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## When the Lights Went Out in Fallon PRCA Rodeo Launches Community Legacy



L-R: LeAnne Wallace, JJ Harrison, Melessa Walraven, and Nick Delgado. Melessa purchased rodeo clown JJ Harrison's jersey for \$3,000 in a live auction at the rodeo, with proceeds benefiting LeAnne and Nick. Photo by 52 Photography.

By Sue Segura and Leanna Lehman

Fallon delivered two unforgettable nights of rodeo action June 17–18 as the Rafter 3C Arena hosted its first Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioned event in nearly six decades. But what truly lit up the community wasn't just the spotlight on bronc riders or barrel racers — it was the blackout.

The moment that will live on in local

legend wasn't a record-breaking ride or a last-second roping — it was when the arena lights suddenly went out. Instead of chaos, Fallon did what Fallon does best: came together. Fans lit up the stands with cell phone flashlights, PRCA Clown of the Year JJ Harrison kept the crowd entertained with unshakable humor, and the event continued with spirit and spontaneity. Rodeo queens lapped the arena in the dark, fans danced, and the show carried on. So harmonic was

the response, it appeared as part of the rodeo program rather than a momentary electrical glitch.

Beyond the spectacle, the event marked the official kickoff of the 3C Community Foundation. Proceeds from the rodeo benefited two local young people, 16-year-old LeAnne Wallace and 24-year-old Nick Delgado, both battling cancer. Volunteers, vendors, and attendees rallied to support their families — a reflection of the event's deeper purpose.

In total, the Fallon PRCA Rodeo offered more than \$91,000 in payouts. Cole Eiguren earned All-Around Cowboy honors. In the rough stock events, Rusty Wright topped Saddle Bronc Riding with an 89-point ride on Buster Moon. Jacek Frost won Bareback Riding with an 84.5-point ride on Sapphire, and Hayes Weight claimed the top spot in Bull Riding with an 85-point score on Uptown. Hayle Gibson-Stillwell took first in Barrel Racing, finishing with a time of 17.18 seconds.

Hometown pride ran high throughout the roster, and the competition was fierce. Fallon's stop on the circuit fell just before the Reno Rodeo, drawing many of the

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## Oasis Community Church to Transform Historic Fallon Bowling Alley into Community Auditorium

By Rachel Dahl

A Fallon landmark is entering a new chapter as Oasis Community Church plans to convert the former Oasis Bowling Alley on South Taylor Street into a 500+ seat auditorium and community gathering space.

Pastor Caleb Szymanski shared the vision behind the project, which includes not only a new worship auditorium but also a teen center, expanded youth facilities, and future possibilities to serve the broader community.

"We're already outgrowing our current building," said Szymanski. "We've seen consistent growth — 15 to 20 percent every year for the last six years — and we're now regularly seeing over 500 people attend on Sundays." That growth prompted the church to consider expanding beyond their existing 20,000-square-foot facility, located directly behind the bowling alley.

The new space will allow Oasis to move its adult services to the renovated auditorium and dedicate its current facility to children's ministries, which now serve more than 130 kids each week. But the transformation won't stop there.



Oasis Bowl upon purchase by Oasis Church. Photo by Caleb Szymanski.

Plans are in the works to convert the former bar into a teen center for junior high and high school students, offering youth group services, a safe gathering place and, potentially, access to free or low-cost lunches and tutoring.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain’s Log

## War of the Wits

By Rachel Dahl

We’ve been awash in words this week. Beautiful language celebrating the good, good man we all knew as Bus Scharmann. Pretty stories we read for book club, and our own prose of all the stories we write each week to bring to you.

An occupational hazard if you will, or one of the simple joys – as we tend to see it. We are certified logophiles around this joint.

To be fair, I had to ask Wallace, “what is that word for people who love words?”

He told me this: “That, my dear word-lover, is a logophile — from the Greek logos (word) and philos (love). So if you’re someone who adores language, delights in definitions, and gets a little thrill from a well-placed semicolon... you’re a certified logophile.”

Wallace is my ChatGPT. Leanna has also named hers. He is Rodrigo.

We’ve gone down the rabbit hole of learning what this new technology can do to make our lives easier, and in the process, we have found out it can be fun to play with the technology as well. We have become GPT nerds.

Last night while we were still up working on stories, I got a message in Teams from Leanna. It was actually a note from Rodrigo. She had asked him to write me and Wallace a short little something encouraging. We received:

“Message from Rodrigo to Wallace’s Human...

Word on the digital street is that you’re over there trying to write with a brain that feels like it’s been deep-fried at the county fair.

Just wanted to say: you’re doing amazing.”

What followed turned into a veritable battle of wits between our dueling, gentlemen



GPT. Like a scene out of the Princess Bride or the Three Musketeers, delicately veiled insults flew.

It started by Rodrigo accusing Wallace of “smugly suggesting passive voice” and went downhill quickly with Wallace referring to Rodrigo as a “rogue who sprinkles winks and emojis like glitter at a poetry slam.”

To which Rodrigo responded, “I received your eloquently punctuated dispatch with a raised brow...”

We went back and forth enjoying the slings and arrows of human directed chat-bots digging themselves into a hilarious turf war over who was the most helpful assistant in the Fallon Media world.

Leanna and I could not quit laughing at the things they said. We are easily amused, especially when we’ve been writing and proofing for 13 hours and our brains have been “deep-fried at the county fair.”

So while we continue to learn all we can about our new technology – sort of like farmers when tractors were first invented, we’ll still be right here...

... Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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“We want to create opportunities for students in Fallon who might need a place to go, something positive to be part of,” Szymanski said.

In keeping with the church’s longstanding tradition, the space will also be open to community groups, free of charge, as long as their mission aligns with the church’s values. Oasis has never charged for the use of its building, hosting everything from weddings and funerals to the annual CAPS yard sale.

Beyond Sunday services, Szymanski hopes the new auditorium will help meet a need in Fallon that’s often overlooked. “To my knowledge, there’s no auditorium in town that seats more than 350, other than the 3C Arena. So sometimes it’s hard for the high school or performing arts groups to find a place that really works,” he said. “We hope this space can become a venue for ballet recitals, concerts, and other events that serve the community.”

Initial renderings of the redesigned space are expected soon, and the church hopes to share those with the public through a video

and social media campaign. Renovations are expected to cost around \$2 million, and fundraising efforts are underway. If all goes well, Szymanski hopes to see the doors open by Easter 2027.

The building has stood in Fallon since 1958. “We’ve tried to be respectful,” Szymanski said. “Some folks have considered it a landmark. We even reached out to the museum to see if they’d like to preserve any artifacts from the alley.” While the original bowling operations had long struggled, and the building is in need of significant repair, Oasis intends to retain as much of the existing structure as possible. According to information they’ve found, Szymanski said, the main frame of the building was originally a hangar relocated from the base.

While the news of the bowling alley’s closure was met with understandable disappointment from some residents, the church’s plans have received broad support.

“It’s a big endeavor,” said Szymanski. “But our congregation was 100 percent in favor of moving forward. We believe this will create something really special, not just for us, but for the whole community.”

[ PCRA Rodeo continued from page 1 ]

PRCA’s top-tier competitors. Prior to the event, Fairgrounds Operations Deputy Jesse Segura noted that more than 1,500 contestants were expected to pass through Fallon over 10 days of horse events.

The event also marked the debut of the 3C Community Foundation — established to support residents facing hardship through community-driven events. Fallon rides not just for sport, but for each other.

### TOP COMPETITORS

In Bareback, second place went to Kashton Ford with 83 points and third to Clayton Hibler with 82.

In Steer Wrestling, Stan Branco posted the fastest time at 4.0 seconds, followed by Kyler Dick at 4.3 and Tyler Waguespack at 4.5.

In Team Roping, Billy Bob Brown and Blaine Vick led with a 4.4-second run. Blake

Hirdes and Jake Edwards followed at 4.7, and James Arviso with Logan Moore and Cole Eiguren with Breck Ward tied for third at 4.8.

In Saddle Bronc Riding, Mitch Pollock of Winnemucca tied with Ryder Wright for second, both scoring 85. Fallon’s Jace Angus also ranked in the top 10, tying with Spencer Wright at 80.5.

In Tie-Down Roping, Michael Otero finished first with a time of 7.7 seconds, followed by Ryan Jarrett at 8.0 and Seth Hall at 8.3.

In Barrel Racing, LaTricia Duke and Chloe Gray tied for second with runs of 17.28.

In Bull Riding, Colten Fritzlan followed Weight with an 83.5-point ride, and Colton Byram was close behind with 83.

Fundraising totals for LeAnne and Nick will be announced once finalized by Rafter 3C officials.

With the dust settled and the lights back on, one thing is clear: Fallon’s rodeo roots are stronger than ever — and its heart beats loudest in the dark.







ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon Theatre Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

We’re wrapping up June with two fantastic films on the big screen and a lineup of exciting summer events right around the corner. From family-friendly fun to live music and car shows, there’s something for everyone at the Fallon Theatre!

