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Commissioners Appoint Lee Orozco as New Churchill County Sheriff

By Leanna Lehman

On Friday, April 17, Churchill County commissioners appointed a new sheriff to fill the vacancy left by the death of Richard Hickox, selecting Undersheriff Lee Orozco to serve out the remainder of the term.

The appointment was made during a special meeting after hearing from Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills, who explained the process under Nevada law.

“We’re here this morning due to the untimely death of Sheriff Hickox,” Mills told the board. “It falls to this board ... to fill that vacancy pursuant to statute.”

Mills explained that the appointment fills the position through the remainder of the term, which runs until the first Monday in January 2027. Because the primary filing period has already passed, a separate window will open in late June for candidates to file for the general election.

“There is a provision for a candidacy filing period,” Mills said. “Because we’re already past the time for a primary, that period will run later on ... there’ll be an opportunity for people to file to get onto the general election.”



Tenth Judicial District Court Judge Thomas Stockard swears in Lee Orozco as the new Churchill County Sheriff. Image courtesy of Churchill County.

Commissioners chose to make the appointment during the meeting rather than delay the process.

Commissioner Matt Hyde said the decision was about continuing the leadership voters had already supported.

“Sheriff Hickox was elected as sheriff. He appointed a right-hand man, his undersheriff, and that is an extension of what the people wanted in this community,” said Hyde. “They trusted Richard to appoint his undersheriff.”

The board unanimously approved the motion to appoint Orozco, who was sworn in shortly after the vote.

Following the oath of office, Orozco briefly

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Battle Born Broncs Brings Big Rides Back to Fallon

By Nancy Chapman

The 5th annual Battle Born Broncs returned to Fallon on April 18, bringing three days of nonstop PRCA sanctioned bronc riding to the Rafter 3C Arena alongside the Fallon Junior and High School Rodeos.



Myles Carlson and Rusty Wright celebrate their Extreme Broncs wins. Photos by Hailey Rae Photography.

Legendary horses, top cowboys, and future rodeo stars took center stage as the event celebrated Western heritage during the 250th year of America’s birth. The City of Fallon and Battle Born Handmade Boots owner Darcie Spero welcomed athletes and fans for four days of action, described as the ultimate rodeo experience. Former Fallon native Laura Gonzales, now living in Idaho, opened the Xtreme Broncs night with the national anthem.

The elite PRCA event drew the world’s top bareback and saddle bronc riders to compete for \$50,000 in prize money. Winners also received two bronze trophies and additional awards valued at \$10,000. All earnings counted toward the PRCA World Standings, making the event a major stop on the road to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December.

IN SADDLE BRONC RIDING:

1. Rusty Wright, 90.5 points on Corey & Lange Rodeo’s Cypress Toddy, \$8,037;
2. (tie) Ben Andersen, Dawson Hay, Sage Newman, and Stetson Dell Wright, 88.5, \$3,885 each;
3. Leon Fountain, 87.5, \$1,340;
4. (tie) Tanner Butner and Spencer Wright, 86.5, \$938 each.

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Ranchers Push Back as NDOW Nearly Doubles Carson Pasture Grazing Fees

By Leanna Lehman

A change in Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s “comparable pricing” means a drastic change in grazing fees at Carson Lake Pasture in Churchill County. Costs climb to nearly double what they were a year ago – just as fuel prices skyrocket, taxes increase, and available grazing land in the region diminishes.

One rancher recently said the increase was not expected and described it as something that “just happened,” despite earlier discussions suggesting rates would remain unchanged. They also questioned both the timing and justification, calling the pasture “very run-down” with “no fence maintenance” and asking, “Where does that money go?”

The pasture, located within a Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) wildlife management area, is leased by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), which in turn issues grazing agreements to local ranchers.

Under the proposal, NDOW would raise the base rate to \$25 per AUM, replacing a long-standing state minimum rate of about \$13. Ranchers also pay an additional district fee through TCID, currently about \$5 per head, bringing the combined cost to just over \$30 per AUM, or animal unit month, which is the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.

For some operators, that increase translates into tens of thousands of dollars in additional seasonal costs.

One local rancher said that, with approximately 400 head grazing for a seven-month period, costs could approach \$84,000 for the season, with an additional \$8,000 for vaccine expenses. Further, they noted that the ranchers who graze cattle on the Carson Lake Pasture are long-time Churchill County residents, taxpayers, and employers, and that nearly \$90,000 leaves the county.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log: Movable Type

By Rachel Dahl

I just noticed that we have a bunch of chats going this morning, working on three separate papers, and it's not even 6 a.m. yet.

I would like it noted for the record that there is no requirement at Fallon Media Co. to work in the pre-dawn hours, but it appears the team is picking up my early morning habit. I sort of feel bad – like I've led them all astray.

At Fallon Media Co., we use a chat app on our computers to make it easier to communicate in real time, rather than sending emails or dropping everything for a phone call. This way, you can have several chats open at once and be working with someone on a project while you're waiting for someone else to respond about the piece they're working on. You can also drop a note to someone outside work hours so you don't forget to talk to them about something, and when they get to work, that issue can get handled.

Multi-tasking opponents would cringe, but we really can get a lot done this way.

Currently, I'm chatting with Lori, who edits *The Fallon Post*, about making sure an obituary is correct and whether or not this one story is okay for the front page. Amber and I are also talking about what's coming today – she keeps all the wheels greased for Fallon Media Co., sells ads in Fernley, and is learning to write stories and become a reporter. Another chat is with Allyson, who does the layout for Fernley. We're trying to figure out if we have enough stories to fill space, and then a long, rambling conversation with Shania, who creates the Lovelock paper and is

remote today, traveling to the Rural Roundup conference in Elko. We've decided we have to rearrange some of the pages she did yesterday while she was on the bus heading up to the conference.

Ain't technology grand? Honestly, it's amazing what we're able to do with all the cutting-edge tools we have at our disposal. I often joke that I can run my whole business from my phone. It isn't really a joke, though; in theory, I could. Although I'm getting to the age where seeing that small is a bit of a challenge, but the ability is there in a jam.

Sometimes I think about Mark Twain and movable type and what it would have been like back then, when "the editor was a young idealist who hocked everything to buy his press" (Movie line – points if you know which one), and I can't even imagine how they managed to put papers together.

We were all talking the other day with the Winemucca crew about when they were a daily and had 30 people working in the building. Jen is our editor up there, and she said, "Who knew that I lived through the heyday?"

But here we are – creating our own heyday. Who knows how this thing is going to go and what we're going to be able to make these papers into? Judging by how we've evolved over the past seven years, I wouldn't take a bet against us.

So while we build on this early-morning energy and get all five of these papers to the printer today, we'll always be right here...
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—Rach

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addressed the room, reflecting on his longtime working relationship with Hickox.

"I was here when he started. I was partners with him in investigations. Then he was my boss and partner in the administration," Orozco said. "He will be missed, but he's not forgotten. We'll carry on what he started."

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At the April 8 TCID meeting, directors discussed the increase, which stems from the repealed Nevada statute that set the state minimum grazing rate. This means that the minimum no longer applies. As a result, fee-setting reverted to Public Law 101-618, which directs that grazing rates be based on comparable pastures.

"We ran an analysis ... on comparable pasture rates," said Kyle Larson, Carson Lake supervisor with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. He noted that rates ranged from about \$20 to more than \$30 per AUM, with \$25 selected as an average.

"We understand that that's an increase, almost double over what's been charged in the past," he added.

But participants in the meeting questioned whether those comparisons reflect the reality at Carson Lake.

One participant asked, "When you compare pastures... everybody else got saltgrass?" pointing to differences in forage quality and irrigation.

Larson said that \$25 per AUM is on the lower end of grazing fees. "When you look at what people are charging for irrigated pastureland... It's actually a lot higher. We leveled that down to try to account for some of that saltgrass that exists out there."

Others raised concerns about raising rates while the pasture remains under evaluation.

Under Nevada law, the appointed sheriff will serve until the next general election, when voters will elect a candidate to the office. The upcoming special filing period will allow interested candidates to enter that race despite the standard filing deadlines having passed earlier this year.

The meeting concluded with commissioners noting the importance of keeping the sheriff's office steady during the transition.

The proposed lease term has also been reduced from five years to two, allowing the state to revisit conditions once a forage study is complete.

Operational challenges at the pasture continue to surface, as reported by committee members and ranchers.

Approved minutes from the Jan. 26 meeting document the loss of 19 cattle to anaplasmosis – a tick or insect-borne disease in cattle that destroys red blood cells, leading to weakness, weight loss, and often death in severe cases. Also, there were reports of missing calves and ongoing concerns with fencing and water distribution. February discussions added to that list, with participants pointing to poor water movement and uneven pasture conditions.

A participant said during the meeting, "Water just went to pastures, didn't get moved all summer... some of it just flooded and didn't get moved to dry spots."

For ranchers, the concern is not just the increase, but whether the pasture in its current condition justifies it.

The issue also comes at a time when access to grazing land is tightening in parts of the region, including areas impacted by the Fallon Range Training Complex expansion, increasing reliance on remaining pasture.

The TCID Board of Directors approved the grazing fee increase during their March 10 meeting.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Oscar and Cali

Oscar and Cali are a beautiful pair of kitties searching for a place to finally exhale, a calm home where love is steady, soft, and always within reach. While it's not required, we would love to see them go home together. There's something special about the way they comfort each other, especially in a brand-new world.

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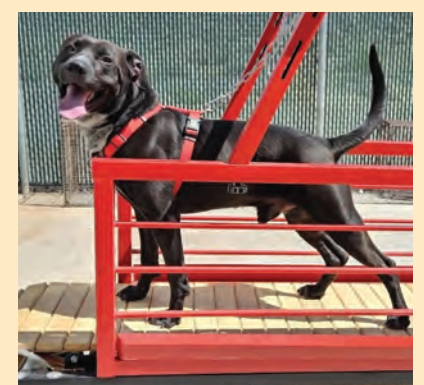
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FEATURES

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IN BAREBACK RIDING:

1. Myles Carlson, 87 points on Burch Rodeo’s Lyin Hostage, \$8,009;
 2. Tanner Aus, 86.5, \$6,140;
 3. Clayton Biglow, 86, \$4,538;
 4. Bradlee Miller, 84.5, \$2,937;
 5. (tie) Bronc Marriott and Donny Proffit, 83.5, \$1,602 each;
 6. (tie) Sage Allen, Sam Petersen, and Mason Stuller, 83, \$623 each.
- Total payout: \$53,486.

The rides electrified the crowd and raised the bar inside the arena. Stock contractors were Burch Rodeo, Sankey Pro Rodeo & Phenom Genetics, and Corey & Lange Rodeo. Rodeo Secretary: Eva Chadwick. Officials: Brad McGilchrist, Bobby Davis, and Monty Van Komen. Timer: Eva Chadwick. Announcers: Scott Grover and Steve Kenyon. Specialty act: Clinton Selvester. Flankmen: Matt Burch, Gene King, and Wade Sankey. Chute boss: Ike Sankey. Pickup men: Jerad McFarlane, Jared Gill, and Jeremy Clark. Music director: Katherine Selvester. Photographer: Hailey Rae.

The event also continued its commitment to the future of rodeo by hosting the Battle Born Jr. Rough Stock Challenge and the PRCA Youth Camp on April 16–17. Young athletes trained and competed in the same arena they hope to return to as Battle Born Broncos contestants. World Champion Bull Rider and Hall of Fame member Cody Custer returned as an instructor, joined by Rusty Wright, Mitch Pollock, Leon Fountain, Wyatt Denny, Colten Fritzlan, and Hank Whitaker.

