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Local Rancher Says Navy Land Expansion is Devastating His Family Ranch

By Leanna Lehman

Fallon rancher Justin Snow spoke at length during public comments at the March 10, 2026, Fallon Range Training Complex Inter-governmental Executive Committee meeting, telling officials that the Navy's compensation offer for lost grazing lands is leaving him facing potentially devastating financial loss.

"You're breaking me as a rancher right now," Snow said during the committee meeting, "You're going to take my ranch and pay me \$14,000 a year ... Unacceptable."

Snow's remarks came as concerns grew over the loss of grazing lands linked to the B-16, B-17, and B-20 range expansions, which withdrew thousands of acres that are gradually becoming inaccessible.

Approved under the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, the expansion transferred about 489,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land to expand and modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) at Naval Air Station Fallon. The legislation requires compensation for lost grazing access.

For ranchers like Snow, the expansion means losing access to thousands of acres. As a result, Animal Unit Months (AUMs) have been reduced or lost. AUMs, calculated by the BLM, reflect how many animals can graze in a designated area. Simply put, lost grazing land and reductions in AUMs translate into significant operational losses.

The FRTC Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzed those losses over time, projecting economic impacts across a 100-year period. Ranchers question if 100-year losses can even be quantified, considering real-world conditions, particularly when they are dealing with immediate deficits and limited options to replace grazing land.

Which is exactly what Snow says is happening now.

During a Feb. 11 meeting between the Navy, the BLM, and impacted ranchers, the Navy explained that determining loss valuations requires ranchers to submit extensive business documentation. This includes multiple years of tax returns, W-2s, payroll, employee and wage details, asset listings, financial statements, inventory, loans, and grazing billing sheets. These records are used to calculate an accurate compensation offer based on operational loss.

Snow, a fifth-generation rancher, is one of two ranchers who have gone through the land withdrawal and re-permitting process for the

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TCID Begins Water Season with Annual Water Users' Meetings

By Rachel Dahl

The Truckee Carson Irrigation District has officially begun ramping up for the 2026 irrigation season, with water orders already coming in and deliveries expected to start moving through the system in the coming days.

At last week's water users meetings held both in Fernley and Fallon, TCID staff confirmed that orders are being accepted and activity is picking up across both the Carson and Truckee divisions. Early counts show more than 200 orders already submitted as irrigators prepare for the start of the season.

Crews are beginning the physical work of getting water moving, including flushing canals and starting to fill reservoirs. Initial flows are expected to begin immediately, with water distributed through the canal network as conditions allow.

The start of deliveries follows the district's decision earlier this month to set a 100% water allocation for the season, despite concerns about how the water supply will unfold.

As previously reported, current water conditions are being shaped by an unusual winter pattern. Early snowmelt and warm temperatures have pushed runoff ahead of schedule, meaning flows appear strong now but are expected to drop off earlier than normal, potentially by early summer.



Manager Ben Shawcroft, Bob Oakden, Davy Stix, with Ernie Schank in the foreground.

That dynamic is already shaping how the district approaches operations this spring, moving water efficiently early while keeping a close eye on how quickly supplies decline.

During the meeting, water users raised ongoing concerns about delivery timing and system efficiency. Ernie Schank noted inconsistent delivery times and asked whether more coordinated scheduling could reduce waste

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Task Force Update:

Seizures, Trends, and the High Cost of Drug Abuse—Part I

By Leanna Lehman

The North Central Nevada Task Force (NCNTF) presented at the Churchill Community Coalition quarterly meeting on Wednesday, March 18, to update the community on recent Task Force activity and narcotics trends in Churchill County.

NCNTF is a multiagency task force composed of personnel from the Nevada State Police Investigation Division, the Fallon Police Department, and the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. It partners with other regional task forces and federal agencies like the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to disrupt illegal narcotics trafficking and protect the communities of Churchill County and surrounding areas.

The presentation coincided with the release of details on a major Task Force arrest that led to the seizure of 525 grams of methamphetamine. After a two-month investigation, a high-level drug trafficking arrest was made that also included the seizure of 11.9 grams of psilocybin

mushrooms, illegal prescription drugs, and drug sales paraphernalia.

Task force officer Garret Long reported that in 2025-26, the NCNTF seized 5,229 grams (11.52 pounds) of methamphetamine, 2,090 grams (4.6 pounds) of marijuana, 19 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and 1.6 grams of heroin.

In addition, NCNTF seized nearly 62 grams of fentanyl, or 30,900 lethal doses. According to Task Force statistics, the population of Churchill County in 2024 was 25,805. That means that, for every person in the area, 1.2 lethal doses (about two milligrams) were confiscated. "Although that is a small number, it is a drastic impact on the community," Long said. Unfortunately, this rise aligns with other Task Force statistics that show Nevada has seen a 250% increase in fentanyl overdoses since 2020.

In that same timeframe, NCNTF seized \$9,841 in cash and \$8,865 in firearms. Drugs seized in controlled buys were valued at \$24,940,

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log: *The More Things Change...*

By Rachel Dahl

This week has been about 27 days of working through all the processes of integrating five local newspapers into a smooth-running system that can be as efficient as possible while still providing community-specific local news across Northern Nevada.

Much of what we're doing has gone really well with glimpses of brilliance.

Some of what we're doing has been glaringly awful and really embarrassing. Like forgetting to get papers dropped off at the TA off the Mill City exit in spite of driving past it with newspapers in the car, no less than three times, and having to send someone back out from Fallon for their second trip of the day, taking newspapers north.

The reception to this grand experiment has been really supportive and gratifying, both from the individual communities and the many readers who have caught us with thanks, as well as from the Nevada community as a whole, and we are more grateful than you can imagine.

Ironically, the University of Nevada School of Journalism released a study last week that it has been working on for the past few years: The Project for the Revitalization of Local News.

The goals of the project are to provide news coverage in Nevada communities that have experienced a reduction in local media, organize professional meetings for news leaders to develop strategies for enhancing and sustaining local service, organize public events to raise community awareness of the decline of local journalism, and conduct academic research to assess the provision of local news in Nevada.

We were invited to participate in their community meetings and shook our heads at the hand-wringing as we struggled along, providing local community news. We also participated in their survey, but we can't tell in the report if it is

our communities that are recognized as being served. We are a little tongue in cheek as we celebrate the expansion of local journalism in Nevada at the same time this academic work is released, and I would be lying if I said I didn't take a little bit of pleasure in being "An oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert," wishing the University wasn't so out of touch. It would be nice if they were celebrating too.

Besides all this we've had to make a few hard decisions along with all the fun decisions. Because we already had *The Pershing Post* established and running pretty well with significant community support, we decided to combine the masthead with the *Lovelock Review Miner*, in the grand tradition of newspapers. But we also have to keep the *Great Basin Sun* because of the postal permit, so it was getting ridiculously crowded at the top of the page.

What makes the most sense, as much as I hate to do it, is to retire *The Pershing Post*, which has served as an important bridge in getting us down the road to local, community news. Because we're also sentimental and respect our heritage it makes more sense to keep the *Lovelock Review Miner* so that's what we've done with this week's paper.

I'm a little sad to see it go, but the annals of Nevada Newspapering are littered with retired newspaper titles, and *The Pershing Post* will rest nobly with the many respectable publications that have documented our collective history.

So, while we wax nostalgic, laugh at the silliness of academia, and push forward in our mission, we'll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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and improve overall use of available water.

District staff acknowledged those challenges, saying they continue working to balance user requests with system limitations. While irrigators can request preferred delivery times, TCID emphasized that it cannot always accommodate individual schedules due to operational constraints.

Efficiency also remains a concern under the federal Newlands Project contract, which includes performance benchmarks tied to water use. Manager Ben Shawcroft said TCID is currently below the threshold needed to receive efficiency credits but is evaluating ways to improve performance moving forward.

One of the biggest changes on the horizon is a long-overdue upgrade to the district's water ordering and accounting system. TCID announced it is preparing to roll out a new online platform that will allow users to place orders, track deliveries, and monitor account balances in real time.

The system will replace an aging database that has been in use for decades. Once launched, each water user will have an individual login, with access to all of their water rights and account information. The district expects the platform to be available within the next month and is encouraging users to sign up and move away from paper notices.

In addition to operational updates, TCID also announced that the TCID general election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the district office to elect directors for Divisions 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Candidates are Wade Workman, Michael Olsen, Eric Olsen, Abraham Schank, and Lester deBraga.

For now, the focus remains on getting water on the ground.

While early conditions have allowed for a full allocation year, the message from both district officials and federal water managers has been consistent: this will be a season to watch closely.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Available for Adoption

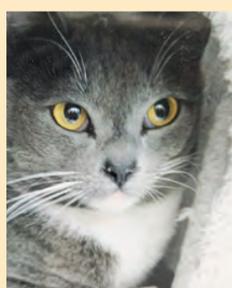
Ruso, an 8-month-old Belgian Malinois, is available for adoption and ready to race into a new home. This energetic pup is described as a four-legged NASCAR driver, with two speeds: fast and "Are we playing ball yet?" Ruso is full of energy, always eager to chase, fetch, and zoom. If throwing a ball were an Olympic sport, he would be a gold medalist and likely try to bring the medal back to his person. Despite his need for speed, Ruso is a sweetheart who enjoys affection and spending time with people.

The young dog gets along well with children and other dogs, though he sometimes vies for the lead. With proper guidance, he can learn that he does not always have to be the boss. Ruso is reportedly good with cats and may be able to share his pit crew with a feline teammate. Ruso is a high-performance model seeking a home prepared for training, exercise, and structure. Adopters are encouraged to think of it as managing their own championship race car—he has all the potential but needs the right driver behind the wheel.

For those with energy, commitment, and a good throwing arm, Ruso is ready to ride shotgun for life. Adopting Ruso means a lifetime of love, laughs, and a bit of fun chaos.



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Chloe is Ready for Adoption

Chloe is a beautiful 1-year-old cat with a gentle heart and a quiet, soft spirit. She can be a bit timid at first — new places and faces sometimes make her uneasy — but with patience and kindness, she blossoms in a lovely way.

Once she feels safe, Chloe's playful side comes out. She enjoys chasing toys, exploring her surroundings and spending time with other cats. She truly thrives with feline friends nearby.

Chloe is seeking a calm, loving home where she can build trust and grow into a confident, happy cat. If you have patience and plenty of love to give, Chloe will reward you with years of quiet companionship and sweet moments.

Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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FEATURES

Donkey Basketball Fundraiser

Staff Report

A tradition with roots in the Great Depression, donkey basketball once again filled the Churchill County High School gym with laughter and community spirit on Monday night, March 23, proving that the game's blend of slapstick and sport still delivers pure joy in a modern world.

First gaining popularity as affordable entertainment for rural America in the 1930s, donkey basketball quickly became a staple small-town fundraiser: daring local riders, unpredictable four-legged teammates, and a crowd hungry for comic relief. Decades later, the formula hasn't changed—families chat in the bleachers, kids race up the steps, and as soon as the donkeys parade onto the court, the gym erupts with delighted laughter, connecting today's audience to generations past.



CCHS seniors Kesy Sandberg and Hadley Sadler form an unbreakable defense against senior Kacin Rogne—proving that sometimes the toughest opponents are your own classmates (and maybe the donkeys, too).

Four teams took to the court Monday night for donkey basketball: senior boys, senior girls, coaches, and Banner Health Churchill Community Hospital staff. The senior boys defeated the senior girls 12-6 in the opening matchup. The coaches then rolled past the Banner team, 10-2, with Riley Horn leading the way as both rider and shooter. In the third-place game, the senior girls and the Banner team tied 6-6. The championship featured a spirited showdown between the senior boys and coaches, with the coaches prevailing



CCHS seniors Emily Weishaupt and Hadley Sadler gear up for action—because every great adventure starts with a game face. Photos by Lori Kaiser.

18-12. Horn again proved instrumental in scoring. Despite a late surge by the senior boys, time ran out before they could close the gap.

The fundraiser organized by the Churchill County High School (CCHS) Grad Nite committee tapped into that quirky tradition, bringing together teachers, students, and volunteers for a lively contest. The donkeys mainly ambled around the court in a tight group, frequently standing their ground and refusing to budge even as players tugged and coaxed them in different directions. This event was just one of several creative efforts launched by the Grad Nite committee to rally the school community in support of a safe and memorable graduation celebration for the Class of 2026.