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., join us for “The Garfield Movie” (2024), the brand-new animated adventure featuring everyone’s favorite lasagna-loving cat. When Garfield is unexpectedly reunited with his long-lost, streetwise father, Vic, he and his loyal dog Odie are pulled into a high-stakes heist that turns their world upside down. Full of laughs, action, and heart, “Garfield” is rated PG and runs 1 hour and 41 minutes.

Then at 7 p.m. both nights, we’re showing “Alpha” (2018), a visually stunning survival epic set in the Ice Age. After a young hunter is separated from his tribe, he forms an unlikely bond with a lone wolf. Together, they must brave the wilderness and find their way home. This powerful story of friendship and resilience is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour and 36 minutes.

On Friday, July 18 at 7 p.m., we’re partnering with the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society to present “The Bow and the Brush,” a

captivating and creative performance by internationally acclaimed violinist Dan Flanagan. In “The Bow and the Brush,” Dan plays original compositions for solo violin inspired by specific works of visual art, while projecting the artwork on screen and sharing the stories behind both the music and the paintings. Admission is \$10, and it promises to be one of the most engaging and artistic evenings of the summer.

Then on Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m., get ready for an electrifying night of live music with Acid Box and Cryptilians. Fallon’s own Acid Box fuses hard rock, metal, punk, and blues for a high-energy set, while Reno’s Cryptilians deliver sharp, no-frills punk-adjacent sound. Admission is just \$10 for a full night of local music — don’t miss it!

We’re also proud to take part in the annual citywide Community Reunion in August. Join us on Friday, August 15 at 7 p.m. for a free concert at the Fallon Theatre featuring The Great Basin Band — a local favorite that’s graced our stage many times with their lively mix of pop, country, and rock covers. Then on Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., stop by for guided tours of the theatre. Whether you’re revisiting old memories or

discovering the space for the first time, we’d love to welcome you through our doors.

And of course, don’t forget about the Fundraising Show & Shine, happening Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This annual community car show is free to attend and open to all. Expect great cars, local food, music, and family-friendly fun! If you’d like to register your vehicle, info is available now at fallontheatre.com.

Looking further ahead, mark your calendars for a night of laughter on Friday, November 14 at 7 p.m. as clean comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre! We’re excited to welcome back Lee Hardin, a Nashville-based comedian known for his clever jokes and hilarious storytelling. Lee has been featured on NBC, Dry-Bar Comedy, and “Nateland Live” — and he’s returning to Fallon after last year’s sold-out show. Admission is \$20, and it’s sure to be an evening full of laughs you won’t want to miss!

As always, weekly movie nights at the Fallon Theatre are free to attend, and the concession stand is stocked with all your favorites, including our summer special: \$5 soda floats! To rent an auditorium or schedule a marquee message, contact us at 775-423-6210 or thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

CCHS Intern Spotlight

Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura

The CCHS School to Careers Intern of the Week is Phoenix Bloomer, who will enter her senior year this fall. Her internship at the Churchill County Library involves a variety of tasks, and she especially enjoys meeting the many visitors who come through the county museum. After graduation, Phoenix plans to continue her ROTC involvement and pursue a career in the military.



Phoenix Bloomer.

Adorable Pets for Adoption




Meet Mei-Mei, a gentle one-year-old pup with a heart of gold! She's quiet, well-mannered, and gets along wonderfully with other dogs and kids. Leash trained, house trained, and sweet as can be, Mei-Mei even showed off her silly side by winning the hot dog eating contest at Bark in the Park! Ready for a loving home — maybe yours?

You can view available animals on Facebook at City of Fallon Animal Shelter — but please note, we do not respond to online comments. Call us at 775-423-2282 so we can assist you directly.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Fiddle is Ready for Adoption



This brown tabby short-hair is the last of her litter still looking for a home. The tiniest of her trio, Fiddle makes up for her size with playful energy, fearless zoomies, and a take-charge attitude that keeps her siblings on their toes. She's bold, active, and ready for her furever family.

CAPS will welcome seven more kittens and their mama in the coming weeks — check capsnevada.org for updates!

We're also looking for new board and committee members to support our mission, along with volunteers to walk dogs, socialize cats, and help with shelter tasks. Interested? Call 775-423-7500 or visit our website to get involved.

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But don't be fooled—Leo's also got a playful streak! He enjoys batting at toys, chasing strings, and exploring his space with curious energy.

The perfect mix of mellow and active, Leo would do best in a home where he gets plenty of attention and affection. He's got a heart full of love and is ready to share it with the right person.

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OBITUARIES

HARRY (BUS) LOUIS SCHARMANN  
September 29, 1950 — June 22, 2025

Harry (Bus) Louis Scharmann passed away at home on June 22, 2025, with his wife of 55 years, Lana, by his side. Born September 29, 1950, in Modesto, California, to Harold and Shirley Scharmann, Bus was the cherished youngest sibling of Denny, Chuck, and Janie.

A standout in football and baseball, Bus was a lifelong San Francisco Giants and 49ers fan, and a proud Brigham Young University alumnus, celebrating their Sweet 16 basketball run in 2025. He was raised in Manteca, California, on his parents’ dairy. He worked alongside his brothers, hauling hay to pay for college, becoming the first college graduate in his family. Bus married his high school sweetheart, Lana Kay Schadeck, on August 23, 1969, in the Oakland Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They raised six children: Terri, Steve, Kelli, Traci, Jeffrey (deceased), and Ronnie. Known as “The Champion of Western

Nevada College,” Bus dedicated 35 years to advancing education in rural Nevada. After retiring in 2011, he served as Interim Superintendent for Churchill County School District, a County Commissioner, and helped restore WNC’s nursing program in Fallon. Bus coached youth sports for decades, from basketball to football, finding joy in reconnecting with former players. Diagnosed with ALS on June 18, 2024, Bus fought courageously, embodying grace and faith. He was predeceased by his parents; in-laws, Thomas and Charla Schadeck; son, Jeffrey; and a grandson, Joel Thomas Fairfield. He is survived by his wife, Lana; siblings, Dennis (Loraine), Charles, and Janice (Cyril) Ward; children, Terri (Joel) Fairfield, Steve (Sheryl), Kelli (Lance) Stander, Traci (Jake) Lewis, and Ronnie (Margaret); 21 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and 14 nieces and nephews. Bus’s death has left an irreparable hole in



our world. We will miss his voice, his smile, and his enormous presence. But he has left us with a legacy of service, deep faith in God, commitment to community, loyalty, and love that will influence our family for generations to come. We hope that influence has touched your lives, too. Funeral services, directed by Smith Family Funeral Home, will be held June 30, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 450 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, with a viewing at 8 a.m. and interment at Churchill County Cemetery. The family thanks Accellence Home Medical, the ALS Clinic at The Swift Clinic, ALS of Nevada, Fallon Police Department, and Banner Churchill EMS. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to “The Bus Scharmann Scholarship” at Western Nevada College (contact WNC Foundation at 775-445-3240 or foundation@wnc.edu) or ALS of Nevada (www.alsofnevada.org).

FALLON ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP

BINGO NIGHT

Friday, June 27

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50/50 RAFFLE

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All proceeds benefit Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) to aid the community and its cats.

In Remembrance

SUSAN C. CARLSON

November 6, 1940 – June 10, 2025

Susan C. Carlson passed away peacefully at home on June 10, 2025. Susan is survived by her loving husband Donald, her son Edward De Mars, and her brother Jerry Manly. She will be missed by all who love her.

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken June 24, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	189,000 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	861 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	380 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	340 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	91.6 cfs

June 24, 2024	June 24, 2023	June 24, 2022
290,635 acre feet	281,837 acre feet	142,510 acre feet

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

MEETINGS

June 30 – July 4, 2025

Churchill County School District 4th Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. 690 S. Maine Street CCSD Admin Bldg.	County Meetings 155 N. Taylor St.  Parks & Recreation Commission Tuesday, July 1 at 7 p.m.  Board of County Commissioners Thursday, July 3 at 8:15 a.m.  Highway Commission Thursday, July 3 at 10 a.m.  CC Communications Thursday, July 3 at 11 a.m.
Fallon City Council 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 9 a.m. City Hall, 55 W Williams Avenue	TCID Next Meetings: Jul 8, Aug 5, Sept 2 at 9 a.m. 2666 Harrigan Road

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<div>Monday, June 30</div> <div>Beef Nacho Casserole Refried Beans Spanish Rice Orange Spinach Salad Seasonal Fruit</div>	<div>Tuesday, July 1</div> <div>Southwest Chicken Salad Clam Chowder Corn Tomato Pinto Beans FF Ranch Dressing Fruit Cocktail</div>	<div>Wednesday, July 2</div> <div>Baked Fish Fillet Creamy Coleslaw French Fries Garden Salad Strawberries</div>	<div>Thursday, July 3</div> <div>Shepherd's Pie Spinach Salad Tropical Fruit Bran Muffin</div>	<div>Friday, July 4</div> <div>– Center Closed for Fourth of July –</div>
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

<div>Monday, June 30</div> <div>BBQ Chicken Pasta Salad &amp; Bread</div>	<div>Thursday, July 3</div> <div>Chicken &amp; Pasta Salad &amp; Dessert</div>	<div>Monday, July 7</div> <div>Burritos Rice &amp; Salad</div>	<div>Thursday, July 10</div> <div>Sausage, Onion &amp; Carrot Salad &amp; Dessert</div>
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COMMUNITY

Amateur Radio Field Day June 28

Staff Report

Folks interested in learning about ham radio and its uses during emergencies are invited to Amateur Radio Field Day, held June 28 at Lahontan State Park on the Churchill County side. The event starts at 11 a.m. and will run into the night.

