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Nevada’s Best Journalists Honored at Fallon Awards Dinner

By Rachel Dahl

The Nevada Press Foundation celebrated the state’s best journalism Saturday, Sept. 20, in Fallon, drawing reporters, editors, photographers, and publishers from across Nevada for the annual Awards of Excellence dinner. The event, generously sponsored by Southwest Gas, recognized outstanding work in reporting, design, photography, and advertising from newspapers, magazines, and online outlets.

“This event showcases the talent and dedication of Nevada journalists and the vital role they play in our communities,” said Brian Allfrey, executive director of the Nevada Press Association and Nevada Press Foundation.

STATEWIDE HONORS

- Among the top honors, Sweepstakes Award winners included:
- *The Nevada Independent* – Community Service, Freedom of the Press, General Online Excellence, Journalist of Merit, Podcast of the Year.
 - *The Record-Courier* – Community Service, Advertising General Excellence, General Excellence – Print.
 - *edible Reno Tahoe* – Advertising General Excellence, General Excellence – Print, General Online Excellence.
 - *Las Vegas Review-Journal* – General Excellence – Print, Outstanding Journalist, Outstanding Visual Journalist, Video of the Year.



Nancy Chapman, Christy Lattin, Riggin Stonebarger, Rachel Dahl, Leanna Lehman, Dave Matzen, and Robert Perea. Photo by Thomas Ranson.

- *Las Vegas Sun* – Outstanding Journalist, Editorial Cartoon of the Year.
- *Reno Gazette-Journal* – Story of the Year, Photo of the Year.
- *This Is Reno* – Editorial of the Year.
- *Desert Companion* – Community Service.
- *Lahontan Valley News* – Outstanding Graphic Designer.
- *Lincoln County Record* – General Online Excellence – Rural.
- *Nevada Ag News* – General Online Excellence – College.

The Nevada Press Foundation also announced the 2025 inductees into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame, four exceptional journalists whose work has helped define and elevate Nevada journalism.

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Commission Names Sanford Assistant County Manager, Creates Legal Intern Position

By Christy Lattin

Joseph Sanford, a longtime presence in the Churchill County government, has been named the county’s new assistant county manager–HR director. Commissioners voted unanimously Sept. 17 to promote Sanford, who currently serves as chief civil deputy district attorney.

Sanford held the title of Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney in Churchill County since 2022 and has been a presence on the County Commission and Planning Commission. He was instrumental in crafting language for the new industrial zoning, and in preparing the county’s appeal of the Bureau of Land Management’s decision regarding grazing rights most recently.

Sanford has worked in the District Attorney’s office since 2015. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and his Juris Doctor from the

William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He worked at two legal firms in Las Vegas prior to joining Churchill County.

Sanford will begin his new position at Grade 86, Step 6, which is one step above the normal promotion step. Commissioners can approve irregular step placements if recruiting proves difficult, or if the person possesses “superior qualifications.” Staff believes Sanford met the standard for the second category. His starting salary will be \$147,284.

John Hong’s appointment as the Library Director was ratified, following the Library Board’s recommendation and his acceptance. He was the top candidate after interviews were held Aug. 28. Because the Library Board set his initial salary at a higher step than what county code dictates, commissioners needed to ratify his appointment. Hong will start at his new position Oct. 20.

Commissioners approved the creation of a new “legal intern” position in the public defender’s office after hearing about the difficulty in recruiting an attorney for the office. Public Defender Jacob Sommer said his office has received almost no qualified application for the position during the past year. He said in his report that without new strategies to attract an attorney, the public defender’s office will remain understaffed and unable to meet the community’s needs.

Sommer proposed creating the paid full-time internship position as a recruiting tool. He said having a paid position would help attract current law students and recent graduates to Churchill County. The intern would work under the direct supervision of Sommer and assist with case preparation.

Commissioners unanimously approved the creation of the new position, which has a starting salary of \$46,134 plus benefits.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Cruise Control

By Rachel Dahl

I got to go on a road trip last week and my friend let me drive. A car. So weird after driving my big truck all the time.

There was a little lesson on all the bells and whistles and a pointed instruction to use the cruise control so this little car didn’t get away from me and I end up with a speeding ticket.

My response was something along the lines of, “I don’t really like things that hold me back.”

Funny how we recognize silly personality quirks in the path of our day-to-day life.

But as I sat with our scrappy little Fallon Media Co. team at the Nevada Press Association awards ceremony last Saturday night, thoughts turned to that sentiment and I realized its true – about our whole team, and how lucky I am to be surrounded by people who have gotten on that same bus with me.

None of us much like things that hold us back and we’re having the best time ever figuring out how to be “media moguls” as our friends tease us with that catchy little moniker.

We had a great time at the Nevada Press Association conference this year, which was held in Fallon for the first time in almost 30 years. The last time it was here, our Anne Pershing helped host. Ranson and I got to help with arrangements this year and got to know the Press Association people a little better.

Because it was here instead of Vegas and we didn’t have to pay for travel and hotel rooms, we were able to bring much of our team to the events which doesn’t always

happen. We listened to the Hall of Fame inductees talk about their impressive careers and we got to meet our peers from across the state.


And we won some awards.

It’s always really nice to be recognized for our work and it’s fun to make sure everyone on the team gets nominated for at least one of the categories. I love that our columnists win, and I love that three of our awards were team awards – not just our writers get recognized but our designers and our logistics crew. Honestly the fact that we get these papers out every week and in addition do these beautiful special sections for graduation and the festival is a minor miracle and would not happen without everyone being so willing to do whatever it takes.

So as we continue to push against all the reins and create a beautiful Oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert, we’ll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—*Rach*



Ales for Arts Brings Brews, Music and Community to Oats Park

Staff Report

The Churchill Arts Council will host its annual Ales for Arts celebration on Friday, Oct. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Oats Park Art Center, 151 East Park St. in Fallon.

The evening features live music from the Carson Street Ragtime Band, making their Fallon debut, along with a curated lineup of craft beers in the Lariat Courtyard. Local favorite Cantaloupe Beer from The Grid Brewery will be on tap. Tasting cards will be available at the event, and a VIP Experience package is also offered.

Food options include traditional brats, hot dogs and soft pretzels. Vendors and family-friendly activities will round out the festivities, while art lovers can explore the Oats Park Art Center galleries from 5 to 7 p.m. A Paint ‘n’ Sip class by Canvas Creations begins at 5 p.m.; pre-registration is recommended.

Admission is free, and the event is open to all ages.



Friday, October, 3
5:00-9:00 p.m.

**Beer Tasting - Food
Live Music
Art - Family Activities**

**Free Admission
VIP Experiences Available**

**A Fundraiser for the Arts
in Churchill County!**

FEATURES

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THIS YEAR'S HONOREES ARE:

Jon Ralston – Founder and CEO of *The Nevada Independent*, whose decades of fearless political reporting and commentary have shaped Nevada’s media landscape.

Steve Sebelius – Longtime political columnist and current KTNV reporter known for his accuracy, insight, and mentorship.

Nancy Streets – Industry leader and advocate for community journalism and advertising innovation, with over 40 years of service.

Norman Cardoza – Pulitzer Prize-winning editorialist whose courageous reporting helped expose corruption and strengthened journalistic integrity in Nevada.

Fallon Media Co. outlets and contributors, including *The Fallon Post* and *RANGE Magazine* were well represented, bringing home a range of first-place and finalist awards across editorial and advertising categories.

Together, these awards highlight the breadth of Fallon Media’s coverage — from investigative reporting and community service to feature writing and advertising design.

Hosting the ceremony in Fallon gave journalist from across the state the chance to see the spotlight on rural Nevada. Attendees included journalists from Las Vegas to Elko, filling the Fallon Convention Center with energy and applause as winners were announced.

The full list of winners is available at nevada-press.com.

Nevada Press Association Awards

- Fallon Post* — Advertising

1st Place — 06. Special Event

Writer/Photographer: Staff

Entry: The Fallon Post's 2024 Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair Special Insert
- Fallon Post* — Editorial

3rd Place — 12. Community Service

Writer/Photographer: Leanna Lehman

Entry: Churchill County Opioid Misuse Assessment - Three Part Series
- 1st Place — 17. Email Newsletter

Writer/Photographer: Rachel Dahl

Entry: Captain's Log - Hope, Comets, and the Home Means Nevada
- 1st Place — 19. Entertainment Spot News Story

Writer/Photographer: Leanna Lehman

Battle Born Broncs 2024 – Tough Broncs and Tougher Cowboys
- 1st Place — 20. Environmental Reporting

Writer/Photographer: Nancy Chapman

Entry: Promega Feed: Advancing Natural Nutrition for Livestock
- 2nd Place — 21. Explanatory Journalism

Writer/Photographer: Christy Lattin

Entry: Office of Indigenous Relations Bridges Past and Future
- 1st Place — 23. Food/Dining Writing

Writer/Photographer: Kelli Kelley

Entry: What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen - BBQ Chicken, the Squashpocalypse, and Cantaloupe Season
- 1st Place — 25. Headline Writing

Writer/Photographer: Rachel Dahl

Entry: Blending News and Voice, *Fallon Post* Headlines - Gamechangers, Pinenut Capers, and Big Dumb Rocks
- 3rd Place — 25. Headline Writing

Writer/Photographer: Leanna Lehman

Entry: Headlines from *The Fallon Post* - Starlings, Pigs, and Cowboy Wisdom
- 1st Place — 27. Investigative Story

Writer/Photographer: Leanna Lehman

Entry: Sara Filiatraut Murder - Finding Sara - Technology Trail Through the Nevada Desert
- 3rd Place — 28. Local Column

Writer/Photographer: Michon Mackedon

Entry: Postcards, Fallon
- 1st Place — 32. Government Watchdog / Accountability Reporting

Writer/Photographer: Robert Perea

Entry: Fernley Water Use Woes - TCID Court Battle, Series
- 1st Place — 35. Special Project

Writer/Photographer: Staff

Entry: *The Fallon Post 2024 Keepsake Graduation Edition*
- 2nd Place — 36. Special Section (Editorial)

Writer/Photographer: Staff

Entry: "*The Fallon Post 2024 Keepsake Graduation Edition*"

CC Communications: From Telegraph Wires to Modern Connections

This story is another installment in our business features celebrating Churchill County businesses that have been in operation for over 50 years.