This year, the Grad Nite committee will bus students to the Coconut Bowl in Reno for a night of bowling, laser tag, arcade games, bumper cars, mini-golf, food, and prizes. By providing supervised transportation and exclusive access, organizers aim to ensure a safe and sober graduation night for all

seniors. Fundraiser proceeds help cover transportation, facility rental, and prizes—making this memorable event possible for the Class of 2026.

The ongoing fundraising efforts are a testament to the commitment and spirit of the CCHS community. By coming together for events like donkey basketball, parents, staff, and local businesses are showing their support for a program that keeps students safe while allowing them to celebrate a major milestone. The Grad Nite celebration isn't just about fun—it's about creating lasting memories and ensuring that every senior gets the send-off they deserve.

As the final buzzer sounded and the donkeys were led off the court, the gym settled back into its familiar quiet. But the laughter lingered, along with the sense that this oddball tradition still had a place in modern school life. In a world full of polished events and digital distractions, donkey basketball offered something refreshingly simple—a chance for a community to come together, let loose, and enjoy a little joyful chaos.



CCHS teacher and varsity baseball coach Riley Horn shows he can wrangle more than just baseballs—scoring big points for the coaches and outmaneuvering a stubborn donkey or two.



CCHS senior Carson Melendy and his four-legged "MVP" size up the competition—one more ready to play, the other just ready for a snack break.



CCHS teacher Courtney Aguilera waits for the starting buzzer, looking like she's about to sprint—or maybe just dodge a donkey on the loose.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

Recorder and Assessor

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Recorder's Office is responsible for maintaining and preserving official public records, including property documents, deeds, and other filings. The office ensures that records are accurately archived and accessible to the public, while also modernizing systems through digitization and improved record-keeping technology.

During the Feb. 19 budget hearings, Recorder Tasha Hessey requested a small increase to her department's budget. The recorder's main budget will increase by \$1,260 in services and supplies, including \$500 for new office blinds. Additionally, an \$832 increase was proposed in the microfilm budget to support record preservation efforts. Hessey also discussed ongoing digitization and book preservation work and noted that the office plans to use the Recorder Technology Fund for that project.

The Churchill County Assessor's Office is responsible for valuing property within the county for tax purposes. The office tracks property data, keeps assessment records, and ensures valuations are conducted fairly and in accordance with state law, supporting the county's overall tax system.

Assessor Denise Mondhink-Felton reported a few changes to her department's budget, with an emphasis on technology use. She said, "The assessor's office continues to use software to do more work with the same amount of employees as we have for 20 years." She noted that they are adding a new application this year, while most budget changes are tied to wage adjustments and a slight increase in telephone expenses. Felton highlighted aging equipment as the office's primary concern, noting that 21 workstations have reached the end of their useful life and are experiencing performance issues. However, those replacements are expected to be funded through the county's IT budget, keeping the assessor's overall budget mostly the same.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NDF Youth Range Camp Scholarship Applications Open



Staff Report

Nevada high school students can now apply for scholarships to attend the 2026 Nevada Youth Range Camp, as the Nevada Division of Forestry announced the opening of its annual essay competition. Selected applicants will receive up to \$250 to cover registration costs, according to the release.

The camp, held each summer in central Nevada since 1961, offers hands on education in rangeland and natural resource management. Eight students earned scholarships last year and received certificates of achievement.

The Nevada Division of Forestry said the long-running

program continues to provide opportunities for youth interested in natural resources to learn foundational rangeland and resource management skills.

Applicants must be between 14 and 18 years old and have parental consent. Essays that use AI or are flagged for plagiarism will be disqualified. Instructions and submission forms are available on the Nevada Division of Forestry's website, and entries are due April 30, 2026.

The camp introduces students to plants, wildlife, water, and soil while exposing them to careers in rangeland and resource management. Participants also work through real world resource challenges and develop solutions.

Local Club Spreads Kindness Nationwide With Pocket Hearts

By Carol Amos

The Fallon Pickleball Club began its mission of sharing kindness in 2023, joining the 1,000 Hearts Kindness Project, which originated in Tasmania in 2016.

The initiative aims to boost happiness and health through simple, tangible acts of kindness. Volunteers craft and distribute small pocket hearts, offering recipients a reminder that someone cares.

Club members hand-sew felt hearts and distribute them free of charge across the country

to individuals in need of kindness. The club logs the location of each heart on its website, FallonPickleballClub.org.

So far, the Fallon Pickleball Club has shared more than 6,500 hearts throughout the United States, spreading goodwill one stitch at a time.

The club also provides starter kits and pre-cut hearts, free to anyone interested in making pocket hearts for themselves, loved ones, or special causes.

Kindness creates connection. For more information or to request a starter kit, visit FallonPickleballClub.org.



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B-16 range. He said in a later interview that he declined to provide all of the requested information for fear that his private financial records would be in government hands and could later be used against him, a concern he said is shared by other ranchers.

At the March 10 IEC meeting, Snow called the Navy's offer "ridiculous" and said the process leaves him with no room to negotiate.

Snow, who doesn't believe the valuation reflects the actual losses tied to cattle production over time, framed the compensation offer as a threat to the survival of his ranch. According to Snow, the valuator told him to invest for 100 years to get his money. "There is no ranch in 100 years," he said, adding that the offer would ultimately put him out of business.

In addition to the compensation concerns, Snow said he can no longer use his permit or graze his cattle, yet he must make payments on land he cannot fully use. "I don't just put these cows in the back shelf or the backyard until you figure out what you're going to do," Snow said.

He said what he needs is the ability to replace what has been lost. "I want my money now, so I can buy another ranch and continue where I'm going," Snow said.

Adrienne Snow, Justin's wife and a grazing allotment holder, told the committee they submitted a counteroffer to the Navy in a very timely manner. Nine months later, on a state holiday and less than 24 hours before turnout, they received a response that said, "We received your counter or rebuttal letter," but it was rejected. "Just because you didn't like our counter doesn't mean we don't deserve a counter."

She questioned why extensive personal financial records were requested if the valuation was not open to adjustment. "We gave numbers, we gave reasoning, we gave backup," Adrienne said.

"I am not a fifth-generation rancher," she continued. "I am a daughter of a retired colonel. I grew up military, so I understand a lot more of both sides. But I don't think you guys do. I am



NASAF airspace near B-17 range, east of Fallon. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.

respectfully asking you for a counteroffer."

In response, the Navy said the compensation offers were based on a formal valuation process.

Lindsey Green, director of real estate for the Navy's Southwest region, said that since they didn't receive the necessary business-specific information, the analysis relies on industry averages. The valuation included both business value and grazing permit value calculated on a per-AUM basis. "The money is available in the escrow account to render payment, and we do feel that we have met the terms of the legislation," Green said.

Justin Snow pushed back on that approach, stating, "We shouldn't be paid on all of that business. We need to be paid on how many cows we can't sell — for years."

Some committee members shared concern

that issues raised during the B-16 process remain unresolved.

Committee Vice Chair and Churchill County Commissioner Myles Getto said, "I keep hearing from the BLM and the Navy... 'We've learned a lot from B-16, and we've done great things on B-16.' It really doesn't feel like it." Getto noted that outreach related to B-17 is already underway, while concerns from B-16 ranchers persist.

Nevada Department of Agriculture Director J.J. Goicoechea, who also serves as IEC chair, like Justine and Adrienne, would be concerned that accessing the escrow funds would constitute acceptance of the offer.

He urged the parties to return to the table, saying, "We need to try to figure out a way to get back to the table and get it sorted... Somehow, we need to take action."

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, March 30

Swedish Meatballs
Seasoned Egg Noodles
California Vegetable Blend
Fresh Apple

Tuesday, March 31

Baked Potato
w/Chili, Cheese & Onion
Steamed Carrots
Banana Muffin
Fruited Yogurt

Wednesday, April 1

LS Kielbasa
Sauerkraut
White Beans
Tropical Fruit
WW Roll
Fresh Orange

Thursday, April 2

Sloppy Joe's on WW Bun
3 Bean Salad
Glazed Carrots
Banana Pudding

Friday, April 3

Easter Lunch
LS Glazed Ham
Wild Rice Pilaf
Mixed Veg
Orange Spinach Salad
Spice Cake

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Monday, March 30

Buffet Night

Thursday, April 2

Chili
Cornbread & Dessert

Monday, April 6

Enchilada Casserole
Salad & Dessert

Thursday, April 9

Enchilada Casserole
Salad & Dessert

Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.

OBITUARIES

JUNE IRENE MANHIRE (PENDARVIS), NÉE DRIGGS
June 7, 1935 - January 22, 2026

On January 22, 2026, at age 90, our cherished mother, June Irene Manhire of Kingston, Nevada, passed away in Fallon, Nevada, surrounded by her loving family, leaving a void the family cannot fill.

June was born in Fallon, Nevada, to Lois M. Ellis and Ray M. Driggs and was the eldest of ten children. After graduating from Churchill County High School she moved to Tonopah, Nevada, where she tended bar and worked for the Bureau of Land Management and the convention center. For many years, she organized and judged events for the annual Jim Butler Days.

Upon retiring from the Bureau of Land Management in Tonopah, she moved to Kingston, Nevada, and served on the Kingston Town Board for many years. June enjoyed selling tickets at the annual town picnic, off-roading with Mac in his Jeep, and taking road trips. She was instrumental in establishing the geographic center of the state of Nevada.



June is preceded in death by her long-time companion, Emmet O'Kane McKenzie "Mac," her grandson Eric K. Redding, and his daughter Samarra. She is survived by her six children: Suellen Lew, Mary Kay Springer, April Elaine Pendarvis, Catherine May Pendarvis Evans, Edward Pendarvis; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She will be interred next to Mac in the town cemetery in Kingston, Nevada. No services are planned.

BRYAN TAYLOR ANDERSON
August 20, 1954 - March 14, 2026

Bryan joined his family in heaven on March 14, 2026, after a brief and heavy battle with a critical illness.

Bryan was born in Santa Cruz, California, on August 20, 1954, to Alvin Andrew Anderson and Betty Janice Zweifel. He attended Soquel High School and earned his bachelor's degree in business finance with a minor in religious studies from San Jose State/ Cabrillo College.

Bryan's proudest accomplishments include testifying before Congress on the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and serving as a negotiator for AFL-CIO. After his parents passed away, Bryan moved to Fallon, Nevada, where he opened Dialogic Systems Computer Consulting Firm, which he operated locally for over 40 years.

Community service was at the center of his heart. He started the Foster Children's Christmas Party, where he collected toys and desserts for children across five counties in lieu of consulting fees.

Bryan met Rose Anderson in 1988. They became instant best friends, a bond that blossomed into marriage on February 17, 2001. Bryan instantly loved Rose's three children and stood by them through tumultuous challenges, including the loss of one child and raising her child, Jarron, along with their own daughter, Sarah. Bryan helped care for his nephew, Alvin, while his brother served in the Navy. Guided by his love for Jesus Christ, Bryan lived by the conviction "That's what family does."

He regularly attended Oasis Community Church and found joy in celebrating the Jewish Feasts with friends and family, advocating that the Bible was a whole, unified book, not two testaments put together.

Bryan was an outlaw sprint car driver for Crystal Edwards, enjoyed NASCAR racing, and was an avid San Francisco Giants fan, a passion he loved sharing with his daughter Lauren.

Bryan was preceded in passing by his



parents, his brothers, David and Dale, and his daughter, Stephanie. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Rose Anderson; daughters Lauren and Sarah Anderson; sons Aaron, Jordan, and Jarron Benham; nephew Alvin Anderson; and Sisters-in-law Beth and Shawn Anderson. Bryan enjoyed his 10 grandchildren, Lauren's sons: Samuel and Benjamin; Aaron's wife, Dalas, and children: Phynex, Christian, David, and Brantley; Jordan's wife, Misty, and children: McKayla, Tyler, and Harper; Stephanie's son, Jarron, and Alvin's expecting wife, Kris, and their son, Soren. Bryan also has numerous nieces and nephews.

Services for Bryan will be at Smith's Family Funeral Home on March 28, 2026, with a public viewing at 9 a.m. and the service to follow at 11 a.m. located at 505 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406.

There will be a meal, fellowship, and open house at Bryan and Rose's home located at 195 N. Bailey St., near Safeway.