The Battle Born Junior Rough Stock Challenge brought the “toughest kids on dirt” to compete for their spot at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding.

Great Basin Orthopedics supported the athletes with sports medicine care, arriving two hours before each performance to help riders stretch and minimize injuries.



Action in the Extreme Broncs lights up the arena. Photo by Hailey Rae Photography.

“Battle Born Broncos was built to showcase the very best of Western sport and Western lifestyle in one place,” Spero said. “From world-class athletes and horses to the next generation coming up through our youth events, this weekend represents everything we believe in — heritage, grit, and creating an elevated experience people can’t find anywhere else.”

Beyond the arena, Battle Born Broncos offered a curated Western experience blending sport, style, and community. Exclusive merchandise and artisan craftsmanship filled the Western Market, drawing rodeo fans and lifestyle enthusiasts. Mayor Ken Tedford, the City of Fallon, sponsors, and fans congratulated the athletes on their wins.

Youth Roughstock Riders Prove their Mettle at Battle Born Broncos



Youth bull rider draws a rank one. Photo by Hailey Rae Photography.



One of the Roughstock Challenge’s youngest cowboys, at six years old, gives it all he’s got right out of the chute. Photo by Hailey Rae Photography.



Rostin Snow, in addition to winning the bull riding at the Fallon High School Rodeo, earns a top place slot in the Roughstock Challenge. Photo by 52 Photography, courtesy of Justin Snow.

By Leanna Lehman

Battle Born Broncos wrapped up its fourth successful year, bringing top-ranking bronc riders from across the nation to Fallon in hopes of making a few eight-second rides. The wildly popular Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Xtreme Broncs event continues to make kids a part of the show.

Since year one, Darcie Spero, founder and organizer of Battle Born Broncos, has been committed to helping young, aspiring roughstock riders stay safe, learn the sport, and experience the unmatched thrill of bronc riding.

For the last two years, Spero has coordinated the event to coincide with Fallon’s High School Rodeo, which draws high school and junior high competitors from across the state. The goal is to offer a rodeo training clinic designed to help the next generation of world-class roughstock riders. That effort took shape with the Battle Born Broncos Next Level PRCA Youth Camp.

Held on Friday, April 17, the annual clinic gave youth riders a rare opportunity to learn from some of the best professional saddle bronc riders, bareback riders, and bull riders in the world.

Youth roughstock riders learned safety fundamentals, technical skills, and the importance of health and fitness. Among the professionals sharing their knowledge was saddle bronc rider Rusty Wright, currently ranked No. 2 in the world, who also set a new Rafter 3C Arena record last Saturday with a 90.5-point ride on Toddy to win the event. Returning to offer his time and experience was Mitch Pollack, a 10-year veteran and National Finals Rodeo qualifier from Winnemucca, who scored 86 points on Gone Girl Saturday night.

Teaching bareback riding were Wyatt Denny, a three-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier and 2015 Resistol Rookie of the Year, and Cody Custer, one of the sport’s most respected instructors. A 14-year professional bull rider, Custer was the 1992 PRCA World Champion and was inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in 2017.

Youth riders spent time in the chutes learning the best methods for getting on their animals, practiced on mechanical bucking machines, and put their knowledge to the test on live practice horses while working alongside their coaches.

For the first time, Spero added a new event, the Battle Born Broncos

Junior Roughstock Challenge. She previously organized a similar event during the Cantaloupe Festival in 2024, but said combining it with Battle Born Broncos, the Fallon High School Rodeo, and the youth camp would give riders greater opportunity.

She was right. With roughly 50 saddle bronc, bareback, and bull riders ages 6-10 competing in two performances, the crowd was treated to a free event that delivered as much high-adrenaline action as the PRCA event Saturday night.

The event is the only one in the state that qualifies youth roughstock riders for the YETI Junior World Finals in Las Vegas, held during the National Finals Rodeo. “This is a direct qualifier,” Spero said. “If they place in the top two in each age group, they will qualify for Las Vegas.”

EVENT RESULTS:

- High Point Winners: Bull Riding: Rodee DeMers (79 pts), Saddle Bronc Riding: Bill Gardner (74 pts), Bareback Riding: Shayde Volk (69 pts).
 Bareback Riding 14–15 Age Division: 1st – Blaine Cornelison (122 pts), 2nd – Hank Gillespie (57 pts)
 Bareback Riding 16–18 Age Division: 1st – Shayde Volk (132 pts), 2nd – Rodee DeMers (131 pts).
 Saddle Bronc Riding 12–13 Division: 1st – Bronc DeMers (61 pts).
 Saddle Bronc Riding 14–15 Division: 1st – Coy Wilson (126 pts), 2nd – Lincoln Arellano (59 pts).
 Saddle Bronc Riding 16–18 Division: 1st – Bill Gardner (146 pts), 2nd – Cole Whittaker (123 pts), 3rd – Giovanni Berg (121 pts), 4th – Rio Segura (67 pts).
 Saddle Bronc Riding T-5th/6th – Ben Marvel & Chris Mittelstadt (60 pts).
 Bull Riding 10–11 Division: 1st – Taos Yarlott (70 pts).
 Bull Riding 12–13 Division: 1st – Rostin Snow (67 pts).
 Bull Riding 14–15 Division: 1st – Aiden Brown (146 pts, 2nd – Zo Vantassell) (143 pts), 3rd – Billy Lewis (77 pts), 4th – Rowdy Bali (72 pts).
 Bull Riding T-5th/6th: Kyler Cash Yarlott & Cooper Crane (71 pts), 7th – Josh O’Connor (61 pts).
 Bull Riding 16–18 Division: 1st – Rodee DeMers (79 pts).

By the time the dust settled and the chutes went quiet, it was clear the future of roughstock isn’t waiting its turn. It’s already here, hanging on for eight seconds, learning from the best, and chasing the same cowboy glory that built the sport.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Service for Sheriff Hickox Set for May 2



The funeral service for Churchill County Sheriff Richard C. Hickox Jr., who died April 11 from complications related to cancer, is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Rafter 3C Arena, 227 Sheckler Road in Fallon.

The public is invited to attend and pay their respects to Hickox, who served the community for 28 years. A livestream will be available for those unable to attend at <https://www.youtube.com/live/qwc9z4E8OMY>.

Law enforcement agencies from across the state are expected to attend. Several agencies have arranged to assist with coverage in

Churchill County, allowing local deputies to participate in the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Richard Hickox Memorial Scholarship Fund at Churchill County Federal Credit Union. Donations should be directed to the attention of Barb or Sierra Hickox.

Quilters Stitch Patriotic Tribute for Annual Cantaloupe Festival Raffle



The Hearts of Gold Quilters display their 23rd annual community quilt, an 82 by 82 inch red, white, and blue “Happy 250th Birthday USA” design made by the group and quilted by Penny Dujardin, ahead of this year’s Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available at Digitex Printing, 3 Dimension Shipping, Workman Farms, The Uncommon Thread, and Ambiance Salon Boutique. The winning ticket will be drawn Aug. 30 at the festival. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

America 250 Community Initiative

By Sydney Trainor

The City of Fallon has launched a yearlong community initiative celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States and will unveil monthly events throughout 2026 that highlight local history, culture, and community pride.

The initiative, known as Fallon 250, will feature outdoor activities, hands on arts events, parades, and family friendly festivals designed to bring residents together while reflecting on the nation’s milestone anniversary.

The first major event will be the inaugural Fallon Chalk Festival in May, scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Later in the summer, the city plans expanded Fourth of July parade festivities and a community fireworks show. Additional programming will include public mural unveilings, art showcases, cultural presentations, and other community driven events.

To support planning and coordination, Mayor Ken Tedford has established the America 250 Fallon Commission, bringing together local leaders, artists, historians, and volunteers to help shape the year’s programming.

“From our agricultural roots and military history to Indigenous culture and the spirit of the American West, Fallon has played a meaningful role in the American experience,” Tedford said. “This series ensures our community is actively participating in America 250 while building something lasting for residents and visitors alike.”

More information about 2026 events is available at fallonnevada.gov.

Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse Awareness Month

By Sydney Trainor

April is recognized as Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse Awareness Month, bringing attention to issues that affect many individuals and families. In Fallon, this month is about more than awareness; it’s about creating space for conversations and reminding those who have experienced abuse that support, understanding, and help are available.

Blue pinwheels have shown up around town as Fallon participates in the national “Pinwheels for Prevention” campaign. These pinwheels are meant to spark conversations and carry a powerful message that every child deserves a safe, happy childhood. They are also meant to serve as a reminder that the community cares about protecting and supporting its youth. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that around one in seven children experience abuse or neglect each year. In Churchill County alone, more than 300 reports of child abuse and neglect are made annually. These numbers highlight why raising awareness and supporting prevention efforts are so important.

Another way for people to show support is by participating in Denim Day. This campaign encourages people to wear denim to stand with survivors of sexual violence and challenge the stigma that can keep people from speaking out. Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes, often due to these harmful stigmas.

Denim Day began in 1999 after an Italian court overturned a rape conviction, citing the victim’s tight jeans as a reason the act must have been consensual. This decision sparked international outrage. Today, the campaign continues to push back against harmful myths, reminding people that sexual assault is never the victim’s fault. This year, Denim Day falls on April 29.

For anyone who may be struggling or unsure where to turn, there are resources in Fallon ready to help. Organizations like Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) provide confidential support, shelter, and advocacy. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers help children navigate difficult situations. April is often associated with renewal, new beginnings, and hope, but it also serves as an important reminder through awareness campaigns that you are not alone, and support and resources are available.



Blue pinwheels planted in the grass surround a line of hanging denim in Millennium Park during Fallon’s observance of Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse Awareness Month. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

Oasis Academy Hosts Eighth Annual Future Fest Fundraiser

By Rhonda Blevins

Oasis Academy hosted its eighth annual Future Fest fundraiser at the convention center, bringing together students, families, and staff for live and silent auctions, raffles, and community support.

Emcee David Halloran opened the program by recognizing students and introducing senior Trevor Barrenchea, noting that he represents the qualities Oasis Academy strives to build.

Barrenchea, an Oasis student since first grade, will graduate this spring with both his high school diploma and an Associate of Science degree. He plans to study wildlife ecology and pursue big game conservation with the Fish and Game department. He competed in basketball and baseball and was active in student council, National Honor Society, and Future Farmers of America (FFA), representing Oasis Academy nationally in 2024.

Barrenchea acknowledged the loss of student Tyler Crystal, how the school community supported one another, and thanked teachers, staff, families, and community members for their continued support and for the opportunities Oasis Academy provides through academics, athletics, and leadership.

Halloran closed by encouraging attendees to bid generously, reminding them that Future Fest helps fund the school’s academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs. With desserts displayed and bids called, the fundraiser underscored the community’s commitment to supporting Oasis Academy and its students.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, April 27

Chili Cheese Dog
WW Bun
Onion Rings
4 Way Veg Blend
Green Salad
Spiced Apples

Tuesday, April 28

Broccoli Cheddar Soup
Turkey & Swiss Sandwich
Zucchini
3 Bean Salad
Diced Pears

Wednesday, April 29

Meatloaf Day
Brown Gravy
Mashed Redskin Potatoes
Capri Veg Blend
Mandarin Oranges
WW Roll

Thursday, April 30

Chicken Nuggets
Green Beans
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Mixed Fruit



FALLON DAILY BREAD

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Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m. All meals are subject to change. All are welcome.

