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Lahontan Reservoir. File photo.

## TCID Confronts \$1.8 Million Shortfall *Board Approves Cuts and Spending Adjustments*

By Rachel Dahl

Facing a significant cash gap in its upcoming fiscal year, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District board worked through a series of cuts and creative adjustments during its July meeting to address a projected \$1.8 million shortfall.

Although the operational budget appeared balanced—with revenues estimated at \$43,000 over expenses—the district faced a notable deficit due to major capital projects and the need for local matches on grant-funded improvements. Primary drivers of the gap included TCID’s share of the new Tower Project, estimated at \$1 million, and an uncertain cost tied to Power Plant repairs, with a placeholder of \$336,000.

The board’s finance committee recommended using \$1 million in state grant funds to meet the federal match requirement for the Tower Project this year, deferring TCID’s own cash contribution to next year. This strategy reduced the shortfall to \$1.1 million.

To close the gap further, the board delayed or removed several planned equipment purchases, facility upgrades, and software projects. These included shelving CDL training, office improvements, canal sensors, and various maintenance supplies. Legal fees, fuel, and outside contracting services were also trimmed. After all cuts, the remaining shortfall dropped to approximately \$77,000.

The board approved a general 4% wage increase for all staff and management. Additional raises requested by some department supervisors were not included.

In other business, the board discussed ongoing moss and grass buildup in canals, which are being addressed through treatments and monitoring. Staff noted delivery delays in areas such as the L1 and S7 laterals and encouraged water users to stay in close contact with the district during the busy first cutting.

Board members also reviewed the annual evaluation of General Manager Ben Shawcroft, praising improved transparency, staff morale, and his work in communication and grant-seeking.

“It’s been a very positive kind of work,” board member Davy Stix said. “Especially after sitting with the budget this morning, without that, we’d look much different.”

The board approved the district’s insurance package for the coming year, which included modest rate increases driven by general market conditions and expanded equipment coverage.

In addition to internal budget adjustments, TCID issued notice of a modest increase to the annual land assessment. Effective July 1, 2025, the rate will rise from \$6.84 per acre to \$7.13 per acre, a 4.2% increase based on the Consumer Price Index for West Urban Consumers, as allowed under NRS 539.480(3). Questions about the levy can be directed to the district at 775-423-2141.

## Greenwave Hall of Fame Induction Sept. 25-27

The Greenwave Hall of Fame will celebrate its eighth induction class this fall, honoring standout athletes, legendary teams, a respected coach, and key contributors whose dedication shaped Fallon athletics. The three-day event will be held Sept. 25–27.

“It is with immense pride and excitement that we announce the eighth induction class into the Greenwave Hall of Fame,” said Hall of Fame president Steve Heck. “This year’s class embodies the very best of our athletic history with accomplishments spanning multiple decades and sports. From state championships and record-breaking performances to dedicated coaching and invaluable support, these inductees represent the enduring spirit and success of Greenwave athletics.”



Coach Annie Smith.

The 2025 class includes four individual

athletes: Thomas Diaz Jr., Elizabeth Lewis, Rileigh Ricken and Ali (Tedford) Connors; three state championship baseball teams from 1966, 1967 and 1971; coach Anne Smith; and contributors Orval “Sonny” Fowler Jr. and Kenneth Norcutt.

**TEAM INDUCTEES**

1966 Baseball: Coached by Bob Nistler, the team finished undefeated in conference play (10-0) and clinched the AA state title with a doubleheader sweep over Carson. Assistant coach Wint King, managers Larry Evans and Rusty Andreasen, and players Bill Felices,

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain’s Log

By Denice Pinder

It’s 12:53 pm and The Fallon Post is due to the printer in one hour and seven minutes. Likewise, with the Fernley Reporter. Our fearless leader, aka publisher, aka bunny ranch cowboy, aka owner of so many cats (there are currently three under my desk sleeping), aka Rachel Dahl is trying to finish the layout for the Fernley paper and really trying to look like she is not panicked about getting it finished in time. Cheryl asks the question we all are thinking, “Has she done the Captain’s Log?” From behind her huge screen I hear Rachel say, “Denice, do you want to do the Captain’s Log this week? I’m pretty sure she picked me to do it because I have the three sleeping kittens under my desk instead of hers. Yep, it’s pure jealousy that has brought me here.

You need to be prepared to do unexpected things in this very busy office, like being asked at 12:53 pm to write the Captain’s Log and calmly answer ‘sure’. Also, on the list of the unexpected: there are kittens here and lots and lots of plants that are all now dependent upon me to feed and water them. And, as Cheryl said today, you always come to work on Tuesdays because its chicken verde soup day at The Courtyard and you know we all are going to get some of that ... and maybe a cookie.

... Keeping you Posted.

— Denice

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Dave Kalousek, Carl Dodge, Joe Madraso, Bruce Markert, Steve Ward, Larry Eyre, David Thomas, Dale Jensen, Deon Skinner, Irvin Baldwin, Bruce Risi, Dave Munoz, Eugene Pritchard and Tom Rhodes led the charge.