Bryan dedicated support to the local food banks. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Out of Egypt, the local food bank, or the benevolence fund through Oasis Community Church.

MEETINGS

March 31 - April 16, 2026

Board of County Commissioners

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Churchill County School Board

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Special Meeting, Public Hearing on Budget

Central NV Health District

155 N. Taylor Street
Next meeting: April 16 at 1:30 p.m.

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WATER LEVELS
Measurements Taken March 23 at 12:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	227,600 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	406 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	0.00 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	00.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	814 cfs

March 23, 2024	March 23, 2023	March 23, 2022
267,624 acre feet	143,530 acre feet	130,091 acre feet

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FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

[T]HERE Gallery Exhibit by Patrick Kikut

Churchill Arts Council
151 E. Park St.
Jan. 23 to April 5

Movie Day

Coalition for Senior Citizens
The Fallon Theatre
Every third Friday at 1 p.m.

The Addams Family Musical

Churchill County High School
1 Greenwave Circle
March 27 at 7 p.m.
and March 28 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
March 28 at 11 a.m.

Grand Opening

7 Sisters Co.
171 Industrial Way
March 28, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.,
Ribbon Cutting at 1 p.m.

Honoring National Vietnam War Day Event

Fallon City Hall Courtyard
March 29 at 1 p.m.

Reflections of Jesus

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
750 W. Richards St.
March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Spring Lecture Series

The Art of Storytelling
Churchill County Museum
March 31, April 7, and 14 at 6 p.m.

Writing a Resume Workshop

EmployNV
Churchill County Library
April 2 at 4 p.m.

Bubble Fun Run 5K

City-County Gym
321 Venturacci Ln.
April 4 at 10 a.m.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Fraternal Order of Eagles (Fallon Aerie #1447)
7977 Reno Hwy.
April 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grand Opening

Rush Coffee Company and Rhythm Tap House
1805 W. Williams Ave.
April 4 at 11 a.m.

Car Show

Soroptimist International of Fallon
100 Campus Way
April 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bad Art: Blackout Poetry

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Author Talks: Jaci Turner

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
April 14 at 6 p.m.

No Flea Flea Market

Churchill Animal Protection Society
Oasis Community Church
April 17-18

Grand Opening Celebration

Clear Path Healthcare
50 Commercial Way
April 18 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Family Carnival

Life Center
952 S. Maine St.
April 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bark in the Park 5K

Churchill Animal Protection Society
Churchill County Fairgrounds
May 16



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COMMUNITY

Fallon Youth Baseball Hosts First Hat Night

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Youth Baseball (FYB) league held its inaugural Hat Night at Rafter 3C on Thursday, March 19, drawing more than 300 players, families, and baseball enthusiasts for a spaghetti feed and cake walk auction. Organizers say the event's proceeds will help support league operations and tournaments in 2026.

FYB President William Lamprich and his wife, Brandee, hosted the event. Proceeds from the spaghetti feed fundraiser will support the league's 2026 season. Fallon Youth Baseball is set to host two regional tournaments and a state tournament this season.

Jim Griffin, coach of the Dodgers Majors team for players aged 11-12, was on hand to distribute baseball caps to his team. "Our players have been practicing for a month, and they are ready to play ball," Griffin said. The Dodgers and other teams will debut their new hats on opening day, March 28, 2026.

Hat Night marks a new tradition for Fallon Youth Baseball, which continues to grow as families and supporters rally behind their teams.



Harley Griffin, Wyatt Griffin, Coach Jim Griffin, Wesley Griffin, and Derek Gavin.

"He Is Risen" Brings Community Together in Fallon

By Rachel Dahl



Young members of the children's choir from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints sang a primary song called Gethsemane.

Families, friends, and neighbors gathered Monday evening at the Fallon Convention Center for a simple but meaningful message — He is Risen.

The interfaith Easter celebration brought together members of multiple churches and the broader community for an evening of worship, music, and reflection centered on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Mary Sorenson, communications director for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fallon, welcomed those in attendance and emphasized the purpose behind the event and creating an opportunity for people of different congregations to come together in worship.

"We need to sing and worship together," Sorenson said. "It's one of my favorite things—being able to attend different churches and

worship with friends. This is just another way to do that here in Fallon."

The evening carried a relaxed and welcoming tone, with participants encouraged to come as they are. Local children, dressed in their Sunday best, took part in musical performances, adding a heartfelt and joyful element to the gathering.

Community and civic leaders were also in attendance, reflecting the broad support for the event and its message of unity.

An opening prayer by Marc Williams focused on gratitude, faith, and the shared opportunity to gather across congregations, something speakers noted is not always common, but deeply valued in Fallon.

Throughout the evening, the focus remained simple: faith, community, and the reminder of hope that Easter represents.

Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

Here at the theatre, we have a fantastic spring weekend lined up, and trust us, it's absolutely worth leaving the house for. We are so grateful to Josh Berney of Berney Realty Ltd. for sponsoring this weekend's screening of "Miracle," so please join us in thanking him for his generous support of the Fallon Theatre and our community.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., get ready to cheer on the underdogs with "The Mighty Ducks" (1992), the beloved classic that started it all. When a hotshot Minneapolis lawyer is sentenced to community service coaching a ragtag peewee hockey team, what follows is equal parts hilarious and genuinely inspiring. A perfect film for the whole family, it will have you rooting from the very first face-off. Rated PG, it runs one hour and 44 minutes.

Then, at 7 p.m. both nights, the excitement continues with "Miracle" (2004), the incredible true story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team's legendary upset victory over the Soviet Union. Kurt Russell delivers a powerful performance as coach Herb Brooks, whose demanding vision and unshakable belief in his team produced one of the greatest moments in sports history. Rated PG, it runs two hours and 15 minutes.

Looking further ahead into the spring, we are very excited to welcome back the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society for their Loneliest Road Chamber Music Project on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m., featuring the Berkeley String Quartet as they begin their Nevada tour. This talented ensemble from Berkeley, California, will perform Schubert's iconic "Death and the Maiden," a new work by Daniel Darnesin Flanagan, and a Beethoven Quartet, all accompanied by projected images. Admission is by donation, and children are welcome, making this a wonderful opportunity to experience an inspiring evening of live chamber music right here in our community.

And coming to the stage this summer, we will be welcoming Ventura Highway - The Music of America, on Saturday, July 18 at 8 p.m. for a night of timeless music and rich harmonies. This high-quality tribute celebrates the iconic sound of America, bringing beloved hits to life in a concert experience audiences truly love. A proven crowd favorite in theaters and beyond, Ventura Highway promises a fun and nostalgic evening of great music. Admission is \$10, and it's sure to be a summer night you won't want to miss.

The Fallon Theatre team is proud to continue offering free movie screenings whenever possible, making it easy for the whole community to gather and enjoy a night at the theatre. Our concession stand will be open with all the classic favorites, including fresh popcorn and candy. If you'd like to rent the theatre for a celebration or feature a message on the marquee, please call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

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and those confiscated in arrests and drug seizures were valued at \$357,786.

While the value of seized narcotics, cash, and firearms is a win for the community, they pale in comparison to the immense overall economic costs caused by drug abuse. Long explained that in 2007, the last available comprehensive estimate, the economic costs of drug abuse in the U.S. were an astounding \$193 billion.

Several things factor into the economic cost, Long said, including over \$120 billion in lost productivity resulting from labor participation, drug treatment programs, incarceration, and premature death. Other factors include \$11 billion in related health care costs, specifically treatment programs and medical-related consequences.

More recent data suggests the economic toll of substance use disorders has climbed significantly since that 2007 estimate. While no similarly comprehensive figures are available to estimate the current cost, by 2017, the economic cost of the opioid epidemic alone had reached approximately \$1 trillion.

Criminal justice costs are also part of the picture. These involve investigation, prosecution, the courts, incarceration, and victim-related costs. Additionally, public defender systems, such as the Churchill County Public Defender's Office, which now employs five defense attorneys, are increasingly seeing drug-related cases, adding another layer to the overall burden.

With drug-related activity, the Task Force reports increases in firearm-related crimes, gang-related crimes, and homelessness.

Long added that most crimes can be directly tied to some form of substance use, particularly property crimes and crimes of violence.

In fact, the Bureau of Justice Statistics has consistently reported that roughly 65% of people in prison meet the criteria for substance use disorders. That does not mean every offense was drug-related, but it establishes a strong connection between substance use and criminal behavior. 15% - 20% of incarcerated individuals were serving time for drug-specific offenses, like possession, sales, or trafficking.

In Churchill County, the Task Force sees more property crimes than any other type of drug-related offense. "Individuals who cannot afford the drugs ... resort to the easiest way. They think, 'I'm going to take something



of yours that's going to finance my drug addiction ... I've probably already sold everything I got," Long said, noting that property crimes can include anything from burglaries to DUIs, incidents where individuals crash into property or vehicles. According to Long, one drug-related property crime occurs every three seconds.

Long also shared staggering FBI statistics regarding crimes tied to drug use. "One murder occurs every 29 minutes, one assault every 31 seconds, and one violent crime every 19 seconds."

Crime is not the only consequence of drug abuse. Other serious issues stem from substance use, including family violence, financial strain, and custody issues. "When a parent is more interested in buying drugs and food for their kids, that's where we start to see those problems really rise," Long said.

Task Force Sgt. Meghan Madrigan explained that drug use is the nucleus of many other crimes—criminal activity, property crimes, and violence. "We investigate not only narcotic stuff, but drug-endangered children, violent crimes, domestic batteries, and homicides, things that occur because of narcotics."

While the numbers are significant, Task Force officials said their focus remains on protecting the community, reducing the impact of drug use, and keeping residents safe.

Check back for Part II, in which the Task Force explains more about the most prevalent narcotics in Fallon, the most abused substances, the fentanyl and opiate crisis, and the NCNTF's ongoing efforts and challenges.

BUSINESS

Chamber Luncheon Highlights Community Engagement, Upcoming Events

By Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce hosted its monthly luncheon on March 19 at the Fallon Convention Center, drawing sixty attendees representing forty-one businesses. The event served as a significant networking opportunity for local business leaders and newcomers to the Fallon community.

Each attendee was allotted three minutes to introduce themselves and their businesses. The luncheon featured several new businesses preparing for grand openings, including 7 Sisters Company, Nature's Beauty Hair Salon, Rush Coffee & Rhythm Taphouse, Claws Nail Studio, and Clear Path Healthcare, allowing them to connect with established members of the business community.

Dr. Sue Segura, Churchill County High School's School Careers Coordinator, provided an overview of the Intern Program. Thirty-eight businesses are currently participating, with sixty-three percent of seniors enrolled. The goal is to expand involvement so every senior can participate, requiring additional commitments from local businesses.

Victoria Crystal discussed Ty's Let'm Buck, a memorial benefit rodeo scheduled for August 1, 2026, at the Reno Sparks Livestock Event Center. The event honors her son, Ty, who tragically lost his life in a rodeo accident. Proceeds from the event will help purchase lifesaving equipment, ensuring rough stock riders, including junior and high school saddle bronc, bareback, and bull riders, have access to helmets and vests.

The April Chamber luncheon will host Fallon NAS Commander Captain Michael J. Haymon, while May's program features a Central Nevada Health District speaker.

New Chef at Maine Street Café

By Nancy Chapman

Maine Street Café owner Susan Boadella has always kept the restaurant changing and evolving. Her goal is to provide guests with great food, a welcoming front-of-house or bar-area experience, and an ambiance that enhances their meal. Keeping with that theme, she has brought in a new chef.

Jose Herмосilla, together with Daniela Riveroll, Luz Padilla, and Susan, will be providing patrons with an enhanced dining experience featuring fresh Italian cuisine. Classic offerings such as steaks, prime rib, shrimp, and other popular dishes will remain available.

You may remember Jose from Forno Pizza in Fernley. He and his partner, Frank Cresci, opened in 2024 with a menu of pizza and five pasta dishes. Their partnership ended, and Jose wanted to continue on his path of cooking homemade Italian food. Maine Street Café has given him that opportunity.



Chef Jose Herмосilla and drink specialist Daniela Riveroll of Maine Street Café. Photo by Jose Herмосilla.

