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Rosen Calls for “Fair Deal” for Ranchers, Expressed Concerns for NASF

By Leanna Lehman

U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen (NV-D) appeared before the Senate Armed Forces Committee on February 27. Rosen specifically addressed the Navy’s Fallon Range Training Complex modernization project and issues surrounding housing shortages, infrastructure needs, and services for NASF personnel during the confirmation hearings for U.S. Navy Secretary Nominee John C. Phelan.

Phalen, a civilian businessman and financier, has been tapped by President Trump to offer a fresh, non-military perspective and his extensive business background to address some of the Navy’s most pressing needs, which include issues like submarine construction, budget overruns, base revitalization needs.

During the Senate confirmation hearings, the senator first expressed her pride in Naval Air Station Fallon’s role in the U.S. Military, noting that some of the Navy’s most prestigious training centers are part of NASF,



U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen (NV-D) addresses Secretary of the Navy Nominee before the Senate Armed Forces Committee. Image courtesy of YouTube.

including Top Gun and Navy SEAL training.

Rosen’s first concern was the Fallon Range Training Complex(FRTC). Congress approved the FRTC expansion and modernization in 2023, which involved negotiations with federal agencies and local and tribal governments. Now that the expansion is underway, the reality of extending Navy land by 600,000 acres is hitting home.

Rosen, who expressed grave concern for those impacted most immediately – ranches neighboring FRTC, asked Phelan to discuss

lost property and grazing rights in the area and provide adequate compensation for their losses, which are now becoming evident.

Senator Rosen explained the Navy is currently in Phase I of this modernization and is currently working to meet the requirements under the law that grazing permit holders who will no longer be able to graze their livestock in the area will receive full and complete compensation for their lifetime of losses. “As the Navy goes through

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Northern Nevada Expands Foothold in Industrial Development and Innovation

By Robert Perea

Victory Logistics District may be located in Fernley, but the project was hailed last Friday as a hub of industrial development and innovation for all of Northern Nevada during a groundbreaking ceremony for Phase II of the project.

Phase I was recently completed, and Evan Slavik, the president of real estate for Mark IV Capital, said the second phase will provide essential access and services to 1,600 acres of land.

“This infrastructure will allow the development of new industrial, manufacturing and data center projects that will continue to accelerate the growth of this region, bring thousands of jobs to the city of Fernley and will make Victory Logistics District the hub of industrial development in northern Nevada,” Slavik said.

“Fernley is emerging as the epicenter of the state’s next economic boom with Victory Logistics at the heart,” Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED) Tom Burns said. “We are continuing to witness the transformation of northern Nevada into a thriving industrial center.”

When taking office, Governor Joe Lombardo said his goals were economic diversity and development and the quality of life for the

people who live in Nevada.

“This is exactly what I was talking about,” Lombardo said. “A lot of times when you’re in government, or a head of government, a lot of ideas are presented to you through the process, but very rarely does it come to fruition,” Lombardo said. “Obviously, Mark IV and Victory has the execution down pat.”

In Phase I of the project, Slavik said Mark IV developed 450 acres of land for speculative development and build-to-suit industrial and manufacturing projects, ranging from 150,000 square feet to 1.75 million square feet. He said 100 of those acres are already taken.

“They’re already spoken for, and they will be the home of two new exciting projects in the food service industry, which will be announced in the coming months,” he said. “Both companies will take advantage of the onsite rail system that will soon be built here at Victory Logistics District.”

Slavik also announced the founding of the Northern Nevada Advanced Materials Center of Excellence, which will focus on the research and development of disruptive technologies - innovations that change how people, businesses, and industries operate in sectors including energy, aerospace, material science, automotive, computer science, and workforce development. Slavik said it will be

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

Lucky

By Rachel Dahl

The sunrise is so beautiful this morning. We got a sneak peek at beautiful Spring last weekend, and this weekend, we spring forward. Hallelujah.

Last weekend, we also celebrated the life of another dear friend, Mike Mackedon. He was a tribute to our community in the quiet life he lived, a model to his family and his friends. He was humble and a master of words, both spoken and written, and I learned a great deal from him over the years. Three generations of his family honored him graciously with the gifts he left them; an appreciation for knowledge, the ability to use language beautifully, and their memories of his lifetime lived well around the family table and in the wild outdoors.

It was all anyone of us could ask of life.

Today, I close the chapter on what was a very fun part of life. My federal service has come to an end, and my complete focus has turned to building these newspapers.

What an amazing opportunity to be a part of building Rural Nevada, and to work with a really talented group of people. I leave with some sadness – you're never completely satisfied with the end result. I always wish I could have done more.

But, grateful nonetheless for the opportunity and for the place it put us with the papers.

New beginnings. New focus. Growing with the new moon into this next phase. One continuous turn. The only thing constant is change.

So, while I sit here enjoying this morning, remembering all the good friends who've moved on to their new adventures, I'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— *Rach*

My joy is at its zenith, and all is right with the world.

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the process of appraising the loss of these permits, it is critical that my ranching community, our ranching community in Nevada, and Nevada stakeholders, are adequately and fully compensated," said Rosen. "Unfortunately, the first payment offers to ranchers in the B-16 range have been well below the estimated value of the land."

Rosen's concern is timely, as local rancher Jack Payne, owner of the Clan Alpine Ranch east of Fallon, borders Dixie Valley and the FRTC. According to Payne, in addition to the 600,000-acre expansion, the Navy recently sent him a letter informing him that they were claiming 439 acres of his recently purchased private land through eminent domain. Payne says he already struggles with Bureau of Land Management grazing permitting restraints; the loss of private land can be ruinous for ranchers who have no place to move their cattle when the BLM restricts grazing access. "The BLM forces us onto private land, and the Navy takes it," he adds, echoing concerns shared by many local ranchers. "It doesn't make sense."

The FRTC issues will need to encompass several variables. "Appraisals must be, must consider FSA loans, groundwater availability, and the lifetime value permit and business," asserted Rosen, who said meetings between the Navy and impacted ranchers have been happening regularly, and these specific concerns have been raised extensively. She then asked Phelan, "Will you commit to reviewing and re-assessing the Navy's payment offers based on the latest input your team in Northern Nevada has received to ensure that every single permittee holder in Nevada is made whole?"

Phelan responded, "I have a great appreciation for multi-generational owners of land and

how they feel about it and trying to get the right thing. Fallon is a very, very important base. It's a critical training [base] both for air and for our SEALS." If confirmed, Phelan said he would look into this matter and "make sure that we create a fair deal for those landowners and for the American taxpayer."

Another area of consideration for Rosen was regarding the ongoing NASF housing shortage. "The base has been designated a remote-duty installation since 1989, and quality of life, and challenges accompany it," Rosen said, noting Fallon's remote location. "It is the only Navy base in the continental United States designated as a critical housing area."

In addition to housing, the senator addressed NASF's need for improved infrastructure, "The Navy anticipates entering into a public-private venture to build 172 new homes in Fallon, but more infrastructure is needed to support the mission as we expand." She further noted the need for more firefighters and to expand our existing wastewater treatment management.

In her final question to Phelan, Rosen explained that with the FRTC modernization, the base is expected to grow by 35 percent. "So given the importance of the mission at Fallon, further critical services, childcare, medical care... will you meet with stakeholders so we can continue to grow Fallon and be sure that the services are there?"

Phelan noted how important it is to Rosen to ensure all personnel at NASF have housing and their critical needs met, and committed, if confirmed, to look into these matters, acknowledging, "I know the housing shortage is real there, and we need to focus on it."

As of March 3, Phelan had not been confirmed as Secretary of the Navy.

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developed in partnership with GOED, the UNR, WNC, Nevada Department of Employment and Rehabilitation, and Lyon County School District.

"Victory Logistics District and Fernley, Nevada is poised to become the center of innovation, distribution and manufacturing, and data centers in the Northern Nevada region and the western United States," he said.

During the ceremony, Mark IV also presented two \$5,000 checks to Horsemanship for Heroes and PTSD Now, two organizations that provide services and support for local veterans.

Rick Nelsen, Senior Vice President of Mark IV, said the project will transform Fernley and is expected to double Fernley's population in 15 years to about 50,000.