1967 Baseball: Under new head coach Frank Guisti, Fallon defended its state title, edging out rivals Carson and Hawthorne. Assistant coaches Wint King and Tony Klenakis, along with manager Rusty Andreason, helped guide a team that included many returning champions: Eugene Pritchard, Dave Munoz, Jon Pace, Mike Doyle, Ray Ferguson, Mike Luce, Tom Rhodes, Bob Dudley, Glen Hooper, Mark Winans, Fred Hall, Mike Jack, Ron Holmes, Jim Mackedon, Bruce Markert, Steve Vicks, Jack Beach, Bill Felices, Joe Madraso, Dave Thomas and Joe Thompson.

1971 Baseball: Coached by Wint King, who also led the Greenwave to a basketball title that same year, the 1971 team overcame an opening loss in a best-of-three series to Hawthorne before winning a doubleheader to secure the state championship. Assistants Gary Imelli and Brent Heath supported a roster that included Ernie McKenzie, Ken Tedford, Doug Maupin, John Lewis, Dave VanMeter, Don Filmore, Kurt Dix, Steve Atkinson, Clyde Miller, Jim Lufrano, Frankie Gonzales, Kerry Huffman and Charles Bliss.

**COACH INDUCTEE**

Anne Smith: Smith coached Fallon girls basketball to a 164-52 overall record and a dominant 101-14 conference mark. She led the Lady Wave to three consecutive state championships from 2017 to 2019, defeating Lowry in back-to-back title games before edging Moapa Valley 45-42 in 2019 for the three-peat.

**CONTRIBUTOR INDUCTEES**

Orval “Sonny” Fowler Jr.: A passionate supporter of Greenwave athletics, Fowler contributed to youth and high school wrestling from 1973 until his passing in 2020. He donated cattle for the rodeo team, hosted practices for student athletes, and even drove a school bus in his youth. Fowler was a regular presence at football, baseball and wrestling events.

Kenneth Norcutt: A four-year member of Fallon High School’s Rodeo Club, Norcutt specialized in bull riding. In 1963, he placed third at state but went on to win the National High School Rodeo bull-riding title, besting competitors from 22 states. His 331 points earned him the title of “The Top National Bull Rider.”

**ATHLETE INDUCTEES**

Thomas Diaz Jr. (2005): Diaz captured the 2005 Nevada state wrestling title at 152 pounds and amassed a 126-30 high school record. He was named Northern Nevada Middle Weight Wrestler of the Year and earned first-team all-state honors.

Elizabeth (Liz) Lewis (2005): A four-sport athlete, Lewis lettered in volleyball, softball, soccer and basketball. She earned all-state honors in basketball as a junior and senior and was named the Lahontan Valley News Female Athlete of the Year in 2005.

Rileigh Ricken (2014): Ricken powered Fallon to three state softball championships while setting school records for most home runs in a game, season and career. She was twice named League MVP and earned First Team All-State and All-Region honors.

Ali (Tedford) Connors (2015): Connors lettered in volleyball, basketball and softball, earning First Team All-State honors in both basketball and softball. In 2015, she recorded 76 hits and 19 doubles, ranking among Class 3A leaders. She helped lead Fallon to three state softball titles.

**INDUCTION EVENTS**

The celebration kicks off Sept. 25 with a social mixer. On Sept. 26, the Class of 2025 will be recognized before the Greenwave football game. The official induction dinner and ceremony will be held Sept. 27.

Team inductees or family members are encouraged to contact the Hall of Fame committee at [greenwavehalloffame@gmail.com](mailto:greenwavehalloffame@gmail.com) for event details. More information is available at [www.greenwavehof.com](http://www.greenwavehof.com).

The Greenwave Hall of Fame was established to honor the tradition, excellence, and history of Greenwave athletics dating back more than a century. Each year, the committee selects deserving individuals and teams who have left a lasting legacy.



Orval “Sonny” Fowler Jr. supported the Greenwave youth and high school wrestling boosters from 1973 until his death in 2020. Other contributions included donating cattle for the rodeo team and providing a practice space for the young cowboys and cowgirls. Additionally, he drove a bus in high school to help out. Fowler was described as an avid Greenwave fan, rarely missing a football or baseball game or wrestling tournament. Photos courtesy of Greenwave HOF.



FEATURES

# Fallon Celebrates Freedom, the Flag, and America on July 4th



Sailors from Naval Air Station Fallon participated in Fourth of July celebration with the Reno Aces at Greater Nevada Field. Home to the Fighting Saints of Fighter Squadron Composite 13 (VFC-13) and the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Command (NAWDC), NAS Fallon serves as the Navy’s premier tactical air warfare training center. Photo by Gavin Graham, NAS Fallon Public Affairs Officer.

By Leanna Lehman

Fallon’s Fourth of July celebration brought the community together in full spirit, with packed streets, blue Nevada skies, and a contagious energy that stretched from the Chamber of Commerce’s annual parade to the last sweet slice of pie. Kids dashed for candy as water cannons fired from floats, and a strong showing from NAS Fallon reminded us all of the service members, past and present, who protect the freedoms we came together to celebrate.