Herмосilla is originally from Guadalajara, Mexico, but grew up in the Coachella Valley of Southern California. He developed a love of food and cooking from his mother, Luz, who worked at an Italian restaurant called The Slice in Rancho Mirage. He began washing dishes there at age 12. When the chef asked if he wanted to try making pizza, he jumped at the chance. "So, at 16 years old, I was tossing these huge 32-inch pizzas, and I fell in love with Italian food then."

Having worked in major restaurants in Palm Springs, he learned from each experience. From there, he went to 5 Tacos & Beers in Walnut Creek, California, working in both Mexican and Italian restaurants. Through his cooking experiences, he has developed many recipes for sauces, desserts, and salad dressings, and is most proud of his own ranch dressing.

His creations at Maine Street Café will include chicken Parmesan, lasagna, and appetizers. He will also be bringing his signature chicken wings, a favorite at Forno Pizza. In addition to these dishes, focaccia will accompany the meals. Focaccia

is a popular Italian flatbread characterized by a chewy interior and crisp exterior. Jose emphasized that the marinara sauces, salad dressings, and even the cheeses used will be hand-shredded in-house.

"I love creating dishes as close to being made from scratch as possible, while making the food in larger quantities restaurant-style," he said. He is excited to bring a little bit of Italy to Fallon, but is fully aware of the favorite dishes that have made Maine Street Café so popular as a dinner house.

The desserts Maine Street Café will serve include tiramisu and cannoli. Tiramisu is a classic Italian dessert made of layers of coffee-soaked ladyfingers and a rich, creamy mixture of mascarpone. The ladyfingers and mascarpone will be handcrafted in-house. Jose explained that tiramisu is a complex and time-consuming dessert, and his mother, Luz Padilla, will be making it.

Due to the complexity of traditional Sicilian pastries — tube-shaped fried shells filled with a sweet, creamy ricotta mixture — the cannoli shells will be outsourced, but the filling will be made in-house. Rounding out the dessert list will be carrot cake.

Maine Street Café offers more than food. Daniela will be serving drinks and crafted cocktails at the bar. With attention to detail, each cocktail that uses juice will feature freshly squeezed juice. She will also be serving her specialty, sangria wine. This won't come from a bottle; it will be hand-mixed by her, using only the freshest fruit ingredients and her favorite wine. With the specialty wines Susan already carries, there are plans in the works for a wine club.

Along with cooking at Maine Street Café, Wednesday through Saturday, Jose and Daniela also have a food truck in Fernley, El Punto. They will be at the InFERNo Heavy Metal Festival in Fernley March 27-29, 2026.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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- Completed FTDC Board of Directors Application
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026, 5:00 PM

Submit applications to: Fallon Tribal Development Corporation
Attn: Kathleen Gutierrez, FTDC Board Secretary
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

School District Budget Still Taking Shape, No Decisions Yet

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School District is still in the early stages of building its 2026–27 budget, with trustees getting their first look at priorities during last week’s board meeting—but no decisions have been made.

Superintendent Derild Parsons and Comptroller Amanda Hammond told the board the current process is informational, not final, as staff works to assemble a balanced budget ahead of state deadlines.

“This is just an update,” Parsons said. “We’re not asking for action tonight.”

The district recently held a budget advisory committee meeting, where principals and department leaders submitted requests and identified priorities. Those requests span programs and staffing, but officials emphasized that there is no guarantee any of them will make it into the final budget.

“We know the financial situation,” Parsons said, noting that even high-priority requests may not be funded.

The business office is now working through those requests while developing a tentative budget, which must be submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation in April.

Right now, the district is still waiting on guidance from the state on a few outstanding questions that could impact timing. Administrators are hoping for a short extension that would allow them to present a more complete draft to the board in late April rather than rushing an earlier version.

If approved, that timeline would give trustees more time to review details before the required public hearing in May and final adoption in June.

Hammond said the goal is to present a tentative budget that closely reflects the final version, rather than making significant changes later.

“I’d like to get the tentative budget as close as I can to what we actually submit,” she said, adding that summary documents will be provided to help trustees understand what has been added or removed.

While the numbers are still being finalized, district officials said progress is being made,

and financial data is coming together.

At the same time, trustees raised concerns about how proposed requests align with district priorities. One area highlighted during the discussion was middle school math performance, with board members noting a lack of targeted proposals addressing ongoing declines.

Other priorities discussed included maintaining programs like music and art, as well as positions that support career readiness for high school students.

Even so, the reality remains that not all needs can be funded.

“This is a complicated, multi-faceted process,” Parsons said. “We’re responsible for bringing you a balanced budget.”

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Commissioners Approve Funding, Recruitment, and Continued Assessment for VFD

By Leanna Lehman

The Churchill County Commission moved through a full agenda on Wednesday, March 18, including employee recognition, budget planning, project funding, fire protection, and a leadership transition in social services.

The meeting opened on a positive note, with commissioners recognizing employees for years of service to the county. Honorees included Jason Santiago of the Sheriff’s Office and Trevor Fulgham of Juvenile Detention for five years; Christopher Burton of the Sheriff’s Office for 10 years; Michael Hardin of the Sheriff’s Office, Amy Lawry of the Recorder’s Office, and Judge Benjamin Trotter of Justice Court for 15 years; Brenda Mahan of the District Attorney’s Office for 20 years; and Jorge Guerrero of Community Activities, Parks and Recreation for 25 years.

Churchill County Comptroller Sherry Wideman said work on the fiscal year 2027 budget is still very much in progress, with roughly \$2.7 million in requested additions under review. A final workshop is set for April 2. At the same time, the county’s compensation study continues to move forward, with consultants expected to meet with departments and commissioners in early April.

Commissioners approved an additional \$90,000 for the New Pass House and Day Center Project to cover costs that surfaced during construction. New Pass is a transitional and permanent supportive housing and day-use center, slated to open in mid-2026.

Public Works, Planning & Building Department Director Randy Hines explained that the project, originally awarded at just over \$764,000 with a \$100,000 contingency, encountered several issues once work got underway, including a structural problem in one unit and the need to bring the kitchens into ADA compliance.

The extra funding will allow the county to complete the project, including security systems, internet, and furnishings. “The total is going to be a little close to a million,” said Hines, who reported that change orders are currently at about 15 percent of the project.

Commissioners also approved moving forward with a ballot question asking voters in November whether to continue an existing property tax used to fund fire equipment.

The tax, set at three cents per \$100 of assessed value, has been in place since 2008 and renewed twice since. It is scheduled to expire in June 2027. If voters

approve the measure, it will continue at the current rate, with no increase.

Fire Chief Jared Dooley told commissioners that the funding has been a key piece of maintaining readiness in a largely volunteer-based system. Dooley said that the department has used the funds over the years to upgrade engines, improve safety equipment, and keep aging apparatus in service. At the same time, demand continues to grow, with calls for service increasing from around 400 annually in 2020 to more than 500 today.

Looking ahead, Dooley said the department needs to replace two fire trucks that are more than 30 years old, with costs estimated at about \$1.8 million each. “I would like to assure the taxpayers of this county that the funds entrusted to the fire department are being used responsibly and to great effect,” Dooley said.

Commissioners approved the immediate recruitment of a social services director following the resignation of Shannon Ernst, who is stepping in as administrator for the Central Nevada Health District.

County Manager Chris Spross noted that the social services director now oversees multiple programs, such as CART and the Life Center, which serve some of the county’s most vulnerable residents.

“I think it’s imperative to have someone in place prior to Ms. Ernst ... prior to her leaving,” Spross said. “I think there’s so much institutional knowledge there that it would really harm the department if we did not have somebody there.”

Commissioners approved a \$2,000 monthly stipend for Ernst to remain in a limited role for 60 days. The position was set at Grade 81 under the current pay scale as the broader county compensation study continues.

In other business, the commission approved an agreement with the state to continue funding a child support judicial officer and renewed a professional services contract with attorney Charles B. Woodman for indigent defense and juvenile cases.

During the discussion, Alexis Robinson, executive assistant to County Manager Spross, said, “I’ve talked to the public defenders about this, and he’s considered sort of crucial to their Department of Indigent Defense Services team. He’s called the ‘heavy hitter.’ They say he’s absolutely necessary to, even if they weren’t short-staffed.” Robinson also noted that Woodman’s services are fully reimbursable through the state.

The meeting wrapped up with routine reports from commissioners and staff, including updates on community meetings, volunteer efforts, and county operations. The next meeting is on April 2 at 8:15 a.m.

Planning Commission Cleans Up County Codes

Staff Report

The Churchill County Planning Commission voted unanimously on March 11 to recommend approval of a wide-ranging ordinance updating multiple sections of the county code, describing the effort as a long-overdue cleanup to improve clarity and consistency.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to forward Bill 2026-A to the Board of County Commissioners, with a minor amendment to correct language related to roadway design standards.

The ordinance makes a series of technical revisions across zoning, building, and development regulations, with staff emphasizing that the changes are not intended to create new policy but to align existing code with the county’s master plan and eliminate conflicting language.

“This is more just a cleanup,” Public Works, Planning & Building Department Director Randy Hines told the commission. “The intent of these changes more or less is to have more clarity in the code ... and to reduce some of the headaches for us through the department.”

One of the more significant updates addresses long-standing inconsistencies in the county’s E-1 zoning designation. While the code previously suggested smaller parcel sizes could be allowed, the county’s master plan has required a minimum of five acres in many cases.

Hines said the update is meant to resolve confusion for property owners.

“We’ve had two or three people come in, and they have E-1, and they want to do one acre, and then they’re shut down because they can’t do it,” he said. “This just helps clean up code so we don’t have somebody looking at one section and not looking at the other sections.”

Commissioners and members of the public also raised concerns about how the five-acre standard affects development patterns, with some noting that it may not reflect current market demand. Others pointed to long-standing tensions between zoning language and the county’s master plan, suggesting the issue may need a broader review in the future.

The ordinance also includes updates to manufactured home standards, including a requirement that replacement manufactured homes in certain industrial zones meet more modern construction thresholds. While not a focus of discussion during the meeting, the change could affect property owners replacing older units or planning new placements in those areas.

In addition to zoning changes, the ordinance updates building permit requirements, adding clearer expectations for application details, including project valuation, property access, and water and sanitation plans.

The proposal also expands public notification requirements for certain land-use applications, requiring notice to nearby property owners and ensuring that a broader group of residents is informed of proposed developments.

Other revisions address land division rules, road access standards, and development requirements, including updated regulations for accessory dwelling units and permitting procedures.

The ordinance further clarifies that adult entertainment businesses are limited to heavy-industrial zoning districts and require a special-use permit, reinforcing existing restrictions. The update clarifies existing code language to eliminate ambiguity and ensure consistent enforcement.

Even within the allowed industrial zones, such businesses would not be permitted by right. Operators would still be required to obtain a special use permit, allowing the county to review each proposal on a case-by-case basis and evaluate potential impacts on surrounding properties and the community.

Another key component would move detailed engineering and infrastructure standards out of county code and into a separate Public Works Design Manual, allowing for more efficient updates to technical requirements without requiring formal code amendments.

Overall, the proposed changes represent a comprehensive effort to streamline county regulations, reduce ambiguity, and modernize development standards while maintaining existing land use policies.

With the Planning Commission’s recommendation, the ordinance will now move to the Churchill County Board of Commissioners for final consideration.

NEWS

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Reports Death Under Investigation



Staff Report

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe issued a public statement on Tuesday, March 24, regarding the discovery of a deceased individual in a canal on the southeastern portion of the reservation.

According to tribal officials, the incident occurred on March 22 in an area southeast of Hicks Road. At approximately 10:35 a.m., a passerby noticed an adult male in the canal and contacted authorities out of concern for his well-being.

Officers with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Police

Department, along with emergency medical personnel, responded to the scene and confirmed the individual was deceased.

Authorities reported there are no indications of foul play at this time. The case remains under investigation, and no additional details have been released.

The individual has been identified as Kelly Benjamin, a resident of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

Officials also acknowledged the individual who reported the incident, noting their prompt action in contacting authorities.

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COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, March 10, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Riggan Stonebarger

Jared Aaron Greathouse appeared on March 10, 2026, in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon for an initial appearance on a probation violation, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Greathouse admitted to a nontechnical violation of the terms and conditions of his probation. The conviction originally stems from July 23, 2024, when Greathouse pleaded guilty to a Category C felony count of unlawful obtaining and using the identifying information of another to avoid or delay prosecution and a misdemeanor count of petit larceny.