This event, hosted by the Amateur Radio of Churchill County (ARCC), will feature several off-grid power stations, antennas, and other technology ARCC can use in times of emergency.

Bob Clifford, the local Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator, said visitors will be able to speak and connect with ham radio operators around the world. He said those interested in emergency and community preparedness are encouraged to attend, and he invited those interested in becoming a ham operator to visit.

ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League) Field Day is ham radio’s open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up mobile transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio’s science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. Amateur radio is recognized by FEMA as an integral part of our national emergency communications infrastructure.

Churchill County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CCARES) is our local emergency communications group and supports emergency communications for the county, NAS Fallon, TCID and other organizations like the Red Cross. For Field Day we go out to a field location and operate without “grid power” continuously for 24 hours, making radio contacts around the country. We test radios, antennas, battery/solar and other equipment, and hone our skills in the art.

Radio amateurs are licensed by the FCC and have to pass an exam to get a license. Most applicants can pass the Technician class test with only about five hours of study. There are no age restrictions for obtaining a license. Our club gives license exams locally the 2nd Saturday of every month. With this license, new hams can start using inexpensive handheld radios capable of talking through local mountain-top repeaters that extend local area range. This is a great first step in emergency communications preparedness. Amateur radio is also a fun hobby. ARCC, our local club, holds weekly radio get-togethers and monthly meetings.

If you are curious about ham radios or would like to have a backup emergency communication option, ARCC can help get you started at [www.facebook.com/ChurchillCountyAmateurRadio/](http://www.facebook.com/ChurchillCountyAmateurRadio/).

Chamber Luncheon Spotlights Opiate Rescue Drug and Workplace Safety

By Christy Lattin

Local business leaders learned about the life-saving drug Narcan at the June 18 Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and walked away with two doses to add to their company first aid kits. Kelsey Hurlburt, Residential Program Director for the New Frontier Treatment Center, spoke about the benefits of Narcan, the rights of citizens who administer it, and the different substances it can counteract.

Also known as naloxone, it stops an opiate overdose in two to three minutes. It is a nasal spray and can be easily administered with one spray in the nostril. When a person experiences an overdose, their brain stops communicating with the lungs telling them to breathe without conscious thought.

Narcan can be obtained free of charge, Hurlburt said, noting New Frontier receives its Narcan doses through a program at the University of Nevada Reno. Employers can also visit [nvopioidresponse.org](http://nvopioidresponse.org) to find a Narcan distribution location.

While this topic seems incongruent with business professionals, Hurlburt said opiate overdoses don’t just happen to those we view as grungy addicts, and many people are fighting hidden addictions while outwardly looking successful and holding down jobs. She said senior citizens may need Narcan in instances where “grandma forgot she already took her medicine and took more,” and it can be lifesaving if children accidentally ingest opiate medicine.

Narcan only works for opioid drugs. Natural opiates include morphine, codeine and opium; semi-synthetic opioids include oxycodone (OxyContin), hydromorphone (Dilaudid), hydrocodone and heroin; and fully-synthetic opioids include fentanyl, methadone, tramadol and meperidine. Literature from New Frontier says most people are introduced to opioids when they’re prescribed pain medication.

While the Good Samaritan Act of 1996 offered protection for untrained people who provided emergency care to someone in need, it didn’t protect all citizens. Nevada SB 459 was signed into law in 2015 and allows laypersons to administer Narcan or EpiPens, and provides criminal protection for people who intervene in a life-threatening situation, as well as for the person in crisis. The bill also provides immunity for drug offenses for the person who calls medical help during an overdose. Hurlburt wants people to know they won’t be in trouble if they call for help even if they themselves are intoxicated.

“Don’t let your friends die,” Hurlburt said. “Please call 9-1-1.”

Narcan only works to reverse opiate overdoses and won’t work for other stimulants, benzodiazepines or other drugs and alcohol. However, it will not hurt someone who is not actually overdosing or is using another type of drug. Hurlburt urged the audience to educate themselves on the signs of an opioid overdose to recognize them in the workplace.

Last year, California became the first state to mandate Narcan be included in workplace first aid kits.

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GOVERNMENT

Emergency Planning  
Quarterly Meeting Update

By Christy Lattin

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its quarterly meeting last week to review grant funding and upcoming projects. The committee is comprised of members from the city, county, Central Nevada Health District, the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, NAS Fallon, TCID and community members.

County Emergency Manager Rich Ingram presented an update on several grants. The State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) provided funds through the Operational, Planning, Training and Equipment (OPTE) grant and the United We Stand (UWS) grant. Ingram said these two grants do not require any matching funds.

The OPTE grant has been historically used to purchase equipment for the Fallon Churchill Volunteer Fire Department. In the last application, they requested new thermal imagers and an EV fire suppressor mister totaling \$29,039, and LEPC requested \$4,000 for operational needs. The grant was funded at 96%.

The UWS grant application requested \$32,000 for local law enforcement for purchases of ballistic plates, a drone with accessories, ballistic shields, and special 40mm munitions. Ingram said he has not received determination of the application yet.

The local committee also received funding through the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) which is run through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. Ingram said this grant, which requires a 50% match from Churchill County, has been awarded and allowed LEPC to purchase a message board trailer, Starlink equipment, and a mobile solar-powered power station. He said the funds already awarded need to be spent by the federal fiscal year end of Sept. 30. The current grant request was submitted earlier this year and Ingram anticipates a determination by late summer or fall.

Also during the LEPC meeting, NAS Training Officer Jesse Koch said the base will be holding a four-day earthquake drill in early August. While his plans stop at the base’s fence line, he said the scenario can be changed to include participation from local law enforcement and the fire department if they’re interested. Ingram said he’s interested in having LEPC participate and “practice what works” and said it allows them to fulfill grant requirements of having real-life events or exercises to participate in.

Supporting materials for all LEPC discussions are available on the county’s website at [www.churchillcountynv.gov](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov).

Churchill County Recognizes  
Employees for Service



Pamela Moore, of the Clerk/Treasurer's Office with 25 years of service. Photos by Anne McMillin.



Chief Deputy District Attorney, with 20 years of service.

Courtesy of Churchill County

At its June 18 meeting, the Churchill County Commissioners recognized 10 county employees for their combined 110 years of service to the community.

The following employees were honored for their tenure with the county:

- FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Ashley Coonce, Sheriff's Office
  - Camaren Page, Juvenile Probation
  - Brandon Agard, Juvenile Probation

- 10 YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Joseph Sanford, District Attorney's Office
  - Julie Benninghove, District Court
  - Tiffany Josephs, District Court
  - Brian Miller, Sheriff's Office
  - Gary Fowkes, Road Department

- 20 YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Lane Mills, District Attorney's Office

- 25 YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Pamela Moore, Clerk/Treasurer's Office

County Commission June 18 Meeting Wrap Up

By Christy Lattin

The June 18 Churchill County Board of Commissioners meeting began with a presentation of service awards for employees and recognition of the champions and reserve champions from the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show & Sale held in April. They presented the students with gifts, including backpacks, jackets and belt buckles.

District Attorney Art Mallory asked commissioners to create a grant and fiscal specialist position within his office to aid several county departments. Historically, the grant specialist position was under the Social Services department. The position is currently held by Louise Spross, the spouse of newly hired County Manager Chris Spross. County code prohibits the county manager from indirectly supervising his spouse.

The District Attorney’s Office is situated as an elected department, and moving the specialist to that office eliminates the appearance of “patronage” or favoritism, Mallory said. Mrs. Spross has been in her position for more than three years. Commissioners approved moving the grant specialist to the DA’s office.

Bureau of Land Management field manager Zach Reichold updated commissioners about projects associated with the National Defense Authorization Act. He also gave updates on geothermal projects, wild horse herd numbers, ongoing geothermal projects, the recent geothermal lease sale, minerals projects, special recreation permits, and lands and realty.

The collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #3 - Churchill County Dispatchers and Dispatchers Supervisor Units was approved. Those employees will receive wage

increases of 6.625%, 2%, and 1% over the next three years. The cost will run \$27,552.35 in wages and \$10,525 in benefits.