By Nancy Chapman



The men in the upper photo were early employees of what was then called the Churchill County Telephone and Telegraph System, now CC Communications. The crewmen are (left to right) Tom Sanford, Wallace Smitten and M. Sanford. The man on the end as well as the dog were not named. Courtesy Churchill County Museum.

On Aug. 5, 1889, the Churchill County Commission made a decision that would change daily life in western Nevada. With a \$975 check to Western Union Telegraph, commissioners purchased wire strung from Virginia City eastward to Stillwater. Just like that, Churchill County was in the communications business.

Seven years later, in 1896, county leaders ordered that the old telegraph line be converted into a telephone system. The first terminals were installed in the J.M. Sanford Hotel in Stillwater, with lines extending across the county and reaching into Wadsworth. Talking instruments replaced telegraph clicks, and Churchill County went “modern.”



By 1903, demand had grown enough that the county purchased its first switchboard and installed it in the I.H. Kent building in Fallon. Rent for the new centralized office cost \$8 a month. In 1904, Margaret Day became the first switchboard operator, earning \$35 a month to keep the county connected.

The switchboard later moved into the courthouse, where in 1907 the county set its first telephone rates: \$4 a month for a private line. Rules came with service, too—customers were warned that vulgar language would not be tolerated, and “no spitting tobacco juice in the transmitter” was strictly enforced.

When commissioners tried to save money by cutting switchboard service overnight in 1909, public outcry was swift. Within five months, night service was restored.

A permanent home came in 1911 with the construction of a cement block building at 50 West Williams Avenue for \$3,432. The structure still stands today, though it has been expanded many times over the years.

Even through the Great Depression, Churchill County Telephone & Telegraph continued to grow. A new 600-line Kellogg switchboard was installed in 1931, and the building expanded again. Magneto hand-crank telephones gave way to rotary dial service in 1954, when County Commissioner E.R. Allyn placed the first call. By the 1960s, demand again outgrew the building, leading to a second story and a new Stromberg XY dial office.

The county conducted its first customer count in 1965, tallying 3,654 phones in service. By 1968, service reached Dixie Valley, and new long-distance circuits made it possible to place direct calls to Reno.

Through the decades, leaders such as Harold W. Rogers, who joined the company in 1940 and retired as general manager in 1976, and Ted P. Hunnewell, who succeeded him and led the utility for 22 years, oversaw growth from a small local service to a modern communications provider.

What began as a \$975 investment in telegraph wires has grown into one of Nevada’s most enduring county-owned utilities. CC Communications’ history reflects not just technological change, but the determination of a rural community to stay connected with the wider world.

To be continued...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movies and More

By Kelli Perez

Fallon is full of life this September and the Fallon Theatre is right at the heart of it. From family movies and live music to classic cars and a special concert, this weekend is all about coming together, making memories, and celebrating the talents that make our community shine.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., bring the family down to enjoy *The Flintstones* (1994). Fred, Wilma, Barney, and Betty step out of the Stone Age cartoon and into a live-action comedy packed with prehistoric fun. It's rated PG and runs 1 hour and 31 minutes, making it the perfect way to kick off your evening downtown.

On Friday at 7 p.m., the music takes center stage as Reno-based hard rock band Absolom brings their high-energy sound to the Fallon Theatre. This is a free concert, so gather your friends, show your support for live music, and experience one of the rising stars of our regional music scene.

Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., our annual Show 'N' Shine rolls into downtown Fallon. This community favorite brings classic cars, live music, delicious food, and plenty of fun for all ages. It's more than a car show, it's a chance for neighbors and visitors alike to come together and celebrate our hometown spirit. Vehicle registration is open now online at fallontheatre.com.

After a day of cars and community, join us inside the theatre on Saturday at 7 p.m. for an evening of live classical music with the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society. Their "Not-So-Lonely Illustrated Concert Series" features the Toiyabe Trio: Dustin Budish on viola, Aaron Hill on oboe, and Emily Barnes on harp - performing alongside projected images for a beautiful multi-sensory experience. Admission is a suggested \$5 donation.

And the fun doesn't stop there!

On Oct. 3 and 4, set sail with us for a *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl* 4D weekend, sponsored by Huck Salt. Our 6 p.m. screenings feature immersive effects like mist, scent, vibrations, and flashing lights, plus live character appearances and themed treats. Prefer the original version? Join us at 7 p.m. for traditional showings without the effects. Reservations are available now on our website for a small fee.

On Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., Nashville-based country duo Luke and Kaylee return to our stage. With their rich harmonies and heartfelt lyrics, they deliver a show full of energy, warmth, and connection. Tickets are \$20, and it's sure to be a special evening.

Please note that we will not be showing movies on Friday, Oct. 17 or Saturday, Oct. 18, as Performing Arts of Churchill County (PACC) will present *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* on our historic vaudeville stage. This family-friendly musical brings the beloved songs of *Schoolhouse Rock* to life. Tickets are now available on PACC's website.

Halloween night is always one of the best community celebrations in Fallon! From 4 to 6 p.m., enjoy the *Maine Street Spooktacular*, with safe trick-or-treating, games, costumes, and plenty of festive fun. Then at 7 p.m., head into the Fallon Theatre for the interactive cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Admission is \$10, and props are welcome (just nothing wet or messy). Get ready to do the Time Warp and finish your evening with a spirited tradition.

As always, movies at the Fallon Theatre are free, and our concession stand is stocked with popcorn, candy, and \$5 soda floats in root beer and fun Pepsi flavors. Want to rent the theatre for your own gathering or put a special message on our marquee? Give us a call at 775-423-6210 or email us at thefallontheatre@gmail.com. Thank you for being part of the Fallon Theatre community - we can't wait to see you downtown this weekend!



August 2025 Marriages

- 8/1/2025 Benjamin Wade Travis, 28, to April Denise Gonzales, 53, both of Fallon
- 8/1/2025 Miguel Martinez, 30, to Ruth Borrayo Escobar, 30, both of Sparks
- 8/1/2025 Darren Neil Albury, 41, to Michelle Josette Adams, 35, both of Fallon
- 8/4/2025 Tristan Del Rio Squires, 27, to Jacey Aspen Armstrong, 25, both of Fernley
- 8/5/2025 Michele Leigh Thomas, 38, to Jason Lee Enox, 43, both of Fernley
- 8/11/2025 Gerardo Banuelos-Treto, 50, to Irma Tamayo Vargas, 51, both of Fallon
- 8/13/2025 Melissa Ann Buenvenida, 18, to Travis Alexander Byers, 20, both of Lincoln, IL
- 8/14/2025 Brittney Ann Dickson, 26, to Mikaela Diann Kirkland, 30, both of Fallon
- 8/21/2025 Bridgette Ann Rinehart, 41, to Bryan James Dockery, 40, both of Fallon
- 8/22/2025 Tanya Ruth Stiner, 38, to Mickey M. Ritter, 52, both of Fallon
- 8/25/2025 Ashley Nicole Marran, 26, to Nathan Gregory Shear, 40, both of Fallon
- 8/25/2025 Kaitlin Grace Saul, 23, to Juan Torres Arellano, 30, both of Fallon
- 8/26/2025 Prisila Martinez, 21, to Karen Guzman Lucero, 20, both of Fallon
- 8/27/2025 Nathan Turner Pustovrh, 26, to Reese Olivia Borden, 24, both of Fallon
- 8/29/2025 Joel Talbert Mincer, 24, to Brooklynn Whitaker, 23, both of Fallon
- 8/29/2025 Joshua Kane Wilmoth, 48, to April Leann Morton, 43, both of Fallon
- 8/29/2025 Holly Ann Simon, 42, to Joshua Douglas Elderton, 42, both of Fallon

Congratulations!

Business Licenses August 2025

- Churchill County issued the following business licenses in August:**
- Bighorn Contractors LLC dba Taurus Construction, general contractor, Reno, NV
 - Sommercal Construction Inc., concrete construction, Sacramento, CA
 - Mowvada Lawn Care LLC, lawn care and maintenance, Fallon, NV, owner Colton Moretto
 - TKO DUI School, DUI school, Fallon, NV, owner TinaMarie Bisiaux
 - TKO Counseling Services, counseling, Fallon, NV, owner TinaMarie Bisiaux
 - EdHelp Services LLC, educational consultation and resources, Fallon, NV, owner Shawn Romero
 - Kiewit Power Constructors, construction, Churchill County, NV
- The City of Fallon issued the following business licenses in August:**
- 5 Star Handyman & Landscape, handyman, Fallon, NV, owner Rafael Gallegos
 - CeCe's Asian Market, retail, Fallon, NV, owner Cecilia Harrington
 - Great Basin Bird Observatory, non-profit, Fallon, NV, president William Molini
 - IRY Consulting LLC dba Buddy Boys, food, Fallon, NV, owner Ryan Ross
 - Mowvada Lawn Care LLC, yard services, Fallon, NV, owner Colton Moretto
 - Protein Bar Oasis, food, Fallon, NV, owner Melinda Zanini
 - Revel & Roam Cocktail Co LLC, mobile bar, Fallon, NV, owner Torie Sandberg
 - The Sage Shears, salon, Fallon, NV, owner Brandee Lamprich
- Change of Locations:**
- Crisgem Customized Gifts, now 973 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, NV
 - L&W Supply Corporation, now 3 ABC Pkwy., Beloit, WI
 - My Gypsy Soul, now 997 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, NV
 - SNVRE, Inc. dba Sierra Nevada Properties, now 945 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, NV

PETS OF THE WEEK

Cooper Wants to Play



This is Cooper (D-698). He is a happy, friendly dog, looking for a place to run and play! This handsome boy originally came to our shelter as a stray, and no one re-claimed him.

If you think he would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call, or come check him out.

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Carl is Ready for Adoption



When Carl first arrived at the shelter, he was a little shy as he adjusted to his new surroundings. But once he warms up, his true personality shines through—he's a goofy, friendly, and lovable guy! Carl is full of playful energy, loves his toys, and often gets the

zoomies that will make anyone smile. He's great on a leash, enjoys his walks, and has the silliest, most joyful antics when he gets excited. Carl is truly a bundle of fun waiting to brighten someone's life!

