairs. Public Works is handling the work, and thanks to a bypass system there are no restrictions on water use at this time.

MWR Director Heidi Koppenhaver highlighted a full calendar of activities. She encouraged Sailors and families to take part in the Shades of Strength Color Run on Sept. 19, a Liberty trip to Reno that same evening for single Sailors, and a Halloween Haunted House and Trunk-or-Treat at the Chiefs Club on Oct. 25. Koppenhaver also reminded the community that MWR and Fleet & Family Readiness continue to hire, with open positions posted on USAJobs and the Navy Life Fallon Facebook page.

Looking ahead, Haymon noted that NAS Fallon will see an increase in training activity this fall as units arrive on base. He asked for patience as temporary personnel move through the community. Seasonal traditions are also on the horizon, including Mongolian dinners, the Navy Birthday Ball at the Rafter 3C Arena, and a variety of holiday celebrations in December. “Thank you so much for joining us today,” Haymon said in closing. “Together, we make Fallon a great place to live and serve.”

# Bells Across America Ceremony



Courtesy of NAS Fallon

Last week at the NAS Fallon Chapel, sailors gathered for the Bells Across America for Fallen Service Members ceremony. Together with Gold Star Families, Sailors, and community members, the bell was rung to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation. This ceremony is one of the most important traditions observed each year. It ensures that the names and legacies of the fallen are never forgotten. Standing with Gold Star Families is an important reminder of the strength, courage, and love that carries forward the memory of loved ones. “We are grateful for the opportunity to pause, reflect, and honor those who gave everything for the freedoms we hold dear,” Captain Michael Haymon said.

# Honoring the Connectors: NAS Fallon Hosts Annual Ombudsman Dinner

By Staff Report

NAS Fallon celebrated the backbone of its family support network Friday night, hosting the annual Ombudsman Dinner to recognize the trained volunteers who serve as the vital link between command leadership and Navy families. Created in 1970 by Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, the Navy Ombudsman Program equips spouses and other trained volunteers to help Sailors and families navigate deployments, moves, emergencies, and everyday questions. At NAS Fallon, Ombudsmen field referrals, share timely, command-verified information, and connect families with resources so issues get solved quickly and quietly. “Ombudsmen are force multipliers for readiness,” a base leader noted during the event. “Because families are informed and supported, Sailors can focus on the mission.”

The evening highlighted the commitment these volunteers make, often after work and on weekends, to answer calls, guide new arrivals, and partner with Fleet & Family Support Center staff to keep families informed. **What Ombudsmen Do**

- Provide command-approved information and referrals to base, local, and Navy resources.
- Help families prepare for deployments, PCS moves, and emergencies.
- Relay family concerns and trends to command leadership.
- Strengthen connection and readiness across the command.

**Need Support?** Families can connect with their command Ombudsman through the command’s website or by contacting the Fleet & Family Support Center at NAS Fallon.

# Fifteen Sailors Pinned as Chief Petty Officers at NAS Fallon



Courtesy of NAS Fallon.



Courtesy of NAS Fallon.

By Staff Report

On Sept. 16, Naval Air Station Fallon honored one of the Navy’s most time-honored traditions as 15 outstanding Sailors were pinned as Chief Petty Officers.

The Chief’s pinning ceremony represents more than a new uniform device — it marks a defining milestone in a Sailor’s career. Selection to Chief reflects years of proven leadership, professionalism, and dedication, as well as the responsibility to guide and mentor the next generation of Sailors.

Family members, fellow service members, and base leadership gathered to celebrate the achievement and recognize the newest members of the Chief’s Mess. Each new Chief was presented with the gold anchors of their rank in a moving ceremony that underscored the legacy of service and sacrifice tied to the role. The Navy’s newest Chief Petty Officers are now proudly serving across commands at NAS Fallon, including Fighter Squadron Composite 13 (VFC-13), the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC), the Naval Reserve Center (NRC) Fallon, Aviation Support Detachment (ASD) Fallon, and the Naval Information Warfare Training Group FID Fallon.