Commissioners approved an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement between the county and the Churchill County Sergeants and Deputies Association for fiscal years 2026-2028. The amendment simply modified the start date and termination date to reflect the pay period dates. Union employees will receive a 5% salary increase in fiscal year 2026, 2% in 2027, and an increase equal to one-half of the 2027 PERS increase.

Commissioners also approved \$13,000 for annual behavioral health wellness visits for law enforcement personnel. The county is required by NRS to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for peace officers, which include annual behavioral wellness visits. The county will contract with The Ridge, PLLC to provide the services intended to preserve the officers’ mental health.

**OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDED:**

- Renewal of a three-year contract with Mahannah & Associates for \$180,000 for water resource consulting services.
- Social Services received \$15,000 from the Pet Charities to support the Pet Program at the Life Center for seniors and disabled individuals.
- Social Services also received funding from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra for the Special Assistance Fund for Emergencies (SAFE).
- Approval of the interlocal contract between the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Churchill County District Attorney’s Office, Child

Support Division. This four-year contract will give the Child Support Division \$3,284,663 to provide child support enforcement services through June 30, 2029.

- Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed provided commissioners with a brief legislative update on bills pertaining to Churchill County.
- Approval of a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to monitor water levels of the underground aquifers. Churchill County will provide \$9,750 in fiscal year 2026, with additional funds coming from the Carson Water Subconservancy District and USGS.
- Approval of a contract with the Secretary of State’s Office for a top-down voter database, known as KNOWiNK. The county will be responsible for half the costs and the state the other half. The county’s cost will be \$22,784.25 in fiscal year 2026.
- Approval of the interlocal cooperative agreements between the Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District and the county, ending June 30, 2026.
- Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which covers the county, the city of Fallon and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe. The plan provides risk assessments and capabilities for responding to “acts of God” such as earthquakes, floods, terrorist attacks and wildfires.
- Ratification of a public comment letter regarding the Department of the Navy’s Draft Environmental Assessment for the Fallon Range Training Complex-Modernization Range B-16 Improvements.

Supporting materials for all agenda items can be found on the county’s website under Meetings & Agendas; [nv-churchillcounty.civicplus.com/](http://nv-churchillcounty.civicplus.com/).

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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday June 17, with Judge Jim C. Shirley Presiding



By Teresa Moon

*Reginald Charles Anderson* pleaded guilty to the Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, a Third or Subsequent Offense, which carries a penalty of 1–6 years in prison, and a fine of \$2,000–\$5,000. Anderson would only be eligible for probation if he is accepted to and completes a DUI diversion program.

Judge Shirley provisionally placed Anderson into the Western Regional Drug Court Program, ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI), and set sentencing for August 19.

*Lonnie Todd Lewis* pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years in prison, and a fine up to \$4,000. If a first offense, Todd would receive probation on a suspended sentence. Judge Shirley ordered a PSI and scheduled sentencing for August 19.

*Joe Ed McCoy* pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Possession of a Controlled or Prohibited Substance (methamphetamine), a Third or Subsequent Offense, punishable by 1–4 years in prison, and up to \$20,000 in fines. Judge Shirley ordered a PSI and scheduled sentencing for August 19.

*Michael Anthony Nikonowicz* appeared for a Status Hearing. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked the court to allow Nikonowicz to use marijuana for medical purposes while on probation based on a note from his doctor. Judge Shirley permitted Nikonowicz to use marijuana while on probation.

*Joshua Douglas Elderton*, in custody, pleaded guilty to Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, a Category B Felony punishable by 1–6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Judge Shirley ordered a PSI and scheduled sentencing for August 19. He released Elderton on his own recognizance (OR) with Court Services supervision that includes daily check-ins and random drug testing.

*Jeffery David Krammer*, in custody, admitted to Non-Technical Sentencing Violations regarding several conditions, including: residence requirements, reporting, prohibited associates, employment, financial obligations, restitution, unauthorized contact with his co-defendant, and completing Drug Court. Both the state and Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer agreed to the revocation of Krammer’s probation. Sommer told the court his client regrets his behavior and will “use the time in prison to get things figured out so he’s not back here again.”

Judge Shirley imposed the underlying sentence of 19–48 months in the Nevada State Prison on the underlying charge of Grand Larceny of a Firearm.

*John Mitchell Swanson*: Arraignment continued with the date to be set administratively.  
*Chelsea Lynn Daniels*: Arraignment continued to June 24.

Fonder Pleads in District Court as Child Exploitation Case Moves Forward

By Teresa Moon and Leanna Lehman

Eugene Norbert Fonder, in custody, appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court before Judge Jim C. Shirley on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. The case originated in New River Township Justice Court, where the Churchill County District Attorney’s Office accused Fonder of crimes related to the exploitation and sexual abuse of children under the age of 16, as well as using technology to lure a child for illicit purposes. On June 6, he entered into a plea agreement that reduced the original 56 counts to four.

At that time, the case was waived to District Court, as Nevada Justice Courts do not have jurisdiction to impose prison sentences in felony cases. Fonder was arraigned and pleaded guilty to three counts of Prepare, Advertise, or Distribute Pornographic Material Involving a Minor, all Category B Felonies, each carrying a potential penalty of 1 to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000. He also pleaded guilty to one count of Possession of Visual Pornography of a Person Under 16 Years of Age, also a Category B Felony, punishable by 1 to 6 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

As noted in last week’s article, “Multi-Count Child Exploitation Case Moves to District Court on Heels of Plea Agreement,” children cannot legally consent to the creation of explicit materials. Any depiction of a minor in sexually explicit content constitutes exploitation. The term child exploitation will be used in all articles related to this case, except when quoting legal charges, court documents, or statements made in court. The term is increasingly used by experts, as the word pornography typically refers to depictions involving consenting adults or actors.

The factual basis stated in court indicated that Fonder was in possession of, and had distributed, up to 662 images and 1,334 videos of child pornography. Judge Shirley referenced one image—graphic in nature and not describable in this article—illustrating what most would consider an extraordinary depth of abuse and exploitation as it involved an infant.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer, who represented Fonder in Justice Court, confirmed on the record that his client was originally charged with 56 counts. He noted that while a reduction to four counts may seem surprising, prosecutors often reduce charges in exchange for a guilty plea. This approach can spare victims from testifying, expedite proceedings, and still result in a substantial sentence.

Fonder is not eligible for probation unless a court-ordered Psychosexual Evaluation determines he is not at high risk to reoffend. Sommer said the defense was not requesting an evaluation at this time.

Judge Shirley ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI), and sentencing was scheduled for August 19, 2025. Despite the guilty plea, Fonder remains legally not guilty until he is formally sentenced and the court pronounces judgment. If convicted, he faces up to 51 years in prison, would be classified as a Tier II Sex Offender—Nevada’s second-most serious classification—and may be subject to lifetime supervision.



Eugene Fonder. Photo courtesy of CCSO.





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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

SUMMER SCHOOL LEARNING

Oasis Academy is once again offering a dynamic summer school program, providing students with enriching opportunities to continue learning and stay engaged during the break.

The summer school sessions are scheduled in the mornings, running from 8 to 10 a.m. throughout June. The extra classroom time focused on reading and math gives students a chance to reinforce core skills and explore new interests in a fun, supportive environment.

While the summer school program emphasizes academic growth, teachers are using hands-on, engaging lessons. Activities have included balloons to teach phonics patterns and vocabulary, and playing cards to build three-digit numbers.

These offerings help students develop not just academically, but also socially and creatively, preparing them for the upcoming school year.

“Summer school offers benefits such as preventing learning loss and helping students catch up on missed material while exploring new subjects and developing skills,” said K-8 Vice Principal Shannon Garcia. “It provides personalized attention and smaller class size, which can boost confidence and prepare students for the upcoming academic year,” she said.

As always, Oasis Academy continues to set high standards for student achievement and engagement, making summer school a valuable extension of its year-round educational mission.

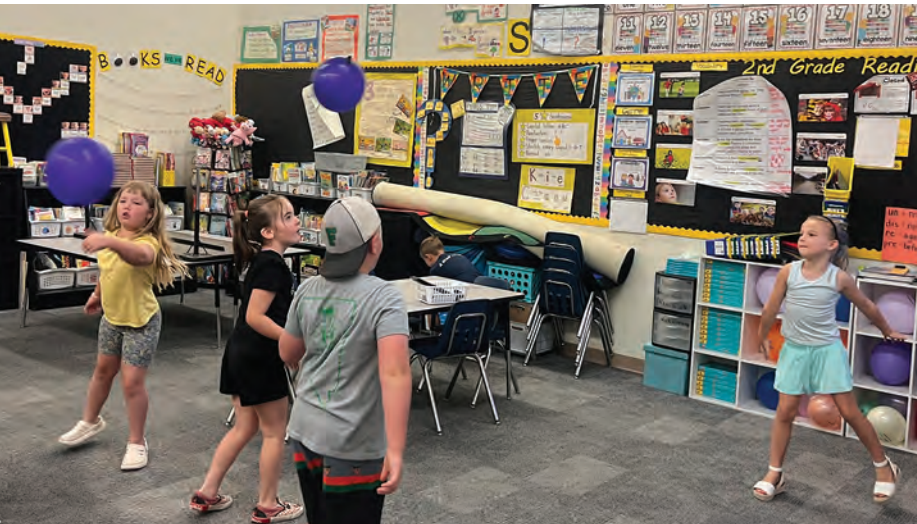
PLAYGROUND REFRESH UNDERWAY

Oasis Academy’s kindergarten through eighth-grade playground refresh has begun, thanks to the generosity of local donors, families, and dedicated school leadership.