Churchill Animal Protection Society
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Adorable Cats & Kittens



These cats and kittens are looking for their "furrever homes!" We have adorable cats and kittens of all ages, colors, and personalities waiting to meet you. Come visit, spend some time with them, and share a little love—they'll return it a hundredfold. Your new best friend could be just a paw away!

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

OBITUARIES

GARY HANNIBAL TAVARES
February 4, 1948 – September 9, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Gary Hannibal Tavares, age 77, of Fallon, Nevada, who passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at around 5 p.m., surrounded by his wife, Diane Slade Tavares, close family, and loved ones.

Gary was born on February 4, 1948, in Molokai, Hawaii, to Hannibal and Harriet Tavares. He was the youngest of three children and valued family above all else. Gary was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, brother-in-law, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He graduated from the University of Hawaii. He served as a policeman on Maui before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, and changing careers to computer programming.

Gary married Diane in 1973 in Honolulu, Hawaii; together they have three sons, 10 grandkids, one great-grandchild, and another on the way. He will be remembered for his loving nature, love for Christmas, sense of humor, love for fishing, playing sports with his family, traveling, and enjoying time with his grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his spouse, Diane Slade Tavares, three sons and two daughters in law, Harrison Tavares, Jared Tavares (Tyler), and Jonathan Tavares (Erin); grandchildren, Taylor Tavares, Alexis Crabb, Hannah Tavares, Donovan Tavares, Shaelyn Tavares, Allison Tavares, Jayden Tavares, Cassandra Tavares, Kennedy Tavares, and Trenton Tavares; great grandchild, Damon Crabb. Siblings: Charmaine Tavares, Sharon



Klaschka (Brian). Nephews: Mark Klaschka (Nancy), Scott Klaschka; great niece Kathryn Klaschka.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 27th, 2025, at St. Patrick’s Church, 850 W. 4th Street, Fallon, Nevada. Family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate Gary’s life. A reception will be held immediately after the service in the church’s reception hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carson Tahoe Cancer Center.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the hospitals and staff, hospice caregivers, cancer center staff, and all who supported him on this journey.

Gary will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

BETTY LOU (CHANEY) ANDERSON
November 21, 1938 - September 6, 2025

Longtime Fallon resident, Betty Anderson, passed away peacefully at home on September 6, 2025, after a brief illness. She was born on November 21, 1938, in Springfield, Ohio, to Theodore and Grace Chaney, the youngest of six children and the only daughter.

True to her adventurous spirit, Betty moved to New York City with a friend shortly after graduating from Springfield High School in 1956. After a short time in New York, Betty set her sights on California, where she met and married the love of her life, George “Curt” Anderson. They spent nearly a decade in Big Bear Lake, raising their two children before moving to Fallon in 1974, where they planted deep roots and enjoyed life in the country. For 26 years, Betty contributed to the community in a variety of jobs: escrow officer, real estate agent, owner and operator of Skate N’ Place roller skating rink, and bookkeeper/accountant for Motor Supply Company.

Upon retiring in 2000, Betty’s sense of adventure blossomed as she and Curt “sold the farm” and took to the open road. For 16 years, they embraced life as full-time RVers, traveling the West Coast as camp host volunteers with Oregon State Parks. Their journeys later carried them eastward, from Florida up through the Atlantic seaboard to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. Later, they treasured many summers serving as camp hosts at Donner Memorial State Park.

During her 86 years, Betty lived life to the fullest. She visited all 50 states, as well as Mexico, Canada, Europe, and Thailand. A longtime Disney fan, she and Curt made countless trips to Disneyland and Disney World, where she loved collecting and trading Disney pins. She also enjoyed snow and water skiing, camping, and boating (even as recently as this summer). Above all, her greatest joy was time spent with family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a cherished friend to many.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Curt; her son, Curtis Anderson; her daughter, Lisa (Brett) Post; her granddaughters, Michaela (Jacob) Flick and Jenny Anderson (Alex Peden); and her five great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Betty’s life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the William N. Pennington Life Center (“The Senior Center”), 952 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, in loving memory of Betty Anderson, to Churchill County WN Pennington Life Center (address above).



MICHAEL CHARLES “MIKE” DARNALL
April 14, 1965 - September 19, 2025

Michael Charles “Mike” Darnall, 60, of Gabbs, Nevada, passed away at the Kavanagh House on September 19, 2025, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Born on April 14, 1965, in Des Moines, Mike graduated with Pleasantville High School Class of 1983. That same year, he answered the nation’s call by enlisting in

the United States Navy. After completing his military service, he continued supporting national defense through civilian work for the military.

Mike’s heart beat fastest at the racetrack. A passionate fan of sprint car events and a dedicated participant in modified stock car racing, he poured his spirit into every turn and lap. His own race car—painted purple with a red top—was more than just a machine; it was a tribute to his beloved mother, Marggie Darnall, and her ties to the Red Hat Ladies Club.

Beyond the roar of engines and cheering crowds, Mike found peace in nature’s quiet corners. Hunting, fishing, and camping offered him moments of connection—with the outdoors and with those who shared his love for life under open skies.

Mike is remembered with love by his sons, Brandon Darnall and Tony Darnall; his father, Douglas Darnall and wife Carol; his sisters Angela Merino (Jose) and Kelli Kramer (Jeff); and his brother, James Darnall. His memory also lives on through an uncle, several aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, a great-nephew, and a great-niece, along with an amazing group of friends who will continue to cherish his presence in their hearts.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Mike lived with purpose and passion—his legacy etched in tire tracks on dirt ovals and laughter shared around campfires. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

Mike’s family would like to thank the staff at the Kavanagh house for their exceptional care and for honoring Mike.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Garden Chapel Funeral Home in Pella, Iowa, with interment to follow at the Peoria Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the family as a memorial gift to a raceway.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, Sept. 29 Pesto Chicken Florentine WW Penne Tossed Green Salad Strawberries WW Roll	Tuesday, Sept. 30 Chicken Noodle Soup Turkey Sandwich Cucumber & Tomato Salad Diced Pears	Wednesday, Oct. 1 Cincinnati Chili WW Pasta Glazed Carrots Garden Salad Baked Apples Roll	Thursday, Oct. 2 Herb Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Green Bean Florentine Garbanzo Beans Salad Cookie	Friday, Oct. 3 Chef Salad Navy Bean Soup Fruit Ambrosia Bran Muffin
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COMMUNITY

Sheriff’s K-9 Tokos Shows Skills at Coalition Luncheon

By Christy Lattin

Officers from the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office demonstrated their drug-sniffing dog, Tokos, at the Churchill Community Coalition’s quarterly luncheon on Sept. 17. Capt. Matt Timmons set up four boxes across the front of the room – one containing a drug scent – while Deputy Noel Ugalde and Tokos waited outside.

At the captain’s signal, Tokos came bounding into the room, tugging Ugalde on the other end of his leash, obviously eager to start working. He sniffed the boxes one by one, finally laying down next to the last box which indicated he had a “hit.” He correctly discovered the drug scent and was rewarded by a tennis ball popping out of the box. He promptly jumped up to catch it like any other goofy dog, while Ugalde praised Tokos’ good work.

“He’s very toy-fixated,” Timmons said, explaining the toys are used to reinforce his training.

Tokos is trained to detect four different drugs – heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and fentanyl. The strong, two-and-a-half-year-old German Shepherd cuts an intimidating figure with his tactical vest sporting a badge, and thick “Police Dog” collar.

“He is ready to work when Ugalde puts on his vest,” Timmons said.

Born in Hungary, Tokos was purchased from a kennel in California for approximately \$10,000 and brought to Fallon in late October 2024. Following a three-week handler school at the Carson City Sheriff’s Office, Tokos and Ugalde are certified in Nevada for narcotic detection and trained in tracking. The team continues to train for at least 16 hours each month, and the dog will be recertified by an outside agency annually. He lives, and works, with Ugalde.

The Coalition partnered with the Sheriff’s Office to help raise funds for the K-9 program, as the Coalition has set up a 501(c)(3) donation account for the Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit. The K-9 program has sold stuffed animals as a fundraiser along with challenge coins, and they received a donation in July from Fallon philanthropist Miss Margie.

The donations help cover ongoing costs for Tokos and his specialized vehicle, which includes climate-control systems and a secured kennel to protect the animal from extreme temperatures, especially during summer months.

Timmons said he is raising funds and researching grants to purchase a second K-9 dog. Anyone wishing to donate to the Sheriff’s Office K-9 Program can contact the Churchill Community Coalition at their website, www.churchill-coalition.com.



Tokos, the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office narcotics dog, and his handler Deputy Noel Ugalde demonstrated their skills at a recent Churchill Community Coalition luncheon. Photo by Christy Lattin.

New River Township
Justice Court
Celebrates Hispanic
Heritage Month

Left to right: Dalynne Rueda (Justice Court), Michelle Manzo-Terriquez (Justice Court), Maria Davis (NV Certified Court Interpreter), Favi Gouveia (Justice Court Chief Clerk) and Priscilla Baker (Assistant District Attorney). Photo courtesy of Justice Court.



Author Reception with
Jeanne Sharp Howerton
at Oats Park

Staff Report

The Churchill Arts Council will host an author reception with Nevada writer Jeanne Sharp Howerton on Friday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. at the Oats Park Art Center, 151 East Park St. in Fallon.

Howerton, a fourth-generation Nevadan, grew up with her sisters on the Blue Eagle Ranch in Railroad Valley. She went on to teach gifted and talented students for 30 years before publishing nine books on Nevada history, including volumes on Railroad Valley, Tybo, Reveille, Pahrnagat Valley and Delamar.

Her talk will share childhood memories of ranch life, one-room schools, and the experience of hiding indoors as fallout clouds drifted from atomic testing sites—stories familiar to many raised in rural Nevada.

The event is part of the Churchill Arts Council Literary Series, presented in partnership with the Churchill Library Association. For more information or to RSVP, visit churchillarts.org.

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Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	198 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	154.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	2.36 cfs

September 23, 2024	September 23, 2023	September 23, 2022
152,355 acre feet	229,961 acre feet	22,955 acre feet

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

COMMUNITY

Nevada National Guard Modernization Initiative

By Capt. Emerson Marcus

The Nevada Army National Guard has been selected to transition from an armored cavalry unit to a modern mobile infantry battalion as part of a nationwide military restructuring effort. This change will enhance Nevada's military capabilities while creating approximately 300 new positions and strengthening the state's role in national defense.