Congratulations to all 15 of the Navy’s newest Chiefs: **AOC Richard Slupski**  
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**LSC Jessica Hulet**  
**HMC Adam Damm**  
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**LSC John Bajarosabado**  
**ISC David Daily**  
**FCC Joel Copeland**  
**AWSC Benjamin Lazarus**  
**AMEC Lamar Kennedy**  
**OSC Leonardo Leiva**



COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, September 23, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding



By Teresa Moon

*Jessica Greely* pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to a Controlled or a Counterfeit Substance, which carries a potential penalty of 15 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of not more than \$10,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered and sentencing was set for December 2.

*Cameron Tom Ray Allen*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the following two counts.

Count I - Offer, Attempt, or Commission Relating to a Controlled

or Counterfeit Substance at or near a School, a School Bus Stop, Recreational Facility for Minors, or a Public Park, a

Category C Felony which carries a potential punishment of 1-5 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of not more than \$10,000. This charge carries a potential enhancement because of where the offense occurs which is required by statute to run consecutively and equal to the term sentenced on the Count I charge.

Count II - Possession of a Controlled Substance, a High Level, a Category B Felony which carries a possible penalty of 2-15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.

A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered and sentencing was set for December 2.

Defense Attorney Orrin Johnson addressed his client's custodial status, saying Allen was able to enter New Frontier Treatment Center.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the Court that the State did not oppose the defendant being released directly to the inpatient program at NFTC and Court Service's Brenda Ingram reported that on August 28 Allen tested positive for cocaine and methamphetamine. Upon arrest, he was also found to have a “cheat device” on his person.

Judge Stockard released Allen on his own recognizance with the stipulation that he test negative prior to being released directly to NFTC. He is also to turn himself in to the Churchill County Jail as soon as he completes or leaves the inpatient program.

Allen thanked the judge, and said he wouldn't let him down.

*Deana Sullivan*’s arraignment was continued to September 30.

*Christy Hinch*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Wobbler charge of Attempt to Possess a Controlled Substance, a low level. A Wobbler can be sentenced as either a Category D Felony, with a possible sentence of 1-4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of not more than \$5,000; or as a Gross Misdemeanor which has a potential punishment of 364 days in the Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered and sentencing was set for December 2.

*Cassandra Gail Davis*, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation Laws and conduct provision. At Defense Counsel's request, disposition was continued to October 21.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

Geometry students brought their learning outside by creating chalk coordinate planes to explore distances. They measured how far they could jump forward and backward, calculated their total distance traveled, and found the midpoints of their jumps.

CCMS

Students in Lilia Marquez’s class have been working hard on their i-Ready lessons during advisory. They stay focused and engaged, using the time to strengthen important math skills. Their dedication has led to steady improvement in problem-solving and confidence with new concepts, helping them build a stronger foundation in math. To celebrate their hard work throughout the week, students enjoyed a special advisory activity on Friday, where they made friendship bracelets, watched a movie, and shared delicious tacos.

NUMA

Students in Victoria Purrell’s 5th-grade class participated in a Science Scavenger Hunt, a fun outdoor activity where teams searched the school for examples of science concepts. Each team photographed the items they found, and later, the photos were added to Google Classroom. Students then chose one item to sketch, applying the ABCD Diagram Science Rule: Accurate, Big, Colorful, Detailed, and Labeled. This engaging activity encouraged observation, teamwork, and creativity while reinforcing important science skills.

E.C. BEST

This week, students in Kristina Russell’s 3rd-grade class mastered the art of centers. During each rotation, students had the opportunity to choose which skills they wanted to practice, allowing them to take ownership of their learning. In one rotation, a student focused on typing skills while two classmates played a grammar game to practice synonyms. By making their own choices, students strengthen decision-making and critical thinking while practicing academic skills



Erika Stanford's Kindergarten class explored their five senses with popcorn.

at their own pace. Centers also encourage focus, independence, and collaboration, giving students a hands-on, engaging way to build confidence and deepen their understanding of the material.

LAHONTAN

Students in Erika Stanford’s Kindergarten class explored the five senses last week with a tasty treat, popcorn. They identified how it smells, sounds, tastes, feels, and looks, created booklets to showcase their discoveries, and voted together on a sentence to write as a class. By making learning fun and interactive, students are able to explore new concepts in a meaningful way. This approach not only makes lessons memorable but also encourages curiosity, creativity, and active participation, helping young learners build a strong foundation for future growth.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JORGE GARCIA

As graduation approaches, Oasis Academy senior Jorge Garcia is ready to take the next step in his education in a place that feels like home to him.