"So we want to bring amenities here that pleases the city and we want to bring industry here that allows jobs," he said. "I go to all the council meetings, and I listen to the requirements of the citizens and they want better schools, they want other amenities,

they'd like a park, they want a better road. This is a way to do that."

Nelson said the project will include a master-planned residential and commercial community north of Interstate 80, with construction ideally beginning in 2026.

"In 2026 and 2027 you'll see the bridge go in to 50 and you'll begin to see vertical construction coming up on those properties to the south," Nelson said. "The properties here that we're working on now, we're looking at 2028. While it seems a long time away, it's a short timeline."

Nelson said what that means for Fernley residents is more jobs and better wages, more schools, increased fire and police protection, and other amenities that residents are asking for.

"For the average citizen in Fernley, I would say have them ask the questions," he said. "We're not shy in telling you the answers. In the beginning it was daunting. It's like are you really going to do that? Well, you can see here today that we're really going to do that."

FEATURES

CCSD Approves Continued Four-Day Week, Later Start Date

by Rachel Dahl

During their last regular meeting, the Churchill County School Board discussed and approved the proposed school calendars for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 academic years, ultimately deciding to continue with a modified four-day school week with a later start date. The decision came after extensive deliberation, staff surveys, student feedback, and a review of how different scheduling options impact both learning outcomes and school operations.

Churchill County Schools have operated on a modified four-day schedule for three years. This model includes alternating full Fridays off for students, with early release Fridays on instructional weeks. The school calendar debate allowed stakeholders to weigh the benefits of fewer school days against concerns about instructional minutes and student performance.

Last year, the board approved a one-year calendar to allow for additional data collection and feedback. Superintendent Derild Parsons explained, “We wanted to send out surveys and collect as much feedback as possible from staff, students, and the community to assess whether the modified schedule was meeting everyone’s needs.”

The survey results showed that most staff preferred to continue with the modified schedule, though some raised concerns about reduced instructional time. Students were also surveyed, and what board members called an “impressive 543 responses” were significantly higher than the 25 responses collected the previous year.

The board reviewed several potential calendar models, including a five-day traditional schedule and variations of the four-day modified schedule with different start and end dates. The most debated issues included:

- **Instructional Minutes:** Some board members expressed concerns that the four-day schedule meant fewer classroom minutes overall. Trustee Joe McFadden pointed out, “Before we went to the modi-

fied four-day, students had significantly more instructional minutes, and since then, we’ve seen a decline in student performance and increased chronic absenteeism.”

- **The Impact of Short Fridays:** Some members questioned whether early-release Fridays were beneficial or if they contributed to student absenteeism. “I personally struggle at home with my own middle schooler not wanting to come to school on Fridays,” said Trustee Julie Guerrero-Goetsch. “They say it’s a ‘wasted day,’ and I don’t think that’s something we should stick with.”
- **Teacher and Staff Support:** Many teachers and school administrators voiced strong support for keeping Professional Learning Community (PLC) time on Fridays, arguing that it helps improve classroom instruction. Principal Shawn Purrell noted, “We technically only have one PLC day per month due to holidays and other scheduling factors, and we need to hold onto those with our lives.”
- **Recruitment and Retention of Teachers:** Superintendent Parsons and several principals emphasized that the modified schedule has helped attract and retain teachers. “I asked a new hire this year if the calendar impacted their decision, and they said absolutely,” said Parsons. “Many educators appreciate the flexibility the modified schedule offers.”

After an extensive discussion, the board unanimously approved the modified four-day calendar with a later start date for the 2025-2026 school year. The late start pushes the first day of school further into August, which many principals supported, noting that an earlier start forced school leaders back into the office with limited time off.

Additionally, the board directed Superintendent Parsons and district staff to review ways to increase instructional minutes while maintaining the four-day schedule. This could involve minor changes to the daily schedule to ensure students get as much classroom time as possible.

Board President Gregg Malkovich supported the final decision, stating, “We know there’s no one solution that will make everyone happy, but this compromise keeps what’s working while also making room for improvements.”

NV Legislature Considers Ending Daylight Savings Time

By Rachel Dahl

Nevada lawmakers are looking at a new bill that could end daylight savings time in the state. Assembly Bill 81, also known as the “Lock the Clock Act,” was introduced by Assembly Member Selena LaRue-Hatch during a legislative hearing on February 24.

The bill would put Nevada on permanent standard time, meaning clocks would not change twice a year as they do now. If passed, Nevada would join Arizona and Hawaii, which already do not observe daylight savings time.

LaRue-Hatch, who represents Assembly District 25 in West Reno, said the bill aims to improve public health and safety. She explained that changing the clocks in spring and fall has been linked to health problems, including more heart attacks, strokes, and anxiety.

“There are documented negative health effects that come from observing daylight savings time and changing our clocks twice a year,” LaRue-Hatch said. “This bill is a way for us to immediately have positive impacts on our public health without us having to spend any money.”

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2026. Under the new plan, Nevadans would change their clocks one last time in November 2025 and then stay on standard time.

LaRue-Hatch said this plan avoids confusion. “If the whole point is to stop us from changing clocks, it doesn’t make sense for us to suddenly switch to standard time on July 1st,” she said.

Supporters of the bill say staying on standard time could reduce car accidents and improve mental health. Studies show that changing the clocks can lead to more traffic accidents and a rise in anxiety and depression.



Public health groups also back the bill. Annie Vong, representing the Nevada Public Health Association, said the group supports AB 81 because it could help prevent car crashes and reduce heart problems.

“Seasonal time changes pose a risk for public health when it comes to motor vehicle crashes and cardiovascular events,” Vong said.

The bill received support from others who testified. J.P. Pea, President of the nonprofit Safe Standard Time in Arizona, spoke in favor of the bill. “Daily saving time is simply a mandate to wake earlier and to sleep less,” Pea said. He added that permanent standard time is healthier and safer, especially for school children and outdoor workers.

Not everyone agreed with the proposal. Dr. Ron Ariel, a pediatrician, said the bill might be “a little premature.” He suggested more research and discussions with key groups like tribal leaders, casino operators, and other businesses before making a decision.

LaRue-Hatch responded by saying she had spoken with many stakeholders, and none had expressed concerns. “I think the fact that many ordinary folks, non-lobbyists, have expressed support for this bill shows how popular this is among our constituents,” she said.

If passed, Nevada could become one of many states moving away from daylight savings time. Similar bills are being considered in California, Oregon, and Utah. The federal government would still need to approve the change, but LaRue-Hatch said Nevada should not wait for Washington to act.

“We need to enact something immediately for our constituents and hope that the federal government sees our example and catches up,” she said.

The Government Affairs Committee will continue to review AB 81 before deciding whether to move it forward in the legislative process.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Available for Adoption



Our monthly Adoption Event and Yard Sale are coming up on March 15 at 4629 Reno Highway from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have plenty of wonderful kitties and loads of new neat things to check

out! Thank you to Memory Lane Mercantile for letting us use their space to set up our yard sale so it's more easily accessible! Here's to an awesome event!

Interested in adding a new family member this year? Call us at 775-217-4745 to schedule a time to come in and see who's ready to come home.

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

CAPS Pet O' the Week

Happy March! March is going to be a combo of Virtual Raffles and "Catch the Leprechaun!" See more about this fun event and its details in the flyers below in this edition of The Fallon Post. We would like to thank Scott for his recent donation of a 1,550-gallon water tank. Also, we have recently changed our Facebook page from the original "Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS)" to our new one, "CAPS - Fallon." Remember, we are open by appointment only during our ongoing construction.



Great news, Charlie, one of our adorable puppies, found his forever home. We are beyond thrilled for this sweet boy as he begins his new journey with his loving family.

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City of Fallon Animal Shelter



Say hello to 11-year-old Jackie (D-161). Don't let her age fool you, as she's still as playful as a puppy and gets around easily. Jackie ADORES her owner, and she will make sure her human is safe from all dangers. Jackie is a dominant girl, and at her age, a place to call her own (without any other animals) would be preferred. She lacks vision in one of her eyes, but that doesn't slow her play down any. If you think she would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call or come check her out. Also, the City of Fallon Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers.