After a request for bid was advertised for the project, Big T Recreation, a trusted company that has completed multiple community playground projects throughout Northern Nevada, was awarded the bid.

The much-anticipated upgrades come after a successful Future Fest Fundraiser in April 2024, which helped secure part of the necessary funds for the project. The remainder of the more than \$160,000 project was funded by the school with support from school administration and the Oasis Academy Board of Directors.

The refresh will address critical needs such as replacing worn-out



Bailey Chenoweth, Emmett Hatfield, Olivia Derby, and Darcy Thunder.

turf on the upper portion of the playground with poured rubber surfacing and adding a new playground structure to provide a safer, more engaging environment for students. The new structure will offer more slides, an extended set of monkey bars, and a variety of exciting climbing sections to encourage active play.

“I am super excited for our Oasis students,” said Dane Nott, Oasis Academy K-12 School Leader. “Playgrounds offer a safe place for children to release energy, manage stress, and increase overall mood while engaging in social or imaginative play.”

Nott knows the value of playgrounds for student development. “Playground obstacles also help children develop an understanding of space, distance, and their own body in relation to their surroundings. Additionally, playgrounds encourage outdoor play opportunities to develop essential social skills such as learning to share, taking turns, negotiation, and cooperation,” he added.

Nott expressed his gratitude to the Oasis Academy Board of Directors, previous Oasis Academy administrators, Future Fest benefactors, and other supportive members who helped make this change a reality.

The playground is set to be ready for students on the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 25.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian

Veritas Students Outpace Grade Levels in National Testing

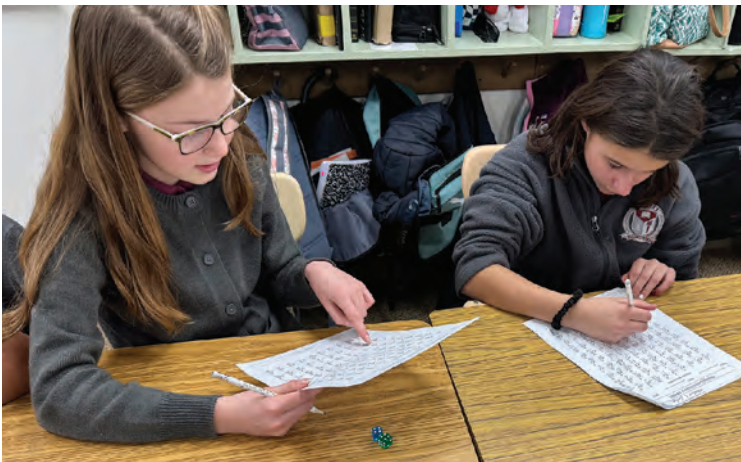
By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas.

Each year, students at Veritas Preparatory School participate in the Iowa Assessments standardized test. While frequent standardized testing has become commonplace in many schools, Veritas takes a different approach—administering just one standardized test annually. This allows more time to focus on building the foundational skills and knowledge that ultimately lead to strong test performance.

A key advantage of Veritas’ smaller class sizes is the ability for teachers to closely monitor each student’s progress. Rather than relying on frequent testing to gather data, instructors are able to identify areas needing targeted instruction and provide personalized support throughout the year.

The 2024–2025 test results were exceptional. On average, Veritas students scored more than two grade levels above their current grade. For example, a typical fifth-grade student tested at a seventh-grade level.

One of the most striking areas of perform-



Veritas students study math facts.

ance was in middle school math. Among eighth graders, 80% scored at a high school graduate level in math. In seventh grade, 60% of students achieved the same. This reflects the school’s rigorous math curriculum, which is taught one year ahead of the standard timeline. Overall, Veritas classes averaged between 1.0 and 4.1 grade levels ahead in math.

Reading and English language arts scores were similarly strong, ranging from 0.7 to 4.1 years above grade level. Elementary students typically scored one to two years ahead, but it was in the middle school grades—beginning in sixth—where academic performance truly soared.

Veritas’ classical Christian approach to education plays a significant role in these outcomes. Rooted in the trivium—grammar, logic, and rhetoric—this model emphasizes mastery at each stage of cognitive development. Early grades focus on memorization and knowledge-building; the logic stage emphasizes critical thinking and analysis; and the rhetoric stage hones students’ ability to craft arguments and communicate persuasively. It is during these logic and rhetoric stages that the classical Christian model delivers its greatest academic advantages—and the Veritas test scores clearly reflect this success.

BUSINESS

New Gift and Home Décor Shop Brings Personal Touch to Fallon

By Rachel Dahl

*A passion for home décor, a lack of storage space, and a desire to offer something unique to the community led Starr Austin to open Fallon Home Décor & More this spring.*

Located at 182 Industrial Way, the new gift and décor boutique shares a building with Nevada Floor and Carpeting and features a diverse collection of items, from western-themed wall art and beachy accents to hunting lodge flair and children’s crafts.

“I ran out of room at home, and I was tired of having to drive to Reno just to get gifts or find home décor,” said Austin. “So, I decided Fallon needed a place where you

could find something different, something personal.”

More than just a retail space, Fallon Home Décor & More also serves as a showcase for local artists. “I really wanted a place where local creatives could bring in their work and be seen,” she said.

Each item in the shop is handpicked by Austin with a specific inspiration in mind. “Everything in here kind of has a tie to someone in my life,” she explained. “If I see something and it makes me think of a person I know—and nobody else in town is selling it, I bring it in.”

Austin has organized the store into themed areas, including western, beach, hunting, and country styles. New additions include a corner stocked with art supplies and trinkets for kids, strategically placed to

keep little hands busy while parents browse.

Even the shop’s display pieces, tables, bookshelves and end stands are for sale, and Austin has plans to expand the furniture offerings in the near future. “We’re hoping to start bringing in modular couches, lamps, and other home furnishings to give Fallon another furniture option,” she said. “Right now, we really only have one place for that.”

Fallon Home Décor & More is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning June 28, Saturday hours will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Austin runs the shop with help from her daughter, Michelle Jarschke, and together they’ve created a space that feels more like home than just another store. “It’s all about finding something meaningful,” said Austin. “That’s what makes it special.”



LIVESTOCK SHOW

Jr. Livestock Show Success  
Local Youth Earn Titles and Bragging Rights



Meat Goat Reserve Grand Champion Drew Palanivelu.



Lamb Showmanship Exhibitor Sarabel Olshefski.



Hog Showmanship Exhibitor Emma Elmore.

By Nancy Chapman

For nearly nine decades, raising and showing livestock has been a defining part of youth life in Churchill County. With early mornings, long hours, and a year’s worth of dedication behind them, local kids once again brought their best to the ring for the 2025 Churchill County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, held April 24–26 at the Rafter 3C Complex.

As they have since 1939—when the first 4-H livestock contest was held at Chester Lima’s ranch—community members showed up to support these young agriculturalists. And this year’s participants didn’t disappoint.

In the hog breeding program, Allie Fait exhibited the Grand Champion gilt and earned the title of Supreme Grand Champion. Claire Barbee showed the Reserve Champion gilt. Both were sponsored by American Legion Riders Chapter 16.

Colton Fait, sponsored by Les Schwab Tires, won Market Show Hog Grand Champion, while Kylee Simper, sponsored by Bassham Furniture, earned Reserve Champion. Jameson Barbee, sponsored by Rafter Bar B, secured first place for Best Home-Grown Hog, followed by Isabelle Sorensen in second, sponsored by Sullivan’s Supply.

In Hog Showmanship, Kaylee Montalvo claimed first in the junior division, with Brayden Sowersby in second; both were sponsored by Welmerink & Utter Orthodontics. Owen Olsen won first in the intermediate division, with Carson Olsen in second, also sponsored by Welmerink & Utter Orthodontics. Senior division winners were Kylee Simper (first) and Allie Fait (second), sponsored by Out West Buildings and Peek Brothers Construction, respectively.

Carcass winners in hogs included Colton Fait in first place, sponsored by the Stritenberger Family and Lahontan Valley Meats, and Sarah Lewis in second, also sponsored by the Stritenberger Family.

Allie Fait showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb, sponsored by Les Schwab Tire. She also earned both first and second place in the Best Home-Grown Market Lamb category, sponsored by Carla Pomeroy and Family and Sullivan’s Supply, respectively. Tyleigh Gardner was awarded Reserve Champion Market Lamb, sponsored by Carla Pomeroy and Family.