Rear Admiral Rick Burgess, Commander of the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center, joined the parade route, while other sailors represented NAS Fallon during Independence Day festivities at Greater Nevada Field with the Reno Aces.

Locally, the community tipped its hat to creativity and tradition with the annual pie-baking contest and parade awards.

Held in advance of the 4th of July, the contest added a delicious layer of desserts to the celebration. Octavia Merritt won top honors with her Chocolate Chip Cookie Pie, with Kathy Fraker’s White Christmas Pie earning her the second place slot, and Haylee Brenneis’ Stars & Stripes Floral Delight in third.

Parade standouts for this year’s theme – “America the Bee-autiful,” included Fallon Jr. Rodeo Queen Chanci Macedo (Best Mounted Individual), 3 Point Ranch and Transport (Best Agriculture), and Cycling Uncle Sam (Most Patriotic). The Chamber Choice Award went to the Pregnancy Care Center of Churchill County, and Antique Automobile Club of America, Fallon Chapter, rolled off with Best Automobile.

Other honorees included Walker Lake Disposal, Holt Bogdanowicz, Carson & Eureka Railway, Dairy Farmers of America, Keith Wood’s “Military Mule,” and the Toi-Ticutta Powwow Club and Powwow



“We the People” and a portion of the Preamble to the Constitution written in rocks along the Austin Highway. Photo courtesy of Dewayne Braden.



Rear Admiral Rick Burgess, Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC), participated in the Fourth of July parade in Fallon. Home to the Fighting Saints of Fighter Squadron Composite 13 (VFC-13) and NAWDC, NAS Fallon serves as the Navy’s premier tactical air warfare training center. Photo by Gavin Graham, NAS Fallon Public Affairs Officer.



Pie contest winner Octavia Meritt, 1st place. Photo courtesy of Fallon Chamber.

Fitness Group. Other parade winners included Walker Lake Disposal for Best Business, Holt Bogdanowicz earning Honorable Mention, Carson & Eureka Railway for Best Civic/Non-Profit Group, Dairy Farmers of America for Best Use of Theme, Keith Wood’s “Military Mule” for Best Other Mode of Transportation, and the Toi-Ticutta Powwow Club and Powwow Fitness Group recognized as Best Youth Group. Each float, flag, and face was a reminder: we are fortunate to live in a country where we can gather in peace, and fortunate still to have a community, neighbors, veterans, and volunteers who make celebrations like this one possible.



Walker Lake Disposal float, Best Business, 1st place. Photo by Christy Lattin.



Dairy Farmers of America, Best use of theme, 1st place. Photo by Christy Lattin.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon Theatre Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

It’s another exciting week at the Fallon Theatre and we’re swinging into action with a pair of animated superhero hits perfect for the whole family. Plus, don’t miss the great lineup of concerts, performances and community events we’ve got on the way.

This Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12 at 6 pm, we’re showing “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” (2018), the groundbreaking animated film that introduced audiences to Miles Morales and a universe of Spider-heroes. With dazzling visuals, heart, and humor, this PG-rated adventure runs 1 hour and 57 minutes.

Then at 7 p.m., continue the journey with “Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse” (2023), where Miles returns for an even bigger, bolder adventure through the multiverse. With stunning animation and high-stakes storytelling, this film is rated PG and runs 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Looking ahead to Friday, July 18 at 7 p.m., we’re partnering with the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society to host Dan Flanagan and his one-of-a-kind program, “The Bow and the Brush.” This internationally-known violinist pairs original solo compositions with projected artwork and engaging stories behind each piece. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 and this unique multimedia event promises a memorable evening of art and music.

Then on Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m., we crank up the volume with a night of live local music from Acid Box and Cryptilians. Fallon’s



own Acid Box blends hard rock, metal, punk, and blues, while Cryptilians bring sharp punk energy straight from Reno. Admission is \$10 at the door so come rock with us.

We’re also thrilled to be part of Fallon’s Community Reunion in August. On Friday, August 15, join us for a free concert featuring the Great Basin Band, known for their high-energy covers of pop, country and rock from the ‘80s through today. Then on Saturday, August 16 from 10 am to 2 pm, come tour the theatre and celebrate its long-standing place in the heart of our town.

And don’t forget – our annual fundraising Show ‘N’ Shine rolls in on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.! This beloved community car show is free for all and features classic cars, food, music and fun for the whole family. Car registration is open now at fallontheatre.com.

Clean comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre on Friday, November 14 at 7 pm with Lee Hardin, returning after last year’s sold-out show! Hailing from Nashville and seen on NBC, DryBar Comedy and Nateland Live, Lee brings sharp wit and hilarious stories the whole crowd can enjoy. Tickets are \$20, don’t miss your chance to see him live.