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

Help Fallon PD Locate Megan LaCour



The Fallon Police Department issued a notice on Tuesday, March 4 at approximately 11:51 a.m. that Megan LaCour (15) has been reported as a runaway juvenile. Megan is approximately 5'5" weighing about 200 pounds. She was last seen wearing a purple hoodie and blue jeans. The jeans had large rips on both knees. If seen, please contact the Fallon Police Department on our non-emergency line 775-423-2111.

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Movies & More March 7 & 8

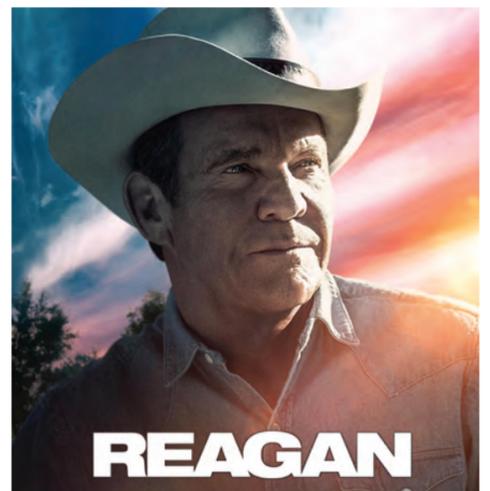
By Kelli Perez

With spring just around the corner, we're excited to embrace the first week of March and all the fresh beginnings it brings. To kick off the month, we're thrilled to offer, as always, two fantastic free movie screenings.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we feature the incredible voice talents of Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon in the 2016 animated musical "Sing." Set in a city inhabited by humanoid animals, the story follows a determined theater owner who tries to save his struggling venue by hosting a singing competition. What begins as a small-scale effort quickly grows into something much larger as the finalists realize their lives will be changed forever. The film is rated PG with 1 hour and 48-minute runtime.

At 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, the Churchill County Republican Central Committee will be sponsoring the 2024 film Reagan, starring Dennis Quaid. This compelling dramatic biopic explores the life of Ronald Reagan, taking viewers on a journey from his humble childhood to his time in the White House, showcasing the pivotal moments that shaped his presidency. The film offers an in-depth look at the man behind the icon. It is rated PG-13 and has a runtime of 2 hours and 21 minutes.

Unfortunately, our Heritage of the West event on Saturday, April 5th, has been canceled. However, we're excited to announce that the Lincoln Highway



Band will be taking the stage that evening for a full concert, starting at 7 p.m. Known for their lively performances and diverse mix of music ranging from country and rock to hits from the '50s, we can't wait to welcome them back to our historic venue for what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

Looking for the ideal venue to host a party, celebration, or special event? Our auditoriums offer the perfect setting for many occasions and are available for booking! Whether you're planning a birthday, family gathering, or other memorable occasion, we have the space to accommodate your needs. To reserve a Marquee Message or secure an auditorium, contact us at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature (VAMDAL)



MARCH 19, 2025

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0900-1000

Opening Ceremony

1000-1200

United Veterans Legislative Council

1200

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OBITUARIES

LAVERNE FITHIAN RICHARDS
June 18, 1967 - February 23, 2025



With great remorse we share the news that Laverne Fithian Richards, 57, passed away surrounded by loved ones after her brave battle with ALS. She was born in Salinas, CA at Salinas Valley

Memorial on June 18th, 1967. She comfortably passed away at Banner Churchill Community Hospital on February 23rd, 2025.

She is preceded in death by her son Michael Fithian and siblings Jesse and Cindy Fithian. She is survived by her husband Steve Richards, parents Larry and Darlene Fithian, children Case and Raini Kelley, Taran and Douglas Hanks, Jamie and Eric Winkler, Carri and Nathan Arcoraci, Kelly and Cheyenne Wheeler, siblings Harold Fithian, Mike and Barbara Fithian, Trisha and Brian Scurlock, grandchildren Baylee, Caralynn, Raleigh, Eliza, Charlie, Willow, Sammy, Kimmy, Caitlynn, Gabby, Leo and Ody, great-grandchildren Denver, Nova, Hunter and Hudson. This list of loved ones could never truly be completed because she grew a family made of bonus children, friends, and coworkers.

Laverne gave love and forgiveness generously to others and in doing so she leaves behind countless loved ones who will miss her greatly. She loved Jesus, her people, and the outdoors. Rockhounding, fishing and hunting were some of her favorite things to do. She was always ready with a smile and a shoulder to lean on.

Her memorial will be held at the American Legion for her birthday on June 21st, 4-6 PM as a celebration of a life well lived.

JOHN RODERICK "ROD" SIM MCCORMICK
July 6, 1944 - January 19, 2025

John Roderick Sim McCormick died at home on January 19, 2025. The oldest of four children, Rod, a proud native Nevadan, was born in Reno on July 6, 1944, to John Allan and Bernita Fagan McCormick.

He lived in 12 Nevada communities until his family settled in Fallon when he was six. He graduated from Churchill County High School and Washington State University.

His studies at Hastings School of Law (now The University of California School of Law, San Francisco) were interrupted after two years when he was abruptly drafted into the United States Army. He always said, "I shouldn't have answered; I like to camp," as he was sent to Vietnam as an infantry staff sergeant. He long felt a sense of achievement in that not one of the infantrymen in his platoon lost their lives. Of the medals he earned, he most valued the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Following his military service, he completed his law degree, was admitted to the Nevada Bar, and began practicing law in Fallon on November 11, 1971. Throughout his 40-year career, he served as a public defender, Churchill County District Attorney, Assistant City Attorney, and general practitioner with his partner Mike Mackedon. He appeared in over 35 courts at all levels throughout the State, including the Nevada Supreme Court, the Federal District Court for Nevada, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

After returning to Fallon, Rod and his wife Susan, who were married in October of 1969, spent five years renovating the old house and acreage, which brought them much joy over the next 50 years.

Rod was kind, thoughtful, and empathetic. He had a natural curiosity and love for learning. He wanted to know everything

and was constantly questioning, listening, reading, and experimenting. Rod was truly interested in the people he met—in their lives, their stories, what they thought and felt, and what food they liked. He made a lasting impression on many people.

Rod could fix or build nearly anything and knew when, where, and from whom to seek guidance. In retirement, he spent hours enjoying and tending to his chickens,

his large, beautiful yard and vegetable garden, and the pond he built. He enjoyed curating the total pond ecosystem: the fish, insects, plants, ducks, geese, and water quality. He spent many idyllic hours sharing his pond with family and friends.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved in-laws, Lois and Bill Saxton. He

is survived by Susan, his wife of 55 years; his son John and daughter-in-law Gina; his siblings; his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Fianna Saxton; his nephews Pat and Jim Saxton and their families; and his many friends, both old and new.

The family would like to acknowledge Rod's second parents, John and Norma Achurra. We also give thanks to wonderful friends who helped give Rod such loving care at the end—Kristy Hoffmann, Marta, Jeronimo, and Patrick Silva.

The McCormick Homestead was the site of many epic celebrations, especially for Halloween and Fourth of July, complete with fireworks, jack-o'-lantern totem poles, UFOs, and Rod's version of Burning Man—the Burning Chicken. Not to be forgotten were the carp and screw-top wine parties. The party is not over yet, nor will it be as long as memories of good times last. A celebration of Rod's life will be held in late spring or early summer at his beloved pond.

If Rod had his way, this would have said, "he was born and he died."



WATER LEVELS
Measurements Taken March 4, 2025, at 9:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	186,400 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	4.9 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	464.0 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	436.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	304.0cfs

March 4, 2024	March 4, 2023	March 4, 2022
254,152 acre feet	132,906 acre feet	110,196 acre feet

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

MEETINGS
March 10-14, 2025

<p>TCID Tuesday, March 11 at 9 a.m. 2666 Harrigan Road Fallon</p>	<p>Planning Commission Wednesday, Mar. 12 at 6 p.m.</p>
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County Meetings
 155 N. Taylor St.
 Commission Chambers
 Local Emergency Planning
 Commission
 Tuesday, Mar. 11 at 10 a.m.