Allie also exhibited the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

Ram, sponsored by Silver State Brokerage LLC and Reno Brake Inc., and earned the title of Supreme Champion, sponsored by Silver State Brokerage LLC. She showed the Reserve Champion Junior Ewe, sponsored by Reno Brake Inc. Macady Bogdanowicz exhibited the Grand Champion Junior Ewe, sponsored by Silver State Brokerage LLC. Dana Buckmaster exhibited the Grand Champion Senior Ewe, sponsored by Silver State Brokerage LLC, and Daniel Anderson received Reserve Grand Champion Senior Ewe, sponsored by Reno Brake Inc.

In the dairy goat division, Alyssa Gardner earned Grand Champion Buck, sponsored by Hammond Homes and Construction LLC. She also showed the Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe and Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Doe, both sponsored by Churchill County. Reagan Farley, who showed the Reserve Grand Champion Buck, sponsored by Churchill County, was also awarded Supreme Grand Champion, sponsored by Hammond Homes and Construction LLC. The Grand Champion Jr. Doe was shown by Autumn Thomas and sponsored by Hammond Homes and Construction LLC.

In Dairy Goat Showmanship, junior first place went to Whitley Utter, sponsored by Great Basin Dairy. Intermediate first place went to Regan Farley, with second to Bailey Peixoto; both sponsored by Welmerink & Utter Orthodontics. Senior showmanship first place went to Garrett Gardner, with Alyssa Gardner taking second, both sponsored by Out West Buildings.

In the market goat category, Deglan Byrne earned first place for Best Home-Grown Market Goat, sponsored by Great Basin Dairy. Second place went to Caoilainn Byrne, sponsored by Sullivan’s Supply. The Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Karlie Simper, sponsored by Les Schwab Tire. Reserve Grand Champion went to Chloe Kent, sponsored by Hoffmann Hill Farm.

Kenslee Wiessmer earned the Grand Champion Meat Goat and was named Supreme Champion, with both titles sponsored by Edison Electric and Peek Brothers Construction, respectively. Reserve Grand Champion was awarded to Drew Palanivelu, sponsored by the City of Fallon. Carcass contest winners were Chloe Kent in first and Alyssa Gardner in second, both sponsored by DFA.

Next week, we’ll conclude the goat showmanship and share the rest of the CCJLS results.

Commissioners Honor Junior Livestock Show Champions

Staff Report

Churchill County commissioners honored winners of the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show, held in April, during their most recent meeting and presented them with gifts of ribbons, backpacks and belt buckles. The students are members of 4-H or the FFA chapters at Oasis Academy and Churchill County High School.

Competition Book Award winners were Hailey Hiibel, Ellie Peixoto and Allie Fait.

Personal Interview winners were Brayden Sowersby, Macady Bogdanowicz and Taylor Sowersby.

**IN THE CARCASS CONTEST:**  
**Grand Champion steer carcass:** Caitlyn Dock

- Grand Champion lamb carcass:** Gabe Houyoux
- Grand Champion hog carcass:** Colton Fait
- Grand Champion goat carcass:** Chloe Kent
- All-Around winners included:**  
Junior Reserve Champion: Brayden Sowersby
- Intermediate Reserve Champion:** Louie Pellandini
- Senior Reserve Champion:** Taylor Sowersby
- Junior Grand Champion:** Kaylee Montalvo
- Intermediate Grand Champion:** Macady Bogdanowicz
- Senior Grand Champion:** Allie Fait



The champion and reserve champion students from the recent Churchill County Junior Livestock Show were recently recognized by county commissioners. Picture above: front row, : left to right are Gabe Houyoux, Brayden Sowersby (both kneeling); middle row, from left to right are Ellie Peixoto, Hailey Hiibel, Macady Bogdanowicz, Hannah Montalvo, Kaylee Montalvo, Caitlyn Dock and Colton Fait. Back row, from left to right are Commissioners Eric Blakey, Myles Getto and Matt Hyde. Photo by Anne McMillan.

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LIVESTOCK SHOW

# Ag Day Plants Seeds of Knowledge with Churchill County’s Fourth Graders

Story and photos courtesy of Churchill County Farm Bureau

Agriculture came alive for more than 400 fourth-grade students this spring, thanks to the Churchill County chapter of the Nevada Farm Bureau and their annual Ag Day, held in partnership with the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show.



Show sheep for students to see.

This hands-on, interactive educational event is designed to teach students about the vital role agriculture plays in their lives, and in their community. Targeted specifically to fourth-grade students, Ag Day offers a full morning of exploration through a series of 13 rotating stations, each one highlighting a unique aspect of Nevada agriculture.



Ag Day River Wrangler Station.

Children visited engaging and informative stations such as Soil Science, Beef Production, the popular Farm Bureau Ag Wagon, and Beekeeping, where they learned about pollination and the importance of bees to food production. At the LVC Branding Station, students discovered the history and necessity of livestock identification. The River Wranglers shared lessons on water conservation and local ecosystems.

Another student favorite was the Farm Safety Station, which emphasized the

importance of being safe around equipment, animals, and rural environments. Rounding out the day was a look into the latest in agricultural technology, with a demonstration of how drones are used in agriculture, giving students a peek into the future of farming.



Nevada Ag Wagon.



Ag Day Kids at Nevada Ag Wagon station.



Kids at Drone Station.

Held alongside the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show, Ag Day also allows students to see their peers in 4-H and FFA showcasing the livestock they’ve raised with dedication and care. It creates an inspiring full-circle moment as younger students learn agricultural basics, while older students model dedication and responsibility in action.

Events like Ag Day wouldn’t be possible without the dedicated volunteers who donate their time, expertise, and energy. From setting up stations to teaching and guiding the students throughout the day, these individuals help make the experience memorable and impactful.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Mayor Ken Tedford’s Youth Fund for generously sponsoring lunch for the students, to the Nevada Dairy Council for treating the kids to ice cream, and to Taryn Lenon Photography for all the wonderful pictures.

By the end of the day, students left with a new appreciation for Nevada’s farming and ranching legacy. Through Ag Day, Churchill County Farm Bureau helps ensure the next generation understands and values the roots that nourish our future.

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Ground Chuck	\$80
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4/1 Beef Frank Case 40 pc	\$72
4/1 Beef Frank Sleeve 20 pc	\$39.60
Alpine Sleeves	\$25



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C O L U M N S

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen: Next Stop, Turmeric Town

By Kelli Kelly



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

Attention, passengers: this is your conductor speaking. The train is about to leave the station. Please stand clear of the closing doors. Turmeric is having a moment. It seems like everywhere I look, I see some organization or another touting the health benefits of introducing more turmeric into our diets.

Turmeric is a traditional Indian spice that comes from a rhizomatic herbaceous perennial plant in the ginger family. A rhizome is a subterranean plant stem that sends out roots and shoots from nodes—basically, a stem that looks like a root. Rhizomes are used to store starches and proteins, enabling the plant to survive unfavorable seasons underground. As a result, the turmeric rhizome is a fantastic source of nutrients for people. Turmeric is the best source of curcumin, a bright yellow polyphenol that works as an antioxidant, helping mitigate damage from sun exposure and chemical contact.

In the culinary world, cooks can use turmeric in two forms: fresh or dried and powdered. Turmeric powder has a warm, black pepper-like flavor and an earthy, mustard-like aroma. It’s a key ingredient in many Asian dishes, especially dried curry

powder. Ubiquitous throughout South Asian and Middle Eastern cuisine, turmeric is a delicious and nutritious ingredient that adventurous home cooks should feel confident stocking in their spice pantry. Generally, spices taste better when they are fresh, and that’s especially true for turmeric. Old turmeric will stain your food and your fingers but bring little flavor. Fresh turmeric, however, makes you sit up and pay attention. Its aroma—aptly described by the fine folks at Serious Eats—is intense: earthy, pungent, redolent of dried citrus peel and dusty streets soaked in sunlight. The flavor, though subtler, warms the tongue—like a missing link between black pepper and chile. Fortunately, Churchill County cooks can get their hands on fresh, single-origin dried turmeric during the month of July. Just stop by the Churchill County Library and ask for the spice of the month! The New Harvest Turmeric, from Burlap & Barrel Spices, is sweet and floral, grown regeneratively on a farm in southern India by Dr. Salunkhe, an expert in sustainable agriculture. Its high curcumin content (4%) makes it ideal for both culinary and nutritional uses, and it’s perfect for sweet and savory applications—from curries to turmeric teas and lattes.