Monday, April 27

Turkey
Potatoes & Veggies

Thursday, April 30

Chicken Breast
Pasta Salad & Fruit

Monday, May 4

Beef Stroganoff
Salad & Dessert

Thursday, May 7

Meatloaf
Potatoes & Veggies

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

OBITUARIES

RICHARD CALVIN HICKOX JR.
June 14, 1973 – April 11, 2026

Richard Calvin Hickox Jr., 52, of Fallon, Nevada, went to walk the beat of the golden streets of heaven on April 11, 2026. He was at Renown Regional Hospital in Reno, Nevada.

Richard was born on June 14, 1973, in San Jose. He began working early in life, experiencing many jobs, including as a young man disarming ordinances in Hawthorne, Nevada. All of his early experiences prepped him for his true passion and God's calling of becoming Sheriff for Churchill County.

Richard started work at the Churchill County Sheriff's office in 1998 in the jail and worked his way through the ranks to serve two terms as Sheriff. He loved his job and serving people in the community, living up to the title of Public Servant with never a selfish thought for his own behalf.



He is survived by his wife, Barb Hickox; twin daughters, Shelby (husband, Jared) and Sierra; four grandchildren, Gwen, William, Christopher, and Warren; his mom, Linda; sisters, Shayla and Shanda; his brother, Jon; and many nieces and nephews.

Richard will be remembered for his love for his family, his unwavering integrity, and his desire to serve his community.

His jokes and caring personality were gifts to those who knew him. He will be missed by all.

His celebration of life will be held at the Rafter 3C on May 2, 2026, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a Richard Hickox Memorial Scholarship for students who would like a career in the first responder field at the Churchill County Federal Credit Union, addressed to either Barb or Sierra Hickox.

SOPHIA KATHERINE BEHIMER
June 27, 2003 – April 15, 2026



Sophia Katherine Behimer was born June 27, 2003, as the third of six children to Brennen and Stephanie Behimer in LaGrange, Illinois. She moved with her family to Russia for three years before settling in Fallon, Nevada.

Sophia loved to dance and began developing this talent in Russia and later in Fallon. She had a deep passion for children, serving as a nanny for many families and caring for children at church and at work. She loved her siblings and was very proud of her family. Her quick and clever humor reflected a keen understanding of and care for people.

Sophia became convicted of her sin at an early age and put her faith in Christ for salvation. She was baptized at Parkside Bible Fellowship and walked with her Lord until He took her home on April 15, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her parents and five siblings: Brianna, Megan, Gabriel, Eva Clare, and Brennen.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Parkside Bible Fellowship, 485 Tedford Lane, Fallon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Fund or Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Nevada.

ROBBIE WAYNE SMITH
December 29, 1973 – December 27, 2025

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the sudden passing of our beloved Rob Smith. Rob passed with his children and family by his side on December 27, 2025.

Robbie Wayne Smith was born on December 29, 1973, to Robert and Shirley Smith. Robbie was a lifelong resident of Fallon, Nevada, who graduated from Churchill County High School. From a young age, Robbie had a love for many sports. He was an avid football and baseball player, but his real love was hunting. He loved being outdoors. He loved camping and fishing, but most of all, hunting.

Robbie was a skilled equipment operator and talented handyman with a tremendous love for hunting and the outdoors. Robbie enjoyed sharing his knowledge of hunting, spending time as a licensed hunting guide, and devoting his time to teaching young hunters and family members the craft.

Robbie is preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Smith, and sister, Pennie (Smith) Lumen.

He is survived by his father, Robert G. Smith; brother, Jeffrey Smith; sister, Terrie (Tony) Hollister; brother in law, Wendel Lumen; his children, Caleb Casey, Tristan Smith, and Bradee Smith; grandson, Emerson; and nieces and nephews Steven, Timi, Wesley, Breanna, Taylor, Les, Addison, Daniel, and Heather; many great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Then his beloved fur babies, Megan, Trey, and Handsome, who all miss him dearly and look for him daily.

Robbie's sudden passing has left a huge hole in



our hearts, especially with his children and father. He will be missed greatly by his dad, his best friend, his loving children—who were the light of his life—many family members, and a multitude of friends.

He touched many lives in so many ways.

At this time, no services are planned. When the weather permits, his children have plans to spread his ashes at his favorite hunting place, where he spent many hours with his kids, family, and friends, teaching his craft of hunting. It was his life, and he loved every minute of it. He especially loved to help guide and support the young generation in his craft of hunting and safety.

All who knew and loved Robbie got to experience the unique talent he had for hunting and for teaching others. His biggest thrill was calling in a flock of geese or ducks while watching others bring them down.

As all who knew Rob know, he would not want flowers or a big gathering. So, in lieu of flowers, he would ask for donations made to his favorite Springs Wings Youth Hunt or to any hunting platform of your choice. He would say, just take 'em hunting.

Thank you to all who have reached out with kind words, support, and love for the family, his children, and many friends. We are deeply touched.

Rest in peace, Rob. You go ahead—call them in, knock 'em down, take them all. There are no daily limits in the big field above. The bands are yours, brother.

We love you and will miss you.

Hug Grams and Pen for us all.

Investor Crackdowns Would be Fool's Gold for Nevada's Housing Market

By Liz Arnold

Mining isn't just another industry in Nevada. It's a way of life and a core piece of the state's economy.

It contributes roughly 6% of our state's GDP and supports over 40,000 Nevadans who work directly and indirectly in the sector. Behind every one of those jobs is a family, a mortgage, a kid in a local school, a regular table at a diner in Winnemucca or Fallon. The mining industry is the economic backbone of rural Nevada and bolsters our state's economy.

However, despite the economic weight of the mining sector, the workers who drive it often struggle to find a decent place to live near the job site.

When a new mining operation opens or expands, hundreds of workers can arrive within weeks. Local housing markets in places like Elko, Tonopah, and Ely already face housing shortages and simply don't have the inventory to absorb the sudden

influx of workers. As a result, workers are forced to commute brutal distances, and employers struggle to recruit and retain the people they need.

Rural Nevada's housing market was never designed to support large employers on its own, given the state's vast geography and widely dispersed population. That's precisely why investors, both large and small, who finance, build, rehabilitate, and then manage much-needed housing, have become essential to keeping these communities and their economies running. When the local market can't supply what workers need, these housing providers step in to fill the gap, funding new construction, bringing vacant properties back into use, and creating rental options that simply wouldn't exist otherwise.

It's troubling that legislators in Carson City would handicap these solutions.

Recent housing policy proposals, including blanket bans and sweeping restrictions on these

housing providers, would kneecap the solutions that are filling this gap. Nevada is one of the most mining-intensive states in the country, with mining employment concentrations roughly ten times the national average. Lawmakers crafting housing policy need to align with that reality rather than ignore it.

The single-family rentals that have been under the microscope of lawmakers at the state and federal levels provide workers with flexible, safe, and more spacious housing options in better neighborhoods and school districts, closer to work. Taking those options away to chase a make-believe bogeyman in the housing market isn't a pro-renter policy. It's an anti-worker policy.

A professor from the University of Nevada, Reno, recently wrote that these housing providers play "an important, and often misunderstood, role in helping close the housing supply

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FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day

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

Brother Dan Palmer

Maine Street Café
810 S. Maine St.
April 24 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Night of Fights

Greenwave Takedown Club
Rafter 3C Arena
May 1 at 5 p.m.

Bark in the Park 5K

Churchill Animal Protection Society
Churchill County Fairgrounds
May 16

Churchill County Junior Livestock Show & Sale

Churchill County 4-H
Rafter 3C Arena
April 23 - 26

Fallon Spring Fling Car Show

Rustoration Garage
3C Event Center
April 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wellness 2026

Churchill Community Coalition
Rafter 3C Arena
May 5 from 3 to 7 p.m.

WNC Graduation

Western Nevada College
Rafter 3C Arena
May 20 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Family Carnival

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

Bingo Night

Fallon Lions Club
Fallon Eagles Hall
April 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Student Art Show Reception

Western Nevada College
160 Campus Way
May 14 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Oasis Academy Graduation

Oasis Academy
Rafter 3C Arena
May 20

Title 1 Family Engagement Night

Churchill County School District
Lahontan Elementary School
April 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Inaugural Spring Clinic

Reining & Ranch Horse Association
Fifty Horse Ranch
May 16 at 8 a.m.

Plant Bingo

Churchill County Parks and Recreation
255 E. Stillwater Ave.
May 22



Hornets Baseball is knocking it out of the park as this week's Community Calendar sponsor! Contact Sadie at 775-423-4545 to sponsor the weekly calendar.

COMMUNITY

Community Meets New Library Director

Staff Report

About 40 community members, library staff, volunteers, trustees, and members of the Churchill Library Association gathered on Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m. for the Churchill County Library's "Meet the Director" event, where Library Director John Hong highlighted new programs, community partnerships, and the work of the library's volunteer team.

Hong opened the evening by thanking attendees for supporting the library and emphasizing his commitment to community driven service. "This library is yours, and so you are all stakeholders. We all have a voice here," he told the crowd.

He recognized the library's staff for their work developing programs and services, including Adult Services Librarian Magdalena Biar, Technical Services Librarian Ashlee Brown, and other team members who assist with daily operations. Hong also thanked county leadership, including Churchill County Manager Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager Joe Sanford, and the commissioners who have supported library initiatives.

Members of the Library Board of Trustees were also acknowledged, including Chair Ryan Swirczek and Vice Chair Mattie Serna. Hong also credited the Churchill Library Association for funding the event. Association Chair Zip Upham and other members attended.

Volunteers received special recognition for their contributions. Hong said 39 volunteers donated 703 hours over the past year, supporting programs, shelving, collection work, and other tasks. The library held a volunteer reception last month to honor their service.

Following Hong's remarks, attendees were invited to enjoy snacks provided by the Churchill Library Association, visit the information stations, purchase fundraising raffle tickets, and talk with one another.



Adult Services Librarian Magdalena Biar and Library Assistant Lilliana Smith staff the front desk during the Churchill County Library's Meet the Director event on April 16. Photos by Lori Kaiser.



Library Director John Hong addresses attendees during the Churchill County Library's Meet the Director event.

Guests explored displays highlighting volunteer duties, upcoming programs, and the library's collection resources. Stations featured information on author talks, children's programming, and May events, including an alpaca visit and a Star Wars themed activity. The library also showcased materials available for checkout, such as park passes, activity kits, and digital services, including Libby and Hoopla.

Hong encouraged community members to continue engaging with the library's programs and reach out with questions.

Tiz Aviation Fly In Breakfast

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Pilots, aviation enthusiasts, and community members gathered at the Fallon Municipal Airport for the first annual Fly In Breakfast, hosted by Anthony and Rochelle Tisdale of Flyin' Tiz Aviation. The event showcased



Four vintage aircraft perform a flyover during the first annual Fly In Breakfast at the Fallon Municipal Airport.

recent improvements at the airport and brought together aircraft owners, classic car fans, and local youth volunteers.

Flyin' Tiz Aviation highlighted upgrades to the public airport, including expanded hangar space and services available through the airport's fixed base operator. The Tisdales, both jet training professionals, said the event was designed to welcome visiting pilots and give the community a closer look at the airport's growth.