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COMMUNITY

Tree Health Tips from Workman Farms

By Nancy Chapman

The multi-generational Workman farms have been a staple in Fallon since 1964, growing local produce during the growing season and selling various plants, roses, and several types of trees.

Workman Farms has a tree for everyone, featuring fruit, shade, flowering, and columnar trees. Liza Detomasi, a third-generation member of Workman Farms, suggests that the best time of the year to plant a tree is in the fall. However, they can be planted all year long. She urges everyone to get a soil analysis to optimize the growing ability of their soil.

Evaluating the soil through a soil testing laboratory can help growers make informed decisions on nutrient status and application rate, crop choice based on soil properties, and diagnosing plant problems such as nutrient deficiencies or toxicities. When the tree is purchased and planted, having a soil analysis completed, it can get the best nutrients from the soil. Planting the tree in the native soil where it will live is how Liza plants her trees. "If the tree is planted with a lot of soil amendments added to the roots, this can cause the roots to not want to leave this paradise and can cause the roots to become root-bound

because they refuse to leave this perfect area," explained Liza.

A tree requires seventeen nutrients to survive and thrive, and a tree will be an investment in your property. The Nevada Extension College of Agriculture Biotechnology & Natural Resources, Fallon Extension Office, located at 111 Sheckler Road, can supply the test kit that can be sent to a soil laboratory testing facility for soil analysis.

From the top of the ground down, 12-18 inches, to the "drip line," the outermost part of the branches with leaves on them that the rain will fall from when it is raining, is where the tree roots will get their necessary nutrients to feed the tree for



years to come. Liza prefers to feed trees with organic mulch from fall through early spring, using the leaves that have fallen from the tree, grass clippings if they are dry, and other vegetation. When the drip line is cleared in the spring, if there is a white line in the dirt,

don't worry; that is the soil's digestive system saying that it has been feeding the tree all winter.

When planting, dig a hole large enough for the roots to expand and to hold enough water to give the tree the necessary water to survive and thrive because, once again, the roots will expand 3-5 feet beyond the end of the



tree branches. If you start with a larger tree, then, of course, start with a larger hole. When the soil is high in sand and not as dense, water is needed more often than in clay soil. Clay soil is denser and holds the water longer, which will need less water at one setting, but watered numerous times during a regular watering rotation.

Due to Fallon's elevation and climate, primarily hot and dry during the summer months, the tree must be watered correctly throughout the summer. Liza suggests keeping a watering journal to better track how the tree accepts water. This helps prevent overwatering, wasting water, harming the tree, or under-watering, causing stress. If using a drip system, your lawn and yard service will likely install the best watering system for the tree's roots. When manually watering, again, make sure the tree well is large enough to accommodate the size of the tree. Of course, year after year, the tree well will have to be enlarged to hold enough water for the tree's new growth.

For more information about other nursery plants or Workman Farms sewing and quilting materials and in-stock crafting ideas, check them out at Workman Farms and Quilting Center at 4990 Reno Highway or by calling 775-867-3716.

LEGISLATION & POLITICS

Churchill County Library Board Meeting

By Rachel Dahl

During their last board meeting, the Churchill County Library Board of Trustees heard reports on the library programs, budget approvals, and a presentation from the District Attorney’s Office on open meeting law and the role of the trustees. The meeting also included updates from the Library Director on ongoing initiatives and partnerships to enhance community engagement.

Library Director Cathy Thorsen highlighted recent library initiatives and partnerships that continue to benefit the community, including the Help program at the Pennington Life Center, which assists community members with technology-related inquiries. “It’s been slow to start,” she admitted, “but there’s growing interest, and we’re excited to see where this goes.”

The library has also taken steps toward a five-year strategic plan, forming a committee to outline long-term goals. Once the draft is completed, it will be brought before the board for feedback and final approval. Additionally, the library is partnering with the school district on a bookmark design challenge, where students will illustrate what their library means to them. The top six designs will be printed and distributed as part of the library’s summer reading program and community outreach efforts.

Thorsen also shared news of her recent budget proposal presentation to the County Commissioners, with final funding decisions expected next month. “We should find out soon where we stand,” she noted, emphasizing the importance of library funding for continued program expansion and resource development.

During the trustee report, board member Sari Koehler shared her experiences with the Technology Education Challenge (TEC) program, which offers hands-on learning opportunities with virtual reality, drones, and 3D printing. Although the first VR session had low attendance, the drone programming event saw a late surge of interest, growing from a single participant to seven attendees,

ranging from elementary to high school students. “It was empowering for the kids to see the drones respond to their coding,” she said. “By the end of the session, other students were jumping in, wanting to learn.”

The 3D printing workshop gave participants a chance to design objects such as a miniature football and a functional air filter prototype. The board commended the library staff, particularly Tom and Cathy, for their dedication to making these educational experiences accessible to the community.

Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed provided guidance on the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML) and the legal responsibilities of the Library Board of Trustees. He emphasized that all decisions and deliberations must occur publicly to maintain transparency.

“Everything you do is governed by the open meeting law,” Weed explained. “The traps in OML usually happen when well-intentioned people unknowingly violate the rules. The key takeaway is that trustees must act as a collective board in an open forum, not individually outside of meetings.”

Additionally, Weed discussed how board members could communicate without violating OML. While trustees are free to discuss general ideas with library staff and the public, they cannot deliberate on board matters outside of a properly noticed meeting. “It’s not an issue until it’s an issue,” he warned, stressing the importance of compliance.

Weed’s presentation also clarified that the county’s allotted unused funds do not roll over into the next fiscal year but revert to the general fund. However, gift funds and donations received by the library remain separate and are not subject to reversion.

The board approved both the January budget report and the gift fund report with unanimous votes.

The Library Board meets on the last Thursday of each month, and the next meeting is scheduled for March 27. The board will review the proposed budget once the County Commission finalizes funding allocations in the coming weeks. Additionally, the library will host a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on March 7 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., recognizing the contributions of those who support library programs and services.

Egg Supply Bill, AB 171 Fast Tracked to Governor’s Desk

Staff Report

In a rare show of swift bipartisan support, Assembly Bill 171 (AB 171) has cleared the Nevada Legislature in record time and now awaits Governor Joe Lombardo’s signature. The bill, aimed at protecting Nevada’s egg supply during national shortages, grants temporary flexibility in cage-free egg regulations.

Under AB 171, the State Quarantine Officer, who also serves as the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, will have the authority to suspend cage-free requirements for up to 120 consecutive days during supply chain disruptions. The legislation also allows for two such suspensions per year if conditions warrant.

The bill’s momentum began with a February 10 hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, where an amendment was introduced and adopted. Just a day later, on February 11, the full Assembly unanimously approved AB 171 with a 41-0 vote. That same afternoon, the Senate Natural Resources Committee quickly took up the measure, passing it without opposition. The Senate followed suit with a 20-0 vote, sending the bill directly to Governor Lombardo.

With widespread legislative support and no recorded opposition, the governor is expected to sign AB 171 into law. The bill’s rapid approval underscores the urgency of addressing potential egg shortages while maintaining regulatory flexibility for Nevada’s agriculture industry.

Information courtesy Nevada Farm Bureau.



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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, February 25, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Christopher Anakin Marcellino did not appear for his arraignment. Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel indicated he was surprised as his client had kept in touch. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker, the state understands Marcellino is homeless and couch surfing. Court Services Director Brenda Ingram said they had been in contact with Marcellino the day prior; he was aware he had court today and needed to appear for drug testing before court. Judge Stockard continued the matter to March 4.

Rachel Nicole Brown also did not appear for her arraignment. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer told the court he did not know why she was absent. She had told him she had the restitution and intended to pay today. Sommer said it may be a transportation issue and asked for a one-week continuance. Judge Stockard noted this case has been continued twice due to Brown failing to appear. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sandfor explained, "This case was waived back [to District Court] in early December; now here we are at the end of February with no actual performed arraignment or restitution check." She asked for a warrant. Agreed to put her case at the end of the docket to allow her a chance to appear. When the matter was called, Brown was not present. Stockard issued a \$2,500 bondable warrant.