As always, our weekly movie nights are free to attend, and our concession stand is fully stocked with all your favorites, including our summer special: \$5 soda floats, with traditional root beer and fun Pepsi flavor twists. To rent an auditorium or schedule a Marquee Message, contact us at 775-423-6210 or thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

First Annual PACC Dance Camp Showcase July 25

Performing Arts of Churchill County announces its first annual PACC Dance Camp Showcase on July 25 at Oats Park Outdoor Amphitheatre at 6 pm. There is no cost for admission. The showcase is the final performance from the Summer Dance Camp, the first dance camp that PACC has offered for children ages 9-14. The showcase will have the children perform the styles of dance they’ve learned during camp, including contemporary, ballroom, jazz and ballet.

There will be food trucks on site, and after the showcase concludes the music will be turned up and everyone is invited to join in a dance party. The showcase is open to all ages and is family friendly. PACC looks forward to seeing you there.

PACC is currently looking for volunteers for the 2025-2026 season of musicals, including an upcoming community musical in October. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the volunteer application on the PACC website, [www.paccnv.org](http://www.paccnv.org).

Performing Arts of Churchill County is a non-profit serving Fallon and Churchill County. PACC aims to promote and grow the arts culture of our community and invite everyone to participate as a performer, technician, volunteer, or audience member.

Greenwave Theatre Visits Ashland Shakespear Festival

Staff Report

Nine Greenwave Theatre students just returned from a transformative journey to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival in Oregon, immersing themselves in a week of rich theatrical experience.

The group attended five critically acclaimed productions, engaged in three professional workshops, explored the backstage workings of one of the nation’s premier repertory theaters, and participated in a trio of educational prefaces that deepened their understanding of performance and storytelling. The trip, led by Greenwave Theatre Director Ashley Adams, provided not only cultural enrichment but lasting memories and a renewed passion for the arts. “So proud of this talented crew and all the memories we made together,” Adams program shared on social media. The Fallon Post extends our applause to these dedicated students for representing our community with creativity and grace.



Greenwave students at the Ashland theatre. Photo courtesy of Ashley Adams.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Sweet Baxter

Baxter (D-331) is a sweet-natured stray who’s now cleared for adoption and ready to find his forever home. Despite efforts to locate



his original owner, Baxter has remained calm and gentle throughout his stay with us since April. He walks easily on a leash, takes treats politely, and brings a

mellow, “chill” vibe wherever he goes—making him a wonderful companion for a relaxed, loving household.

Photos and details are available on our Facebook page, but we don’t respond to questions online. To meet Baxter, please call or stop by the City of Fallon Animal Shelter.

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

Too Cute Newt



Meet Newt—an energetic, fearless, and affectionate pup surrendered to Animal Control when his previous family moved and couldn’t take him along. This playful guy loves a good game of fetch,

splashing in the water, and going for car rides. He’s reportedly house-trained, walks well on a leash, and has lived comfortably with children, dogs, cats, and even chickens.

We’d also like to thank Fallon Animal Control for their ongoing partnership in helping us find loving homes for Fallon’s homeless dogs and cats. Volunteers, board members, and donations are always needed—and always appreciated.

Churchill Animal Protection Society  
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Meet Mama Jane

Mama Jane is a young, beautiful cat who’s spayed, vaccinated, and ready for her forever home. After doing an amazing job raising her kittens, it’s finally her turn to be spoiled and loved.

She’s a laid-back girl who enjoys lounging in sunny spots and watching the world go by. Mama Jane is deeply bonded with her playful calico kitten, Pearl, and they must be adopted together. Pearl brings the fun; Mama Jane brings the calm.



This sweet duo would thrive in a quiet, peaceful home where they can keep snuggling, playing, and loving their people. Ready for a perfect pair? Mama Jane and Pearl are waiting for you!

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



OBITUARIES

WILLIAM RAND SCHUFT  
March 25, 1943 – June 23, 2025



Rand Schuft passed away peacefully at his home on June 23, 2025. He was born in Belle Fourche, SD, to William and Nedra Schuft on March 25, 1943. Rand pursued a law enforcement career starting in Yankton, SD, then moved to work for the Rapid City Police Department. He moved to Nevada and continued his law enforcement career with the Fallon Police Department, then he was hired by the state. He retired from a 30-year career in law enforcement in Nevada, but retirement was short lived as he was appointed Municipal Court Judge in Ely, Nev. He spent four years as judge, then decided to move back to his roots in South Dakota.

Rand was very active in the Elks Lodge and was a sitting member of the board of trustees for Yankton College for many years, along with serving on the board for The Ranch at Black Gap development.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years; children, grandchildren, one great grandchild and two brothers. A celebration of Rand’s life will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family through [www.kirkfuneralhome.com](http://www.kirkfuneralhome.com).

DICK KELLER  
March 25, 1943 – June 23, 2025



Dick was born December 4, 1941, in Reno, Nev. to Eugene Roy Keller and Ethyl Keller. They moved to Fallon when Dick was three years old. He graduated from Churchill County High School in 1959, then attended technical school in Idaho for two years as well as the University of Nevada for one year. He returned to Fallon to work for Motor Supply Company and married Sharon Wray. They had a wonderful marriage that lasted 61 years. Dick was a great salesman, business owner, outdoorsman, hunter, fisherman, and family man. He loved his family, cooking, camping on the Oregon Coast, and his beloved Fallon community. He served in the Army National Guard in Fallon as well as the Churchill County Fire Department.