Jorge Garcia.

“After I graduate from high school, I plan to attend lineman school at Montana Tech in Butte, Montana,” Garcia shared.

Along with his diploma, he will be graduating with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Welding. Garcia earned his American Welding Society welder certification and his Welding Fluxed-Core and Gas Tungsten Arc Certification during high school, setting himself up with both skills and education for a strong future.

Reflecting on his time at Oasis Academy, he has many memories to look back on, especially from middle school.

“Many of my favorite memories are in eighth grade when we had access to off-campus for lunch,” he said. “One time was when there was extra time in class and someone brought in poker chips and cards, and we pretended to gamble. It was near the end of the year, when assignments were starting to lighten up, and we had extra time in class.”

Teachers have also played a big role in shaping his school experience.

“Since the time I started here in second grade, I have always seen the help the teachers at Oasis Academy offer to the students, and I’m thankful for it,” he said. “A teacher whom I would like to thank is David Springfield, for always being chill. One of Springfield’s classes was history, and we had to make a movie of a scene that we thought

was important. I’m pretty sure everyone looked forward to that class every morning, thinking of ways to improve a scene or act it out. Being able to see the short movie the class made was worth the wait,” he added.

Garcia values the friendships and experiences he gained along the way during his time at Oasis Academy and for future students he offers his advice.

“Just have fun, live your life with friends, and make memories,” he said.

OASIS ACADEMY STUDENTS WEAR PAJAMAS TO SUPPORT CANCER AWARENESS

Oasis Academy students traded regular school clothes for cozy pajamas on Sept. 18 as part of the annual “Pjammin’ for Cancer” fundraiser. For a \$1 donation, students were able to wear their favorite pajamas to class while supporting a good cause.

The event was organized by the Middle School Student Council, and raised \$968.76 for the Northern Nevada Cancer Society, helping local families and individuals in the fight against cancer.

“Our school came together with so much heart for Pjammin’ for Cancer, showing that even small acts can make a big difference,” said Dakota Groom, Middle School Student Council Advisor. “The love and dedication behind this event truly highlight the spirit of our community.”

OASIS ACADEMY STUDENTS ATTEND ROTARY 8TH GRADE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Five Oasis Academy eighth graders had the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills during the Rotary 8th Grade Leadership (REGL) program held Sept. 12–14 at Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola, Calif.

The weekend program, hosted by Rotary District 5190, was designed to inspire middle school students to develop confidence, teamwork, and responsibility while connecting with peers from across the region. Through interactive workshops and outdoor activities, students practiced communication skills, problem-solving, and group collaboration.

“I was a little nervous when we first got there because I was paired up with people I didn’t know, but I ended up making a lot of new friends,” Greysen Dubois said.



Bighorns Greysen Dubois, Kenton Horn, Jacob Pilarski and Tyler Mitchell at Rotary Camp.

“We shared a lot of our experiences and got to know each other better every day.”

A highlight of the weekend was the REGL Service Project, where students worked together to plan and complete a hands-on activity benefiting the community. This project emphasized Rotary’s core value of “service above self” and gave students the chance to see the impact of working collectively for a greater purpose.

“One of the projects we did was making care packages for people in need around our school or community. They included hygiene products, socks, and a small stuffed animal,” Dubois said. “In the care packages we also wrote small notes to the people with encouraging messages,” he said.

Participants also engaged in team-building challenges, leadership exercises, and reflective discussions. They learned how to identify their strengths as leaders, listen actively to others, and encourage their peers in group settings.

“We also did a lot of teambuilding activities, one of them was the rope course,” he said. “We had to work together in order to keep the person on the course safe.”

Dubois would recommend the experience to fellow students.

“The experience was super fun,” he said. “I learned to communicate with others and how to be open and vulnerable. I would recommend this to other students.”