Photo caption (attached): Brig. Gen. Randy Lau, right front, Nevada land component commander, and Brig. Gen. James Packwood, left front, Idaho assistant adjutant general, Army, shake hands at the Office of the Adjutant General complex in Carson City with other members of Nevada and Idaho Army Guard leadership during a planning meeting Aug. 27, 2025. Photo by Capt. Emerson Marcus.

The U.S. Army is currently implementing the Army Transformation Initiative, which aims to modernize military structure by reducing the number of Armored Brigade Combat Teams nationwide from

18 to 13 units. As part of this restructuring, Nevada's 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry, based in Las Vegas, will transition from heavy armor operations to mobile infantry.

KEY CHANGES

Equipment Modernization The transition involves replacing current tanks with Infantry Squad Vehicles (ISVs), which are lightweight, nine-passenger vehicles based on modified Chevrolet Colorado trucks. This new equipment can be transported by military helicopters, significantly improving deployment flexibility and operational responsiveness.

Personnel Impact The modernization will create approximately 300 additional military positions while existing soldiers receive retraining for infantry operations. Primary operations will continue to be based at the Clark County Armory in North Las Vegas, with a two-year implementation timeline established for completing the full transition.

Operational Benefits This transformation provides enhanced mobility and rapid deployment capabilities while offering improved training opportunities for Guard members. The change maintains Nevada's relevance in large-scale combat operations and strengthens the state's role in Pacific region security operations.

Nevada and Idaho National Guard leadership have committed to maintaining the unit's historical "Wild Horse" designation and cavalry traditions despite the equipment changes. This ensures continuity with the unit's proud heritage while adapting to modern military requirements.

According to military leadership, this transition positions Nevada's National Guard to better support large-scale combat operations as defined in current Army strategic planning, Pacific theater security requirements, rapid response capabilities for national emergencies, and enhanced coordination with neighboring state units.

The Nevada Army National Guard has been allocated two years to complete this transition, including equipment changeover, personnel retraining, and operational certification for the new mission.

This modernization initiative demonstrates the Department of Defense's continued confidence in Nevada's National Guard capabilities and commitment to maintaining a strong military presence in the state. The additional personnel positions may provide new career opportunities for Nevada residents interested in military service.

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BUSINESS

Manufacturing Excellence: Inside New Millennium’s Steel Joist Plant

By Christy Lattin

On the outskirts of Fallon, New Millennium’s steel joist manufacturing plant operates as a testament to modern industrial engineering and commitment to worker safety. Inside this 160,000 square foot facility, driven by 250 workers from the surrounding area, raw steel is transformed into custom-engineered building components that have shaped the region’s skyline, from aircraft hangars at NAS Fallon to the Fox Peak Theater and warehouses at the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center. The joist plant, under the New Millennium flag since 2010, recently offered a tour to members of the Fallon Chamber of Commerce for an insider view of the plant.

Production Supervisor Jason Mathern said the facility receives 95% of its steel materials by rail, storing both massive coils and 60-foot lengths of merchant bar, metal formed into precise 90-degree angles. The transformation begins when overhead cranes transport these coils to sophisticated roll formers. The plant’s innovative former gradually shapes the metal through eight precision rollers while a “flying shear” cuts pieces to exact specifications without stopping the production line.

Each steel joist is custom engineered and tailored to specific structural requirements. Engineers take things like seismic activity, snow load, and construction specifications into consideration when designing the joists. The manufacturing process involves assembling top cords, bottom cords, and specialized webbing patterns designed to handle varying structural demands. New Millennium has multiple production lines and movement in the main production building doesn’t stop. The main shop also reverberates with the sound of various alarms, banging metal and the buzz of welding torches.

“This company truly believes in safety, and it hasn’t hampered productivity at all,” Guy Gibson, District Sales Manager said. “I wouldn’t have my kids working here if it wasn’t safe.” This philosophy permeates every aspect of operations, from the initial design of equipment to daily procedures.

The facility operates around the clock with three shifts—two day crews and one night shift—yet maintains an impressive safety record. Recognizing that 95% of injuries typically involve hands, Mathern said the company has implemented comprehensive safety measures throughout the estimated 400 manual “touches” each piece of metal receives from rail delivery to final storage. More than

100 employees are trained first responders who participate in monthly emergency response training, ensuring immediate medical assistance is always available.

Advanced safety systems include light curtains that can detect a worker’s presence and prevent equipment operation when personnel are too close. The welding shop has a robust ventilation system and they provide workers with personal respirator-equipped helmets. Workers always weld downward for safety, using an innovative “flipper” device to rotate joists as needed.

New Millennium has also embraced automation while still maintaining employment levels. Robots handle cutting, punching, welding, and material handling, each equipped with safety measures like light curtains and pressure-sensitive floor plates. In Building 2, an automatic wood nailer robot joins wood strips to joists, with a goal of automating 90% of this process.

The manufacturing process begins when customers submit initial designs. New Millennium’s team estimates steel tonnage and labor requirements, then develop detailed plans through their engineering and detailing departments. This collaborative approach, involving 2-3 weeks of plan review and customer consultation, ensures each project meets exact specifications. After assembly, joists receive a quality analysis inspection before being dipped in primer and prepared for shipment.

Mathern and Safety Coordinator Jason Sibley both led tours for about 40 Chamber members, many of whom had never been inside New Millennium before. Attendees were treated to lunch from the MM Food Truck following the tour.

“We loved being involved in this tour,” said Danielle Lougheed, Branch Manager at Nevada State Bank. “I think everything was handled professionally. The directions were clear and seamless, the food was excellent, and the staff was knowledgeable and courteous. Definitely a once in a lifetime experience, thank you!”

New Millennium is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Steel Dynamics with headquarters in Indiana, six facilities in the U.S. and one in Mexico.

The facility’s comprehensive approach—from custom engineering to final quality control—has established New Millennium as a trusted partner in regional construction projects, proving that safety and productivity can indeed go hand in hand.

Fall Planting with The Village Nursery

By Nancy Chapman

Planning and planting for fall may feel odd when we’re still in the thick of harvest and enjoying the bounty of spring and summer efforts. But growers are always looking to get the most out of every season.

For home gardeners, August is the time to plant seeds for fall harvests. September and October are better for agriculturalists growing pastures and food crops, when new seeds can be incorporated into fields or used for cover crops. There’s still plenty of growing time before the first freeze arrives.

It can be tricky to remember what thrives in fall planting windows. No one wants to sweat through putting plants in the ground only to learn it was too late—or too early—for Mother Nature’s liking. Some fall favorites include cover crops, garlic, kale, spinach, lettuce and peas.

Drying herbs also fit well into fall planning. Many herbs hold their flavor when dried. To preserve them, simply cut a handful of



Photo by Village Nursery.

stems, tie them with string or a rubber band, and hang the bundle upside down in a cool, dry spot out of direct sunlight with good air circulation.

When the herbs are completely dry and crumble easily between your fingers, store them in jars in a cool pantry or cabinet. Avoid placing jars above the stove, where heat and moisture will affect them. Some cooks like to keep small bundles hanging in the kitchen, ready for a quick pinch while preparing meals. This drying method works best for basil, catnip, chamomile, dill, feverfew, lavender, lemon balm, marjoram, mint, oregano, rosemary, sage, savory and thyme.

Other herbs are best used when fresh or frozen. To preserve these, freeze them in ice cube trays with a little water or olive oil. Once solid, transfer the cubes to freezer bags or containers. Defrost as needed. The freezing method works best with borage, chervil, chives, cilantro, fennel, parsley and shiso.

Check out the seed and plant selection at The Village Nursery, 2975 Reno Highway, or call 775-217-3841.

Stockman’s Casino Begins Local Remodel



Oasis Painting and Handy Man owners, Chad and Tabbitha Claggett painting.
Photo by Nancy Chapman.

By Nancy Chapman

Stockman’s Casino and Restaurant in Fallon is getting a fresh new look. Co-owners Michael Gaughan and David Ross, along with General Manager Lou Capone, said they are committed to improving the property while keeping business local by hiring area contractors for the renovations.

One of the first upgrades tackled the heating and cooling system. Just In Time Heating and Air won the contract, and after new units were installed, crews uncovered a significant electrical issue. Working with Dool Power, the team corrected the problem to keep the project on track.

For the cosmetic side, Oasis Painting and Handyman, owned by husband-and-wife team Chad and Tabbitha Claggett, took on the job of brightening Stockman’s interior entrances, casino floor and bathrooms.

“The biggest challenge was painting during off hours so we didn’t interrupt customers,” Chad said. “We’ve worked some crazy hours, but the goal was to make the building fresh, bright and welcoming.”

The Claggetts’ work accents the property’s wood décor while giving the interior a brighter, cleaner feel.

More renovations are planned in the months ahead as Stockman’s continues its commitment to reinvest in the property and the Fallon community. Guests are invited to stop by, check out the changes and, as the owners put it, “pardon our dust—improvements are in progress.”

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, September 16, Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Dominic Jesse Hatch appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sales; and to the Gross Misdemeanor of Illegal Transfer of a Firearm Without a Background Check. Hatch pled guilty to both charges in July. Brenda Ingram with Court Services reported they were notified by Silver 24 on August 11 that Hatch's testing patch came off prematurely and not in their presence. Since that time, the defendant has had three more patches; all have tested negative. Ingram said Hatch has been in compliance since the first patch fell off.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said the State would like to assume that if there was a mishap regarding marijuana use, it would show on future tests. She then said that per plea negotiations, the State will remain silent.

Stevie DeSomber, Esq. for the Defense asked Stockard for a suspension. She said her client voluntarily obtained a substance abuse evaluation, he has been following the recommendations, he has been engaged in counseling, he has gained employment, his patch has been showing negative results. His evaluation does show a cannabis dependency. DeSomber stated, “We would be asking that rather than a diversion through drug court that he just be diverted with the evaluation recommendations.”

Judge Stockard remarked that he is unlikely to do that because of the specialty court options.