Dick was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Van deVere; father, Roy Keller; mother Ethyl Keller; and daughter Renee Keller.

He is survived by his wife Sharon, sister Joyce Folsom, daughter Stacy Keller, son-in-law, Bruce Sponcey, grandsons Kioni Keller, Kaine Sponcey, Garret Camp, Parker Camp, Tailor Sponcey, and granddaughter Breanna Sponcey, great-grandchildren Gabrielle Shelton, Tanner Sponcey, Kimber Sponcey and Kenna Sponcey.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

RUTH ELEANOR PLUMBRIDGE  
June 30, 2025



On the morning of June 30, 2025, Ruth Eleanor Plumbridge, 95, died at home in Fallon, NV. Known as Ellie to her friends and Grandma Ellie to six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, she lived her life on her own terms.

Born in Sterling, CO, to Norman Bernard Campbell and Ila Viola Jackson, Ellie’s early years were shaped by the Great Depression, which led the family to relocate to Marin City and later San Rafael, CA. She graduated from Tamalpais Union High School and went on to attend secretarial school.

On July 11, 1950, she married Jack Plumbridge in Reno, NV. They settled in Woodacre, CA, where they welcomed three children: Alan C. Plumbridge of Paradise, UT; Kay Inglis of Fallon, NV; and Julie Eva Landolf of Beaverton, OR, who passed in 2019.

In the early 1960s, the family moved to Tahoe City, where Ellie worked for Homewood Investments and John Deeter Construction. She enjoyed snow skiing and horseback riding in the Sierras. Jack and Ellie moved to Nevada in 1974, where she continued her love of horses and often traveled the world in search of her next great adventure. After settling in Fallon, Ellie worked for Gary Snow Livestock until her retirement.

In her later years, she found joy in day trips to places of historical interest, wildlife viewing areas, scenic drives, and art exhibits that caught her eye.

The family will hold a private service.

Due to the trials of advanced age on the body and mind, Ellie often reminded herself each morning: *You only live once, but if you do it right, it’s enough.* And she did live well.



JEANETTE ANN STRONG  
June 13, 1946 – June 11, 2025

Jeanette Ann Strong passed away peacefully in her home on the morning of June 11, 2025, just two days before her 79th birthday. Born Jeanette Ann Meek on June 13, 1946 in San Mateo to Robert Parker and Winifred Lorraine Meek, she was brought home to the first of many houses that would shape a life deeply rooted in family, faith, and charity. Jeanette moved frequently during her childhood, calling 18 different places home before heading to Pasadena College, where she had twice lived before when her father began to pursue his education following his service in World War II, then finishing after returning from the Korean War.

A lifelong learner and dedicated educator, Jeanette earned her Bachelor of Arts in History from Pasadena College in 1967 and her Master of Arts in Librarianship from San Jose State College in 1972. On October 26, 1968, she married Gale Strong at San Bruno Church of the Nazarene, and four years later they welcomed their only child, son Nathan Strong.

Jeanette’s greatest joy was being a grandmother. Her grandsons were the light of her life, and she embraced that role with relentless pride and unwavering love. She wanted to be a positive influence on each person she encountered — and by all accounts, she was. That desire shaped a lifelong calling in education where serving as a high school educator, a college professor, a school librarian, and Sunday school teacher, in each role encouraging others to grow into their best selves.

A gifted researcher and writer, Jeanette also shared her insights over many years through regular columns in the Record-Courier and the Lahontan Valley News, approaching each piece with the same thoughtfulness and dedication she had given to her master’s thesis.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her father, her grandson, and his mother. She is survived by her devoted husband, Gale; her son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Cynthia; and her grandson, Logan. She is also survived by her mother, two brothers, a sister, six nieces, and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 280 East Stillwater Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

All are welcome to join the family in honoring and celebrating Jeanette’s life.



LISA MARIE REI-WHITE  
June 13, 2025

With heavy hearts and deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved Lisa Marie Rei-White, who left this world peacefully on June 13, 2025, surrounded by love, laughter, and the memories she so beautifully created. She was 58 years old.

Lisa was a remarkable woman whose love for life was only matched by the love she poured into her family, friends and community. A true original, she lit up every room with her infectious laughter, generous spirit, and one-of-a-kind sense of humor. Whether you were family by blood or bond, she made you feel seen, valued, and cherished.

Lisa was a woman of connection. She was the glue that held people together. She showed up for birthdays, for bad days, for camping trips, random adventures, and everyday surprises. Her legacy lives on in the strength of her family, the laughter of her friends, and the countless lives she touched through quiet acts of kindness and loud bursts of joy. Working as a substance abuse counselor, she had a chance to leave a legacy and memory in those that she worked with.