According to court records, the charges arose from incidents in which Greathouse provided a false name to law enforcement during an investigation to avoid prosecution on another matter. In a separate incident, he was accused of taking \$30 from a tip jar at Speedway Market after reaching behind the counter while an attendant had stepped away.

At the 2024 sentencing hearing, the court suspended a prison sentence of 24 – 60 months and placed Greathouse on probation for two years. Conditions included serving 180 days in the Churchill County Jail, completing a substance abuse evaluation and following recommended treatment, obtaining full-time employment within 30 days of release, refraining from gaming, and paying \$30 in restitution.

During the March 10 hearing, the state argued Greathouse failed to comply with the conditions of probation, including failing to report to his probation officer, failing to complete substance abuse and mental health evaluations, and absconding after a bench warrant was issued.

The state, represented by Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker, said, “His behavior on probation was abysmal; his probation could be revoked, and he should be placed under arrest through jail time.” She continued, “Enough is enough, your honor. The state should not reward the defendant for doing absolutely nothing on probation.”



Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer acknowledged the violations and noted Greathouse struggles with addiction, but requested the court consider continuing probation.

Judge Stockard revoked Greathouse’s probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 24 – 60 months. Greathouse received 221 days of credit for time served.

Justice Court

Fallon’s New River Township Justice Court convened Thursday, March 12, with Judge Benjamin Trotter presiding.



By Leanna Lehman

Fallon’s New River Township Justice Court convened Thursday, March 12, with Judge Benjamin Trotter presiding.

Kyle Cuthill appeared by telephone from the Nevada Department of Corrections. Cuthill has been in Northern Nevada Correctional Center since July 2025 on a Washoe County case.

Judge Trotter appointed the Churchill County Public Defender’s Office to represent Cuthill. Churchill County CCPD Sommer waived formal arraignment and asked the court to set the matter for a status hearing to allow time to review the case and discuss a possible resolution with Cuthill. Sommer also requested the court quash an outstanding warrant and grant Cuthill an own recognizance release on the Justice Court matter, noting that he remained in NDOC custody and his custodial status would not change. Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills, on behalf of the state, did not object. Judge Trotter quashed the warrant and set a status hearing for April 2.

Charles Bowie Jr., in custody, appeared for a status hearing via Zoom from the jail, on charges of Burglary, First Offense, two probation violations, and criminal contempt.

Bowie was represented by attorney Senior Deputy Public Defender Jeff Weed, and the state was represented by SDDA

Chelsea Sanford. Sanford told the court the parties had reached a resolution as part of a global agreement that included other pending cases. Under the agreement, the state amended the charge to Petit Larceny. Sanford said that victim notification had been completed and that restitution in the amount of \$30 was owed to Skip’s Market.

Bowie confirmed that he understood the agreement and entered a guilty plea to the amended charge. Weed told the court that Bowie had accepted responsibility for the offense, explaining that Bowie went into Skip’s, took candy, and left the store. Weed said Bowie also had a felony matter pending in District Court and would have the opportunity to participate in the Western Regional Drug Court Program, and asked the court to limit sentencing in this case to restitution.

Judge Trotter accepted Bowie’s guilty plea to Petit Larceny. The court ordered Bowie to pay \$30 in restitution to Skip’s, to be paid within 30 days of his release from custody. The court also imposed a sentence of 10 days in the Churchill County Jail, suspended for two years, on the condition that Bowie commit no new criminal violations and pay the restitution as ordered.

The court ordered Bowie released on the Justice Court charge, noting he would likely remain in custody on the District Court matter.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Culinary arts teacher Alisha White and her students pose at the Spring Fling Dance, where they debuted their Wave on Wheels food truck.



Families cast their votes for the most creative Leprechaun Traps during the ELA Family Scavenger Hunt Night at CCMS.



Jenna McElhanon's class holds up the Scholastic News Magazine that sparked a friendly, schoolwide frog-jumping contest.

CCHS

Culinary Arts students debuted Wave on Wheels, their student-run food truck, on Friday, March 13, during the Spring Fling Dance, giving them the chance to put classroom skills into practice by preparing and serving food to their peers. Led by culinary arts teacher Alisha White, the program provides meaningful, career-connected experiences that develop teamwork, professionalism, and real-world skills. The project also highlighted collaboration across programs, with the truck's exterior wrap designed by a student in Aaron Holt's class, blending creativity with career-focused learning. Following its successful debut, Wave on Wheels will serve all ChurchillCSD staff with snacks and lunch during the professional development day on March 27 and is expected to appear at future school and community events.

CCMS

Families joined students on March 16 for Family Night at CCMS, highlighted by an ELA Scavenger Hunt. Students and their families worked together to solve literacy clues while exploring different areas of the school, including the science lab, the volleyball court, and the scratch art station. Families also voted for the most creative Leprechaun Traps and took on the challenge of reciting the digits of Pi in order. The event drew a strong

turnout, with families actively engaged in the activities and exploring their students' learning. "I am incredibly proud of our staff and their dedication to making our family night such a success. They created a warm, welcoming, and memorable experience that brought our entire school community together," said Dr. Deana Porretta, principal.

NUMA

To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, Numa held a fourth-grade concert and a Music Trivia Night, called Lyrics and Literacy, during the week of the book fair. Fourth-grade classes sang songs related to the joy of music in our lives. Students who answered music trivia questions earned points for their tribe and were entered into a drawing to win a family game to take home. "We want to thank the Nevada Kids Foundation for their generous donation. 32 families were able to take home a new game for family game night," music teacher Tina Koenig said.

E.C. BEST

Students put their measuring skills to the test last week during a friendly frog-jumping competition inspired by an article they read in Scholastic News Magazine. Jenna McElhanon's class, along with other classes, read about a frog jump contest, discussed the article's main idea, and

then experienced the excitement firsthand by holding frog jumps. Each class held its own competition, and then the top students from McElhanon, Amy Bell, Marla Wood, Juliann Lambson, and Kirsten Perez's classes faced off to determine the overall winners. The event combined reading, math, and teamwork, leaving students "jumping for joy" and demonstrating how collaborative, hands-on activities can make learning fun and engaging.

LAHONTAN

The Circus-themed Book Fair ran from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, giving students the opportunity to explore a wide selection of books during school hours. Librarian Megan Smith transformed the library to match the circus theme, creating a festive and engaging environment for readers. The week's highlight was Wednesday, March 18, when families attended a circus-themed Family Night to shop the Book Fair and enjoy literacy activities, games, crafts, face painting, and balloon animals. The evening brought in so many families and offered them the opportunity to see their students' creativity in action and participate in activities alongside them. Family nights are truly a highlight of the school year. They reinforced connections between home and school and celebrated the joy of reading and students' growth in literacy.

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

Growth Drives Need for New Classrooms and Teachers

By Gretchen Felte with photo courtesy of Veritas.

The Veritas Board of Directors met on Tuesday, March 10, to discuss several important items related to the school's continued growth. Chief among them was the growing need for additional classroom space and the challenges of meeting state and local construction requirements.

Enrollment at Veritas has continued to rise this spring, even after the departure of several military families between December and February. As a result, many classes are now at—or very near—capacity.

"We generally cap class sizes at 20 students, and sometimes fewer depending on the class," said Headmaster Jill Rosario. "Several of our classes are already at or just below that cap, which leaves little room for new enrollments next year."

One of the most pressing needs is in the 3rd/4th-grade combination class, taught by veteran teacher Gretchen Felte. "As it stands, the current enrollment doesn't leave any room for new students next year," Rosario said. To address this, the board approved adding a dedicated 4th-grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, along with a half-time music and art teacher.

While this decision will allow the third and fourth grades to be separated into individual classes—an important step forward academically—it also highlights a significant challenge: there is currently no available classroom space to accommodate the expansion.

School leadership has been working toward a solution since last summer.

"We've been planning for new classrooms for quite some time," said Assistant Headmaster David Ernst. "Our goal was to have a new building completed by



Construction at Veritas signals the school's ongoing expansion to accommodate rising enrollment and academic growth for the 2026-2027 school year.

the beginning of 2026, but we've run into ongoing permitting issues."

Initial plans involved bringing in modular classroom buildings from Grass Valley. However, that option was ultimately ruled out when it was determined that the units, despite being in excellent condition, were too old to meet current permitting standards. The code states that any buildings moved onto a property are subject to the same requirements as new construction, so moving modular buildings poses the same permitting challenges.

The plan then shifted to stick-built construction, but that approach also encountered obstacles, particularly regarding state fire safety and water access requirements.

State regulations require either proximity to a fire hydrant or the installation of a fixed water system capable of supplying a significant volume of water. Veritas explored several potential solutions, including building a pond, connecting to a water source at the Rafter 3C Arena, and drilling an additional well.

"We were hoping that our fire department's Class 1 ISO certification might satisfy the requirement," Ernst explained, "but ultimately, that was not accepted by the state."

After evaluating multiple options, the school has determined that installing a standing water tank is the most viable path forward. While this solution meets regulatory requirements, it also adds tens of thousands of dollars to the overall construction cost.

Despite these challenges, interest in Veritas continues to grow. School leaders report a noticeable increase in inquiries from families seeking enrollment for both the current and upcoming school year.

"Some parents are looking for stronger academic rigor," Rosario noted. "Others are concerned about the social environment their children are experiencing. Many are seeking a Christ-centered classical framework for their students."

Even as the school navigates logistical and financial hurdles, leadership remains optimistic about the future. Construction of the new classrooms is moving forward, with plans to have the new building up and running by August. Additionally, plans are already underway to explore opportunities to help supplement tuition costs and make Veritas education more accessible to families.

"We have several promising ideas in development," Rosario said. "We're excited about what's ahead and look forward to sharing more in the future."

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KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF LEARNING IN STYLE

Kindergarten through second-grade students marked a major milestone early in March by celebrating the 100th day of school in a fun, memorable way—by stepping into the shoes of centenarians.



Eva Bier, Ava Haase, Scarlett Lamun, and Eden Beadle smile in their centenarian costumes as they celebrate the 100th day of school at Oasis Academy.

Classrooms were filled with laughter as students arrived dressed as 100-year-old men and women, complete with gray-colored hair, wigs, glasses, and even canes and walkers. The creative costumes brought plenty of personality to the celebration and helped make the day both engaging and educational.

The 100th day of school is more than just a dress-up opportunity—it represents an important academic benchmark for early learners. In the weeks leading up to the celebration, students have been practicing counting to 100 in various ways, strengthening their number sense and building confidence in math.

Teachers incorporated hands-on activities centered around the number 100, allowing students to explore counting, grouping, and patterns. As part of the celebration, many students brought collections of 100 items to count with their classmates.

“The 100th day is such a fun way to reinforce what students have been learning,” said Shannon Garcia, K-6 vice principal. “They’ve been working hard on counting to 100, and this gives them a chance to show what they know in a creative and exciting way.”

Throughout the day, classrooms buzzed with themed activities, including counting games, art projects, and writing exercises focused on the number 100. The combination of academic practice and imaginative play helped make the milestone meaningful for students at every level.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: WASHINGTON SCOTT

As graduation approaches this May, Oasis Academy senior Washington Scott reflects fondly on his time at Oasis. The senior has been incredibly involved in school activities since he started at the school in eighth grade.

Reflecting on his time at Oasis Academy, Scott described the experience as eventful.

“I’ve made many great relationships during my time at Oasis Academy. I’ve learned lots of new things, and had a fun time doing both,” he said.

His involvement across campus reflects that sentiment, as he participated in student council, FFA, baseball, basketball, and “We the People”—fully embracing both academic and extracurricular opportunities.



Oasis Academy senior, Scott Washington.

Among his many memories, one stands out as a favorite.

“One of my favorite memories from my time at Oasis Academy is a communications class presentation where Benton Snow and I dressed up as Biden and Trump, then proceeded to argue about golf (in their voices) just as the two did during the 2024 presidential debate,” he said.

While Scott found value in all of his classes, communications left a lasting impression.

“I don’t know if I can confidently say I had a favorite class ... but one of my favorites was the communications class for

sure,” he said. “I realized communication is more than just talking or writing something across a billboard, but rather a form of expression that disguises itself in a billion boxes, and your job is to discover each box and tell its tale to others.”

When it comes to gratitude, he is quick to recognize those who supported him along the way.

“I would like to thank my mom for helping me get through school, helping me to attend events, assisting me through my various trials and adversities, cheering me on when it mattered most, and showing me how to never give up,” he said.