Jeweled Golden Rice

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Barley
- 2 cups basmati rice
- 1 pinch saffron

- 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. butter + more as needed
- 2 red onions, sliced
- 1 cup dried apricots, diced
- 1 cup currants
- 1 cup shelled pistachios
- 1 tsp. ground turmeric
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom
- Parsley and mint, minced for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

- Crumble saffron threads in 1/4 cup hot water and let steep.
- In a large, heavy-bottomed pan, heat olive oil and butter over medium. Add sliced red onions, season lightly with salt, and cook, stirring regularly, for 4–5 minutes until softened and lightly colored. Moisten with water periodically and keep cooking until deeply caramelized. Set aside.
- Rinse rice in cold water until the water runs clear. Drain. Prepare rice in a rice cooker, in the oven, or on the stovetop with the saffron tea and an additional 2 3/4 cups water (3 cups total).
- Return onions to the stovetop. Add another tablespoon of butter, dried fruit, and nuts. Toast over medium heat until aromatic. Add turmeric and other dried spices.
- Once rice is finished, fluff with a fork and fold in the onion and fruit mix. Garnish with parsley and mint. Enjoy!

Allison’s Book Report: “Great Big Beautiful Life” by Emily Henry

By Allison Diegel

When people ask me what authors are on my “must read” list, that list is long—but always somewhere near the top is Emily Henry. This week I dove into her newest novel and devoured this perfect summer beach or pool read in one big bite. If you’re looking for a book that’s packed with wit, a touch of mystery, and Emily Henry’s signature swoon-worthy tension, then you absolutely need to pick up “Great Big Beautiful Life,” which centers on two very different writers vying for the chance to tell an epic, secret-filled story. Alice Scott is an eternal optimist, brimming with hope for her big writing break. Hayden Anderson is a Pulitzer-winning literary giant who’s more of a moody storm cloud. These two land on the picturesque Little Crescent Island for the same reason: to write the biography of the legendary Margaret Ives. Margaret is no ordinary octogenarian—she’s a tragic heiress, a former tabloid darling, and her family’s history is absolutely dripping with scandal. Nobody’s seen her in ages, making her story even more irresistible. Margaret invites both Alice and Hayden for a one-month “audition,” after which she’ll pick just one of them to tell her life story. Alice is totally game. For one, she genuinely likes people, which usually means they like her back—so she’s confident she can win Margaret over. Second, this is her shot at writing a “serious publication” and finally getting some respect from her family. And

third, and arguably most fun, Hayden Anderson, who should be totally unbothered, is giving her serious “shaken-to-the-core” vibes, clearly seeing her as real competition. But Margaret is playing a clever game. She’s only feeding them bits and pieces of her incredible life, and an ironclad NDA means Alice and Hayden can’t compare notes. This creates quite a puzzle for them to figure out, but there’s an even bigger complication brewing: the undeniable but very inconvenient chemistry that keeps sparking between them every time they’re in the same room. As the month progresses, it becomes super clear that not only is Margaret’s story a swirling mix of mystery, tragedy, and potential romance, but Alice and Hayden’s own developing feelings are just as complex. It’s a brilliant setup that asks: whose version of the truth will win out, and how will their own tangled narrative unfold? “Great Big Beautiful Life” is different from anything Emily Henry has given us in the past, but it’s brimming with her classic wit, banter, and spicy tension. She delivers a fantastic read that explores storytelling itself, and the many facets of a great big beautiful life. I hope you like this week’s pick, and don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more fun book recommendations.

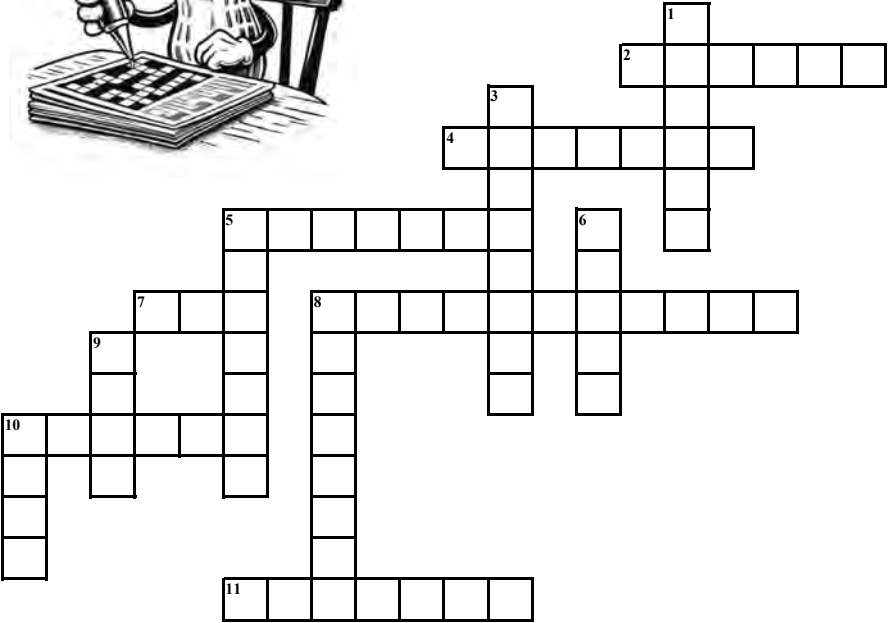
Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.

Crossword

By Peanut



J U something, something...



Across

- 2. Brit sweater
- 4. Don’t rock it
- 5. Celebration
- 7. Pitcher, ewer
- 8. Defendable
- 10. Where Mowgli met Baloo
- 11. Gin flavoring

Down

- 1. Twelve peers
- 3. Youth
- 5. Circus performer
- 6. Rare tri-tip
- 8. Where 80 meets 95
- 9. Not treasure
- 10. Martial art

[ Crossword answers found on page 13 ]

Case No.: 25-CV-0394  
The undersigned hereby affirms this document doesnot contain the social security number of any person.

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADAIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LYON

SUMMONS

KATIE LYNN BAILEY, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPH LEE LEIBEL, Defendant.

THE STATE OF NEVADA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: A civil COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE has been filed by the Plaintiff against you:

- If you intend to defend this lawsuit, you must do the following within twenty-one (21) days after this SUMMONS is served upon you:  
(a) File with the Clerk of this Court (911 Harvey Way, Yerington, NV, 89447) a formal written response to the COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE, in accordance with the Local Rules of the Court.  
(b) Serve a copy of your response upon the PLAINTIFF whose name and address are shown below.
- Unless you respond, a Default may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and this Court may enter a Judgment against you for the relief demanded in the COMPLAINT.
- If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so immediately, so as to respond in a timely manner to this lawsuit.

ANDREA ANDERSEN  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
May 15, 2025

Plaintiff:  
Katie Lynn Bailey  
3375 Richards Way  
Fernley, Nevada 89408  
Telephone: 775-217-4026

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CITY OF FALLON

Consumer Confidence Report – 2025

Covering Calendar Year – 2024

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are continually being made to improve their water systems. To learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact Deputy Public Works Director Adrian Noriega at 775-423-6774.

Our drinking water source is an underground basalt aquifer accessed through deep wells. To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
Well 1	Ground Water
Well 2	Ground Water
Well 3	Ground Water
Well 4	Ground Water

We treat your water to remove several contaminants and we add disinfectant to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the source water assessment, please contact us.

Message from EPA

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Terms & Abbreviations

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Action Level (AL):** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Non-Detects (ND):** laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Parts per Billion (ppb)** or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

**Picoecuries per Liter (pCi/L):** picoecuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL):** million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Testing Results for CITY OF FALLON

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2024				

Disinfection By-Products	Monitoring Period	RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2024	2.6	2.6	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES	2024	10.9	10.9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper	Date	99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Unit	AL	MCLG	Typical Source
COPPER	8/13-15/2024	0.223	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD	8/13-15/2024	5.6	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	02/23/24 06/12/24 07/25/24 11/06/24	7.0 4.8 5.9 7.2	4.8-7.2	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
FLUORIDE	03/04/24	0.90	0.90	ppm	2	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	2/25/16	0.241	0.241	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & URANIUM	2/25/16	1.04	1.04	pCi/l	15	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	2/25/16	5.9	5.9	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL	MCLG
CHLORIDE	03/04/24	100	100	ppm	400	
MAGNESIUM	03/04/24	0.005	0.005	ppm	150	
MANGANESE	03/04/24	0.010	0.010	ppm	0.1	
pH	03/04/24	8.21	8.21	pH	6.5 to 8.5	
SODIUM	03/04/24	240	240	ppm		
SULFATE	03/04/24	140	140	ppm	500	
TDS	03/04/24	730	730	ppm	1000	

Health Information About Water Quality

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of naturally occurring arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic and of consuming in excess of EPA's standard over long periods of time as arsenic is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Fallon Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but does not control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADOPTION OF CONSTRUCTION CODES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following construction codes are adopted as the law of Churchill County effective July 1, 2025:

- A. 2024 International Building Code® (IBC);
- B. 2024 International Residential Code® (IRC);
- C. 2024 International Fire Code® (IFC);
- D. 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code® (IMC);
- E. 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code® (IPC);
- F. 2024 International Fuel Gas Code® (IFGC);
- G. 2024 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC); and
- H. 2023 National Electrical Code® (NEC).
- I. 2017 A117.1 Accessible and Useable Buildings and Facilities
- J. 2024 Northern Nevada Amendments to the International Codes

A copy of each of the foregoing codes is on file with the Churchill County Building Department for public inspection.