Oasis Future Farmers of America (FFA) students cooked and served breakfast for guests, while The Tippy Tumbleweed provided beverages. Several antique automobiles were also on display throughout the morning.

A special flyover by four vintage Russian aircraft thrilled attendees. The formation included Mark McKinnon flying a YAK 52; Anthony Tisdale, YAK 52; George Pomeroy, SP 95; and Paul Picotte, YAK 52.

The Tisdales said they hope to make the Fly In Breakfast an annual tradition that continues to bring pilots and the community together.

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BUSINESS

New Business Licenses March 2026

City of Fallon

1Amiga Investments LLC. DBA Rush Coffee Company

1805 West Williams Ave., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Coffee
775-423-0300, Crystal Bowman (Owner)

Autumn Lunargy Co.

577 Beeghly Dr., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Crafts
702-885-7415, Courtney Weiss (Owner)

Deep Roots Bake

2280 Dalila St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Cottage Foods
775-426-8503, Stephanie Shaw (Owner)

Fallon Media Co LLC.

169 East Center St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Print
775-481-3582, Rachel Dahl (Owner)

Fallon Media Co LLC. DBA Great Basin Trading Co.

31 South Maine St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Retail
775-481-3582, Rachel Dahl (Owner)

Justified Layouts LLC.

5435 Vanessa Dr., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Misc. Services
775-493-2103, Justin M. Sweeney (Owner)

Liberty Motorcycle Tire & Lube

1826 Grimes St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Motorcycle
775-505-7858, Nickolas Lyon & Travis Thomas (Owners)

Morrow Investments LLC, DBA Rhythm Taphouse

1805 West Williams Ave., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Bar
775-423-0300, Morrow Investments LLC. (Owner)

Natures Beauty Hair Salon LLC

145 South Maine St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Salon
775-699-3923, Alicia Guerrero Valdez & Michael Perazzo (Owners)

Nevada West Group LLC, DBA Tacos & Burgers Co.

30 East Center St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Mobile Food Vendor
775-225-3535, Brias Somal & Randy Jurado (Owners)

Pave-Tech Inc.

1101 Harrigan Rd., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Contractor
760-637-5080, Rudy C. Zavalani (Owner)

Spirit Of Success Leadership Coaching & Training

1351 Rambling Wind Dr., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Instruction
701-690-2717
Eugenia L. Kelley (Owner)

Whimsical Practicality, Inc. DBA Whimsy's

25 South Maine St., Fallon, Nevada, 89406
Craft
775-316-1783, Carole Leanza & Stephanie Zella (Owners)

Churchill County

Claws Nail Studio

Carolyne Bolt
Nail Salon
240 Clover Dr.

Border States Industries, Inc.

Brittany Davis
Wholesale Distributor
45 Deer Creek Circle

FM Electric, Inc.

Electrical Contractor
9200 Double R Blvd., 1118

Quality Telecom Consultants, Inc.

Telecom Construction
4175 Cincinnati Ave.

Deep Roots Bake House

Stephanie Shaw
Cottage Bakery
2280 Dalila St.

Highland Electric and Lighting LLC

Contractor
PO Box 1135

Blue Reserve Drilling LLC

Water Well Drilling and Pump System Installation/Service
3860 Raven Way

A.M. Smith Electric, Inc.

Electrical Contractor
3370 Executive Point Way

Sunrise Entp LLC

Jeff Hancock
Supporting and servicing start up business
2513 Ladera Dr.

Ribbon Cutting Marks Clear Path Healthcare Opening

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Clear Path Healthcare owners Martina and Tony Jacovino celebrated the opening of their new Fallon facility with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, expanding in-home care options for residents who want to remain independent.

Retiring to Fallon from Las Vegas, the Jacovinos saw a need for additional support services in the community. Martina, who has worked in the health care industry for more than 40 years, said providing care in a patient's home helps maintain dignity and stability in daily routines.

Clear Path Healthcare offers personal care assistance, ranging from washing hair to light housekeeping. Caregivers are Alzheimer's and dementia-certified, personal-care trained (HHAs), and certified nursing assistants, and they provide post-hospital recovery and respite services.

State regulations require 16 hours of caregiver training, but the Jacovinos require 20 hours, along with background checks, fingerprinting, and all other state requirements.

Clear Path Healthcare also accepts donations of walkers, rolling walkers, crutches, and other equipment, as well as personal grooming supplies, to help make life easier and safer for local residents.



Clear Path Healthcare owners Martina and Tony Jacovino.

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

By Nancy Chapman



NASF Commanding Officer, Capt. Michael Haymon, speaks about base housing expansion plans and community partnerships during the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on April 16. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

Captain Michael Haymon, who took command of Naval Air Station Fallon in March 2025, outlined upcoming base expansion plans and reaffirmed the Navy's partnership with local businesses during the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on April 16 at the Fallon Convention Center.

Hosted by the Fallon Chamber of Commerce and catered by Wild Horse Café, the luncheon gave community and business leaders a chance to hear directly from the installation's commanding officer.

Captain Haymon began by sharing some of his background and noted the strong partnership NAS Fallon has with the city and Churchill County. Military staff and transient personnel contribute to a strong local economy.

He continued with explanations of expansions that will be completed by 2028. The base has broken ground and is building 92 new homes, increasing the total to 291 by 2027. When the F-35 hangar is completed in

2028, this will add 800 support personnel to the base. There are currently 2,900 employees.

Captain Haymon took questions from the luncheon participants before leaving the event. When asked whether the base had any damage after the April 13 earthquake, he said there was no damage to any buildings or property. He added that it was the first quake he had experienced and that it was scary, a sentiment most of the members shared.

Infrastructure Takes Center Stage in Western Nevada's Economic Future

By Amber Hardin

While emerging industries like data centers drew attention at this year's Western Nevada Development District summit, conversations repeatedly returned to a familiar foundation: mining and the infrastructure that supports it.

For many in attendance, the message was clear — as Nevada looks toward future growth, maintaining and strengthening its mining industry remains essential.

Mining has long been a cornerstone of the state's economy, and speakers emphasized its continued importance not only locally but also globally. Nevada plays a critical role in mineral production, supplying materials that are increasingly vital to industries ranging from manufacturing to renewable energy.

"We're the leading producers of gold in the United States," said Garrett Wake, the Deputy Administrator at the Nevada Division of Minerals. Wake added that Nevada is also a notable producer of silver, copper, and lithium.

Leaders stressed that the success of mining, alongside other industries, depends heavily on infrastructure. That includes transportation networks, regional connectivity, and, increasingly, the role of rural airports.

During the summit, Corey Jenkins, the secretary of the Nevada Aviation Association and airport manager for the Carson City Airport, highlighted how Nevada's network of more than 50 public-use airports can serve as powerful economic tools, particularly in rural communities. While often viewed as limited to passenger travel or private aviation, these airports are increasingly being used to attract and support business development.

"Many people see their local airport as a playground for rich people," Jenkins said, "but it's also, more importantly, this business tool. And this business tool should be the primary focus of what aviation is and what it can be to the community."

In Carson City, for example, an

airport-adjacent industrial park has helped draw manufacturing companies that rely on fast, flexible transportation. Businesses operating in specialized industries, including aerospace and advanced manufacturing, often depend on aviation access to move personnel, equipment, and products efficiently.

That model, Jenkins said, could be replicated in other parts of the state.

"Y'all are the industry, y'all are the sponsors, and y'all are the beneficiaries of your communities having these airports."

The connection between infrastructure and economic development extends beyond aviation, and for many northern Nevada residents, the most immediate concern isn't in the air, but on the ground.

Traffic congestion in and around the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center and USA Parkway has become a growing challenge as development in Storey County continues to expand. During the summit, the Regional Transportation Commission executive director Bill Thomas, outlined ongoing and future efforts to address those pressures.

He noted that responsibility for roadway development is shared among local, regional, and state entities, requiring coordination across multiple jurisdictions. Planned improvements include continued expansion of roadway capacity, traffic-flow enhancements, and long-term planning to accommodate growing industrial and commuter demand.

The goal, Thomas said, is for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to keep pace with growth while maintaining safe and reliable access to one of the region's most important economic hubs.

"NDOT concluded the wisest thing to do was to invest in widening Interstate 80 from four to six lanes," Thomas said. "You can imagine, those of you who've driven through that canyon, it's a real challenge. You have a

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CNHD Reports Health Trends, Approves Sub-Grants and Upcoming Projects

By Leanna Lehman

The Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) Board approved a series of state-funded subaward grants and advanced several major project priorities during its April 16 meeting, with an emphasis on expanding services across all four counties in the district.

Subaward grants are pass-through funds from the state that allow local health districts to carry out specific programs such as disease tracking, testing, and prevention.

Board members approved multiple subawards totaling approximately \$189,086, including: \$6,942 for sexually transmitted disease screening, treatment, and prevention, \$32,998 to establish healthcare-associated infection activities, \$53,441 to expand those infection control efforts through July 2027, \$89,997 for influenza A/H5N1 response and broader outbreak preparedness, and \$5,708 for tuberculosis testing and case management.

An additional amendment increased an existing public health preparedness grant by \$64,893, bringing that total to \$225,000.

CNHD Administrator Shannon Ernst said the public health preparedness funding directly supports the district's ability to respond to disease trends across the region. "This just helps increase support ... for our epidemiologist program within disease investigation," said Ernst.

The board unanimously approved a contract

for \$95,346 for one year and \$55,116 per year, for four years, with Apex Computing. The contract covers cloud migration, hardware modernization, and IT services management, including the implementation of a computer infrastructure that connects CNHD offices in Churchill, Eureka, Mineral, and Pershing counties.

The board also moved forward with three priority projects for submission to the Rural Health Transformation Program: a \$3.1 million remodel of the district's South Maine Street building, \$250,000 for the expansion of community health worker programs, and a proposed OnMed Telehealth Station in Crescent Valley in Eureka County in the amount of \$1.8 million for a five-year term.

Ernst said the telehealth model is aimed at communities where distance and workforce shortages make access to care difficult. "The whole goal for these is really to reach areas that do not have healthcare or lack the workforce to be able to provide it," she said.

The system would allow patients to connect with a live provider, complete an intake, and receive basic diagnostics without leaving their community.

Board Chairman Ken Tedford supported the projects, noting the long-term benefit of investing in facilities and access. While he said he supports doctors everywhere, the telehealth program can offer access to health care where little or no care exists. "I highly recommend these projects...this is a strong move," Tedford said.

District Health Officer Tedd McDonald noted ongoing coordination with community partners, including Churchill County Juvenile Probation, to improve access to care. "We are working to make a closer relationship...with our partners," he said.

"I'm really proud to say that our probation officers and the organization there are a remarkable group," said McDonald. "I do not often walk into an environment where everybody's on board, on mission, and providing... efficient services to our community."

Staff also reported that the district will present at upcoming state and national conferences, including a presentation to the Nevada Public Health Association on the district's response to last year's H5N1 avian flu activity in Fallon, where more than 100 exposed dairy workers were monitored over several months.

A presentation is planned with the Washington Food Safety Coalition, where staff will outline how the district manages large-scale event response and operations for Burning Man.

Ernst and Tedford both noted that CNHD, which currently operates as part of Churchill County, is continuing its efforts in becoming a fully independent entity.

A special meeting is planned for July 8 at 3 p.m. CNHD hopes to welcome the community and partner counties to tour the remodeled facility on Maine Street in Fallon, provided the work is complete.