Oasis Academy is proud of the students who attended, noting that the lessons gained from the program will benefit both the school and the wider Fallon community as these students grow into future leaders.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian

Buzzing with Excitement: Veritas Celebrates Bee Day

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst

Students at Veritas Preparatory School were buzzing with curiosity during the school’s annual Bee Day, a hands-on event designed to teach young learners about the importance of bees to our ecosystem.

The highlight of the day was a visit from Lori Souba of Silver Circle Honey in Fallon who shared her expertise on beekeeping and the critical role bees play in pollination. Souba brought educational displays, a sample hive, and delicious honey to help students understand the fascinating world of honeybees.

Students listened with wide eyes as Souba explained how bees



Veritas students pose with a bee hive on Bee Day. Lori Souba brought in a sample hive and honey for students to sample.

work together in their hives, gather nectar, and produce honey. The students enjoyed searching the hive for the queen with the blue spot on her back. The presentation concluded with a honey sampling, where children had the chance to taste the golden treat straight from the source. “It was so fun to watch the kids connect the story of the bee with the taste of honey,” Souba said. “You could see it all click for them.”

In addition to the guest presentation, first grade classrooms dedicated lessons to bees, integrating science, reading, and art. Students learned about the bee life cycle, pollination, and the importance of protecting pollinators in nature. The day’s activities included drawing diagrams of hives, labeling the parts of a bee, and reading stories that highlighted their importance in creation.

Teachers used the day to encourage both wonder and stewardship. “We want our students to appreciate bees not just as honey-makers but as vital creatures in God’s design for the world,” explained Mrs. Cota.

Bee Day left students with sticky fingers, happy smiles, and a deeper understanding of the natural world. By combining classroom instruction with a real-world presentation, Veritas created a memorable learning experience that blended joy and knowledge.

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SPORTS

# Greenwave Homecoming Builds Toward Friday Night Game

Story and photos by Riggin Stonebarger

Churchill County High School’s homecoming week is already in full swing, with students showing their spirit through themed dress-up days and community events.

The celebration opened Monday with the annual downtown parade and the traditional Powderpuff football game, where the junior and senior girls battled under the lights. Tuesday and Wednesday brought more spirit days and the Lip Sync Battle, while Thursday featured the Homecoming Assembly in the morning and a drive-in movie at 8:15 p.m.

All of it builds to the Friday night game, when the Greenwave football team takes the spotlight in their homecoming matchup against the Dayton Dust



Seniors dye the fountain on Maine Street green for Homecoming.

Devils at the Edward Arciniega Athletic Complex. Fans are encouraged to pack the stands with green and white apparel for the 7 p.m. kickoff.

Homecoming week wraps up Saturday with the Galena Marching Band Competition during the day and the dance from 8–10 p.m.

This year, CCHS implemented new eligibility requirements for attending the homecoming dance, aimed at keeping the event safe and positive. Students must have no more than two unexcused absences, maintain a 2.0 grade point average with no more than one failing grade, and be free of recent suspensions or behavior contracts. Each student completed a Dance Eligibility Form signed by their seminar teacher before purchasing a ticket.

The Greenwave enter the homecoming game at 6–0, following a 42-7 victory over Spring



Senior girls before the Powderpuff game.



Riley Horn, Jorge Guerrero, Trevor deBraga, Brooke Hill, Alicia Hill.

Creek in their most recent outing. Earlier in the season, Churchill County decimated Truckee 42-0 and has outscored its first four opponents 173–6, making them the team to watch in the 3A. In their Sept. 12 game, the Greenwave shut out Sparks 49–0, underscoring the team’s dominance on both sides of the ball.

That run gives Churchill confidence going into Friday’s battle and a hopeful homecoming season.

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COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:  
Star Anise is Perfect Fall Spice

By Kelli Kelly



There’s something magical about the shift into fall in Churchill County. The mornings are cool, the corn is high and golden, and the first traces of woodsmoke are in the air. It’s the season of pumpkins on porches, hot cider on the stove, and spices that warm us from the inside out. This month, the Churchill County Library Spice of the Month is Star Anise—a perfect match for the flavors of autumn.

Star anise, with its eight-point star shape, is as beautiful as a pressed leaf and just as evocative of the season. Its bold, licorice-like flavor brings depth to everything from hearty braises to mulled drinks. Add a pod to your cider pot along with cinnamon sticks, cloves, and orange peel, and suddenly you have a cozy beverage worthy of any harvest gathering.