Jordan Lee Coleman, in the custody of the Washoe County Jail, pleaded guilty to Category C Felony of Attempt to Commit Residential Burglary, which is punishable by 1-5 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine up to \$10,000. DA Sanford explained there were more serious charges on file before the plea arrangement was made. However, the



Tenth Judicial District Court Building.

agreement contains a global resolution, which includes the Washoe County case. The court set sentencing for April 29.

Matthew Alan Lee, in custody, admitted to the Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of not completing the Western Regional Drug Court Program. Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills said the Division of Parole and Probation "has done a very good job of encapsulating Mr. Lee's complete and utter failure of ... probation." Mills said the violation report is three pages long and includes 15-20 technical violations.

APD Noel said Lee was not asking for his probation to be reinstated but rather for a modification of his sentence. "I definitely realize that I was given a bunch of opportunities which I did not take advantage of," Lee told the court, "I just want to man up and take accountability which I've never done before."

Judge Stockard modified Lee's sentence to 16-48 months in prison and remanded him to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Patrick Michael Mineard Jr., in custody, appeared for a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation regarding charges of domestic battery, assault, and disorderly conduct.

Defense counsel for Mineard, Charles Woodman, Esq, said that due to the facts and circumstances in Tribal Court, there was an agreement between the defense and the

prosecution to amend the violation report to a Technical Violation, to which his client would admit. Judge Stockard ordered Mineard to serve 30 days in jail and granted 18 days credit for time served.

Kristin Kay Scott appeared via Zoom from a treatment facility in Las Vegas, admitting to the Technical Sentencing Violation of methamphetamine use, her third such violation. SDDA Sanford told the court, "Not only does she have her head in a noose, she also has taken a foot off the scaffold." Sanford pointed out Scott has had several chances, including mediation, counseling, and different treatment centers; "She has managed to dodge a prison sentence excessively with her behavior. It is time to either prove herself or not."

CCPD Sommer said his client intends to show she can succeed; he is proud that she's in the program. He stated that when she is clean and sober, she has a much-improved attitude and outlook; she knows what the consequences are. Sommer asked Scott to be allowed to continue the program.

Scott thanked the court for allowing her this chance; "I know that I need help. I know that it takes more than a 30-day program for get me clean and sober." Judge Stockard consented, telling Scott, "I think Ms. Sanford expressed a lot of wisdom; we'll see how it goes. Mr. Sommer is right; we're all pulling for you to succeed."

Elizarraraz Sentenced

Five Years to Life in Prison

By Teresa Moon

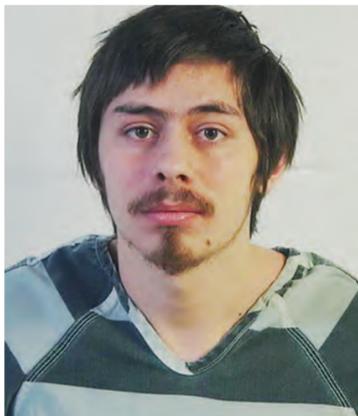
Gage Thomas Elizarraraz, in custody, appeared on February 25 for a continued sentencing hearing in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon before Judge Thomas Stockard. Elizarraraz pleaded guilty in September to Category A Felony charges of Incest.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker began by telling the court that based on the defendant's history and his psychosexual evaluation, the state would be asking for a sentence of two years to life in prison.

Baker argued that there is a need to protect the victim – and society, from Elizarraraz, who, in the state's opinion, "will likely reoffend because he doesn't believe it's wrong, he just knows it's against the law," referring to notations of Elizarraraz's statements in one of the evaluations. Baker also reported that Elizarraraz abused the victim repeatedly over five years.

Charles Woodman Esq., defense counsel for Elizarraraz, began by telling the court that prior counsel in juvenile matters said the defendant just would not be found competent. He said that as he got to know his client, "I understood completely why..."

Woodman expressed that he still has grave doubts about the extent to which his client should be facing the charges he is facing. He pointed out Dr. Hixon-Brenenstall's psychosexual risk assessment said Elizarraraz has neurodevelopmental impairments, accompanying intellectual impairment, and academic skill functional deficits. He cooperated and put forth the effort and took the



Gage Thomas Elizarraraz, photo courtesy of CCSO.

evaluation seriously "to the extent he was able"; he didn't graduate high school; he is psychologically unsophisticated; his adaptive and life skills are impaired, and he benefits from external supports to manage daily needs.

"When we look at her assessment of what he needs, he sure as heck doesn't get that in prison." Woodman told the court, "So much of this case has to do with this young man's capacities, and I just believe the court has to give that significant deference in deciding what an appropriate sentence is." Woodman further stated that under all the right conditions, he believes Elizarraraz is probatable. If not, 2-5 years in prison is appropriate as there is likely to be lifetime supervision.

Elizarraraz told Judge Stockard, "I want [the victim] to be happy, safe, and well. And that's it."

The victim was present via Zoom for a victim impact statement. Baker asked her to tell how Gage's behavior affected her. She stated, "I'm actually pretty scared and traumatized." She said she doesn't want him in her life but doesn't want him to have a life sentence; if she could change things that happened, she would; "But I cannot. So, all I can do is roll with what I have to right now."

Judge Stockard sentenced Elizarraraz to five years to life in prison; he must register as a sex offender and will be subject to lifetime supervision upon release. Judge Stockard told him, "I have considered probation, which you are eligible for, but I am not going to grant you that privilege." Elizarraraz was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Following sentencing, the victim addressed Elizarraraz directly, saying, "I do just want to say, at first, I did not forgive you. I am starting to a little bit."



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BUSINESS

Open for Sweetness, Cuppiecakes Now on S. Taylor

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

The owner of Cuppiecakes, Codie Cornelison, has been baking her specialty cupcakes and cakes, along with custom orders and cinnamon rolls (Saturdays only) since 2021. Starting her business as a cottage baker, she is finally able to offer her delightful baked treats from her new storefront at 755 S. Taylor Street. Kicking off in January, Codie recently celebrated Cuppiecakes' ribbon cutting. Stop by and check out her delicious assortment of cupcakes, scones, and other treats.

Find her on Facebook @cuppiecakesbakes or visit Cuppiecakescustombakes.com.



L-R: Ava Case, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Manager, Kim Klenakis, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador, Cindy McGarrah, Fallon Chamber of Commerce President, Merlene Ward, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Director, Owner Codie Cornelison, Maddison, McKenzie, McKenna Cornelison, Mandy and Chris Bradley and Danielle Roe Back Row: Scott and Valerie Johnson, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Michelle Rogers, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Secretary, Christy Lattin, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

Mystery Solved

The Venue Launches in the Old Waterhole

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

For anyone wondering what caused the parking lot at the old Waterhole Restaurant—most recently Ana's Café—to overflow last Friday night, wonder no more. The Venue, Fallon's newest private event space is co-owned by Niki Mayer and Erik and Whytnee Fain, who bring over 40 years of combined experience from operating Troy's Double Shot Event Bar & Catering,



L-R: Ava Case, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Manager, Greyson Fain, Rick Fain, Co-owners Erik and Whytnee Fain, Niki and Bill Mayer, Cindy McGarrah Second Row: Tom and Faith, Valerie and Scott Johnston Fallon Chamber Ambassadors, Willow and Tyler Carey, Judy Norcutt, Michelle Baysinger Back Row: Ester, BeAnn and Rick Lattin

a mobile bar and catering service. The business name pays tribute to Niki's parents, Troy and DeeDee Howell, who owned the original Troy's Double Shot Bar, which has served countless local venues over the years.

The Venue, who recently celebrated their ribbon cutting, is not just an eatery but also a versatile space for hosting events of all kinds. It can accommodate gatherings

ranging from intimate baby showers to weddings with up to 220 guests. An upcoming wedding will feature a ceremony in one room followed by celebrations throughout the building. The Venue, located at 111 South Allen Road, also includes a patio area for guests to enjoy and a stage for music and entertainment.

With a full kitchen, The Venue can cater events with a range of options—from prime rib and salmon to more casual choices like a taco bar.

In collaboration with Canvas Creations NV and Delea Johnson, owner of Memory Lane Mercantile, The Venue will host a Paint Night event, with the date and time to be announced. The Venue will open only for special occasions, with the first event set for Cinco de Mayo, featuring specialty drinks and a taco bar.