Churchill County Board of Commissioners Updates

By Sydney Trainor

On April 15, the Churchill County Board of Commissioners met to discuss grants, public land updates, county code changes, and budget adjustments. Commissioners and staff acknowledged Sheriff Richard Hickox's passing and shared their support for his family and the sheriff's office.

Commissioners approved a grant as presented by Assistant County Manager Joe Sanford for \$1.58 million, to be awarded by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to renovate the old CC Comm building on South Maine Street for use as a Churchill Area Regional Transport (CART) facility.

Commissioners approved renewing the \$85,000 annual contract with Resource Concepts Inc (RCI), which supports public lands and natural resource issues, including NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) review and sage grouse planning.

Nevada Department of Wildlife Principal Resource Specialist, Jeremy Drew, provided updates on several public lands issues, including the Bureau

of Land Management's (BLM) implementation of the 2025 Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment, which is currently being challenged in court and could revert to the 2015 plan.

Additional updates included timelines for the NAS Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) expansion and grazing permit changes through 2028, as well as delays to the Greenlink North – a proposed NV Energy 235-mile transmission line, and early planning for a proposed pipeline expansion.

Drew also presented a draft comment letter regarding State Route 361 realignment in Gabbs, raising concerns about fencing, wildlife crossings, and water sourcing, and reminding commissioners about the need to keep the existing highway open during construction. Commissioners approved the letter with requested changes, including adding language related to cattle crossings.

BLM Stillwater Field Manager Zach Reichold presented an update, noting successful prescribed grazing to reduce wildfire fuel and a planned wild horse gather in the Lahontan herd management area for July 26. He also noted growing interest in geothermal development, including a planned lease sale of around 320 acres.

Comptroller Sherry Wideman discussed the tentative fiscal year 2026–2027 budget, with several adjustments added since the February budget workshops. Changes included delaying new payroll requests by 25% and a potential \$950,000 transfer from Navy funds to balance the general fund, bringing the balance slightly above the state-required minimum. One commissioner requested that the board discuss funding sources before any transfer is made. The commission approved the tentative budget.

Fire code ordinance updates were presented, as well as proposed changes that include revised duties for the fire board and fire chief, modernization, alignment with current practices, and updates to gender-neutral language. A public hearing regarding these changes was scheduled for May 7.

Public Works, Planning & Building Department Director Randy Hines presented updates to several county codes that make regulations easier to use. Changes included adjusting permit thresholds, clarifying land use rules, and limiting repeated parcel splits. Hines also proposed creating a Public Works Design Manual to move technical standards out of the county code and into a separate document, making it easier to update requirements for infrastructure projects. Commissioners unanimously approved both the code updates and the creation of a new manual.

In other business, the commission approved a renewed agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to continue monitoring groundwater levels and water quality in the Carson River Basin.

Commissioners also approved a temporary agreement with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to relocate its office to the William N. Pennington Life Center through the end of 2026, as well as a \$5,000 settlement agreement to resolve a lawsuit between the county and R. Clay Hendrix over hiring practices.

Staff reports noted that the county earned about \$200,000 in interest in February. Sample ballots are also being mailed and will include a notice informing voters that the late Sheriff Richard Hickox will remain on the ballot.

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river, you have a railroad track, and you have mountains. It is supposed to start next year, 2027, and they're planning for it to be done in 2031."

Reliable transportation routes, access to industrial land, and coordination between local governments all play a role in determining whether a project succeeds.

Summit discussions also pointed to the importance of long-term planning, including the role of federal funding in making many of these projects possible.

A'Keia Sanders, Director of the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance, spoke about ongoing efforts to identify grant opportunities and help local communities navigate the application process, noting that securing funding often requires coordination across multiple agencies and long-term planning.

Sanders said those efforts are critical in helping rural communities compete for limited resources while addressing infrastructure and

economic development needs.

"There are resources at the state," Sanders stated. "Our office is completely free. We work very closely with WNDD. Whatever money we can bring into the state of Nevada is really important."

Through its regional economic development strategy, the Western Nevada Development District works with state and local government entities to identify both strengths and challenges across the region.

As Nevada continues to attract new industries, many at the summit emphasized that growth should not come at the expense of existing economic drivers.

Instead, the focus remains on building upon what is already working and ensuring that mining, infrastructure, and emerging industries continue to grow together.

Next week: A closer look at data center development and what it means for communities across northern Nevada.



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COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, April 14, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Christopher John Christiano appeared for sentencing on charges of gross misdemeanor Assault on an Officer, punishable by up to 364 days in jail, and misdemeanor Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing a Public Officer.

Senior Deputy District Attorney (SDDA) Chelsea Sanford explained the incident stemmed from a 911 call made by Christiano, who reported he had murdered his wife. When law enforcement arrived, Christiano was acting aggressively and had to be tased after failing to comply with commands. Sanford said it was later determined Christiano was experiencing a severe reaction after ingesting mushrooms and had not harmed his wife.

Defense Attorney William Swafford said Christiano has no prior issues with law enforcement, helps operate his father's trucking business, and has four daughters. He described the incident as an isolated event.

Christiano told the court the incident was "unfortunate" and "scary," stating it could have been much worse and that he was thankful no one was harmed.

Judge Stockard granted Christiano probation on suspended sentences of 364 days and 90 days, to run concurrently.

Jacob Robert Strock pleaded guilty to charges of: (1) Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, a Category B Felony punishable by 1–6 years and a fine up to \$5,000; (2) Escape by a Felony Prisoner in Lawful Custody, a Category B Felony punishable by 1–10 years and a fine up to \$10,000; and (3) Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer While Under the Influence, a Category D Felony punishable by 1–4 years and a fine up to \$5,000.

Judge Stockard acknowledged that a plea agreement was in place and noted that Strock was not seeking probation at this time. Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for June 16.

Shane Michael Krogg pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a First or Second Offense (methamphetamine), a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years and a fine up to \$5,000.

Judge Stockard ordered a PSI and set sentencing for June.

Ryan Ty Fischer failed to appear on a court services violation. Churchill County Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford III told the court Fischer was hospitalized at Renown following a seizure and intended to provide documentation upon release. Tedford said Fischer had planned to admit to prior violations.

CDDA Lane Mills argued a warrant was appropriate based on Fischer's failure to appear for testing and ongoing violations. Judge Stockard declined to issue a warrant, ordered Fischer to continue complying with court services, and left the matter set for further hearing on April 28.

Jordan Albert Mauwee Sr. appeared for sentencing on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or Controlled or Prohibited Substance, Third or Subsequent Offense, a Category B Felony punishable by 1–6 years and a fine up to \$5,000, to which he pleaded guilty on Feb. 10.

CDDA Lane Mills said the State did not oppose Mauwee's participation in the DUI Diversion Program, noting his progress and compliance.

Churchill County Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford III submitted a character letter and said Mauwee had maintained sobriety, secured employment, and was performing well in the program.

Mauwee told the court he had lost years of his life due to alcohol and was committed to sobriety and change.

Judge Stockard suspended the sentence, granted probation for 36 months, and ordered Mauwee to complete the DUI Diversion Program.

Lawrence Alvin Stone appeared on non-technical sentencing violations in three cases. Stone admitted to all three, which included absconding from probation and failing to appear for a sentencing violation hearing on Feb. 10.

CDDA Lane Mills argued Stone failed to report, absconded from supervision, and did not comply with probation or drug court requirements, requesting revocation and imposition of underlying sentences.

APD Wright Noel said Stone struggled with substance abuse and requested reinstatement of probation and an opportunity to complete the drug court program.

Judge Stockard revoked probation in all three cases, rescinded diversion in one case, and sentenced Stone to 12–36 months in the Nevada State Prison, with all sentences to run concurrently.

Misty Dawn Orpiada appeared on a non-technical probation violation after being removed from the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court.

SDDA Sanford argued that Orpiada failed to comply with the program, absconded shortly after being granted diversion, and did not meaningfully participate in Drug Court, requesting revocation and prison.

Churchill County Deputy Public Defender Hampton Young said Orpiada had briefly participated but struggled with substance abuse and other behavioral health issues, requesting continued probation with treatment or placement in a more appropriate program.

Orpiada admitted she had absconded, said she had been caring for her ill mother, and asked for another opportunity for treatment.

Judge Stockard rescinded diversion, found her guilty of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a First or Second Offense, a Category E Felony, and sentenced her to 12–36 months in prison.

Herrera Sentenced to 7–18 Years for Drugging Victim in 'Crime of Violence'

By Leanna Lehman

John Andrew Herrera, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon on April 15, before Judge Thomas Stockard. Herrera was arrested on charges of Category B felony of Administration of a Controlled Substance to Aid in the Commission of a Crime of Violence, punishable by 1–20 years in prison, to which he pleaded guilty on Feb. 20.

Herrera was arrested last July, initially charged with Sexual Assault, a Category A felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years, and Administering a Drug to Aid in the Commission of a Felony, a Category B felony punishable by 1–10 years in prison. However, pursuant to the plea agreement, the sexual assault charge was dropped.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills noted that the Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI) indicated that Herrera admitted to raping his wife. "There's some things that happened in the discovery... that gets us to this point here, your honor," said Mills, "But this defendant, as you can see from the PSI, has no ability to control his impulses and that makes him a danger to himself... a danger to the people close to him, for whom he has no regard."

Mills argued for the maximum statutory penalty, stating that when someone takes someone else's will, it is scary, which makes Herrera a danger to his loved ones and the community. Mills also asked Judge Stockard not to consider probation, although the charge is a probational offense, again calling attention to Herrera's admission of the rape.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer began defense arguments by acknowledging that this is a serious case. "There's no way to stand in front of this court and suggest otherwise," said Sommer. "I want to begin there because nothing I say today is intended to minimize that issue, the harm, or the impact, or consequences of the conduct."



John Herrera. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

Sommer called attention to "serious and profound" substances and mental health issues and diagnoses, as well as PTSD. "Those are diagnoses that are significant chronic conditions that were actively shaping the behavior at the time of this offense," Sommer stated, noting that Herrera is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

According to Herrera's substance abuse evaluation, high-intensity inpatient treatment was recommended.

"That recommendation is critical, your honor, because it gives the court a clear and structured path to move forward in the context of the purposes of sentencing," said Sommer, who urged the court to consider probation, eventual transfer to probation in Texas where his wife and family are, and three additional months in jail to the 270 days he has already served.

"John's wife, the victim in this case and the person most directly affected by the conduct here, has expressed that she does not want him to go to prison and that she is willing to have him return home. She lives in Texas and is willing to have him return home provided that he receives the intensive counseling and treatment that's been recommended," explained Sommer. "This speaks to the nature of the relationship and the potential for this structured accountability outside of prison."

Should the court not consent to granting probation, Sommer asked for a minimum prison sentence. "I just don't see that the maximum sentence is going to provide any extended benefit," Sommer added.

Herrera addressed the court, admitting to multiple addictions, including pornography and sex, substance abuse and alcohol addiction, and mental health diagnoses. "I have been trying to seek medical mental health [treatment] while I've been in custody. I still haven't been able to," said Herrera. He noted that he completed some of the courses on addictions, sex addiction, drug addiction, and anger management. "Everything that I can to try and help myself learn to cope better than going back to drugs and alcohol."

During victim impact testimony, John's wife, appearing by Zoom, expressed distress and sadness that this incident has broken up her family, and she no longer has access to her stepson. "Everything I really wanted for my life is... is riding on today," she said, confirming for the court that she would like to have Herrera return home.