Star anise comes from the fruit of a small evergreen tree, native to Southern China and Vietnam. Harvested just before ripening and dried to preserve its flavor, each pod is as beautiful as it is useful in the kitchen. While it often appears in traditional blends like Chinese five-spice or masala chai, star anise is just as comfortable in a pot of beef stew as it is in a cup of mulled cider. Its versatility lies in its ability to bridge the gap between savory and sweet.

An easy way to get to know this spice is to simply steep a single pod in hot water, along with a cinnamon stick and a slice of ginger. The resulting tea is both calming and invigorating, perfect for these early autumn evenings when the air cools and we’re craving cozy flavors. If you’re ready to experiment, try tucking a whole pod into your next batch of rice while it steams. You’ll find the gentle aroma infuses every grain, turning a simple side dish into something memorable.

I love star anise paired with fall fruits. Apples, pears, and even pumpkin sing when simmered with this spice. I’m excited to pair star anise with the pears I harvested last week from my father’s tree in Battle Ground (and then wrapped in bubble wrap to keep them safe and protected during the airplane flight home). Star anise is also a fitting dance



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

partner for pumpkin, adding complexity to your harvest pies and cheesecakes! Just add a star anise pod into your pumpkin puree or steep it in your custard base for an easy festive twist.

Speaking of pumpkins—this fall brings a new way to celebrate the harvest right here at home. Fallon’s own Pumped Up Porches has officially launched, offering a farm-to-porch decorating service. They’ll adorn your home’s (or business’s) exterior with pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and mums, creating a festive farm-to-porch look that’s both welcoming and seasonal. Think of it as the autumn equivalent of Christmas lights but rooted in our local harvest.

With Pumped Up Porches setting the scene and star anise filling our kitchens with fragrance, there’s no doubt: fall has arrived in Churchill County.

**Mulled Apple Cider with Star Anise-Ingredients**

1 gallon	Apple cider
4 pods	Star anise
3 sticks	Cinnamon
2	Whole cloves
1	Orange, sliced
2–3 tbsp.	Brown sugar (optional, to taste)

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Combine all ingredients in a large pot.
- Bring to a gentle simmer, then reduce heat and let steep for 20–30 minutes.
- Strain out spices and orange slices. Serve hot in mugs with a cinnamon stick stirrer or a splash of brandy if you like!

**Spiced Pear Compote Ingredients**

3	Ripe pears, peeled and sliced
1/2 cup	Sugar
1/2 cup	Water
1 pod	Star anise
1 stick	Cinnamon
	Juice of half a lemon

**DIRECTIONS:**

- In a saucepan, combine sugar, water, star anise, and cinnamon. Bring to a gentle simmer until sugar dissolves.
- Add the pears and cook over low heat until tender, about 10 minutes.
- Remove the star anise and cinnamon, then stir in lemon juice.
- Serve warm over oatmeal or cooled over ice cream.

Stop by the Churchill County Library during October to pick up some star anise for your kitchen and check out Pumped Up Porches on Facebook and Instagram to book some farm-to-porch love to take your home’s curb appeal to the next level!

Allison’s Book Report:  
“These Summer Storms”

by Sarah MacLean

By Allison Diegel



I know summer is over and it is October (aka “Spooky Season”), but I am proposing that we normalize books considered “beach reads” being read all year-round! Who’s with me? If you’re on board with this idea and you love a rich-family-in-crisis drama with a side of scorching romance, have I got a book for you!

“These Summer Storms” by Sarah MacLean dives into the dysfunctional world of the ultra-wealthy Storm family after their eccentric, manipulative patriarch, Franklin Storm, drops dead. Alice Storm, the middle daughter has been blissfully estranged for five years. She built a life far away from the family’s Rhode Island private island and their billions after a huge falling out with Franklin. Alice just wants to show up for the funeral, keep her head down, and bounce immediately. Franklin, being the controlling type of father and human he was, had other plans.