DeSomber argued, “I do understand that drug court is a very valuable asset for a lot of defendants.” However, she feels drug court is for “higher risk, higher needs, with more substantial sub-

stance abuse issues. My experience with Western Regional is that they really don’t consider marijuana dependency to be something that falls in that high-risk category.” She said she did understand the Court’s reasoning; in the defendant's case “it would prohibit him from maintaining the employment that he does have. It would be a hardship on Mr. Hatch.” She told the Court he has completed his counseling, and he could be tested under supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation.

Stockard noted, “You’ve got a good job. I don't want you to lose your job. But I don't want diversion to be a joke either.”

The case was continued to October 7.

Tyler Cody Taylor’s arraignment was continued to October 28.

Lauren Nichole Gilmore’s sentencing was continued to October 7.

Cecil Mark Riggs’s Non-Technical Sentencing Violation Hearing was continued to December 16.

Steven Henry Gainey’s arraignment was continued to October 7.

Kaza Kaylor failed to appear for her scheduled arraignment. A \$25,000 bondable warrant was issued.

Elijah Raimon Davis pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine) a First or Second Offense, a Category E Felony which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of not more than \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered, and sentencing was set for November 18.

Christopher Thomas pleaded guilty to the Category C Felony of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence Committed by Strangulation which carries a potential penalty of 1-5 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine of not more than \$10,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigative Report was ordered and sentencing was set for November 18.

Churchill County Library’s October Events

Fall into Autumn at the Library!

Staff Report

Ease into fall at the Churchill County Library by attending a program or reading a book. A reminder that all library programming is free and open to the public. The library will be closed Friday, Oct. 31 to observe Nevada Day.

Lunchtime book club meets on October 3 at 12:15 p.m. This month’s book is “One Puzzling Afternoon” by Emily Critchley.

The adult spelling bee takes place October 10 at 4 p.m. Were you a great speller back in the day? Want to reclaim some of that glory? Compete in the adult spelling bee!

Join us for a life skills class taught by Steve Endacott, the City of Fallon’s emergency manager on October 11 at 2 p.m. Geared to teens and young adults, but all are welcome. Endacott will discuss household emergency preparedness.

Create something “spooktacular” at the library using old toys and stuffed animals on October 25 at 2 p.m. All ages are welcome, but children will need supervision.

Join the library for Author Talk on October 28 at 6 p.m. just in time for Halloween and listen to Zachary O’Shea talk horror with us.

FOR CHILDREN

“1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” encourages youngsters to read books before entering school. Recognition given for every 100 books read on the way to 1,000! Sign-ups accepted at any time at: bit.ly/CCL1000BBK.

Reading with Rover takes place on October 9 at 3:30 p.m. Come practice your reading skills on the best listeners and keep the book you choose to read! Geared to ages 6-11, but all are welcome.

STEAM sessions every Friday at 1:30 p.m. Choose from science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities that vary from week to week. Geared to kids ages six through 11, but all are welcome.

Come out for children’s story time on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and again on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Each week’s story time will feature the same children’s content with picture books and a craft to accompany most stories. Geared to children ages 3-5, but all kids are welcome to participate.

Like to talk about books, movies, or games? Join the Elementary Book Club which meets virtually on October 24 at 3 p.m. for those in grades 3 through 5. Reserve your spot at: bit.ly/CCLElementaryBookClub.

FOR ADULTS

Senator Jacky Rosen’s office representative will be at the library October 9 at 1 p.m. for “office hours.” Stop by and let the Senator’s staff know of your community concerns.

Crafting for grownups takes place on October 16 at 4 p.m. and October 18 at 2 p.m. when we will make braided spider webs at both sessions.

Spice Club continues in October and features star anise.

FOR ALL AGES

Game night every Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Stop by with the whole family, or on your own, to enjoy games supplied by the library...or bring your own to enjoy playing together.

Virtual Reality sessions on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Patrons 10 and older may participate. Minors must have a signed permission form.

SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Desktop computers are available for public use free of charge. Printing and photocopy services are available for a small fee.

The library has small meeting rooms available free of charge for public use. Check availability and reserve your room at: churchillcountylibrary.org

Online learning services abound at the library. Use them to learn a new language, study the planet and more! Access these programs from a computer, download the app to a smartphone or activate them on a TV.

All these services are available with a free library card for Nevada ID (Fallon address) or military ID. And as always, the library does not charge overdue fines.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Library hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays and major holidays.

Call 775-423-7581 for more information on any of the activities above. The Churchill County Library is located at 553 South Maine Street in Fallon. Programming subject to change so keep current on the library website: www.churchillcountylibrary.org

August Divorces and Annulments

Deleon, Tiffany Ochoa vs. Deleon, Ivan Ochoa	Annulment	Mason, Gita vs. Mason, Tommy Calvin	Divorce
Meyer, Crystal L. vs. Beghtel, Kenneth S.	Annulment	Mendoza, Kulanie Marie vs. Mendoza, Felix	Divorce
Anderson, Erin vs. Anderson, Xavier	Divorce	Nov, Natasha vs. Colceri, Timothy James	Divorce
Andreoli, Tracy vs. Andreoli, Jason	Divorce	Pearce, Alexandra vs. Kupitz, Colin	Divorce
Betancourt, John Andrew vs. Betancourt, Aleksandrina	Divorce	Philippe, Evens A. Jean vs. Francois, Gina	Divorce
Castaneda Jr., Brandon vs. Castaneda, Czarina Tumanut	Divorce	Reyes, Jennifer Rodriguez vs. Rodriguez, Jose Luis	Divorce
Chan, Chin Four Kimberly vs. Potenza, Andrew F.	Divorce	Rickards, Tyler James vs. Lopez-Rickards, Angelica	Divorce
Connell, Roxanne Fang vs. Wang, Litao	Divorce	Rivera, Daniela vs. Jimenez, Diego Alvaro Martinez	Divorce
Dewater, Mindy M. vs. Dewater, Randy A.	Divorce	Smith, Shyan Christian vs. Edwards Jr., Orlando Ray	Divorce
Dubois, Brittany vs. Dubois, Michael	Divorce	Stone, Richard vs. Stone, Alisha	Divorce
Li, Shijie vs. Guo, Yan	Divorce	Susan, Michael Ben vs. Schmid, Mia Rose	Divorce
Martin, Zeth A. vs. Martin, LaShaunte E.	Divorce	Vicencio, Stephanie vs. Burnette, Desean	Divorce

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Annexes Front Street Property, Considers Another

By Christy Lattin

The Fallon City Council approved annexing a property on East Front Street and considered another at the Sept. 16 meeting. The council unanimously approved Bill No. 805 to annex 690 E. Front Street into the city limits. The bill was first introduced during the council’s August 19 meeting.

According to the annexation agreement, the 690 E. Front Street property owners must pay the \$3,000 “will serve” or connection fee for the city’s treated water. Owners Scott and Sue Payne must also install curbs, gutters and sidewalk improvements along the Front Street frontage within six months. They will also pay for improvements to their water lines, sewer lines, and electrical lines to connect to city utilities. The Paynes have requested R2 Limited Multiple Residence

zoning which does allow for multi-family dwellings. City Chief of Staff Bob Erickson said the Paynes, who currently have a single family home on the site, were seeking similar zoning to the neighborhood.

The council also introduced a bill to annex property at 580 E. Front Street, with the public hearing scheduled for Oct. 21. Each bill to annex property into the city requires an introduction followed by a public hearing.

Police Chief Daniel Babiarz also presented the police report for June 2025. The police department received 705 calls for service, made 33 arrests, responded to six accidents and took 46 animals to the Animal Shelter. Volunteers In Policing Services provided 86.5 hours of service to the department.

The city council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

Sheriff’s Office Offers OHV Course October 11

Staff Report

The Sheriff’s Office will hold an off-highway vehicle, OHV, safety and driving course Oct. 11. The online portion of the class is offered by the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association, followed by hands-on instruction at Rafter 3C and Sand Mountain.

Participants should sign up for the free E-course on the ROHVA website. After completing the course, a number will be issued which is required to sign up for the class. Contact Bill Lawry at the Sheriff’s Office at 775-423-3116 or blawry@so.churchill.nv.us to register for the course. Participants are limited, so sign up ASAP. Please bring the E-course certificate

along with a copy of a valid driver’s license.

Driving classes will begin at 8 a.m. at the Rafter 3C complex on the south side of Miners Road. Following an orientation, participants will learn about safety inspections, six driving exercises, and the written test. The trail portion will be in the vicinity of Sand Mountain. The trail course consists of class 1, 2, and 3 trails, and should be completed around 2 to 4 p.m. Self-rescue methods and emergency trail repairs will be shown and discussed. Please bring appropriate hydration and food supplies.

Successful participants of the course will be issued a certified OHV completion certificate. This may reduce insurance rates depending on your carrier. The free course is open to those with a valid driver’s license,

and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Participants must furnish their own OHV, up to two drivers per OHV, and are required to wear boots, a long-sleeve shirt, gloves, and an approved helmet. Additional info will be in the E-course.



Churchill County Recognizes Employees for Service Awards Presented a September 17 Commissioners’ Meeting

Churchill County Commissioners recognized five county employees for their combined 55 years of service to this community at their Sept. 17 meeting.



Several employees were honored for their years of service to the county at a recent county commission meeting. Brandon Bird was recognized for 20 years of service in the juvenile probation office. Pictured above, from left, are Commissioner Erick Blakey, Brandon Bird, Commissioner Matt Hyde, and Commissioner Myles Getto. Photo courtesy Churchill County.

The following employees were honored for their tenure of service to the county:

- FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Larissa Sanches, Community Activities/Parks & Recreation
 - Jennifer Lambert, Social Services/Pennington Life Center
 - Chris Spross, County Manager
- 10 YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Clinton Allegre, Road Department
 - Samuel White, Sheriff’s Office
- 20 YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- Brandon Bird, Juvenile Probation Office

Each quarter, the Commissioners present plaques and lapel pins to county employees for every five years of service to our local community.



County Manager Chris Spross was recognized for five years of service at a recent county commission meeting. Photo courtesy Churchill County.

MEETINGS

September 29 to October 3, 2025

Churchill County School District

4th Wednesday of the Month

at 5:30 p.m.

CCSD Admin Bldg.

690 S. Maine St.

Next meetings:

Oct. 22, Nov. 12

Fallon City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

at 9 a.m.

City Hall, 55 W. Williams Ave.