"I understand that the acts that he committed were horrendous... better than anybody in that room does. But I also understand that he was a wonderful person to be around and it was amazing to watch him be a father. I feel that if I can accept the mistakes happen, that um, then others should be able to do the same."

Judge Stockard sentenced Herrera to 7 – 18 years in a Nevada State Prison, granted him 270 days of credit for time served, and returned him to the custody of the sheriff's office for imposition of the sentence. Upon release, Herrera will have to register as a sex offender, but will not be subject to lifetime supervision.

[Investor Crackdowns continued from page 5]

gap" in Nevada. Where public funding and small-scale development fall short, especially in rural communities, private capital fills the gap by financing new construction and bringing distressed or vacant properties back to life.

If state lawmakers pursue a blunt, one-size-fits-all investor ban, it would sweep up the housing providers building and managing workforce housing in communities like Elko, Ely, and Tonopah. Policies written to address speculation in big metro markets shouldn't be allowed to gut the industries and housing solutions keeping small towns alive.

In rural Nevada, when housing providers, no matter how big or how small, build and invest, they aren't cornering the real estate market; they are providing more quality places to live, whether it's for a short-term project or a more permanent stay. That's not a threat to our communities; it's

the reason they thrive.

Lawmakers in Carson City should stop treating those who are focused on bringing more housing to our state like the enemy. They should be doing everything in their power to encourage more of it. Making it harder for families to access affordable housing and employment in rural Nevada should not be an unintended consequence of legislation designed to address public perceptions in Las Vegas, particularly when the statewide impact risks doing more harm than good.

Liz Arnold is a mining and resources industries advocate and consultant, providing community outreach services to mining companies. She is a member of the Women's Mining Coalition and received the 2021 Prazen Living Legend of Mining Award from the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

By Amber Hardin with photos courtesy of CCSD



Ninth and tenth-grade students explore elective and CTE course offerings during the Class Fair in the gym to gain a better understanding.



Hope Squad students during Hope Week at CCMS.



Students petting a piglet at Ag Day.

CCHS

On Thursday, April 16, Churchill County High School hosted a Class Fair in the main gym, giving ninth- and tenth-grade students an opportunity to explore course offerings before registering for next year's classes. During the event, students connected directly with teachers and staff to learn more about a variety of programs, including both new and established course offerings. The Class Fair was designed to increase student awareness of available classes, support enrollment in programs, and give staff a meaningful opportunity to share information about their courses. "The goal of this event was to inform our students of elective and CTE classes we offer, bolster enrollments in these classes, and provide staff a chance to interface with students about their programs," Principal Tim Spencer said. "It was really good. I am hopeful this will help students make better course selections next week when we do scheduling."

CCMS

The Hope Squad organized and celebrated Hope Week to highlight the importance of mental health and well-being across campus. Throughout the week, students participated in activities designed to promote positivity, connection, and stress relief. During lunch, Hope Squad students ran "stress-less" stations that included a variety of interactive options such as a shredder activity where students could write down and dispose of stressors, creative coloring stations, and active

games including sack races, pickleball, and three-legged races. "These activities were designed to provide students with healthy outlets while building awareness and encouraging open conversations about mental health," school counselor and Hope Squad Advisor Taylor Ward said.

NUMA

Last week, students in Colleen Tutty's class engaged in "Math Conversations," an instructional approach designed to deepen understanding and strengthen connections within their math curriculum. In addition to classroom learning, some students are using the Paper Tutoring platform to further develop their math skills through personalized online support. By combining collaborative discussion with individualized support, students in Tutty's class are gaining the tools and confidence needed for long-term success in math.

E.C. BEST

Literacy Specialist Linda Rasmussen works closely with ECB students to strengthen their reading fluency. Through targeted support and guided practice, students are building the ability to read smoothly, accurately, and with expression, which are key skills that support overall comprehension. By focusing on fluency, Rasmussen is helping students become more confident readers and better understand and engage with the texts they encounter across all subject areas. "Reading smoothly is so important because it helps students truly understand what they

are reading and feel confident in themselves. That is why I love working closely with students in small groups, so I can support them in a way that meets their individual needs," Rasmussen said.

LAHONTAN

All kindergarten and first-grade classes participated in Ag Day on Thursday, April 16, giving students a hands-on, up-close experience with agriculture. Students rotated through a variety of interactive stations throughout the day. At the wool station, they learned how wool is processed and used in everyday products. At the cow station, students learned about dairy production, explored the differences between dairy and beef cows, and had the opportunity to "milk" Moolisa, a model cow used to teach students about the milking process. At the live animal station, students observed sheep, a turkey, piglets, baby goats (kids), and a variety of chickens. They also had the opportunity to pet some of the animals. Students also visited a station led by Mel Glover, director of the Churchill County Museum, where they participated in a craft activity while learning about local agricultural history. At the plants station, students learned how crops grow and planted their own seeds. Once the plants begin to grow, they will be replanted in the school's community garden, allowing students to experience the full growing cycle from planting a seed to watching it become a thriving plant. Ag Day continues to be a valued tradition, helping students build an appreciation for agriculture and its vital role in the local community and beyond.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ALYSSA AYERS



Oasis Academy senior Alyssa Ayers.

After years of dedication, involvement, and leadership, Oasis Academy senior Alyssa Ayers is looking forward to graduating and moving on in her journey. The senior will earn both her high school diploma and her Associate of Science degree from Western Nevada College.

“I will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno to pursue my bachelor’s degree in public health after graduation,” Ayers said.

Having attended Oasis Academy since fourth grade, she has made the most of the opportunities available to her.

“I began attending Oasis in the fourth grade and have always been as involved as I can be,” she said.

Her involvement spans a wide range of activities, including cross country, FFA, student council, National Honor Society, volleyball, and lacrosse. She currently serves as the historian for the National Honor Society.

Through these experiences, she credits the school for shaping her growth.

“I’m thankful for the opportunities presented to me that have given me the chance to grow not only my academics but also my career, friendships, and professionalism,” she said.

Some of her most meaningful memories come from the connections she built along the way.

“I enjoyed the friendships I made through leadership conventions throughout Nevada,” she said. These include experiences through FFA competitions and student council conferences.

Ayers expressed deep gratitude for one teacher in particular:

“I would like to thank Shayna Byrd for her consistent kindness and grace throughout the pandemic,” she said. “She not only showed up for us through academics, but in our personal lives as we needed. She is the prime example of an amazing human, and I will forever be grateful to have had her as my teacher.”

Another impactful figure in her life was Lisa Swan, who helped her discover her leadership potential early on.

“My favorite class was student council, my freshman year, with Lisa Swan. Lisa has always

been a great woman, and I’ve known her for many years; however, she saw potential in me that I didn’t even see in myself,” she said.

With Swan’s encouragement, Ayers stepped into leadership roles.

“She knew from day one that I was meant to be a leader and encouraged me to be that. I served as class president for multiple years in a row and am currently an elected ASWN senator for Western Nevada College, which I give Lisa tremendous credit for,” she said.

Ayers recently received the high honor of the Sam Lieberman Regents’ Scholar Award, recognizing her academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to service as a student at Western Nevada College. The award includes a scholarship that she will use for her bachelor’s degree.

As she looks ahead to the future, she leaves behind a simple yet powerful message for younger students:

“My advice for future students is carpe diem; seize the day,” she said.

FIRST GRADERS REACH FOR THE MOON — ONE OREO AT A TIME



Back row from left: Gabriella Eade Flores and Rowan Lambson. Front row from left: Riley Bagnick and Mia Espinosa display their Oreo moon phases project.

Students in a local first grade classroom recently took their learning to new heights by exploring the phases of the moon with a delicious tool: Oreo cookies.

The students twisted open their cookies and used the cream filling to model the different phases of the moon. From full moons to crescents, each student created an edible version of the lunar cycle while gaining a hands on understanding of how the moon changes throughout the month.

“This activity helps make a big concept feel simple and fun,” said Brittany Wilbanks, first grade teacher. “Instead of just seeing pictures in a book, students get to build the phases themselves — and they remember it.”

As students scraped and shaped the frosting, they learned to identify key moon phases such as the new moon, first quarter, full moon, and waning crescent. They also built new vocabulary while reinforcing science standards about observing patterns in nature. The lesson encouraged creativity, strengthened fine motor skills, and

promoted collaboration among students.

OASIS ACADEMY ALUMNI CONOR KEITZ RETURNS TO INSPIRE STUDENTS WITH SPACE EXPLORATION TALK

Oasis Academy welcomed back alumnus and rocket scientist Conor Keitz last week to visit students across multiple grade levels, sharing his experiences working in rocket science and discussing NASA’s recent Artemis missions.

Keitz graduated from Oasis Academy as valedictorian in May 2020. He went on to earn a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University, with minors in physics and nuclear engineering.

For his return to campus, Keitz met with first and second-grade classrooms, as well as middle and high school students, offering age-appropriate presentations that connected science concepts to real-world space exploration. Younger students were especially engaged as he explained rockets, the history of space exploration, and what it takes to study rocks and materials beyond Earth.

For older students, Keitz took a deeper dive into the science and math behind space missions and what it takes to reach space. He also discussed the goals of the Artemis program, which aims to return humans to the moon and eventually support future exploration of Mars.

Throughout his visit, students had the opportunity to ask a wide range of questions. Keitz answered with enthusiasm, often connecting his own educational path from Oasis Academy to his current work in the field.

His visit reinforced classroom learning in science, especially on Earth materials, space systems, and scientific inquiry. Students left inspired, with many continuing to discuss rockets, space travel, and future STEM careers.

“It was great having the students so engaged,” said Karina Davis, middle school science teacher. “Conor made real world connections to multiple concepts that we have discussed in our lessons. He did an excellent job getting to every student’s question and answering them in relatable and understandable ways.”

Oasis Academy staff expressed appreciation for Keitz’s willingness to return and share his expertise with current students, highlighting the value of alumni who return to encourage the next generation of learners.

“Conor was in my very first physics class, so having him come back and speak to my students was incredibly meaningful,” said Jackie Bogdanowicz, high school science teacher.

Bogdanowicz taught Keitz in his early years and knew he was talented.

“He is not only exceptionally intelligent, but also engaging and relatable. Our students were absolutely hooked from start to finish. Watching him share his passion for space and science reminded me exactly why we do what we do as educators. I am so proud of him, and I have no doubt we’ll be watching him on a launch one day instead of just talking about them in class,” she said.

Veritas Preparatory School

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School Celebrates National Volunteer Week

By Gretchen Felte

National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-25) is an opportunity to recognize the many parents, grandparents, and volunteers who make Veritas a great school to attend. These are people who routinely give of their time, talents, money, and energy to support the school community in a wide variety of ways.

From classroom helpers to field trip chaperones, recess monitors to custodial crews, our volunteers work tirelessly to enrich the lives of our students and staff and keep the school running.

“Our volunteers assist in so many important ways,” said Headmaster Jill Rosario. “This year, we’ve had parents lead P.E. classes, art classes, reading groups, and more. They show true dedication to their children’s educational experience, and it is inspiring.”

Beyond supporting daily operations, volunteers play a key role in building the strong sense of community that defines the Veritas experience. The Unite parent group sponsors frequent events for the school. Some recent examples include Purple-Up for Military Children Day, Hot Cocoa and Scarves Day, and numerous Spirit Days in which students receive special gifts.