She is survived by her husband Larry, her children Christie, James, Bradley, Duane, Nick; her sister Debbie, and brothers Tony and Troy; as well as 6 grandchildren, 3 nieces and a nephew, multiple family members, countless friends, and an entire community that is better for having known her.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date where we will honor her with stories, laughter, and maybe even a few flamingos. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you go thrift shopping, spend a day fishing, or embrace your family and friends just as she would have wanted.

Lisa was deeply loved, and she will be missed more than words can say. But her spirit will live on in every cast line, every secondhand find, every pink feather, and every echo of laughter she left behind.

Rest easy, beautiful soul. You gave us everything — and more.



COMMUNITY

Mayor Tedford swore in Matthew Davis, Bailey Coombs, Connor Draper, and Keiran Wilson as new Police Officers on June 27. Congratulations to Matthew, Bailey, Connor, and Keiran as you all embark on your journey with the Fallon Police Department.

Mayor Tedford with City Councilwoman Karla Kent and Councilman Paul Harmon, along with Police Chief Ron Wenger after swearing in new officers. Photo courtesy of e City of Fallon.



A gas leak on Wildes Road prompted the road closure on July 1. Crews with the Fallon-Churchill Volunteer Fire Department responded and crimped the gas line until it could be repaired.

# Gas Line Rupture Prompts Road Closure

Story and photo by Christy Lattin

Fire crews responded to a ruptured natural gas line on Wildes Road on July 1, leading to a road closure for four hours.

Fire Chief Jared Dooley said the gas line was hit by a contractor installing telecommunications cables adjacent to the roadway. The natural gas line was not documented or marked, he said. Fire crews initially suspected the line was a larger supply line, and closed access to Wildes Road from Maine Street to Harrigan Road for approximately four hours. There was discussion about the need to evacuate residents in the area, but it was ultimately not necessary.

After it was determined to be a smaller natural gas service line, it was crimped to stop the leak and repaired without incident.

The Fallon-Churchill Volunteer Fire Department responded with one engine and three firefighters, along with the duty officer and one command rig. Churchill County Sheriff’s Department was also on scene to assist with traffic control.

# Small Brush Fire Quickly Extinguished

Fire crews responded to a small brush fire behind the Fallon Convention Center on June 30. The fire took place just north of the railroad tracks in an area with overgrown brush and trees and was less than an acre in size. Crews responded within minutes and knocked the fire down. The source of the fire was possibly from a homeless camp but remains undetermined.

Churchill-Fallon Volunteer Fire Department responded with six vehicles and 17 personnel.



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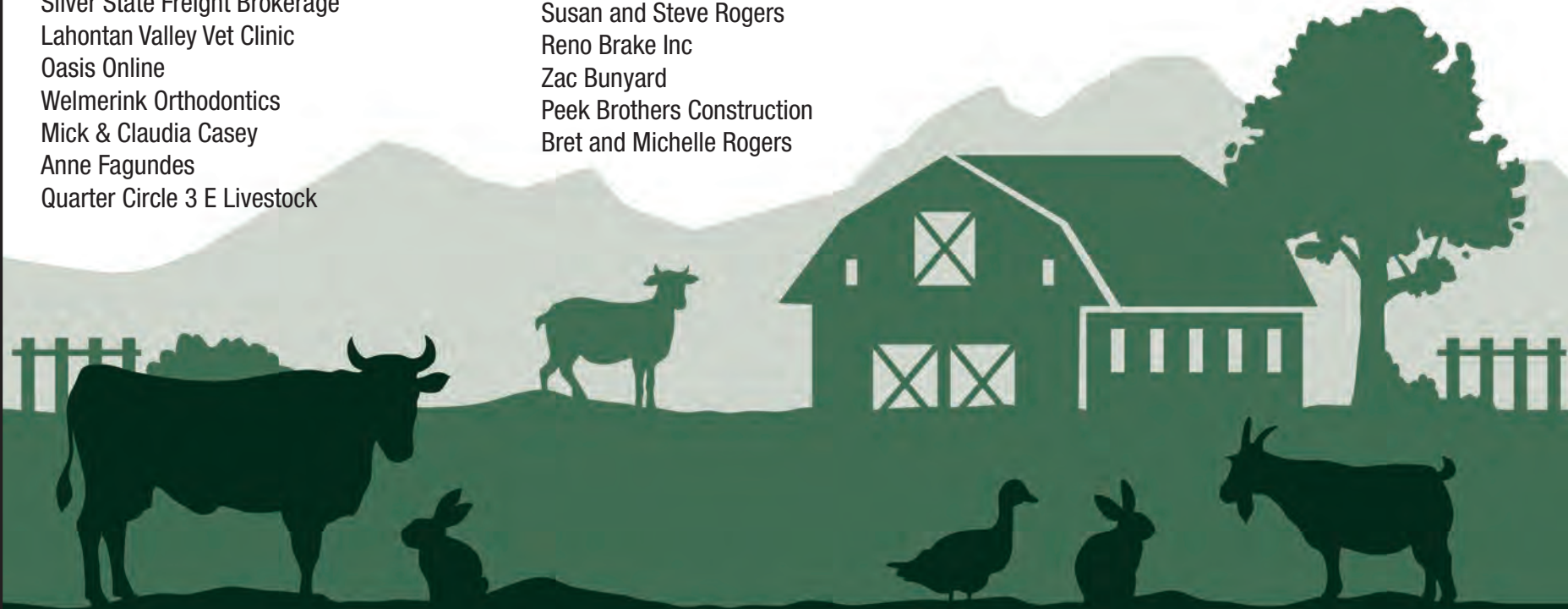
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COURT

# Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, June 24, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

By Teresa Moon

*William August Ehlers* appeared via telephone from a prison in Jamestown, California, for a status hearing. Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel explained that his client is on probation in Nevada and is now the subject of a violation report from the Division of Parole and Probation.