Next meeting: Oct. 7

TCID

Next Meetings:

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

2666 Harrigan Road

County Meetings

155 N. Taylor St.

Commission Chambers

County Commission

Meets 1st Thursday

and 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Next meeting:

Oct. 2 at 8:15 a.m.

CC Communications

Oct. 2 at 11 a.m.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:
TREVOR BARRENCHEA

As graduation approaches, senior Trevor Barrenchea reflected on his journey through the Oasis Academy community. He began at Oasis in first grade and now has clear goals for life after high school.

“My plans after graduation are to attend college to get my bachelor’s degree in wildlife ecology and work for fish and game, helping with big game wildlife,” he said.

One of his favorite memories was the Leadership Disneyland trip with student council during his freshman and senior years.

Barrenchea said Oasis taught him important values and skills. “Oasis has helped me learn a lot of great values and skills, especially with math and English. I have met a lot of new friends during my time, some of whom I will never forget.”

He credited two mentors for their influence. “There are a lot of people to thank, but specifically I would like to thank Ms. Jackie Bogandowicz for always making class a fun time, and Mr. Andy Lenon for helping me with college and life in general.”

FFA, taught by Ms. B, stood out as his favorite class. “The workload was different in that class, and we got to have a ton of different guest speakers and fun games to play,” he said.

Outside the classroom, Barrenchea played basketball from seventh grade through senior year, including four years on the varsity team, and also played four years of varsity baseball. He participated in student council, National Honor Society and FFA.

His achievements include competing at Nationals for FFA in 2024, earning NIAA 2A Northern League honorable mention in baseball that year, and consistently being named to the Western Nevada College Dean’s List.



Trevor Barrenchea.

He advised future Bighorns to push themselves. “Always complete your work on time and work hard no matter what, because hard work can help you get so far, no matter how difficult the challenge is.”

In addition to his high school diploma, Barrenchea will graduate in May with an Associate of Science degree from Western Nevada College.

ARCHAEOLOGIST INSPIRES MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

Oasis Academy Middle School’s LEGO Robotics team welcomed guest speaker Al Garner last week, a senior archaeologist with Far Western Anthropological Research Group.

Garner shared his professional journey, connecting his work in archaeology with the problem-solving, creativity and teamwork skills students use in robotics competitions. He emphasized that curiosity and perseverance, whether digging into the past or building a robot, are key to discovery.

Garner, who earned a degree in anthropology from Utah State University, has spent

nearly two decades working in the Great Basin and California. His projects include cultural resource management, excavation, data recovery and authoring technical reports. His research interests range from early North American occupation to lithic technology and cultural transmission.

In addition to his career, Garner has strong ties to youth sports. He previously coached the Galena High School boys lacrosse team and serves as president of the High Sierra Lacrosse Foundation.

“The students took the information they learned from Al and turned it into engineering ideas, which generated even more questions,” said John Keitz, LEGO Robotics coach. “Al patiently answered all of their questions and encouraged them to keep working on the problem.”

Garner highlighted how professionals often grapple with simple but stubborn challenges. “One of the important aspects he brought to the discussion was a focus on what problems needed solving. All too often, kids look for the big, fantastic problem to solve, when it is the simple problem that most vexes the pros,” Keitz said.

Garner’s example—whether moving dirt on a dig or solving an engineering puzzle—encouraged students to stay curious, keep asking questions and keep building.

SAVE THE DATE: 6TH ANNUAL OASIS ACADEMY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers should mark their calendars for the 6th Annual Oasis Academy Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The event raises funds for Oasis athletics and co-curricular programs.

The tournament includes a round of golf, lunch, contests and raffle prizes, including Disneyland tickets.

To register a team or donate, contact Angela Viera at 775-666-0912.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian

Kindergarten Saddles Up for Cowboy Day

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst



Last Thursday, Kindergarteners at Veritas Preparatory School traded their uniforms for boots, hats, and bandanas as they celebrated the much-anticipated Cowboy Day on campus. The day gave young students a

chance to step into the spirit of the Old West with food, games, and plenty of fun - all with the help of dedicated parent volunteers.

The morning began in the school’s lunch hut, where students were welcomed with a hearty cowboy breakfast. Plates were filled with flapjacks, bacon, and fruit, fueling the little cowboys and cowgirls for a busy day ahead. Parent volunteers flipped pancakes, poured juice, and served with warm smiles, making the meal a true community effort.

In the afternoon, the kindergarteners headed outside for a series of cowboy-themed field games. Students took part in stick-horse races and relay games that had them galloping, running, and cheering each other on. They were even treated to pony rides! Laughter echoed across the field as students tested their cowboy skills and encouraged their classmates.

Teachers and volunteers joined in the fun,

creating a lively and festive atmosphere that brought the cowboy spirit to life.

While the day was filled with excitement, Cowboy Day also reflected Veritas’ commitment to joyful, hands-on learning. Beyond simply wearing boots and hats, the activities encouraged teamwork, imagination, and a love of learning through play.

“Events like Cowboy Day remind us that education is about the whole child,” said Kindergarten teacher Jessica Kelsey. “When students are laughing, exploring, and working together, they’re learning lessons of character and community that last far beyond the classroom.”

As the sun set on Cowboy Day, Veritas kindergarteners went home with full stomachs, tired legs, and happy hearts - proof that the Wild West is alive and well in the youngest grades.

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CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS
On Sept. 18, Alexandria Manskie’s agriculture, food and natural resources class celebrated National Teach Ag Day. Students worked in groups to gather resources and see if they could survive for the day, beginning with hunting and gathering, moving into early agriculture, and finishing with modern techniques. The activity—like a hands-on Oregon Trail experience—emphasized teamwork, problem-solving and practical skills, helping inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders.
“It was such a fun lesson. We’re proud to be shaping the future of agriculture,” Manskie said.

CCMS
On Sept. 17, Churchill County Middle School hosted an open house for students and families.
“We were overwhelmed with the turnout. There was a line out the door of families and students waiting to get in,” principal Dr. Deana Porretta said.
Students showcased their work while families explored classrooms, visited the book fair and enjoyed popcorn.
“The energy was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a special evening. We’re already looking forward to the next one,” Porretta said.

NUMA
This week, Colleen Tutty’s fourth-grade



Dr. Doris Dwyer, longtime History professor retired from WNC who has served Fallon students for over 30 years, speaks to middle school students.

class celebrated Constitution Day, observed annually on Sept. 17 to honor the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Students read articles, created booklets and explored the rights and responsibilities guaranteed by the Constitution. They then presented their work to special guests, principal Shawn Purrell and school counselor Noreen Swenson, showcasing their understanding of the Constitution.

E.C. BEST
Students in Aimee Bell’s second-grade class have been exploring different ways to practice addition and subtraction fact fluency. One activity is the math game “Slither Around the 100s Chart,” similar to the traditional “Chutes and Ladders.”

Students roll the dice and mentally add that number to the one they’d previously landed on to find the correct space to move. The challenge is they cannot simply count out squares—they must solve the problem first.
“The kids had so much fun building fact fluency and social skills in this interactive game. Fact fluency can be such a great tool to build their mental math skills,” Bell said.

LAHONTAN
Lahontan Elementary librarian Megan Smith has been teaching students how to care for books and follow library rules. First graders reviewed a “Book Care Pledge” with their parents, while kindergarteners took home a booklet during their first library visit. Students who returned their booklets fully colored, with their name and a parent’s signature, earned a prize from the library treasure box. The activity encourages responsibility and a love of reading from the very start.

NORTHSIDE EARLY LEARNING CENTER
On Sept. 17, the Hearts of Gold Quilt group visited Octavia Merritt’s and Treasa Pursley’s classes to present handmade quilts to students. The quilters explained how they create each blanket using sewing machines. Meeting every Monday, the group hopes to donate even more quilts to Northside in the future. Students will enjoy their new blankets during quiet time throughout the school year and take them home at year’s end.

School District Expands Hope Squad

Adds New Suicide Prevention Tools

By Christy Lattin

Members of the Hope Squad briefed Churchill County School Board Trustees about the club and its purpose at the Sept. 17 board meeting, highlighting just one way the district continues to expand its resources on suicide prevention.
Evan Garcia, Evan Innes, Domonick Milne, and Aiden Duong explained how the Hope Squad helps students who are struggling but may not feel comfortable talking to an adult.
“Hope Squad does not replace counselors or teachers, but it strengthens the safety net by building a bridge between students and adults who can help,” Garcia said.

Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program that aims to educate students to recognize the signs when a friend may be struggling and how to provide help. High school principal turned administrator Dr. Gregory A. Hudnall from Utah developed the program following a decade of youth suicide in Utah. After learning of a young suicide victim who showed signs to a friend but not to an adult, Hudnall realized he needed to include peer support.
The Hope Squad consists of students who were nominated by their classmates as being caring, trustworthy, and supportive. These students receive training to recognize warning signs, reach out to peers in need, and connect them with trusted adults. The program was launched at Churchill County High School last year and is now offered as a full class.
“For Churchill County, we’re a rural community and access to mental health resources is limited so we want to really get out there,” Innes said. “Students need a safe, supportive environment where it’s OK to ask for help. Peer leadership empowers students to take ownership in upgrading its culture of hope. Every life saved makes the investment worthwhile.”
“Hope Squad is more than just a club, it’s a lifeline,” Garcia said. “It’s about creating a school culture where every student knows you are not alone, you are valued, and there is hope. We are proud to be one of the schools leading this effort in Nevada and are grateful for the board’s support and helping us expand the program.”
The district has developed several tools to address suicide and



mental health issues in the schools. In August, the district hosted ten “SafeTALK” suicide prevention training sessions to 346 staff members to raise overall awareness. Kathryn Bervin-Mueller, Director of Student Services at the district, said the feedback she received about that training was overwhelmingly positive.
She said Emma White, Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator with the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention, has also helped organize district-wide training, guided their policies on the topic, and offered training to staff on how to talk about suicide and offer resources. White mostly works with the Churchill County Social Services for county-level suicide prevention efforts.
White will help the district roll out the Signs Of Suicide, SOS, training for more students this year. This effort teaches students to recognize the warning signs of depression or suicidal thoughts in themselves and others, and how to seek help from a trusted adult, moving these tools to the greater student population and beyond the Hope Squad.
When it comes to addressing mental health issues locally, the collaboration between the county, school district, and Churchill Community Coalition is an ongoing relationship. At the July 3 County Commission meeting, commissioners used money from the Marijuana Tax Fund and approved funding of \$20,200 to the school district to support increased counseling services in the school. Commissioners also approved funding of \$19,500 to the Churchill Community Coalition to support its Too Good for Drugs and Mindfulness programs.
Bervin-Mueller said the American School Counselor Association recommends one school counselor for every 250 students, something many districts in Nevada do not meet, including Churchill County. To address that gap, she said the high school and middle school are expanding on-site counseling services and is soon partnering with a service that offers online teletherapy.
“Churchill County School District is an important part of the Fallon and Churchill County community. Uniting our efforts within the community and increasing awareness around mental health issues can only lead to a positive impact. Every step we take to end the silence makes our community stronger,” Superintendent Derild Parsons said.