Scott also expressed appreciation for his teachers.

“I would like to thank all my teachers for the mentorship and encouragement through the years that have shaped who I am today,” he added.

As he prepares for the next chapter, he leaves behind advice for future students that reflects resilience and determination.

“Whenever you are feeling disheartened that you are somehow not enough, set your heart ablaze, dry your tears, grit your teeth, and look ahead, because you are all it takes to make a difference,” he closed.

After graduation, Scott plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, where he will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. In addition to earning his high school diploma, he will also graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree from Western Nevada College.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CHASE ACKERMAN

As graduation approaches, Oasis Academy senior Chase Ackerman is reflecting on his journey from first grade to commencement while looking ahead to a future filled with possibilities, ambition, and a strong connection to his community.

Ackerman will graduate in May with both his high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College. He plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, where he will begin working toward his bachelor’s degree.



Oasis Academy senior, Chase Ackerman.

While he is still exploring his exact path, he has clear interests that guide his decisions.

“As of now, I’m undecided, but I plan to major in business/finance and possibly minor in wildlife ecology and conservation so I can potentially become a field biologist,” he said.

Alongside his college plans, he also has his sights set on entrepreneurship and staying in the community.

“I plan on staying in Fallon and working to create my own business,” he said.

Looking back, some of his most cherished memories are the simple, unexpected moments.

“One of my favorite memories at Oasis is when we had a snowy day in middle school, and a bunch of us all went outside for recess and built a snowman,” he said. “We didn’t really have snow very much, and it was definitely one of my favorite memories.”

Having spent his entire academic career at Oasis, he values the relationships he has built along the way.

“My time at Oasis was fun overall, and I created a lot of friendships that I will definitely remember for a long time,” he said. “I started in first grade, and I will graduate with a lot of the people I started Oasis with. I can’t lie, if I were to describe it in one word, all I could say is ‘school.’ I liked it all except 5th grade.”

Throughout his journey, several mentors have made a lasting impact. He expressed gratitude to three individuals in particular.

“I’d like to thank Counselor Andy Lenon for being one of the reasons I really get through all of this, and also always being there for me and actually caring about what path I go down,” he said.

He also thanked Academic Advisor Eric Grimes.

“Mr. Grimes always makes sure I’m keeping up on my work, but also his personal side for always giving me a hard time, but also always giving me a smile whenever I walk into the school,” he added.

In addition, he credited his cross-country coach, Krista Smith, for life lessons that extend far beyond athletics.

“She taught me a lot of valuable life lessons, like pain is only temporary. And that one will stick with me my whole life,” Ackerman said.

Academically, one class stood out above the rest.

“My favorite class was Mrs. Amy O’Flaherty,” he said. “She was my seventh-grade English teacher, and though it was an online school that year, she had a great course, and she actually made reading fun for me, which no one else has,” he said.

Outside the classroom, he stayed active through high school cross-country and trap shooting with the Lahontan Valley Clay Breakers, experiences that helped shape his discipline and perseverance.

As he prepares to graduate, he offers simple but meaningful advice to younger students.

“Take your time — it goes fast. And also keep farming for Aura,” he closed.

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SPORTS



Kanani Mauga of Lady Greenwave at the plate during a career day, going 4-for-4 with three home runs and 10 RBIs in a 20-0 win over Sparks on Friday, March 20.

Lady Greenwave Softball Dominates Sparks in 20-0 Shutout

Staff Report

The first inning hadn't yet settled on the afternoon of Friday, March 20, when it became clear that the CCHS girls' varsity softball team had arrived with its offense fully charged. By the time Lady Greenwave finished cycling through their lineup for the second time, Sparks was staring at a deficit that only grew heavier as Lady Greenwave powered to a 20-0 win in a non league matchup.

Lady Greenwave opened with five runs in the first inning, then stacked on three more in the second before erupting for 12 in the third. The girls' varsity team finished with 24 hits and didn't allow Sparks a single one, securing their third straight shutout and another lopsided victory in a season

already full of them.

No player embodied the surge more than Kanani Mauga, who delivered a career day at the plate. Mauga went 4-for-4 with three home runs and 10 RBI, clearing the fence with a confidence that seemed to lift the entire dugout. Jocelyn Pimentel added her own spark, going 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBI, and two runs scored.

Lady Greenwave, now 9-2, has won seven straight on the road dating back to last season, a stretch fueled by pitching that has allowed just 2.1 runs per game. Their offense has been just as relentless, posting a batting average of .381 or better in seven consecutive contests.

Lady Greenwave heads to Spring Creek on Friday, March 27, for a 3 p.m. matchup.

CCHS Boys Track Team Excels in Sprints, Distance and Field Events

Staff Report

The CCHS boys varsity track team turned in a balanced performance at the Fallon Elks Invitational on Saturday, March 21, earning top five finishes in multiple events and placing athletes in scoring positions across sprints, distance races, and field events, according to meet results.

Senior Bransyn Wright delivered the Greenwave's biggest highlight by winning the boys high jump at 6 feet, 4 inches. The victory capped a strong day for the Greenwave in the vertical jumps, with freshman Dequan Wallace clearing 5-6 to place sixth.

In the relays, the Greenwave took third in the 4x100 meter relay in 44.97 seconds with Wright, Rylan Clark, Nathaniel Bianchi, and Wyatt Dixon. The team of Bianchi, Clark, Dixon, and Wright also finished second in the 4x200 meter relay in 1:33.93. In the 4x800 meter relay, Leo Arcoraci, Lars Rasmussen, Jarret Ugalde Torres, and James Lofthouse combined for second place in 9:16.00.

Bianchi added one of the team's top individual results with a fourth place finish in the 300 meter hurdles (43.39). Junior Boyd Phipps placed ninth in the 400 (56.50) and 31st in the 200 (25.76), while Dixon finished 13th in the 400 (56.85). In the sprints, junior Braydon Coldwell ran 12.66 in the 100 and 25.77 in the 200, and sophomore Azai Zackery competed in both hurdle events.

The Greenwave distance group also contributed points. Junior Leo Arcoraci placed 16th in the 1,600 (5:26.45) and helped the 4x800-meter relay to its third place finish. Junior Lars Rasmussen added an 11th place finish in the 3,200 (12:31.04), while Ugalde Torres finished seventh in the same race (12:10.22).

In the throws, senior Justin McArthur placed eighth in the shot put with a mark of 38 feet, 9 3/4 inches, and junior Angel Quezada finished 28th.

In the field events, sophomore Jason Lewis threw 91 feet, 10 inches in the discus to finish 22nd for the Greenwave, while sophomore Ryan Cochran recorded a mark of 80 feet, 6 inches to place 30th. Their performances contributed to the team's overall depth in the throws and complemented the athletes' success in jumps and relays.

The Greenwave continues its season next week, preparing to compete at the Reed Reno Running Company Invitational on Saturday, March 28.

CCHS Girls Varsity Track Team Earns Relay Podium, Strong Throws at Elks Meet

Staff Report

The CCHS girls varsity track and field team finished second in the 4x800-meter relay and posted several top-five marks in distance and field events at the Elks Invitational meet over the weekend in Fallon.

The Greenwave's top finish came in the 4x800-relay, where Tommie Fitzer, Casandra Hooper, Aubrey Strickland, and Keily Ugalde ran 10 minutes, 59.29 seconds to place second. Hooper also delivered one of the team's strongest individual performances, finishing fifth in the 1,600 at 6:08.67 and fourth in the 3,200 at 14:08.66.

The Lady Greenwave added two top-five finishes in the throws. Freshman Kinsley Viera placed third in the shot put at 29 feet, 5 inches, and followed with a fourth-place discus mark of 97-9. Senior Katelyn Glinka finished close behind in both events, taking fourth in the shot put at 29-3 1/2 and fifth in the discus at 93-1.

In the sprints, junior Lillian Souza led the Lady Greenwave with a 14.89 in the 100 meters and a 31.13 in the 200. Freshman Reygan Chenoweth ran 15.22 in the 100 and 32.28 in the 200, while freshman Sophie Miller added a 16.19 in the 100.

The Lady Greenwave placed three athletes in the 400, led by sophomore Keily Ugalde, who ran 1:13.98. Sophomore McKayla Taylor (1:15.67) and freshman Alexa Hessey (1:15.80) followed, with sophomore Rebekah Knight finishing in 1:18.41.

In the 800, senior HaliJo Ratti ran 3:02.64 for 12th, followed by senior Destinee Tapia (3:08.23), freshman Elizabeth Chapman (3:21.61), and freshman Kaelyn Bodenhamer (3:39.87).

The Lady Greenwave also had three athletes in the high jump, with freshman Alexa Hessey clearing 3 feet, 10 inches, and freshman Alexianna Gomes Malama clearing 3-6. Freshman Dayana Begazo recorded a no-height.

In the long jump, freshman Maliyah Saili led the team at 13-0, followed by freshman Jozelynn Maya (11-6 1/2) and freshman Sofia Meleen (10-11).

Churchill County continues its season next week as the team moves deeper into the spring schedule.



Greenwave Track Results – Elks Invitational

BOYS

Relays

4x100 — 3rd, 44.97 (Wright, Clark, Bianchi, Dixon)
4x200 — 2nd, 1:33.93 (Bianchi, Clark, Dixon, Wright)
4x800 — 2nd, 9:16.00 (Arcoraci, Rasmussen, Ugalde Torres, Lofthouse)

Sprints / Hurdles

100 — Braydon Coldwell, 12.66
200 — Coldwell, 25.77
400 — Boyd Phipps, 56.50 (9th); Wyatt Dixon, 56.85 (13th)
300 hurdles — Nathaniel Bianchi, 43.39 (4th)

Distance

1,600 — Leo Arcoraci, 5:26.45 (16th)
3,200 — Jarret Ugalde Torres, 12:10.22 (7th); Lars Rasmussen, 12:31.04 (11th)

Field Events

High jump — Bransyn Wright, 6-4 (1st); Dequan Wallace, 5-6 (6th)
Shot put — Justin McArthur, 38 9 3/4 (8th)
Discus — Jason Lewis, 91-10 (22nd); Ryan Cochran, 80-6 (30th)

GIRLS

Relays

4x800 — 2nd, 10:59.29 (Fitzer, Hooper, Strickland, Ugalde)

Sprints

100 — Lillian Souza, 14.89; Reygan Chenoweth, 15.22; Sophie Miller, 16.19, Souza, 31.13; Chenoweth, 32.28
400 — Keily Ugalde, 1:13.98; McKayla Taylor, 1:15.67; Alexa Hessey, 1:15.80; Rebekah Knight, 1:18.41
800 — Hali Jo Ratti, 3:02.64; Destinee Tapia, 3:08.23; Elizabeth Chapman, 3:21.61; Kaelyn Bodenhamer, 3:39.87

Distance

1,600 — Casandra Hooper, 6:08.67 (5th)
3,200 — Hooper, 14:08.66 (4th)

Field Events

Shot put — Kinsley Viera, 29 5 (3rd); Katelyn Glinka, 29 3 1/2 (4th)
Discus — Viera, 97-9 (4th); Glinka, 93-1 (5th)
High jump — Alexa Hessey, 3 10; Alexianna Gomes Malama, 3 6
Long jump — Maliyah Saili, 13 0; Jozelynn Maya, 11 6 1/2; Sofia Meleen, 10-11

SPORTS

CCHS Baseball Splits Saturday after Friday Loss

Staff Report

The Greenwave boys varsity baseball team bounced back from a lopsided loss Friday, March 20, with a dominant win and a narrow extra innings defeat Saturday, March 21, in a three game conference set against the Fernley Vaqueros.

The Greenwave opened the road series with a 10 - 1 loss on March 20, their lowest scoring outing of the season. Fernley jumped ahead early with three runs in the first and four more in the fourth, while the Greenwave managed just one run in the sixth and finished with six hits. Dustin Stritenberger provided the brightest spot for the Greenwave, going 3 for 3 with a double, his first of the season.

CCHS answered emphatically in Saturday's first game, rolling to an 11 - 1 win behind a complete game performance from Zack Adams. Adams allowed only one earned run on three hits and struck out seven across seven innings. The Greenwave offense surged with 12 hits, including a three RBI, three run day from Carson Melendy and a 3 for 4, three run effort from Blake Dineen. The Greenwave scored three runs in the third, four in the fourth, and four more in the seventh to even the series.