“In speaking with the State, Judge, I don’t know that there is a lot we can do to clear that warrant, mainly because he is located in a prison out of state,” Noel said.

Judge Stockard ordered Ehlers to make arrangements to contact his California attorney to discuss the violation report.

*Julie Ann Hayden* pleaded guilty to Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony punishable by 2–15 years in prison and a fine up to \$6,000. She was initially charged with several other offenses, including Burglary with the Use of a Firearm or Deadly Weapon, two counts of Possess, Manufacture, or Dispose of an Explosive or Incendiary Device, and Allow Child Abuse or Neglect. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI), set sentencing for August 26, and provisionally placed Hayden into the Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court program.

*Chelsea Lynn Daniels* pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Detention, Concealment, or Removal of a Child from a Person Having Lawful Custody or in the Custody of the Court, punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. The factual basis stated that Daniels removed her 10-year-old child from the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services. Judge Stockard ordered a PSI and set sentencing for August 26 at 1:30 p.m.

*Misty Dawn Orpiada* appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, punishable by 1–4 years in prison with probation mandated for first offenses. Wendy Bullock with Court Services summarized Orpiada’s record from May 13 through June 23, which included two missed tests, seven positive tests, and four negative tests.

Churchill County Deputy Public Defender (DPD) Hampton Young acknowledged Orpiada’s failure to comply with Court Services’ supervisory requirements, stating that his client is remorseful and wants to continue in Specialty Court.

Orpiada told the court, “I’m willing to work on that if you are willing to work with me. I’ve never had help before in my life.”

Judge Stockard said, “It’s been a rougher time period between your initial appearance in District Court and now than typically seen, which I think might reflect the depth of your addiction issues. What you just told me is something that many addicts tell me, that they’ve never had

help before. Help is out there, ... nobody’s been hiding it from you ... Addiction doesn’t want help until you decide to do it.”

Stockard suspended proceedings, placed Orpiada on probation for 12 months, and ordered her to complete Specialty Court and comply with the recommendations of her substance abuse evaluation.

*Charles Lee Gilmore*, in custody, pleaded guilty to Illegal Transfer of a Firearm Without a Background Check, a gross misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000.

Alternate Public Defender (APD) Charles Woodman said the charge predates Gilmore’s current probation cases. “This is a little case that was kind of dangling out there. All things considered, it probably should have been wrapped up into the other charges,” he said. Woodman asked the court to impose probation consecutive to Gilmore’s existing probation, suggesting suspended time as a deterrent.

Gilmore addressed the court, saying, “I made some poor choices, Sir.” He said he has a plan and goals and added, “Failure is not an option for me.”

Judge Stockard granted probation on a 180-day jail sentence, to run consecutively to his other probation cases, and ordered Gilmore to enter and complete Drug Court.

*Tiffany Lynnae John*, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation, which included absconding.

Senior Deputy District Attorney (SDDA) Chelsea Sanford said John was previously sentenced on two Category D Felonies of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or a Debit Card, each carrying an underlying sentence of 19–48 months in prison. Sanford explained that John had been employed at The Homestead Senior Living facility, where she received a credit card from a resident and used it for personal wire transfers. Sanford said John performed well on probation until February, when she “went off the rails.” Sanford asked the court to revoke probation and impose the underlying sentences.

APD Wright Noel said John’s probation expires on November 11, 2025. “There is no question Ms. John had a hiccup here ... but to say there are no mitigating factors ignores the fact that there was a period when she did extremely well on probation.” He said John has support from the Tribe, a job waiting for her, and a proven ability to comply with probation. “Let’s get her back on the right track; let’s let her finish probation.”

John told the court she believed she was no longer on probation and asked for another chance. “I’ll complete probation and there won’t be another issue.” She said she has remained employed by the Tribe.

“I’m not buying the thing that you thought you were done. I’m just not,” Judge Stockard said. However, he reinstated probation and ordered John to serve the next 10 weekends in the Churchill County Jail.

## Rocky Wells’ 17-Count Drug Case Moves Forward

By Leanna Lehman

*Rocky Wells, who faces 17 felony and misdemeanor charges related to an April 1 arrest involving drugs, weapons, and the alleged presence of children during criminal activity, was not present for a scheduled status hearing held June 26 in New River Township Justice Court before Judge Pro Tem Anthony Tisdale.*

Senior Deputy District Attorney (SDDA) Chelsea Sanford appeared for the state, while retained defense counsel Steve Evenson appeared on Wells’ behalf. Evenson confirmed that both parties had agreed to set the matter for a preliminary hearing. The hearing is expected to take only a partial day and will be scheduled administratively. The reason for Wells’ absence was not addressed on the record.