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SPORTS

Greenwave Volleyball Sweeps on ‘LeAnne Strong’ Night



LeAnne Wallace.



Audrey Fuzza.



Leah Sorensen.

Story and photos by John Baker

Churchill County volleyball teams turned Sept.18 into a victory on and off the court, sweeping their matches against the Dayton Dust Devils while honoring one of their own during “LeAnne Strong” night.

The evening doubled as a fundraiser for the Northern Nevada Children’s Cancer

Foundation and a show of support for junior varsity player LeAnne Wallace, whose battle with childhood cancer inspired the theme. The freshman team opened the night with a hard-fought three-set match. After dropping the first set 17-25, the Greenwave surged back to take the second 25-13. The deciding set was a back-and-forth battle, with Dayton edging out a 15-12 win to claim the match. The JV squad, featuring Wallace on the roster, kept the energy high. Churchill jumped out with a 25-16 win in the opening

set before Dayton answered in a marathon second, 30-28. The Wave regrouped and dominated the tiebreaker 15-7 to secure the match. Varsity closed the night in style, sweeping the Dust Devils in straight sets. Churchill controlled the pace with scores of 25-18, 25-19 and 25-22. While the scores told one story, the larger purpose of the evening—raising awareness of childhood cancer and rallying behind Wallace—left an even bigger impact on players, families and fans filling the gym.

Students Headed to Sacramento for Pitch, Hit and Run Championship



Student athletes were honored by county commissioners for advancing to the Pit Hit and Run championships in October. From left, Commissioners Matt Hyde, Eric Blakey, Kaleb Aguilar, Joel DeLaCruz, Axton Weik, and Commissioner Myles Getto. Photo courtesy Churchill County.

Staff Report

Five student athlete who competed in the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run competition in July are headed to California for vie for the championship. They were recognized for their efforts at the Sept. 17 Churchill County Commission meeting.

Students Madeilynne Woolsey, Axton Weik, Joel DelaCruz, Kolton Fitz-Patrick, and Kaleb Aguilar are advancing to the Pitch, Hit and Run Team Championship in West Sacramento on Oct. 4 on the Sutter Health Field. If these athletes score well at this competition, they could advance to the World Series. The July event was sponsored by the Fallon Elks Lodge.

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COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:
Bean-mergency

By Kelli Kelly

This last week, Kelli’s Kitchen hit the road (or the airport) with Battle Ground, Washington as the final destination. It’s been a delightful and productive (if brief) visit with my Pops. I have a few hours left to enjoy the cooler weather and water that comes from the sky before returning to our high-desert home. While I was packing for this journey, I asked my dad if he and his wife Karen ate beans—my plan was to bring a couple of bags of Rancho Gordo heirloom beans as a hostess gift. This plan checked multiple boxes: I could start my visit with a give AND evangelize about the good word of Rancho Gordo. Dad’s response to my inquiry was tepid at best:

“If you want to bring some special beans for chili... it would be okay.”
Ha ha, okay dad. Regardless of the ambivalence about my “special beans,” I added three pounds into my suitcase. I wanted to be well-prepared in case of a bean-mergency. My primary objective was to secure buy-in from my dad (and more importantly, Karen) to the perspective that 1. Beans are Good and 2. Rancho Gordo Beans are The Best. In order to achieve this outcome, I initiated a Soft Sell strategy. I started with giving the bean gift (Good Mother Stallards, Lila Beans, and Ayocote Morados), followed by subtle injections of information about what makes these beans different than beans at the grocery store (you don’t have to soak them, they are fresh, look at how pretty they are), I wore a RG Bean Club shirt (“It’s Not a Cult”), before gladly accepting the invitation to make a bean-based dinner.

After determining that the preferred beanie-flavor profile in the Battle Ground Valentine household was south of the border-influenced, I decided that a simple Charro Bean dinner was the way to go. I adapted my standard recipe by subbing Beef Brisket Bacon (it’s a pork-free household) and adding some fun additions like charred corn and pico made from the end of the season tomatoes out of dad’s garden. Everyone got to build their own bowl, with or without cilantro (dad can’t stand it) -- customization is key. Both Pops and Karen circled back for seconds and declared that “These are the Best Beans we’ve ever had.” *Mission accomplished.*

Ingredients

To cook the beans

- 1 lb. Rancho Gordo Good Mother Stallard Beans (you can substitute any other option that includes “pot beans” as a dish recommendation
- 1 yellow onion, cut into quarters
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 head of garlic, left whole
- Salt

To make the charro beans

- 12 oz. beef bacon, chopped
- 1 yellow onion, minced
- 1 jalapeno, minced
- 4 cloves garlic, grated
- 3 tomatoes, diced (from the garden if you can)
- 2 chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, minced
- 1 tbsp. wild mountain cumin from Burlap and Barrel (or substitute some basic cumin)
- 1 can Modelo Especial Cooked beans & about 2 cups of the pot liqueur
- Salt and pepper to taste

Toppings

- Crumbled cotija or queso fresco
- Pico de gallo (*with or without cilantro, lol*)
- Charred corn
- Also - really whatever your heart desires!*

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook the beans: rinse and sort your beans then place them in a large, heavy-bottomed pot or Dutch oven along with the quartered onion, head of garlic, and bay leaves. Fill the pot with water and place on the stove. Bring the pot to boil (and let boil for 5 minutes to show the beans who is boss), then reduce to a simmer and cook until the beans are about 3/4 of the way soft. Season aggressively with salt. Continue cooking until the beans are soft and creamy. ***Always sample 5 beans to determine if they are done*** Pour the beans and liquid into a bowl and set aside.
2. In the same pot, render down the beef bacon over medium heat. Cook until caramelized and starting to crisp up. Beef bacon is pre-cooked so you might want to add a little EVOO if needed. After about 7 minutes, add in the onion, jalapeno, and garlic and saute for an additional 5-10 minutes until the onion is translucent and starting to caramelize.
3. Add in the diced tomatoes, chipotle in adobo, and cumin. Continue cooking until the tomatoes have released their juice and the entire mixture begins to darken slightly. Pour in the beer, bring to a boil, and reduce by half, stirring constantly. Add in the cooked beans and some of the pot liqueur and bring back to a simmer. Reserve some additional bean juice to thin out the sauce, if needed. Simmer for 20-30 minutes to let the flavors meld.
4. Serve over a scoop of rice topped with the add-ins of your choice. I used a base of basmati and wild rice and topped our beans with charred corn, pico de gallo, cilantro, a squeeze of lime, and some hot sauce!
5. ENJOY!

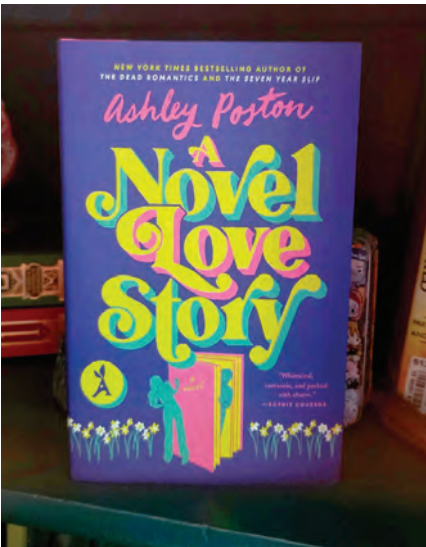
Allison’s Book Report:
“A Novel Love Story”
by Ashley Poston

By Allison Diegel

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: Book people love books about books! This week, I have a really fun one that falls squarely into the “books about books” category with a healthy dose of magical realism thrown in!
“A Novel Love Story” by Ashley Poston is a book lover’s dream! Eileen “Elsy” Merriweather is a literature professor who’s all about happily-ever-afters... in books, at least. Her own life? Not so much. She was left at the altar a while back, and ever since, she’s been finding her comfort and solace in the cozy, predictable world of romance novels. Her favorite series is a small-town gem called Quixotic Falls, and she’s a super-fan, with a book club dedicated to it and everything. Unfortunately, this year, the annual book club retreat is a bust and none of her friends can make it. So Elsy, needing an escape, decides to go solo. When her car breaks down, she finds herself stranded in the most charming little town. It’s so perfect, it feels like it’s straight out of a novel... because, as it turns out, it is. She’s somehow landed right in the fictional town of Eloraton, the setting for her beloved Quixotic Falls series.

The town is a magical-realism wonderland, frozen in time because the author, Rachel Flowers, passed away before she could finish the final book. Elsy quickly realizes that she’s here for a reason: to help the characters of the series get their own happily-ever-afters. Her mission is complicated by a new character she’s never seen before—a super grumpy, but very handsome, bookstore owner with dreamy mint-green eyes named Anders.

As Elsy starts trying to play matchmaker and untangle the unfinished storylines, she finds herself drawn to Anders. He’s a total mystery, and he seems to know more about the town than she does. She’s got to figure out who he is and why he’s so determined to keep things as they are. This whole adventure forces Elsy to confront her own life, and the fact that she’s been so busy escaping into fictional worlds that she hasn’t been living her own.
“A Novel Love Story” is a love letter to the power of stories and the people who read them. It’s a whimsical and heartwarming tale about finding your own “happily-ever-after,” even if it’s not the one you originally wrote in your head. Elsy’s journey is about learning to live in the real world again, and realizing that sometimes, the best love stories are the ones you get to write for yourself.
I hope you enjoy this week’s pick! Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more recommendations and book-related fun!