The teams met again later that afternoon, with Fernley edging Churchill County 10 9 in 11 innings. The Greenwave built an early lead with a two run second and three



Fallon's Dustin Stritenberger dives safely into second base while Fernley's Alex Juliot waits for the throw during last Friday's game in Fernley. Photo by Robert Perea.

run third before adding four in the seventh to force extras, but Fernley's 15 hit attack proved just enough. Churchill County finished with eight hits and three errors in the narrow loss.

The Greenwave moved to 7 - 3 after the weekend set.

Oasis Academy Battles Through Tough Stretch After 6-0 Start

Staff Report

After opening the season with six straight wins, Oasis Academy ran into a challenging three game set against North Tahoe but continued to show flashes of the strong, balanced play that powered its undefeated start.

The Bighorns dropped a 12-2 road decision on Tuesday before falling 10-6 and 6-5 in Saturday's home doubleheader, slipping to 6-3 overall. Even so, Oasis Academy stayed competitive throughout the series, pushing the Lakers to the final inning in the one run loss and matching them hit for hit in Saturday's opener, where the Bighorns collected 15 hits to North Tahoe's 16.

Matthew Bird continued to anchor the offense,

turning in one of the best individual performances of the season in the 6-5 game. He went a perfect 4 for 4 with two RBIs and a run scored, keeping the Bighorns within striking distance throughout the late innings.

James Thibodaux added a highlight of his own, recording his first triple of the season as Oasis Academy's lineup continued to generate extra base power. The Bighorns also opened Saturday's first game with a pair of early scoring innings, posting two runs in both the first and third frames.

Despite the losses, Oasis Academy's defense remained steady, committing no errors in either Saturday contest. The Bighorns also held North Tahoe scoreless in multiple innings across all three games, including the first two frames of Tuesday's matchup.



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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

This week began with an anomaly. Our Sunday night dinner disappeared.

Neil regularly teases me about the quantity of food that I prepare on any given night. I insist that it is hard to make small amounts of food. Packages of meat are always at least one pound. Operating under the constraints of conventional grocery stores and standardized packaging means that a chili recipe yields a pot that will feed an army. Even single-protein dinners result in leftovers.

Except this time. I ate enough that I almost didn't have room for one of Kelsey's cookies. The ones that taste like cinnamon Pop-Tarts, but better. That alone should tell you something.

What follows comes out of a real conversation about Sunday dinner from Kelli's kitchen. Not a formal interview, just the back-and-forth that happens when something turns out better than expected. We started with a recipe from the New York Times Cooking section. At its core, it's simple. Chicken thighs tossed with turmeric and flour, cooked with asparagus, then finished with a honey-and-black-pepper glaze. A little vinegar or soy sauce for balance. Lime if you want it.

Kelli: There are leftovers.
Neil: No.
Kelli: There's always leftovers.
Neil: No, there aren't.
(pause)
Kelli: Okay. There are no leftovers.

This recipe leans into spring. You see it in the asparagus. A full bunch went into the pan, bright and green against everything else, turning golden from the turmeric. But it could have been gai lan (recently spotted at Safeway in Fallon). Or broccoli rabe. Or green beans. The dish holds either way. Chicken. A green vegetable. Rice. Something warm and golden to pull it together.

Kelli: The turmeric matters.
Neil: Yeah.
Kelli: And it stains everything.
Neil: Everything.

I had turmeric on my fingernails the next morning, even after I washed my hands, even after a shower. The kind of color that lingers.

And asparagus does what asparagus does.

Neil: I know, I can smell my own pee. It's not refined, but it's real. And it belongs in the story as much as anything else.

The chicken came from the grocery store. Nothing fancy, just boneless & skinless thighs. There was a moment when we said it would be even better with local chicken or local asparagus. We are always pulled toward ingredients raised closer to home. But sometimes you are limited by what's actually available, on a normal night, in a small town grocery store.

And what you can do with it.
Kelli: It was really easy.
Neil: It was.

Kelli: Like, easier than it should have been.

That's the part that's hardest to write down.

There was a recipe. And you could follow it. But what made it work wasn't just the instructions. It was the sequence. The small decisions. Mixing the sauce first. Cutting the vegetables before the chicken. Letting the pan do its work. Seasoning as you go. Letting the sauce reduce until it clings instead of pooling.

Cooking with all your senses. By the end, everything in the pan had taken on that same golden color. The rice, the chicken, and the edges of the vegetables. It looked like it belonged together, even though it hadn't started that way. And then it was gone. No leftovers. 10/10. No Notes.

Golden Chicken Bowl with Asparagus Ingredients:

Adapted from the New York Times

- 3 tbsp. Honey
- 3/4 tsp. Black pepper, plus more to taste
- Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)
- 2 tbsp. All-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. Ground turmeric (New Harvest Turmeric from Burlap & Barrel if you can)
- 1 pound Boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tbsp. Coconut oil
- 1 bunch Asparagus, trimmed and thinly sliced on an angle
- 1 tsp. Unseasoned rice vinegar or soy sauce
- 1 Lime, cut into wedges (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl or measuring cup, stir together 1/4 cup water with the honey, pepper and 1/2 teaspoon salt; set honey mixture aside.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, turmeric and 1 teaspoon salt. Add the chicken and toss until coated.
3. In a medium nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high. Add the chicken and cook until the turmeric is fragrant and the chicken is golden brown on both sides, 2 to 3 minutes per side.
4. Add the asparagus, season with salt, stir to combine and cook until crisp-tender, 1 to 2 minutes.
5. Add the honey mixture and cook, stirring, until the chicken is cooked through and the sauce has thickened, 2 to 3 minutes.
6. Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over rice with lime squeezed over top if you like.

Allison's Book Report:

"The Marriage Portrait"

By Maggie O'Farrell

By Allison Diegel

A couple of weeks ago, in the leadup to the Oscars, I read and reviewed Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell, which was so beautifully written that I needed to read more from this talented author. I grabbed a copy of "The Marriage Portrait," a tale of 16th-century Italy and the brief, shadowed life of Lucrezia de' Medici.

If you are expecting a polite historical drama about tea and embroidery, you should probably buckle up, because this is much closer to a psychological thriller wrapped in the heavy, suffocating silks of the Renaissance. It carries much of the same emotional weight and atmospheric intensity found in Hamnet, which explored the grief and domestic life of Shakespeare's family with similar lyrical precision.

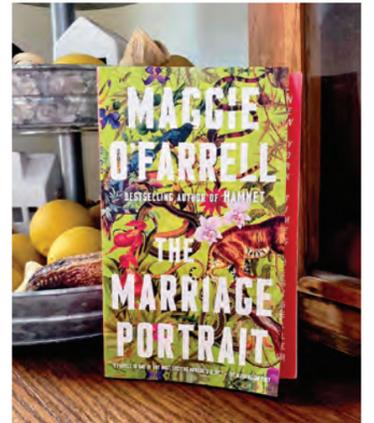
The story follows Lucrezia, a young girl who is suddenly thrust into a marriage with Alfonso, the Duke of Ferrara, after her older sister dies. O'Farrell makes it clear from the very first page that Lucrezia is convinced her husband intends to kill her. This creates a fascinating, high-stakes tension that hums through every chapter. Much like the way "Hamnet" pulled readers into the visceral reality of the plague and the quiet tragedies of a household, "The Marriage Portrait" jumps back and forth between Lucrezia's childhood in Florence and the cold, isolated villa where she fears her life is coming to an end.

What makes the book so readable is the way O'Farrell creates the atmosphere. You can almost feel the weight of the velvet gowns and the chill of the stone floors. She writes with sensory details that make the past feel incredibly tactile, yet the tone remains accessible and gripping. Lucrezia is a wonderful protagonist; she's an artist at heart who views the world through the lens of color and composition. She isn't just a victim of her time; she is a vibrant person trying to navigate a world where her only value is her ability to provide an heir.

The "marriage portrait" of the title refers to a painting Alfonso commissions, and the metaphor is perfect. It represents the way women of that era were captured and owned. As the Duke's charm begins to peel away to reveal something much more controlling and sinister, the book becomes a race against time. It is a gorgeous, haunting exploration of power and survival that is both heartbreaking and surprisingly suspenseful. By the time you reach the final pages, O'Farrell delivers a twist that will likely leave you staring at the wall. It is a brilliant pick for anyone who loved the intimate, historical depth of Hamnet but wants a story served with a side of adrenaline.

I'll be back again next week—until then, don't forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader to let me know what you think I should be reading next.

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

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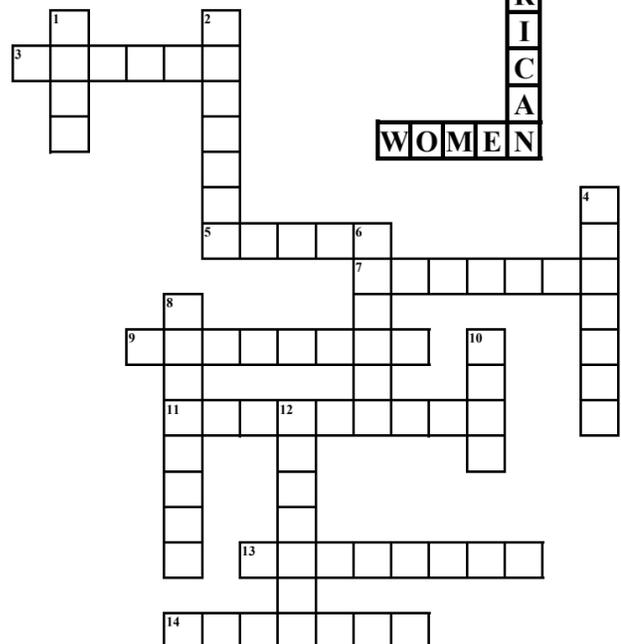
3. County music legend, philanthropist
5. Grammy winning writer, performer
7. Formidable screen presence
9. Sister tennis champs
11. Singer, actress, director
13. Pro baseball coach
14. TV journalist/interviewer

Down

1. Desilu Productions exec
2. First Lady, book editor
4. Media mogul
6. Pro football official
8. Supreme court justice
10. NASA astronaut
12. Early aviatrix



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[Crossword answers found on page 16]

Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Notice of Claims Approved by Board of Directors July, August, and September 2025

Notice is given by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), duly organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 539 of the Nevada Revised Statutes of the following list of claims allowed during the months of July, August, and September 2025; that this list is made based upon NRS 539.485.

Operating Expenses	July	August	September
Operations and Maintenance	346,372	275,403	285,238
Carson Lake Pasture	4,531	4,743	4,895
Administration	924,504	154,718	196,761
Total Expense	1,275,407	434,864	486,894
Other Expense	0	0	34,014
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0
Total Other Expense	0	0	34,014
Total Expense and Other Expense	1,275,407	434,864	520,908

Dated this twelfth day of March 2026
/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General Manager

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COLUMNS

Case No.: CVFT2026-0016

**IN THE FALLON TRIBAL COURT
IN AND FOR THE FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE**

**In the Matter of the Application of:
JAYLEN MANNING
(PARENT'S NAME(S))**

**For Change of Name
of the Minor Child:
Jazlynn Rose Lopez (Child's Name)**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE
OF MINOR CHILD**

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

Jazlynn Rose Lopez
(first) (middle) (last)

to (requested new name):

Jazlynn Rose Manning
(first) (middle) (last)

DATED: March 2, 2026
Printed Name: Jaylen Manning

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Postcards: Fraternal Hall

By Michon Mackedon

During the entire year of 1926, the Fallon newspapers covered, almost brick by brick, the building of a new Fraternal Hall on Maine Street. The "Fallon Eagle" and the "Churchill County Standard" carefully followed not only the construction progress but any setbacks as well. When the job was finished, in early 1927, there was a hot time in old town that night!

From its earliest beginnings, Fallon was host to many Fraternal orders. The first to organize here was Churchill Lodge No. 26, Free and Associated Masons, formed in July 1901, when Fallon was not much more than a post office located at a crossroads, not yet incorporated as a city. The Knights of Pythias established Alpine Lodge No. 24 soon after, on October 11, 1901, followed by the formation of lodges by both the Odd Fellows and Pythian Sisters in 1904 and of Myrtle Chapter, Eastern Star, in 1905.