His will reveals a final, massive twist: an inheritance game designed to make his family confront their secrets, and frankly, humiliate them a bit. The rules are clear: the whole family – Alice, her tightly-wound older sister Greta, their arrogant brother Sam, and free-spirited younger sister Emily – must stay on the island for one chaotic week and complete their assigned tasks, or no one gets a dime. The island is instantly a pressure cooker of old resentments, sibling rivalries, and shocking reveals. Greta’s got a secret love affair, Sam’s constantly mansplaining, and their mother is, as always, cold and judgy.

Adding fuel to the fire is Jack Dean, Franklin’s enigmatic, super-handsome second-in-command. Alice had a hot, accidental one-night stand with him right before she arrived on the island, not realizing he was the family’s new warden. Jack is the one running the inheritance game, watching their every move, and totally stirring up Alice’s calm, independent life.

As the days tick by and a brutal summer storm batters the coast, the family is forced to face their messy pasts and the truth about their father. The challenges are deeply personal, forcing the siblings to choose between their own self-interest and their shattered family bond. “These Summer Storms” is a deliciously clever story about grief, reckoning, and the intense power of family, all wrapped up with a swoony, slow-burn romance between Alice and Jack. Think “Succession” meets a beach read with a seriously sexy heartbeat.

(Pro-tip: I actually listened to the audio version of this book and it is read by my favorite audiobook narrator, Julia Whelan, and it is a real treat!)

I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did – and don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and book-related 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.

Crossword

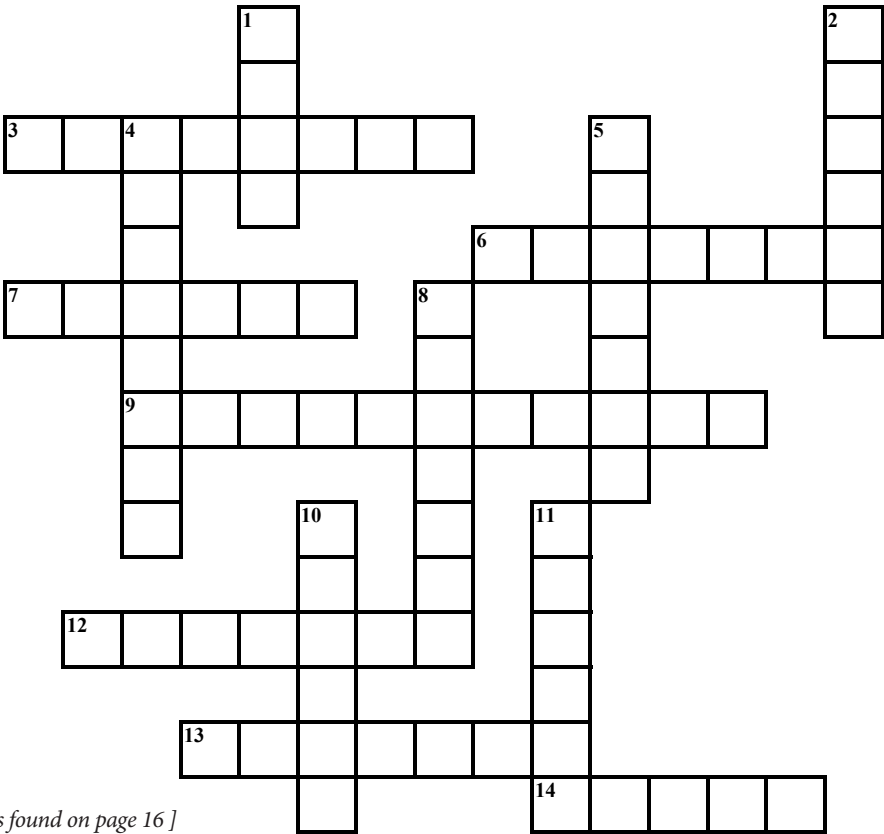
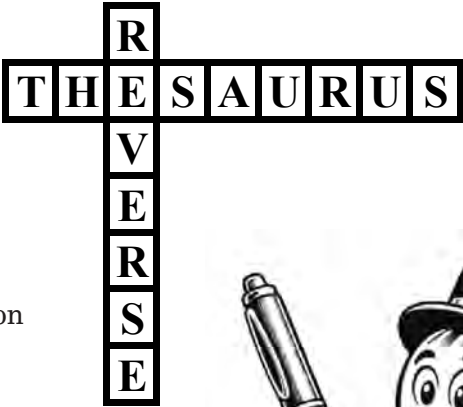
By Peanut