Volunteers hand out hot cocoa and scarves to students.

“They always go the extra mile to decorate and make the campus feel festive,” said Assistant Headmaster David Ernst. “Volunteers allow the teachers to focus on teaching while still creating meaningful experiences and memories for the students outside of the classroom as well.”

Additionally, volunteering provides a meaningful opportunity to embody Galatians

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1. Rostin Snow

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2. Wyatt Greenwood*

* Indicates Fallon athlete



Rostin Snow hangs on during a bull ride at the Fallon High School Rodeo.



Megan Allison stretches for the catch during tie down roping at the Fallon High School Rodeo held April 17-18. Photos by John Baker.

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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen: Cheesy Green Chile Bean Bake

By Kelli Kelly

Back by popular demand, this recipe from January 2024 drew over 17,000 viewers. Enjoy!

I can't remember a January – nay, April, when I was quite so busy. On the day-to-day, I work with new small business owners and entrepreneurs to launch and grow their businesses through the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association and the Nevada Small Business Development Center. Almost every day, I hear from another new person looking to start a business in Churchill County, which is fantastic. At the same time, my calendar is a mess, and sometimes it is suddenly five o'clock when I was sure that just five minutes ago, it was two. That is 100% the situation as I sit here typing this article.



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

When we are super busy, it can be overwhelming trying to come up with something to make for dinner and rally the energy and enthusiasm to actually make it. The flip side is that a healthy home-cooked dinner gives us the nourishment that we need to sustain ourselves through these times.

A helpful tactic is to have some quick and simple recipes in our back pockets to pull out when we might otherwise choose to order out and drive through a take-out line.

Here's what I am making for dinner tonight:

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. Vegetable oil
- 2 Poblano chiles, seeds and stems removed & coarsely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 2 (15-ounce) Cans of pinto beans, rinsed
- 1 package of Mexican chorizo
- 1 (16-ounce) Jar salsa verde, or 1 2/4 c homemade salsa verde
- 1/4 cup Packed cilantro leaves, stems reserved and finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups Grated Monterrey Jack cheese
- Lime wedges for serving



Photo by Kerri Brewer, NYT, and Food Stylist: Barrett Washburne.

DIRECTIONS

1. Arrange an oven rack in the upper third of the oven and heat the broiler to high.
2. In a large, ovenproof skillet, heat oil to medium-high. Add the poblanos and cook without stirring until they are browned underneath (3 minutes).
3. Season with salt and pepper, and continue cooking, stirring occasionally for another 2-3 minutes.
4. Stir in the beans, Mexican chorizo, salsa verde, and cilantro stems. Simmer until the chorizo is cooked through and the sauce is thickened slightly.
5. Turn off heat, sprinkle the cheese over the top, and broil until melted and browned in spots, 2-3 minutes. Serve right away, topped with cilantro leaves and a squeeze of lime.

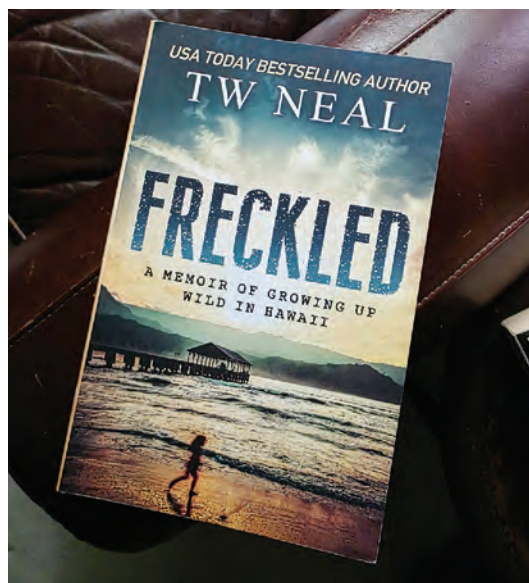
Allison's Book Report: "Freckled" by T.W. Neal

By Allison Diegel

Another week, another Book Report. You may remember back in January, my family spent two weeks on the beautiful island of Maui. I am still working my way through that stack of books I brought home with me, and this week I am so excited to share one of them with you. T.W. Neal's "Freckled" is a raw and incredibly moving memoir that captures the beauty and the harsh reality of growing up in poverty on the island of Kauai. If you are looking for a real-life story that is as heart-breaking as it is deeply inspiring, this is a must-read.

The book takes you back to a childhood that felt like paradise on the surface—full of surfing, climbing trees, and roaming the lush landscapes of Hawaii — but beneath that, it was defined by severe poverty, food insecurity, and the heavy burden of having to be the adult when the parents could not. It is a powerful true story about survival, but it is also a love letter to the resilience of a young girl who refused to be broken by her intense circumstances.

What stands out most as you read is how Neal captures the specific cognitive dissonance of being a child who knows they are "homeless" or "poor" while simultaneously being surrounded by such breathtaking natural beauty. As this is her genuine, lived-in journey, you witness her navigating the complex social landscape of Hawaii, dealing with prejudice and the



stinging feeling of being an outsider in her own home. It is a deeply honest account of navigating a world that often felt dangerous and indifferent. You really feel the weight of her actual, lived responsibilities as she tries to keep her family together and find a sense of normalcy despite the chaos around her.

Despite the heavy subject matter, Neal's voice is remarkably grounded throughout the pages. She writes with a clarity and a sense of wonder that makes even the most painful memories feel intimate and accessible. It is not just a chronicle of hardship; it is a coming-of-age journey about learning to trust your own instincts, finding self-worth, and eventually carving out a life that is entirely your own.

By the end, you are left with such a profound sense of admiration for her spirit. "Freckled" is a powerful, true reminder that we are not defined by where we come from or the struggles we face as children. It is a deeply human read that is both a celebration of survival and a testament to the fact that you can find your way home, no matter how wild or winding the path to get there.

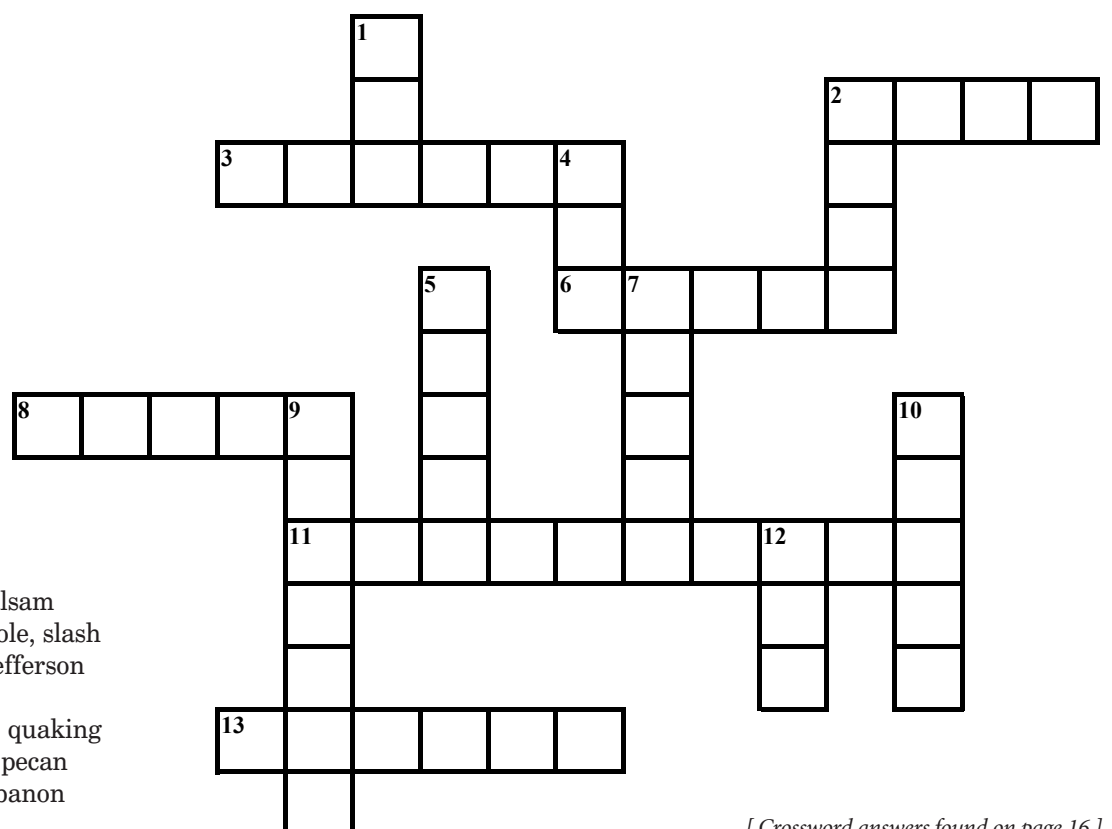
I hope you enjoy this week's pick. Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader to check out more book recommendations and to let me know what you think I should be reading next.

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

Crossword

By Peanut

TREES



Across

- 2. Coconut, date, royal
- 3. Red, white, blue
- 6. Red, silver, sugar
- 8. Copper, European, American
- 11. Eastern, black, plains
- 13. Black, honey, flowering

Down

- 1. Douglas, white, balsam
- 2. Ponderosa, lodgepole, slash
- 4. Slippery, Drake, Jefferson
- 5. Peach, pear, plum
- 7. Golden, Canadian, quaking
- 9. Shagbark, pignut, peaking
- 10. Atlas, Syprian, Lebanon
- 12. White, black, live

[Crossword answers found on page 16]

COLUMNS

Certified Arborist Inspections Prevent Tree Disasters

By Marco DiGiacinto

When people think about protecting their investment during a real estate transaction, they often focus on the usual checklist: roofing, plumbing, electrical systems, and structural integrity. Yet one critical factor is consistently overlooked: trees.

For home buyers especially, the risks are often hidden in plain sight. To the untrained eye, a large, leafy tree may appear perfectly healthy. In reality, it could be suffering from internal decay, root damage, or structural instability.

Tree-related damage can be extensive and expensive. Root systems can compromise concrete foundations, causing cracks in floors and even lifting portions of a home to the point where doors and garage openings no longer function properly.

The consequences of tree failure can be catastrophic. A falling tree or large limb can destroy roofs, vehicles, utility lines, and neighboring properties. In the worst cases, it can lead to serious injury or even loss of life.

Mitigating these dangers cannot be done casually or by guesswork.

It requires the expertise of a certified arborist, someone trained to evaluate tree health, structural integrity, and risk factors that are invisible to most people. Only a certified arborist can provide an accurate assessment and recommend appropriate actions, whether that's pruning, treatment, or removal.

In fact, a tree inspection should be viewed as just as important as a traditional home inspection, arguably even more so in certain situations. While a leaky pipe or an aging roof can usually be repaired predictably, a hazardous tree poses an unpredictable and potentially devastating threat.

I have personally seen the emotional and financial impact on new homeowners who were unaware of the condition of the trees on their property. The moment they learn that multiple trees are dying, structurally compromised, or require immediate removal, often at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars, is one of shock and despair.

Trees are living structures that constantly change and are affected by their environment. Ignoring their condition during a real estate transaction is not just an oversight. It's a gamble. A certified arborist inspection provides clarity, protection, and peace of mind for buyers, sellers, and agents alike.

For arborist services, Marco DiGiacinto at M.D. Tree Surgery offers certified arborist inspections, consultation, and analysis of your trees, and expert pruning based on ISA certified standards. The business also provides stump grinding and the safe removal of any trees. Phone: 775-867-2944, emergency: 775-217-9009, email: Marco@mdtreesurgery.com.