It's hard to imagine that at that early time in our history, there were enough people in the valley to keep that many Fraternal orders going. In 1900, the population of the entire county was less than 1,000. However, the early part of the 20th Century in general saw a proliferation of new orders and a rise in membership in existing orders. Surprisingly, it is estimated that at the turn of the century, 350 orders in the United States enrolled more than six million members. That means, on average, for every three adult men, one was a member of a male Fraternal order. That statistic doesn't account for the membership in women's orders, like the Pythian Sisters and Eastern Star.

Finding meeting space was always challenging for the orders. They not only needed space for their rituals, but they sponsored dinners and dances and various fundraisers as well. The need for space finally became critical enough that a surprising number of pocket-books were opened to finance the building of the Hall. Sometime in 1924, a subscription campaign was launched with the goal of raising enough capital to build a grand Fraternal Hall in Fallon, one large enough for meetings, catering, and best of all,

dancing. The Fallon Fraternal Hall Association was formed, and shares were sold to fund the lofty project. The orders themselves bought many shares, led by the Free and Associated Masons with 437 1/2 shares. But the list of 115 stockholders also contains the names of Fallon's prominent families, many holding just one or two shares. Renowned Nevada architect Frederic DeLongchamps was commissioned to design the building, and Robert L. Douglass was selected to chair the Association. Ground was broken on September 13, 1926, and the building rose speedily on Maine Street, quite the sight to see.

The Wednesday, Nov. 10 edition of the "Standard" informed readers that the building was near completion and that it would open on New Year's Eve. "The front of the new building begins to show the attractive appearance it will present on Maine street when finished." The paper also reported that the brick had originally been shipped in from Reno, but that a local kiln had been set up to make the bricks more cheaply: "The brick taken from the local kilns was declared by the bricklayers to be superior to the shipped in product and more easily laid." The cornerstone was set on Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m.

A few delays were encountered, and the New Year's opening had to be postponed until February, but apparently few spirits were dampened. Both local newspapers devoted full page coverage to describing what seemed to be the event of the decade. A throng of over 1,000 people attended the opening—"the largest by long odds that had ever assembled under one roof in Churchill county" ("Standard" February 9). The excited public listened to speeches, dined and danced on the new, "magnificent" dance floor until the wee hours of the morn.

Thank you, Michael Fuhlendorf, for the idea for this story. Please send your stories and ideas for stories to mackedon@phonewave.net.

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

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION for Division 6

**To be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
Churchill County
State of Nevada**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general election of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District ("District") will be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April 2026 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m., Pacific Standard Time, at the polling place herein specified. At such general election, the Director for Division 6 will be elected.

The District shall constitute one precinct for the April 7, 2026 General Election. The outside boundary of the precinct shall be the outside boundary of the division of the District designated to vote at that particular precinct. The division and polling place for the precinct shall be:

**Division 6
Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
2666 Harrigan Road
Fallon, Nevada**

CANDIDATES:

Abrahm Schank
Denver Nygren

Absentee Ballots will be available Friday March 23, 2026 until Monday April 2, 2026



Story and photos by Braylon Byrd,

My name is Braylon Byrd, and I am a sophomore this year in Plant Science 1. I have really enjoyed my time in this class.

It is a complete change of pace from my normal day at school. I can learn about something I love and see the growth that results from my care. Plant science has totally broadened my horizons — both as a plant scientist and as a person. On any given day, I might be working in the greenhouse to grow plants for our school garden, transplanting seedlings for my own garden at home, or planting trees outside my classroom to brighten up our campus. I always feel like I am making a positive difference to my school and to the world.

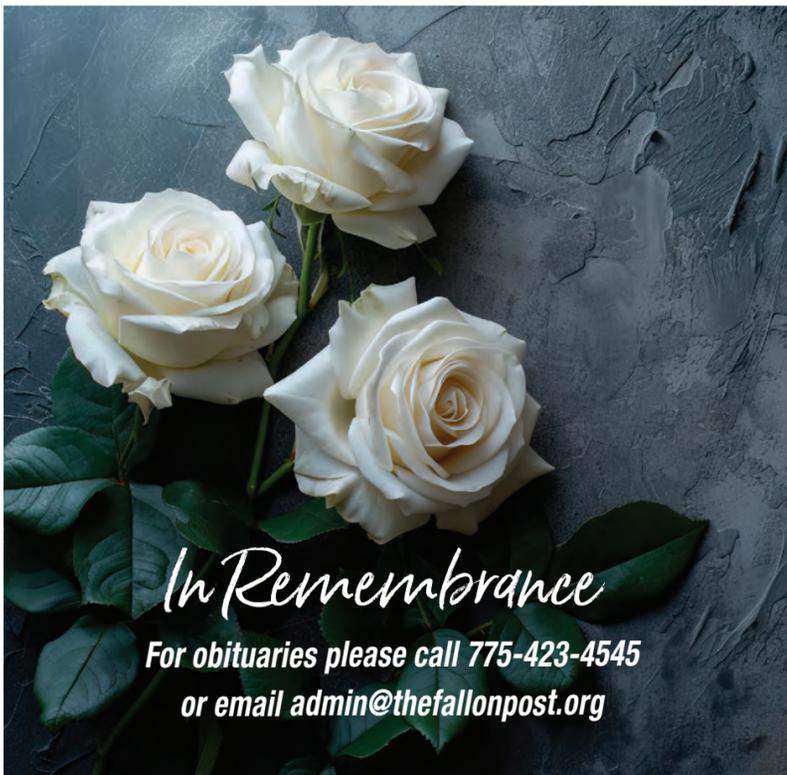
My favorite thing I have learned about so far in Plant Science is about riparian environments and the plants that grow there. My family spends quite a bit of time outside together, hunting, for instance. We often find ourselves in riparian environments. These are places where important ecosystems survive and thrive near water. It might not be the first thing you think of when you think about our valley and our small desert town, but it is truly a crucial part. The Carson River, Lake Lahontan, the Stillwater Marsh, and countless other pockets of water in the Lahontan Valley are dependent on keystone species such as cottonwood trees, willows, and even animals like beavers. I really enjoy learning about all of the distinct ecosystems in our state and spending time in them firsthand.

Recently, we planted cottonwood and coyote willow cuttings that we will be taking to the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge to help with a restoration project there. We hope to help create more usable habitat for all the animals that call the refuge home.

Taking cuttings, we have learned, is an easy way to make new plants. The cutting you take will be a clone of the original plant. Take your cuttings in the early spring, just before the buds break. We each planted cottonwood cuttings that were about seven inches long in potting soil. We then planted them in one-gallon containers about two weeks ago. They are starting to leaf out in our greenhouses now. Did you know that cottonwood trees are dioecious? That means there are male and female cottonwood trees. Spring is a good time to tell them apart. Male trees have red/purplish catkins, and female trees have greenish-yellow catkins. It is the female trees that make the cottonwood fluff.

Resinous cottonwood buds have long been used in our country to make a medicinal salve often called Balm of Gilead. If you happen to walk by a cottonwood tree in the next few weeks that is covered in buds, pull one off and see if you like the smell. Bees also often collect sticky resin from trees to make propolis in their hives.

Cottonwood trees are iconic symbols of the West. The bright yellow and gold that covers our valley in the fall because of the cottonwoods' leaf change is a sight to see. I am glad to know that my fellow classmates and I will not only be contributing to that legendary fall color but to the important riparian ecosystem that is an essential part of our valley.



LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Contracted Healthcare and Wellness Services: Podiatrist | Clinical Psychologist Music Instructor | Dietitian Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe

Date of Issuance: March 9, 2026
The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, on behalf of the Fallon Tribal Health Center, seeks proposals from qualified individuals or firms for the following contracted services:

Podiatrist – Outpatient foot care services including treatment of foot and lower extremity conditions with emphasis on diabetic foot care.

Clinical Psychologist – Behavioral health assessment, treatment, and crisis consultation services.

Music Instructor – Music instruction and programming promoting youth engagement and behavioral health prevention.

Dietitian – Nutrition counseling and community education supporting diabetes prevention and management (SDPI program).

To obtain a complete RFP package and proposal instructions, contact Jon Pishion, Health Director, at fthcdirector@fpst.org. Proposal submissions are intended to be simple and may consist of a brief letter of interest, resume or CV, and proposed compensation rate.

Proposal Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026, 5 p.m. (PDT). Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

In accordance with 25 CFR and Tribal TERO Ordinance, Indian Preference will be afforded to qualified Native American applicants/firms. The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

v. BLOCK 42 OF THE TOWNSITE OF WONDER, SITUATE IN CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA; AND BETTY NEWBERRY, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 3:26-cv-00126

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION FOR PUBLICATION

To: Unknown Heirs of William L. Newberry

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff United States of America has filed a Complaint and a Declaration of Taking to condemn in fee simple absolute, including any mineral rights, for the property described below. The public use for which said land is necessary for national defense and military use by the United States as authorized by law, including, but not limited to large-scale Department of Navy aerial testing and training; ground combat tactical maneuvering and firing; and equipment and tactics development.

This Declaration of Taking is filed pursuant to the authority of the Act of Congress approved August 1, 1888 (40 U.S.C. § 3113), as amended; the Act of Congress approved February 26, 1931 (40 U.S.C. § 3114); 10 U.S.C. § 2663(a)(1)(A), which authorizes the Secretary of a military department to have proceedings brought in the name of the United States, in a court of proper jurisdiction, to acquire by condemnation any interest in land, including temporary use, needed for the site, construction, or operation of fortifications, coast defenses, or military training camps; the Act of Congress under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law (P. L.) 116-283 § 2201 at 134 Stat. 4297; and the Act of Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P. L. 116-260, which appropriated funds for the Department of Defense.

Further authorities are the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, P. L. 117-263 § 2201 at 136 Stat. 2975 and § 2901 at 136 Stat. 3015, allowing for the acquisition of private and state-owned land in fee title, and for private mineral and water rights, as well as for withdrawal of federal land from all public uses; and the Act of Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P. L. 117-328, which appropriated funds for the Department of Defense.

The authority granted to the Secretary of the Navy in 10 U.S.C. § 2663(a)(1)(A) was delegated to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) (ASN (EI&E)) in SECNAVINST 5430.7S. This authority was further delegated from ASN (EI&E) to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations, Energy and Facilities) (DASN (I&F)) per SECNAVINST 11011.47D.

If you have any objection or defense to the taking of the property in which you may have or claim some interest, you are required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, at either of the addresses designated below, within twenty-one (21) days after April 3, 2026, an Answer identifying the property in which you claim to have an interest, stating the nature and extent of the interest claimed and stating all your objections and defenses to the taking of the property.

A failure to serve an Answer shall constitute consent to the taking and to the authority of the court to proceed to hear the action and to fix the just compensation and shall constitute a waiver of all defenses and objections to the taking.

If you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, a Notice of Appearance designating the property in which you claim to be interested and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting said property.

You are further notified that at the trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have answered or served a Notice of Appearance, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensation to be paid for the property in which you have any interest and, if appropriate, you

may share in the distribution of the award of compensation.

You are further notified, however, that unless you file a Notice of Appearance, this proceeding may proceed to pretrial or trial without further notice to you.

You are further notified that all persons, firms and corporations named as defendants herein are joined as defendants generally to the end that all right, title, interest and estate of all said defendants in and to any and all of the land herein involved shall be divested out of them and vested in Plaintiff.

The property which is the subject matter of this proceeding is described as follows:

Land in the unincorporated area of the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, described as follows:

THAT PORTION OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 35 EAST, M.D.B.&M., LOCATED IN THE WONDER MINING DISTRICT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BLOCK 42 OF THE TOWNSITE OF WONDER AS SHOWN ON THE WONDER TOWNSITE MAP RECORDED AUGUST 18, 1906 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA AS FILE NO. 3352, CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA RECORDS.

APN: 010-567-04
Dated: March 13, 2026
Respectfully submitted,

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 14

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| BALL | STREISAND |
| EARHART | SWIFT |
| GINSBERG | THOMAS |
| HEPBURN | WALTERS |
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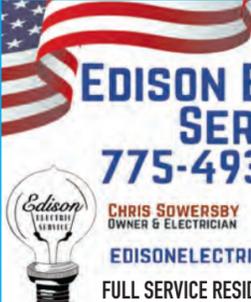
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Edward Jones	Just In Time	Stuf 'N Such
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