For more information or to book an event, contact The Venue Troy's Double Shot Bar & Catering at 775-427-4076 or Troyboys1985@gmail.com.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



CCHS ROTC students presented the colors while the band students played the National Anthem for the conference.

CCHS

Churchill County High School students played a key role in welcoming educators from across the county to the Modern Learning Conference 2025 (MLC25) on Monday, Feb. 24. ROTC students, dressed in full uniform. Culinary arts students, led by Alisha White, baked cookies for the swag bags, while Jake Lewis's students designed, cut, and laser-engraved wooden keychains. As guests entered, ROTC members showed them to their seats, and the CCHS band performed. The event officially began with the ROTC presenting the colors and the band playing the national anthem.

CCMS

Twenty-five Churchill County Middle School students were recognized for maintaining perfect attendance during the 2024-2025 school year. During a special celebration on Thursday, Feb. 27, the students gathered in the library to enjoy pizza, drinks, and tech time. Perfect attendance: Isabella Bailey, Laurel Beach, Rhett Beach, Haley Camara, Alice Chambers, Kinley Dinneen, Russell Downs, Darius Fruzza, Xavier Fruzza, Juan Gonzales Martin, Ali Rae Hamlin, Amelyia Hamlin, Brodie Kiger, Landon Liston, Neveah Martinez, Leland Schut, Sophia Seymour,



Alexa and Ava Barros posing with the snacks they chose for completing their WIDA test.

Andrew Stanton, Mark Thomas, Ameera Tyler, Issabelle (Izzy) Walter-Chicas-Garibay, Emerson Weldon-Ward, Jack Willey, Zoey Wright, and Morgan Zanetti. "Stupendous job Gerka Greats," Schoenfeldt said.

NUMA

Fifth-grade students in Barb Hickox's class at Numa Elementary used their critical thinking skills to solve mock crime scenes with help from the Fallon Police Department and the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. Officers demonstrated forensic techniques and guided students in using evidence to identify suspects. "The students learned a lot and had fun covering the learning targets," Hickox said.

E.C. BEST

Students in Lisa Christy's English Language Learner program completed the annual WIDA Access test, which assesses skills in reading, listening, writing, and speaking. To keep spirits high during the rigorous assessment, students were rewarded with snacks after completing each section. "This assessment is very rigorous and time-consuming, but all of my students worked hard to perform their best, and I am very proud of their progress," Christy said.



Students in Kirby Goetsch's class posing with their mouth models.

LAHONTAN

Kindergarten students in Kirby Goetsch's class celebrated National Children's Dental Health Month by learning about dental hygiene. Throughout the week, students identified sight words, practiced reading, and used mini marshmallows to create models of their mouths, demonstrating the concept of having 20 baby teeth. A local hygienist visited to answer questions about brushing, flossing, and preventing cavities.

NORTHSIDE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Students in Octavia Merritt's class at Northside Early Learning Center are on a leprechaun hunt this March, learning the power of written communication through letters. The class has already received letters and surprises from various places, and Merritt hopes the Fallon community will join in by sending clues and stories about the leprechaun's whereabouts.

"We would love for friends, families, and the Fallon community to help spread the word and even participate by sending us a letter about where you may have seen the leprechaun," Merritt said. Anyone interested can send letters to Mrs. Octavia Merritt's class at NELC, 340 Venturacci Lane, Fallon, NV 89406.

EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ADAM GARDNER



Graduating senior Adam Gardner started at Oasis Academy in 2017 in fourth grade.

“I switched from E.C Best going into fourth grade. Eight years later here I am graduating while dual enrolled in college and looking to move halfway across the country to attend a school for my career path,” said Gardner.

He will graduate in May with his high school diploma and Associate of Applied Science in Welding from Western Nevada College. He then plans to attend the Missouri Welding Institute in Nevada to pursue a career in welding.

“I’ve learned more than I would’ve at other schools and have built great connections with the amazing staff and teachers,” he said.

Those connections include his gratitude for Oasis Academy High School Counselor Andy Lenon. “One teacher/mentor I would like to thank personally would have to be the counselor, Mr. Lenon. He has always been there for kids, making sure they felt heard,” Gardner said.

“Overall, I think my favorite class would

have to be either my elective FFA or History classes taught by Mr. David Springfield or Mr. Eric Grimes. I can’t get enough of history. I’m always intrigued about learning about our past even deeper,” he said.

“One of my favorite memories from Oasis Academy would have to be during the start of high school when all of my close friends were still attending Oasis and we would have all our classes together,” he said. “It was always something to look forward to, with something new and interesting happening that made school worth coming to each day.”

“Some personal advice I have for future students would be to enjoy high school, make plenty of connections, and have a solid group of friends that care about you and support you,” he explained. “Have friends that value you and your time because it will make your high school experience that much better.”

8TH GRADER TAKES GROUND SCHOOL CLASS

In a remarkable display of academic and extracurricular ambition, 8th-grade student Keagan Craig completed Western Nevada College’s (WNC) in-person AV 110 Private Pilot Ground School course.

“In the class I learned the basics of flying and how to navigate airports,” Craig said. “My favorite assignments were the weather paper and cross-country project.

WNC’s aviation program addresses the national pilot shortage while providing students with a clear pathway to careers in aviation.

“I began taking flying lessons a couple of months ago and will continue to add flying hours as I prepare to take the pilot license when I turn sixteen,” he said. “The class allowed me to complete one of the first steps in the process towards a license.”

To learn more about WNC’s Private Pilot Ground School course, please contact the Fallon Campus at 775-445-3382.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY EXPO

On February 19, Oasis Academy held its first annual National History Day Expo in the Gordmans space adjacent to the school. The expo displayed the historical research and creativity of Oasis 7th and 8th graders.

The National History Day (NHD) program engages over 500,000 students annually and encourages them to delve into historical topics and present their findings through different mediums.

This year, students at Oasis Academy took on this challenge, exploring historical topics connected to the NHD theme of rights and responsibilities.

“It was exciting to see the wide range of student interest,” said Tami McNeill, Oasis history teacher. “This was a challenging, rigorous project that asked students to think critically, analyze information, and show their thinking differently. Our students really rose to the occasion!”

Students advancing to the regional level in each category are:

7th Grade:

- Jacob Pilarski, Paper
- Jackson Frey and Luke Moffitt, Website
- Sawyer Schank, Website
- Pia Doyen, Exhibit
- Tyler Mitchell and Drew Palanivelu, Exhibit
- Zach Greenburg, Kennedi King, and Payton Hyde, Exhibit

8th Grade:

- Mandy Wadsworth, Documentary
- Alexa Hessey, Documentary
- Annie Sorensen and Kinsley Viera, Documentary
- Ezra Acomb, Exhibit
- Aliyah Schleyer-Ashmead, Exhibit
- Neel Bhakta and Natalie Snooks, Exhibit
- Sophia Moya and Jesselle Joy Bayoneta, Exhibit

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical & Christian What is Classical Christian Education?

By David Ernst, Assistant Headmaster

A question we often receive at Veritas is “how is Classical Christian education different from the traditional public-school approach?” Classical Christian Education (CCE) is a time-tested approach to learning that seeks to cultivate wisdom, virtue, and a love for truth through a rigorous curriculum rooted in the classical liberal arts and a biblical worldview. This method of education emphasizes the development of critical thinking, eloquent communication, and moral character in students.

At the heart of Classical Christian Education is the Trivium, a three-stage model that aligns with the natural developmental phases of children:

1. Grammar Stage (Elementary Years):

During this stage, young students focus on memorization and foundational knowledge. They absorb facts in subjects such as language, history, mathematics, and science, much like building blocks for later understanding.

2. Logic Stage (Middle School Years):

As students mature, they begin to ask “why” and engage in analytical thinking. This stage emphasizes reasoning, argumentation, and the relationships



between different ideas, particularly in subjects like formal logic and critical analysis.

3. Rhetoric Stage (High School Years):

In the final stage, students learn to express themselves persuasively and articulately. They synthesize their knowledge and refine their ability to write, speak, and debate effectively.