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

Crossword

By Peanut

Under the Sea

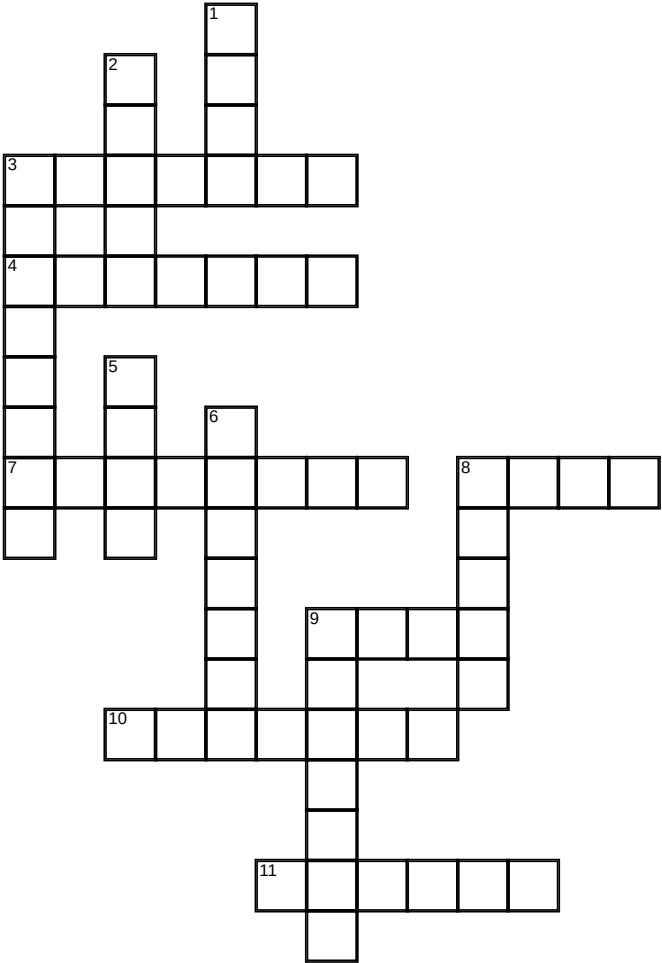


Across

3. Bay, sea, calico
4. Dahlia, snakelocks, beadlet
7. Spiny, pygmy, sea dragon
8. Spider, fiddler, blue
9. Killer whale
10. Sea cow
11. Hawksbill, loggerhead, green

Down

1. Harp, spotted, harbor
2. Blue, right, minke
3. Sunflower, royal, pacific blood
5. Cherrystone, razor, quahog
6. Striped, spinner, bottlenose
8. Staghorn, brain, sun
9. Giant, common, blue ringed



LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

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

Pending before this Court is a Motion by Plaintiffs JEFFREY L. CHRISTIANSEN and JILL L. CHRISTIANSEN, individuals, by and through their counsel of record, R. Scott Jamieson, requesting that the Court enter an Order allowing Service by Publication against Defendants Title Service and Escrow Company, a dissolved Nevada Corporation, or any person or entity claiming a right thereunder; Anna Macari, a resident of Colorado, now believed to be a deceased person, specifically, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto, and to allow Notice of Hearing by Publication to the above-named persons and entities have an opportunity to timely file an appropriate written Answer or other appropriate written response to the Court with respect to the above-referenced Summons and and Complaint, and to appear at a hearing wherein any interested person may appear to contest Plaintiffs' Complaint to Quiet Title, both directly and through their claim of adverse possession. This Motion is made and based upon NRS 40.090, NRS 40.100, NRS 40.110, NRCP Rule 4(d) (3), and upon 10 JDCR Rule 4.4 and any other applicable Nevada Law. Based on the evidence and information provided to the Court incident to the above-referenced Motion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows: Plaintiffs shall serve the Summons and the Verified Complaint in this case by means of publication, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation, in the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, for a period of 4 weeks, and at least once a week during said time, effectuating service upon both all of the abovenamed specific persons and entities and also upon all other persons or entities unknown claiming any right, title estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing date in the above referenced matter wherein the Court will be able to consider the Verified Complaint, is set for October 7 at 9:00 a.m., 2025, such hearing to occur after the date for filing Answers or other appropriate responsive pleadings to the required publishing, posting and recording as required under the applicable Nevada Rules and Statutes. This document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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

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

SUMMONS

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

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

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

Dated this 17th day of October, 2024.
Tiffany Josephs, Clerk of the Court.
Plaintiffs' Attorney:
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NOTICE

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

TITLE: BILL 2025-A, ORDINANCE 32, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE AND ESTABLISHING THE I-1, I-2, AND I-3 ZONING DISTRICTS, DELETING THE I ZONING DISTRICT, DEFINING THE ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS, ESTABLISHING ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING AND ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL LAND USES, CLARIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER GENERATION FACILITIES, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

SUMMARY: THIS ORDINANCE DELETES THE CURRENT I INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND REPLACES IT WITH THE I-1, I-2, AND I-3 ZONING DISTRICTS. THE I-1 ZONING DISTRICT IS INTENDED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES, THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT IS INTENDED FOR MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL USES, AND THE I-3 ZONING DISTRICT IS INTENDED FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIAL USES. THE ORDINANCE DEFINES THE REVIEW PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS NEW AND EXISTING INDUSTRIAL USES IN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DISTRICTS. THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FOR A MORE GRANULAR APPROACH IN ADDRESSING INDUSTRIAL USES THROUGHOUT CHURCHILL COUNTY. THE ORDINANCE FURTHER ESTABLISHES THE ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS, WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE AUTHORIZATION AND CONDITIONING OF PARTICULAR LAND USES THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW. THE ORDINANCE FURTHER CLARIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POWER GENERATION FACILITIES INSTEAD OF JUST RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES TO ADDRESS A GAP IN THE COUNTY CODE REQUIREMENTS.

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

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

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

Dated this 17th day of September, 2025.

PAMELA D. MOORE
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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LEGAL NOTICES

Postcards:
The Ito and Kito Families
— Part II —

By Michon Mackedon

In Part I of the Ito and Kito families story, I introduced you to Masa Kito Fujitani, who wrote a charming memoir of her family (the Kitos) and their family friends (the Itos). The two families settled in a house on St. Clair Road in 1920, having fled California following the passage of the Alien Land Law, designed to deny Japanese families their foothold in America by withholding the right to own land. Fortunately for this valley, the two families gained a foothold here, becoming productive farmers and valuable members of the community. The two families were protected by Fallon’s community leaders during World War II, and their children thrived as citizens and students. In the following passages from Masa’s story, she writes about her school experiences and those of her brothers and sisters.

“Once we reached school age, we all went to the St. Clair district school from first grade through 8th grade and then we all graduated from Churchill County High School. Regardless, the cows demanded milking before and after school, and the eggs still had to be gathered, and we still had to slop the pigs. However, we still had our fun—we learned to swim in the big canals that brought water to our properties. Canals were deep enough to dive into and we didn’t know about a public chlorine pool—that was in town! Imagine Nobie’s and my surprise to see this dead cow body floating down the canal. Not knowing better about germs and disease, we poked it and swam around it! Perhaps we both developed a strong immunity to cow disease!

Through the years, my parents and siblings knew that their high school classmates ‘fun time’ was coming to our farm to pinch a few Hearts of Gold melons late at night. The melon robbers didn’t know that my folks planted a ‘special’ section of melons just for their taking! That way we could guard and look for them with a shotgun full of rock salt! (I heard that a shot in the air caused one ‘melon grabber’ to drive right into the drain ditch!)



Elaine Teel and Aya Kito (Mori) in roughly 1945. Courtesy of Ernie Schank.

My sister, Emi, was the first girl in Fallon and our family to earn the 4 year Harold’s Club Scholarship to attend and graduate from the University of Nevada, Reno. Then she earned an MA from the University of Utah and became a Bio-Chemist in Philadelphia. Aya left Fallon and worked as a beautician in Salt Lake City. Nobie went to Oregon State, then joined the Air Force. I was a class of 57 graduate of CCHS, then enrolled at University of Nevada, Reno, for a year. In 1958, the Ito/Kito property was sold to John and Mary Ann Gomes whose home is still there. The Itos left for California and I accompanied my parents to Denver and later graduated from Northern Colorado University. I was hired in the Anaheim, CA elementary school district and still reside in Santa Ana, CA.

Looking back, I had remarkable teachers and classmates at CCHS! Anne Gibbs Berlin and Pat Oxborrow were my English teachers. In addition, I had Byrd Sawyer as a mentor. She had written the ‘Our State Nevada’ textbook which we were required to read and then write an essay about Nevada. She guided me to interview my parents and the Itos about their experiences as Japanese families in Fallon.

About 30 years ago, Andy Russell contacted me about my essay and family photos for his thesis. Last year I was pleased to hear from Andy about approvals and updates to family photos for his new book. ‘Like Friends, Like Foes: Japanese Americans and Nevada through World War II’ is to be published in 2026!”

Thank you, Masa, for your “Postcard.” My apologies for misspelling your name in Part I of your 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 786
BILL NO. 805

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 10,521 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 690 EAST FRONT STREET, FALLON, NEVADA, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FALLON, NEVADA. Was adopted by the Fallon City Council on September 16, 2025, with council members Harmon, Kent, and Frost voting in favor of the ordinance.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

Audrey Michele Wade
575 Nadine Drive
Fallon, Nevada 89406
Self-Represented Petition

DISTRICT COURT, CHURCHILL
COUNTY, NEVADA

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

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

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

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

DATED:
this 3 day of September 2025

SUBMITTED BY:
/s/ Audrey Michelle Wade

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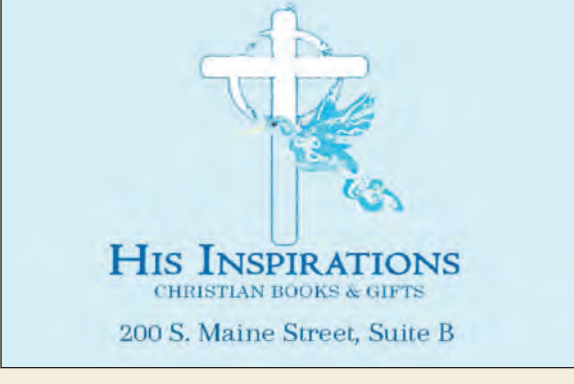
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