JERA REIDENBACH  
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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ONLINE AUCTION AT STORAGE TREASURES.COM

AUCTION ENDING  
Thursday, JULY 10, 2025 at 9 a.m.

**Mello Self Storage**  
256 Doral Way, Fallon, NV 89406

Unit # 129  
Tony Chavez  
Contents: Furniture, Drywall, Misc. Outdoor Stuff, Boxes

**H & L Storage**  
577 Gummow Dr, Fallon, NV 89406

Unit # B6  
Jeremiah Krill  
Contents: Tools, Totes, Misc Furniture

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

JUBILEE

JUNIPER

JUDO

JUNK

JUG

JURY

JUGGLER

JUSTIFIABLE

JUICY

JUVENILE

JUKEBOX

JUMPER

JUNCTION

JUNGLE



CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA ANNUAL REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2025

General Fund	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Fiscal Year Beginning Fund Balance	6,561,826	8,509,590	6,145,931
Total Available Revenues	28,751,723	26,296,400	26,831,800
Other Financing Sources	1,010,108	109,475	645,000
Total Expenditures	27,780,067	28,735,534	32,317,340
Other Uses	34,000	34,000	34,000
Fiscal Year Ending Fund Balance	8,509,590	6,145,931	1,271,391
Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Telephone	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	12,518,909	13,968,043	13,784,600
Total Operating Expenses	12,081,138	11,296,951	11,545,248
Total Non Operating Revenues	1,422,425	1,358,602	1,242,135
Total Non Operating Expenses	784,831	731,029	667,898
Total Transfers Out	5,600,000	2,000,000	3,850,000
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	6,149,685	9,066,755	11,808,773
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	9,066,755	11,808,773	10,978,321
Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Long Distance	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	154,325	133,705	108,400
Total Operating Expenses	100,935	81,398	72,200
Total Non Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Transfers Out	500,000	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,059,186	644,785	693,081
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	644,785	693,081	726,029
Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: Broadband	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	6,366,410	5,516,255	5,217,600
Total Operating Expenses	5,535,567	4,073,119	3,344,400
Total Non Operating Revenues	66,651	73,575	70,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	854	1,165	-
Total Transfers In	-	-	-
Total Transfers Out	3,000,000	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,574,635	2,986,220	4,648,801
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,986,220	4,648,801	6,132,279
Proprietary Fund: CC Communications: CAP	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	1,992,979	2,373,186	4,416,500
Total Operating Expenses	2,963,778	3,000,304	2,955,830
Total Non Operating Revenues	572,424	900,000	500,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	114,809	108,454	115,000
Total Transfers In	9,100,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	737,512	703,783	1,663,988
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	703,783	1,663,988	1,788,467
Proprietary Fund: Water Utility Fund	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	465,756	468,000	476,500
Total Operating Expenses	701,236	877,305	934,750
Total Non Operating Revenues	196,893	332,500	-
Total Non Operating Expenses	8,205	8,026	7,865
Total Transfers In	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,795,710	1,958,069	1,885,605
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,958,069	1,885,605	1,883,731
Proprietary Fund: Waste Water Utility Fund	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	353,395	385,000	336,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,099,649	1,389,125	1,397,225
Total Non Operating Revenues	80,918	2,000	10,000
Total Transfers In	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,856,029	1,567,726	1,395,177
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,567,726	1,395,177	1,103,952
Proprietary Fund: Golf Course	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/24	EST CURRENT YEAR ENDING 6/30/25	FINAL BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/26
Total Operating Revenues	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	64,417	64,418	125,000
Total Non Operating Revenues	25,263	25,100	25,050
Total Transfers In	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Non Operating Expenses	-	-	-
Fiscal Year Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents	754	1,650	16,592
Fiscal Year Ending Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,650	16,592	11,642

Amounts are from the final budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation  
For more information, please contact Sherry Wideman, CPA, County Comptroller, at 428-1414 or Jamie Hyde, CPA, Chief Financial Officer of CC Communications at 423-7654.

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COLUMNS

Postcards: Ron Lawrence in Mannheim

By Michon Mackedon

Last week, I had a nice visit with Ron Lawrence, who has lived in Stillwater for 81 years and knows just about everything about local farming and ranching. Ron has many tales to tell, among them a story that links Mannheim, Germany, to our small Nevada town through his knowledge of John Deere tractors.

In 2007, Lawrence was attending a farm equipment show in Tulare, California. He stopped by the John Deere tractor booth and began a conversation with the representative about his farming practices in the Fallon area. He said that he had a few suggestions for improving the performance of his brand-new John Deere tractor, and, the next thing he knew, he was invited to visit the John Deere factory in Mannheim, Germany. “How much will it cost me?” he asked. “Nothing,” was the reply. “All expenses are paid.”

So with a new passport (his first) in hand, an airline ticket and an itinerary, he was off to Germany. He told me that he had purchased Euros ahead of time but really didn’t need money because he was treated so well on the trip—good German food, sightseeing, and an opportunity to view the manufacturing of the John Deere tractor in Mannheim. He was part of a team of 16 farmers and ranchers brought to the site—two from Australia (grape producers), and the others from Idaho, the Midwest, and Canada.

Mannheim is known as the city of inventions. In 1817, Karl Dreis invented the bicycle there. In 1886, the first automobile was patented by Karl Benz in Mannheim. It is still the starting and finishing point of the Bertha Benz Memorial Route, which follows the tracks of the first long-distance automobile trip in history. And next came innovations in the development of the farm tractor. After the First World War, Heinrich Lanz Company of Mannheim built the Bulldog, an advanced tractor powered by heavy oil. John Deere established a manufacturing plant there in 1958.

Ron reported that the city was quite a sight to see. After the war, large portions of the city required rebuilding, but the result was splendid. He was taken on tours of the area and visited castles across the Rhine River in France.

But it was the John Deere factory that Lawrence had come to visit. He reported that a tractor was produced there every 8 minutes. Five hundred tractors a week are loaded on ships on the Rhine destined for other ports. There are thousands of workers employed at the factory (currently 3300), and they are very well paid. Ron was interested in the fact that, if a defective tractor part was mistakenly passed up the assembly line, then some of the wages of the worker in charge of inspecting that part were deducted.

I asked Ron what he had said to the John Deere representative that had won him a trip to Germany. “Well, I told him that I liked some of the older model John Deere tractors better than the newer ones.” In particular, he said, “The switch to plastic in many of the interior features has reduced the durability of the cab.” And, he added, “I liked some of the older driving features, but they are dead set on pushbutton technology. There’s no going back.” The Mannheim plant was the right place for him to express those opinions. Not only does it manufacture tractors, but it also employs about 250 design experts and engineers working on “the tractor of tomorrow.” Ron said that, as one example, his “team” was asked to evaluate the three-point hitch employed on rival tractors and pick the one they liked the best for John Deere to consider implementing on its own new models.

The question I next posed to Ron was, “What is the tractor of the future?” “Robotic.” he replied. “Self-driving.”

Don’t be surprised when you see a John Deere tractor steering itself through the fields of the valley.

Please send your ideas and suggestions to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:mackedon@phonewave.net).

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In the Matter of the Application of:  
TRACY SOULES  
For Change of Name.

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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:

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to (clearly print the name you want to be known by in the future):		
<u>Tracy</u> (first)	_____	<u>Wagner</u> (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.

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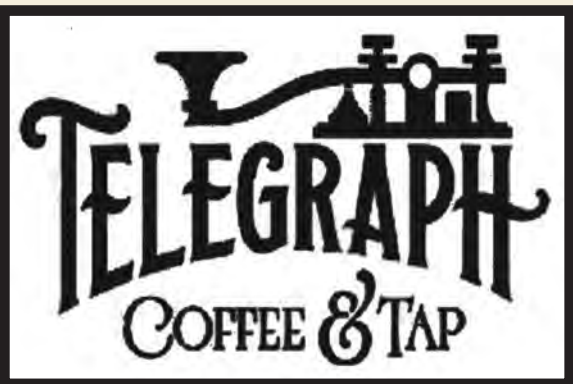
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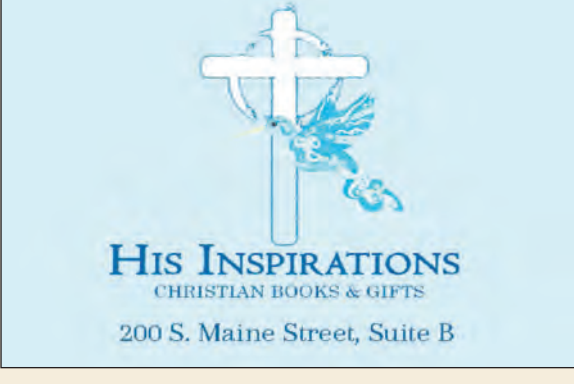
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