Beyond academic rigor, Classical Christian Education is distinctively Christ-centered. Every subject is taught with the understanding that all truth is God’s truth, and students are encouraged to see the world through the lens of Scripture. This integration of faith and learning fosters not only intellectual development but also spiritual and moral formation.

In an age of fragmented education, Classical Christian Education offers a holistic and transformative approach—one that seeks not just to inform, but to form students into knowledgeable and virtuous men and women.

Open enrollment is now available for the 2025-2026 school year. For those interested in learning more about Classical Christian education at Veritas, please visit our website at www.veritasfallon.org.



By Zoey Lougheed

Logos Christian Academy A Student’s Perspective

Logos has greatly improved my life. Logos has given me wonderful friendships, a successful student career, and amazing life lessons. Due to the small classrooms, you grow to have close-knit friendships with most classmates. I have had the opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with my teachers, which has given me a better understanding of the curriculum. Logos has helped me get closer to God, allowing me to be a good example to others and showing me how different life is without God. Some of my friends outside of Logos gossip behind their friends’ backs, or they are disrespectful to others. I thank Logos for shaping me into the person I am today. Logos will forever be a core part of how I view and understand life.

SPORTS ROUND UP

CCHS Post Season Awards - Winter

Staff Report

NEVADA ALL STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

CCHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dylan Faught
Megan Johnson
Karlie Simper
Kortnie Simper
Kylee Simper
Kadence Wiessmer

CCHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Trevor Hyde
Dru MacKay
Braden Sorensen

CCHS WRESTLING:

Manuel Barros
Matthew Bird
Braylon Byrd
Zoe Rasmussen
Rio Segura

CCHS NORTHERN 3A EAST DIVISION

Kevin Wickware - Coach of the Year
Karlie Simper - First Team
Kortnie Simper - First Team
Vernita Fillmore - Second Team
Raegan Johnson - Second Team
Amillya Bishop - Second Team
Kylee Simper - Honorable Mention

CCHS 3A NORTH ALL LEAGUE

Kevin Wickware - Coach of the Year
Karlie Simper - First Team
Kortnie Simper - Second Team
Vernita Fillmore - Honorable Mention
Raegan Johnson - Honorable Mention
Amillya Bishop - Honorable Mention

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Calin Anderson - Second Team
Trevor Hyde - Honorable Mention

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Calin Anderson - Honorable Mention

Additionally, the following CCMS students were part of the NZNMEA High School Honor Band for 2024-25
Arabella Berry
Levia Coval
Katelyn Ginka
Manuel Barros
Vernon Harper

The following students were part of the NZNMEA High School Honor Choir for 2024-25

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Hannah Hanks
Vernon Harper
Jailla Hibbard
Elaine Lewis
James Heines
Trinity Jane Lewarne
Oaklee McKnight
Derek Lattin
Theresa Mitchell
Scarlett Richards
Zander Lewis
Analiese Sorensen
Lucas Chappell
Caleb West
Isabella Sorensen
Alexander Sorensen
Mya Sorensen
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Azalia Dent
Xavier Fruzza
Mallory Hohman
Colbie Keller
Abby Lewis
Breyanna McClelland
Aubrey Strickland
ArlieAnne Wood

CCMS NORTHERN ZONE HONOR BAND PARTICIPANTS 2025

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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

Cornbread Pudding

By Kelli Kelly

I have reached a new milestone in my adult life, which I am not proud to admit—I need help with (some) new technology. I sought assistance from my officemate Sara to figure out my work iPhone, I avoid new social media platforms like the plague, and I have started delegating tech-related tasks to my younger colleagues, who are infinitely better equipped to do the job efficiently. A few weeks ago, I wrote my column from the Nevada legislature building on a new tablet I purchased to slim down what I needed to carry around when working remotely. I finished the article and attempted to send it in, but instead, it vanished. I still have no idea what happened—



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

only two sentences of the 700-word missive remained. This is all to say that I am circling back to share a recipe that I intended to appear in the paper in time for Superbowl Sunday. The disappearing article included two recipes: a pot of chili and cornbread pudding. Strangely, the article that Rachel re-published included a chili recipe from 2023, so I will skip that part and move straight on to the savory pudding.

This recipe is so simple and yet utterly delicious! My friend Junior told me that it reminds him of one of his favorite meals that his grandmother made—which is just about the highest compliment that one can be given.



It's been a minute since I have shared a recipe for a beverage. I am always on the lookout for new cocktail recipes to make with Frey Ranch bourbon. Here's one that popped up on my newsfeed this week.

Cornbread Pudding

Adapted from Ernest Servantes

Ingredients:

- Non-stick cooking spray
- 2 Medium jalapenos, stemmed, seeded, and minced
- 1 box Cornbread mix
- 1 can Creamed corn
- 1 can Whole kernel corn, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup Salted butter, melted and cooled
- 2 tbsp. Sugar
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup Sour cream
- 1/4 cup Milk
- Mexican cream, tajin, and crumbled queso fresco for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 2-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the cornbread mix, creamed corn, corn kernels, butter, sugar, eggs, sour cream, milk, and jalapenos until just combined. Don't overmix. Pour the batter into the prepared dish.
3. Bake until golden brown and gently set in the center (55-65 minutes).
4. Top with the crema, tajin, and queso fresco. Serve warm.



Paper Plane Cocktail

Ingredients:

- 3/4 oz. Frey Ranch bourbon
- 3/4 oz. Aperol
- 3/4 oz. Amaro Nonino (or substitute Campari)
- 3/4 oz. Fresh lemon juice

Directions:

1. Add all ingredients to a cocktail shaker filled with ice.
2. Shake vigorously until well-chilled (about 10-15 seconds).
3. Strain into a chilled glass.
4. Garnish with a lemon twist.
5. Enjoy.

And for those who prefer their beverages sans-alcohol:

Ingredients:

- 3 cups Orange juice
- 1 1/2 cups Unsweetened cranberry juice
- 3/4 cup Lemon juice (about 4 lemons)
- 3/4 cup Lime juice (about 6 limes)
- 1/4 cup Simple syrup
- 12 Dashes non-alcoholic bitters
- Chilled soda water
- Lime wedges

Directions:

1. Mix the juices and simple syrup together in a pitcher. Add the bitters and taste. Add more bitters or simple syrup if desired.
2. Add ice and stir to chill. Top up the pitcher with soda water to taste. Serve over ice with lime wedges.

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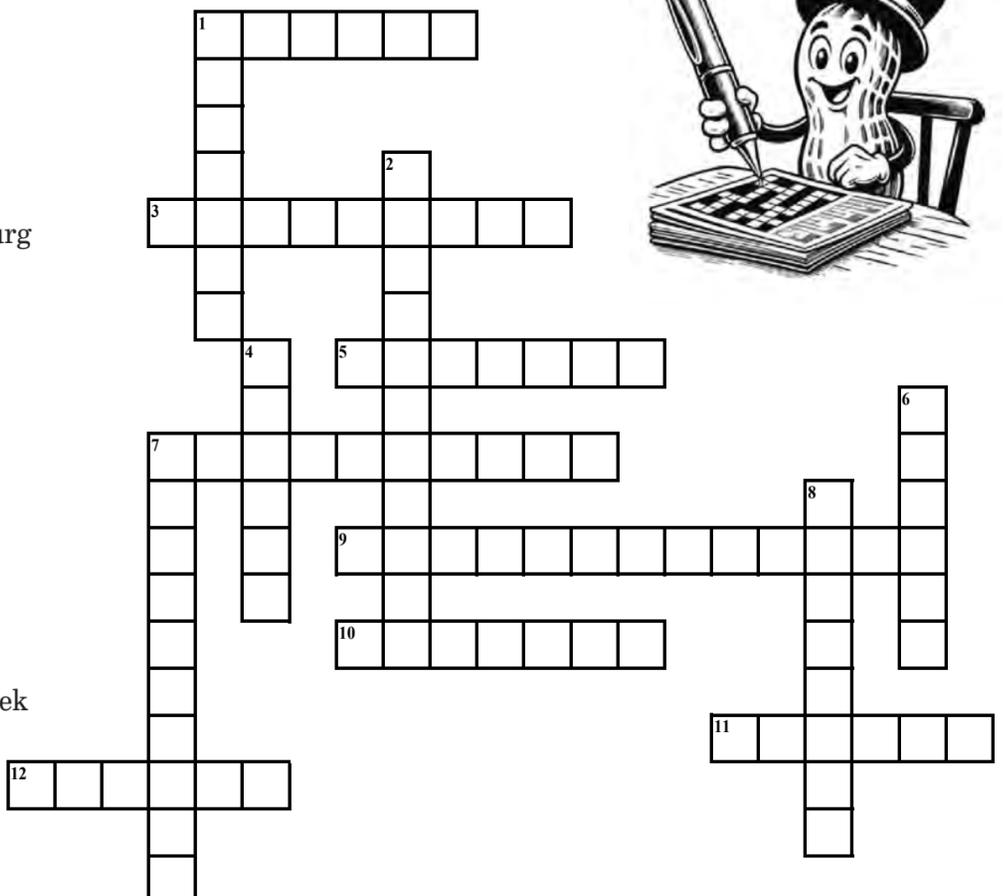
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3. 1932 - Baby kidnapped
5. 1995 - Family graves found in St Petersburg
7. 1940 - Top money-winning racehorse
9. 1781 - Articles adopted by Congress
10. 1962 - Established Peace Corps
11. 1928 - Recorded "Ol' Man River"
12. 2020 - Donated \$1M for vaccine research