Across

- 3. Release, free
- 6. Iron, extinct
- 7. Champion, backer
- 9. Terrapin, rattler
- 12. Appliance, automaton
- 13. Hydra, coelenterate
- 14. Remnant, vestige

Down

- 1. Essence, flavor
- 2. Nimbus, vapor
- 4. Balloons, presents
- 5. Apple, rice
- 8. Acumen, delicacy
- 10. Shudder, tremble
- 11. Soar, tower



[ Crossword answers found on page 16 ]



COLUMNS

Postcards: Draper Self-Culture Club

By Michon Mackedon

When my grandmother, Clara Maupin, died in Fallon in 1966, at the age of 93, she left behind almost nothing of value. She had outlived her husband by many years and had subsisted on a small income, which she stretched to care for her daughter, my aunt Marie, who had epilepsy and had never left home. Clara outlived Marie by only days; she had hung on as long as she knew she had to.

My father asked me if I wanted to look over her possessions before he cleaned out her small house on Broadway Street and sold it. I asked for her China cabinet and her bookcase—books included. I still have the China closet; the bookcase fell apart years ago; the books are still among my treasures. One of them is Volume 1 of “Draper’s Self Culture” library, copyrighted in 1913.

The complete “Self Culture” library was designed by its editor, Andrew Sloan Draper, to provide an adequate—or potentially superior—education for children and adolescents. It consisted of 10 volumes devoted to broad topics, the study of which the editor deemed essential to forming the educated mind. The content covers just about all aspects of early 20th Century culture, including lessons in morality and civility. Volume 1 (held in my collection) bears the title “At Mother’s Knee” and contains over 100 separate stories and songs for the young mind to absorb. Biblical stories, kindergarten songs (“Ride a Cock Horse,” Little Jack Horner,” etc.), and folk tales are introduced by articles for the parents to read, including “The Home Library,” “The Child, his thinking, feeling, doing,” and “Leading the Child.” Other volumes bear the titles, “Natural History and Animal Stories”; Fairy Tales, Myths, and Legends of Many Lands”; “Exploration, Travel, and Invention”; “Morals, Manners, Business and Civics”; “Famous Poetry, Wit, and Humor”; “ Sports, Pastimes, and Physical Culture”; “Music, the Fine Arts and the Drama”; “Ideals of American History”; and “Our Wonderful World.”

After the books were first published in 1907, “Draper Self Culture clubs” sprung up across the land, usually organized by women who met to discuss the content of the books and the value of providing supplemental education to their children at home. The series sold well enough to merit the issue of further editions, in 1909 and 1913.

In Fallon, a local Draper Self-Culture club was formed in 1913. “The Churchill County Eagle,” Saturday, April 12, 1913, reported that, “A number of ladies of Fallon effected an organization the past week that affords us especial pleasure to note. We refer to the Draper Self Culture club, the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. G.M. Gardner, at the instance of Mrs. Flora B. Slaughter. The officers elected were Mrs. G.M. Gardner, president; Mrs. D.W. Cole, vice president; Mrs. M.H. Wallace, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C.J. Helsey, parliamentarian. The flower adopted by the club is the red carnation, while the trite motto is ‘be on time.’”

The members must have honored their trite motto, for they accomplished a great deal in the community in a short period of time. They are best known by local historians for installing a prominent fountain for watering horses right in the middle of the Maine Street and



The original fountain on Maine Street. Courtesy of the Churchill County Museum, Fallon, Nevada.

Williams Avenue intersection. Constructed in 1914, it was removed in 1930 when Maine Street was paved. In 1914, the club also sponsored a clean-up day. All schools and businesses were closed from noon until four so that the general citizenry could participate. The club members also purchased a piano for one of the local schools and planted trees in Oats Park. During World War 1, they turned their efforts toward Red Cross activities. In 1918, they established a reading room, the forerunner of the county library. They disbanded about 1920, but I don’t know the precise date.