Fallon Theatre Movies & More for April 24-25

By Kelli Perez

April is nearly behind us, and while the spring weather may not have made up its mind, one thing remains certain: there is always a warm seat and a great film waiting for you at the Fallon Theatre.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., we are pleased to present "Inside Out 2" (2024), Pixar's much anticipated return to the colorful world of Riley's emotions. Just when Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust think they have things figured out, a new and complicated emotion arrives, leading to chaos and unexpectedly moving moments.

At 7 p.m. both nights, audiences can enjoy "Chocolat" (2000), the charming and quietly

subversive story of a mysterious woman who arrives in a small French village and opens a chocolate shop, much to the delight of some and the displeasure of others. With a luminous performance by Juliette Binoche and a strong supporting cast including Johnny Depp and Judi Dench, the film offers a rich and satisfying experience. Rated PG 13, it runs 2 hours and 1 minute.

The Fallon Community Theatre, Inc. Annual Members Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, at 6 p.m. at the Fallon Theatre. Chairman Stuart Richardson will share highlights from the past year and plans for the year ahead. Sustaining members will be entered into a free raffle featuring several prizes.

One of our most anticipated spring events is approaching as the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society returns to the Fallon Theatre on Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m. for the Loneliest Road Chamber

Music Project. The Berkelium String Quartet from Berkeley, California, will open its Nevada tour on our stage with a program that includes Schubert's "Death and the Maiden," a new composition by Daniel Darmesin Flanagan, and a Beethoven quartet, accompanied by projected images. Admission is by donation, and children are welcome.

Summer programming continues with Ventura Highway - The Music of America on Saturday, July 18, at 8 p.m. The concert will feature harmonies and classic songs from the band America. Tickets are \$10.

As always, we are proud to keep our doors open and our screens lit for this community. Free moviegoing is something we will continue to work hard to provide whenever possible. Concessions include fresh popcorn, candy, and other favorites. For information about hosting events or placing a message on the marquee, call 775 423 6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

MEETINGS

April 16 - May 28, 2026

Board of County Commissioners

Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month 155 N. Taylor Street

CC Communications

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Churchill County School Board

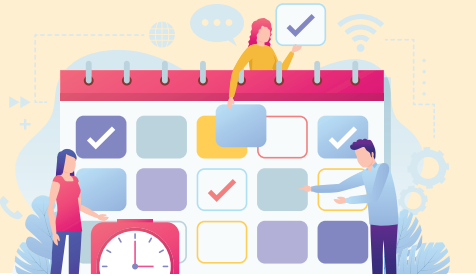
690 S. Maine St. Next Meeting: May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Central NV Health District

155 N. Taylor Street Next Meeting: July 8 at 3 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. 155 N. Taylor Street



Water Levels Measurements Taken April 20 at 8:30 a.m. Table with columns for date and measurements for Lahontan Reservoir, Carson River, Truckee Canal, and Carson River at Ft. Churchill.

In Remembrance For obituaries please call 775-423-4545 or email admin@thefallonpost.org

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COLUMNS

Postcards: Maine Street, 1917

By Michon Mackedon

See the sights and listen to the sounds of Maine Street, 1917, as documented by Kelly Engle. Engle had come to the Lahontan Valley that year to work as a civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation. He liked to write. He left behind his firsthand observations, so lively that we can imagine a curtain rising to reveal the street action in those early days. (See Engle, Kelly. "Early Fallon—1917." "In Focus," Volume 20)

Almost all historical accounts of Fallon emphasize the divided nature of Maine Street. The east side of the street had "proper" businesses, while the west side was packed with saloons.

"Fallon's business section was concentrated on a section of Maine Street, a long block in extent. Maine Street was wide, unpaved, and dusty, and was bordered on its west side with an almost solid row of saloons, broken only by a meat market, the Fallon Slaughtering and Supply Company, and one or two other small stores. Among the establishments were the Barrel House, The Mission, and the Yellowstone ... There was only one saloon, called the Hub, on the east side, which was poorly patronized and stood out like a maverick separated from the herd on 'saloon row' across the street.

Dan Callahan was the proprietor of the Bank Bar, the most popular in town, which was frequented by us boys of the Reclamation Service. When we would step in for a drink after work, the genial Dan would grin, look us over, and say, 'Well, speak up, boys. I can't tell what you want by looking at you.'"

When Engle shifts his eyes and ears beyond saloon row, the street itself jumps to life.

First came the water wagon. "At the crack of dawn, the water wagon, with its sprinkler, plied back and forth, up and down, to settle the deep-powdery dust on Maine Street." Then came the beer wagon. "The beer wagon would make its rounds up and down Maine Street early each morning to gather up the empty kegs which had been rolled outside onto the sidewalk and to deliver fresh ones. The pungent odor of stale beer permeated the atmosphere." The beer wagon and the water wagon had the company of the ice wagon. "George 'Wingy' Lewis worked for the

Union Ice Co. and drove the ice wagon. Lewis had worked as a brakeman on the railroad and, in an accident, lost his left arm, hence the nickname, 'Wingy.' Even though he only had one arm, the way he handled the heavy ice cakes was something to watch. Even in the heat of summer, ice deliveries were limited to one delivery per household per day."

As the day went on, the street became busier. "Freight wagons pulled by multi-horse-mile teams would lumber through town carrying freight to the mines. Their jingling harness bells could be heard from blocks away. Each teamster had different-toned bells, and people who paid attention could tell whose wagons were coming, just by the sound of the bells, long before the teams could be seen ... Early morning farmer arrivals would hitch their horses and wagons in the large lot behind I.H. Kent's store and proceed to their day's business."

Engle noted that there were very few automobiles on the streets at the time. "The local banker, C.W. Foote, at the Churchill County Bank, had a beautiful new Marmon." George Williams of Eastgate had a Dodge touring car. However, like an early Uber service, the Reclamation Bureau operated three or four Model T Fords to transport crews back and forth to the dam site, and "Budd Williams, who one day would become my father-in-law, operated a big Marion in conjunction with his livery business, which transported passengers to the booming mining camps of Wonder, Fairview, and Rawhide."

On April 23, 1917, Maine Street was the scene of a unique and somber event. Fifteen of our best and brightest young men marched off to war. "Led by the entire high school and its drum corps, and followed by the pupils of the grammar school, the young men were escorted through the main streets on their way to the railroad station." Fallon and its Maine Street had become part of the larger World War 1 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.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE PROPERTY SALE
Churchill County Treasurer
Will be conducting an online sale of delinquent tax properties to be held on Thursday, May 14 thru Friday, May 15, 2026
Bidding will begin at 8:00 AM on May 14th and conclude at 12:00 PM on May 15th
The auction website is www.Bid4Assets.com/Churchill
See website for registration and bidding instructions

PARCEL #	ASSESSED OWNERS	ACREAGE	LOCATION	LAND USE	MIN BID
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004-351-37	NICHOLS W & J, FROSDICK T & P	17.041	SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP 23 RANGE 36	800	\$ 275.21
005-251-06	REMPEL, HUGO H ET AL	20.662	SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 24 RANGE 35	800	\$ 1,128.19
005-251-08	REMPEL, HUGO H ET AL	20.662	SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 24 RANGE 35	800	\$ 1,128.19
005-571-03	REMPEL, HUGO H ET AL	20.406	SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP 25 RANGE 36	800	\$ 1,157.16
005-571-04	REMPEL, HUGO H ET AL	20.406	SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP 25 RANGE 36	800	\$ 361.64
006-122-39	HOUSE OF SHALOM	20.750	15000 DUN MOVIN WAY	100	\$ 1,479.31
006-122-64	HOUSE OF SHALOM	19.900	SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 18 RANGE 26	285	\$ 1,360.34
007-091-28	WAGONER, MARILYN O ET AL	160.000	SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 19 RANGE 27	100	\$ 4,235.58
007-551-26	SWIFT, INGRID C ET AL	29.970	1435 N HARMON RD	282	\$ 4,216.16
008-752-15	GRAY, KEVIN	1.000	1177 ARROWHEAD LN	230	\$ 2,684.17

For more information regarding this tax sale please visit the website at www.Bid4Assets.com/Churchill
If you have any questions regarding this information or the tax sale, please contact us email: taxes@churchillcountynv.gov or phone: (775) 423-6028

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, May 7, 2026, on the proposed Ordinance:

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE MAKING CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, AND REVISIONS TO CHURCHILL COUNTY CHAPTERS 2.08 (FIRE BOARD) AND 2.12 (FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION) TO MODERNIZE THE CODE, ENHANCE CLARITY, AND ALIGN IT WITH CURRENT PRACTICES.

SUMMARY: AN ORDINANCE MAKING CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, AND REVISIONS TO CHURCHILL COUNTY CHAPTERS 2.08 (FIRE BOARD) AND 2.12 (FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION) TO MODERNIZE THE CODE, ENHANCE CLARITY, AND ALIGN IT WITH CURRENT PRACTICES BY (1) INCLUDING GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMINOLOGY THROUGHOUT ALL SECTIONS; (2) REVISING DUTIES OF THE FIRE BOARD AND FIRE CHIEF RELATED TO BUDGETING; (3) REVISING DUTIES OF THE FIRE BOARD AND FIRE CHIEF RELATED TO HIRING OF PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS, (4) UPDATING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRE MARSHAL, AND (5) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m. on May 6, 2026. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A scanned copy of the ordinance will be posted on May 1, 2026 with the Agenda Packet on the county's website at <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes>.

Dated: April 15, 2026.

Tara Adams,
Deputy Clerk

Legal No FP0002
Case No. 21FC-DR15-2026-0075
Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned affirms that this document does not contain the social security numbers.

IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINERAL

In the Matter of the Petition of DUSTIN RANDALL GURULE
For the adoption of JAZMIN SUSANA SERRATO,
An adult.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from JAZMIN SUSANA SERRATO to JAZMIN SUSANA SERRATO-GURULE

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

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

DATED this 25 day of March, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Dustin Randall Gurule
DUSTIN RANDALL GURULE

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April 24, 2026
(Churchill)

Legal No FP0003
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners on April 15, 2026:

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE MAKING CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, AND MINOR REVISIONS TO TITLE 9 - PUBLIC PEACE, MOREALS, AND WELFARE, SECTION 9.12 ADULT ENTERTAINMENT, TITLE 14 - BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 14.04 BUILDING PERMITS, SECTION 14.12 BUILDING CODE, SECTION 14.16 MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MOBILE HOME INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, TITLE 16 - CONSOLIDATED DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 16.08 ZONING AND LAND USE, SECTION 16.12 DIVISION OF LAND, SECTION 16.16 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 16.24 DEFINITIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF A CHURCHILL COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DESIGN MANUAL DOCUMENT WHERE DESIGN STANDARDS AND STANDARD DETAILS WILL BE MOVED FROM THE CODE TO THE NEW DOCUMENT.

SUMMARY: An ordinance amending, adding and deleting definitions, regulations, and procedures related to the Consolidated Development Code and other items related to the Churchill County Code.

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: None


Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Churchill County Clerk's Office, 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for inspection by all interested persons.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2026.

Tara Adams,
Deputy Clerk

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(Churchill)

CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Crossword found on page 14



ASPEN	HICKORY
BEECH	LOCUST
CEDAR	MAPLE
COTTONWOOD	OAK
ELM	PALM
FIR	PINE
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