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1. 2016 - Retired from Broncos/NFL
2. 1872 - First national park
4. 1516 - Printed 1st New Testament in Greek
6. 2019 - World's youngest ever billionaire
7. 2022 - His ship discovered in Antarctica
8. 1933 - Starred with Fay Wray



COLUMNS

Allison's Book Report

"The Burnout"

by Sophie Kinsella

We have all experienced the dreaded "burnout" at different points in our lives, and right now, I feel like a lot of us are in burnout mode over winter. January and February felt like they took ages, but March is here. That one glorious, warm, sunny day last weekend was amazing, and we spent it sitting outside, soaking up some sun. We even had a little bonfire and made s'mores. However, it was short-lived in true northern Nevada form when the proverbial "lamb and lion" decided to fight it out. As I write this, winter is back, and along with it, that burnt-out vibe is back as well. Sigh. On the bright side, I have a book for you this week that just might help.

The Burnout by Sophie Kinsella is a fun, heartfelt novel about hitting rock bottom and finding your way back—complete with humor, romance, and a touch of self-discovery. The story follows Sasha, a woman who's completely burned out. She's exhausted from her high-stress job, overwhelmed by life, and needs a break. So, she heads to a faded, quiet seaside resort that she remembers from childhood, hoping to find peace and recharge. But instead of the peaceful retreat she envisioned, she finds herself stuck in a nearly

abandoned hotel—one that's seen better days. Then there's Finn, the only other guest at the rundown resort. He's dealing with his own issues and isn't exactly thrilled about the company. At first, Sasha and Finn clash—he's grumpy, she's frazzled, and they both just want to be left alone. But as they spend time together in the strange little town, they start to open up. Slowly, their initial annoyance turns into friendship and, eventually, something more.

Through quirky locals, unexpected adventures, and some much-needed time away from the pressures of their everyday lives, both Sasha and Finn begin to heal. They learn that burnout isn't just about being tired—it's about losing yourself. And maybe, just maybe, finding someone who truly understands can help you find your way back.

Sophie Kinsella's books are classic "chick-lit," and "The Burnout" is no exception, bringing her signature charm, wit, and warmth and making it a delightful, uplifting read. It's a story about slowing down, rediscovering joy, and realizing that sometimes, the best way to fix yourself is to take a step back—and maybe fall in love along the way.

I hope this book cures some of your winter burnout like it did



for me. Hang in there; winter will be over someday. In the meantime, don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader, and let's swap book recommendations and cures for the winter blues.

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.

CITY OF FALLON NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF COPIES AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT BILL NO. 802

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, to consider possible adoption of Bill No. 802.

Bill No. 802, if adopted as an Ordinance, will accomplish the following: An Ordinance amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code, Title Five, Chapter 5.52, "Gaming Licenses," by amending Section 5.52.040 by removing the no fewer than sixty guestrooms requirement before the issuance of a nonrestricted gaming license and related exception provisions thereto; amending Section 5.52.050 to address the effect of discontinuation of nonrestricted gaming for twenty-four months; amending Section 5.52.060 by removing the process that allows a restricted or nonrestricted gaming license to be transferred by making an application to the Chief of Police and requiring the application to be approved by a majority vote of the city council; amending other terms to create consistency throughout; and other matters properly related thereto.

Notice is hereby further given that copies of Bill No. 802 have been deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for public examination and distribution upon request. Members of the public may request a copy of the Bill by contacting Elsie Lee, Deputy City Clerk, at 775-423-5104 or elee@fallonnevada.gov.

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COLUMNS

Postcards

Sons of the High Plains:
From Farm to University, and Beyond

By Michon Mackedon

On a farm outside Lingle, Wyoming, Hugh and Helen Butler raised seven sons between 1922 and 1938, instilling in them a strong sense of family, education, and service. All seven brothers attended the University of Wyoming, with several earning multiple degrees and serving in World War II. Their journey from the windswept plains of Wyoming to various professional paths, including a significant connection to Nevada, illustrates resilience and the pursuit of knowledge.

Hugh Butler, the father, graduated from Colorado Agricultural College in 1918 and managed the University of Wyoming Experiment Farm before homesteading near Lingle. His eldest son, Theodore (Ted), was born in 1922 and set the example for his younger brothers by focusing on agriculture and education. Ted's studies were interrupted when he was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1943, serving as a tailgunner on B-24 bombers during World War II. His plane was shot down behind enemy lines, but Ted survived and returned to service, an ordeal that caused their mother's hair to turn white overnight.

After the war, Ted earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in agriculture and taught at the University of Wyoming for 11 years. He later moved to Nevada, becoming a professor of Agricultural and Industrial Mechanics at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he taught for 23 years. His contributions to Nevada's agricultural education linked the family's legacy to the state.

Following Ted's path, Roy Butler also moved to Nevada after earning a master's degree in education from UNR. He taught Vocational Agriculture at a high school on a Nevada Indian reservation and later managed the Main Station Field Lab at the UNR. Roy's commitment to agricultural education in Nevada extended the family's impact beyond Wyoming. Eventually, Roy returned to Lingle to join his brother Glen in building Butler & Butler Quality Cube, an alfalfa hay cube business.

Hugh (Hughie) Butler was born in 1925 and was drafted into the Army during his senior year of high school. He served in the European Theater during World War II, carrying sensitive messages during the Battle of the Bulge and later overseeing German prisoners. After the war, Hughie studied mechanical engineering and spent 40 years working in Montana's lumber industry, where he also served as an EMT and ambulance driver.

John Butler, born in 1927, witnessed the toll of war firsthand when he delivered the telegram to his parents reporting Ted as missing in action. John earned a degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wyoming and worked for the Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Known for restoring vintage Ford automobiles, John's appreciation for the land and history was evident in both his career and his hobbies.

George Butler, born in 1929, served in the Korean War before completing his degree in Agriculture. He became a high school teacher of Vocational Education, impacting students first in Wyoming and later in Virginia's Appalachian Mountains.

Glen Butler, born in 1935, earned a degree in Agriculture with a minor in Education and was named Outstanding Farmer of the Year in Goshen County. He returned to Lingle to manage the family farm, focusing on alfalfa and corn. Glen's leadership on the farm and his recognition as a top farmer underscored the brothers'



deep agricultural roots.

Jerry Butler, the youngest, pursued his fascination with insects from an early age, earning a Ph.D. in Entomology from Cornell. He became a renowned forensic entomologist at the University of Florida, publishing extensive research and co-authoring a book on butterflies.

The remarkable journey of the seven Butler brothers reflects the power of family, education, and perseverance. From the farmlands of Wyoming to the universities of Nevada and beyond, their shared history, rooted in the soil beneath their feet and the wisdom gained from higher learning, is evidence of the indomitable spirit of those who have ever called the West their home.

Courtesy of Billy Butler with details from "Sons of the High Plains: The Journey of Seven Brothers from Farm to University, and Beyond," by Diane Butler.

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