I take away several thoughts from my research into the Draper Self Culture movement. One thought is that I have so often heard the expression, “My grandmother (or grandfather or great-grandfather) did not even finish high school but seemed to have read everything.” In the

case of my own father and aunts and uncles (Clara’s children), they were well versed in science, literature, and geography. They read well and spoke well. None of them had a college education. How much of their learning was due to Clara’s belief in self-culture? Another of my thoughts is that the popularity of “book clubs” (Oprah included) endures within our contemporary culture. What draws us together to debate the merits and validity of other people’s ideas and words? Whatever it is, I hope it lasts. 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.

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In the Matter of the Application of:  
Audrey Michele Wade  
CASE NO.: 02-10DC-0840 DEPT: 1  
For Change of Name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Courtrequesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from:  
Audrey Wade  
To  
Audrei Michele Wade

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing ofapplicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this Notice.

DATED:  
this 3 day of September 2025

SUBMITTED BY:  
/s/ Audrey Michelle Wade

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Your Name:  
**KURTIS ANDREW WARD**  
Address: 1400 Golden Park Way  
City, State, Zip: Fallon, NV 89406  
Phone: 541-591-7846  
Email: [kurtisward99@gmail.com](mailto:kurtisward99@gmail.com)  
Self-Represented Petitioner

DISTRICT COURT  
CHURCHILL COUNTY,  
NEVADA

In the Matter of the Application of:  
**KURTIS ANDREW WARD**  
For Change of Name.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from:  
**KURTIS ANDREW WARD**  
(first) (middle) (last)

to (clearly print the name you want to be known by in the future):  
**KURTIS WARD HANSELMAN**  
(first) (middle) (last)

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing his or her name for a fraudulent purpose. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this Notice.

DATED this (day) 24 September, 2025

Submitted By:  
/s/ KURTIS ANDREW WARD

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IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

The Second (2nd) Installment of the 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR taxes will be due and payable on or before October 6, 2025. If not paid on or before October 16, 2025, delinquent charges will be applied in accordance with NRS 361.483. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the taxpayer from the timely payment of taxes in accordance with NRS 361.480. If you have recently refinanced, purchased, paid off your mortgage, moved, or not yet received your property tax bill, please contact the Clerk/Treasurer's office or visit our website at: [www.churchillcountynv.gov](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov) for current tax information and/or online payment options.

Linda Rothery  
Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer  
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CASE NO.: 25-10DC-0893  
Dept. No.: 1

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

In the Matter of the Application of  
STEVEN MICHAEL YOUNG,  
nee CHACONA,  
Petitioner,  
For Change of Name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that STEVEN MICHAEL YOUNG has on the 19th day of September, 20, filed a Petition addressed to the above-entitled court praying that said court enter its Order changing Petitioner's legal name from STEVEN MICHAEL CHACONA to STEVEN MICHAEL YOUNG . This Petition is not being submitted for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of Petitioner's name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled court within ten days after date of the last publication of this Notice.  
DATED this September 25, 2025

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners on September 17, 2025:

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 INDUS-TRIAL 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 INDUS-TRIAL USES, THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT IS INTENDED FOR MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL USES, AND THE I-3 ZONING DISTRICT IS INTENDED FOR HEAVY INDUS-TRIAL USES. THE ORDINANCE DEFINES THE REVIEW PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS NEW AND EXISTING INDUS-TRIAL USES IN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DISTRICTS. THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FOR A MORE GRANULAR APPROACH IN ADDRESSING INDUSTRIAL USES THROUGHOUT CHURCHILL COUNTY. THE ORDINANCE FURTHER ESTABLISHES THE ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS, WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE AU-THORIZATION AND CONDITION-ING OF PARTICULAR LAND USES THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW. THE ORDINANCE FURTHER CLARIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POWER GENERATION FACILITIES INSTEAD OF JUST RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES TO ADDRESS A GAP IN THE COUNTY CODE REQUIREMENTS.

At the final reading of the above listed ordinance, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Myles Getto, Chairman  
Eric Blakey, Commissioner  
Matt Hyde, Commissioner  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: N/A

Copies of the Ordinance are available at the County Clerk's Office, 155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for inspection by all interested persons.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2025.

PAMELA D. MOORE  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD


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