Wells was released on his own recognizance (OR) following his April 3 initial appearance, with Judge Benjamin Trotter granting release under the strict supervision of Court Services. Trotter ordered that if Wells fails to comply with the terms of release, the court would reinstate his original bondable bail of \$223,000.

Charges against Wells include possession and sale of controlled substances—among them fentanyl, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and counterfeit pills—as well as a firearm possession charge as a prohibited person. Two felony counts allege that children were present during the commission of controlled substance violations. Misdemeanor paraphernalia charges were also filed.

For the full story on Wells, read “Fentanyl, Cocaine, Cash and Guns: Fallon Man Hit With 17 Charges” online at [www.thefallonpost.org](http://www.thefallonpost.org).



Rocky Wells. Photo courtesy of CHSO.



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GOVERNMENT

# Budget Decisions and Student Welfare

## School Board Trustees Trustees Vote to Remove Paid Lunch Program (CEP) for Students in the District

By Riggin Stonebarger

The Churchill County School District’s June 25 school board meeting was marked by weighty decisions that reflect the complex balancing act between financial stewardship and student support. Central to the evening’s deliberations were two critical agenda items: the removal of paid lunches for students and the renewal of the district’s POOL insurance coverage. These decisions stirred considerable debate among trustees, district officials, and the public, highlighting deep tensions between cost-cutting measures and the district’s responsibility to meet the needs of its students.

One of the most emotionally charged issues discussed was the proposal to eliminate paid lunch options within the district. Historically, the school district has offered a tiered meal system, with free, reduced-price, and paid lunches. However, due to financial pressures and reduced participation in the paid program, the district reconsidered its sustainability. Superintendent Derild Parsons and financial staff reported that the paid lunch program was projected to cost nearly \$150,000 annually, a figure deemed unsustainable under current budget constraints. Declining participation in the paid tier, dropped by 20% over the past, two years further contributing to the recommendation for elimination.

The decision did not come easily. Board members and the public engaged in passionate discussion, with many expressing concern for families who do not qualify for free or reduced meals but still struggle to afford daily lunch fees. One board member remarked that the shift might disproportionately affect “working families that are just

above the income threshold but still financially stretched.” Trustee Wendy Bullock and Julie Goetsch urged the board to consider alternatives such as a sliding scale or expanded eligibility, warning that eliminating the program could lead to increased hunger, student stigma, and a decline in academic performance. After thorough debate, the board voted, 6–1, in favor of ending the paid lunch program beginning August 1.

In contrast, the second major topic of discussion—renewal of the district’s POOL insurance coverage—was met with a more unified, though still cautious, response. The district’s liability, property, and workers’ compensation insurance, provided through the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL), saw a notable increase in cost. For the upcoming fiscal year, the premium rose from \$1.2 million to \$1.36 million, a 13.3% increase overall. Property and liability coverage rose by 15%, while workers’ compensation costs climbed by 10%, driven by inflation, increased claim activity in similar districts, and updated rebuilding cost estimates.

Although some board members questioned the steep increase, the recommendation to renew the insurance contract was approved unanimously. Trustees emphasized the value of continuity and the risk of disruption if the district were to pursue alternative carriers without adequate planning. They agreed, however, to revisit deductible levels and seek competitive quotes ahead of the next renewal cycle, hoping to mitigate future premium hikes. Superintendent Parsons noted that the insurance coverage is critical to the district’s ability to operate safely and legally, particularly in a time of increased liability across all sectors of public education.

These two decisions—one cutting a student-facing service, the other expanding operational costs—highlight a difficult juxtaposition. While the district sought to contain costs by removing paid lunches, it simultaneously committed to a substantial increase in insurance spending. Critics of the lunch decision pointed out that the \$150,000 saved would barely offset the \$160,000 rise in insurance premiums. Board members who supported the change contended that ensuring district facilities and personnel is non-negotiable, whereas paid meals could be supported by families or external community organizations.

Nonetheless, the optics of the decision were not lost on many attendees. Some questioned why food access, a basic student need, was the area targeted for savings. Suggestions were made to explore cost reductions in administrative overhead, vendor contracts, or extracurricular expenditures before cutting services that directly affect students’ health and learning capacity. Trustee Goetsch summed up the dilemma poignantly: “We’re debating whether to spend more to protect our buildings, but we’re willing to spend less to feed our kids.”

Looking ahead, the district plans to roll out communications regarding the elimination of paid lunches and support impacted families through outreach and application assistance for free and reduced meal programs. At the same time, staff will begin exploring ways to restructure future insurance costs, including increasing deductibles and exploring new risk-pooling strategies. Data will be gathered throughout the fall to monitor the impact of the lunch program change on attendance, performance, and student well-being.

# Health District Refines Leadership Structure, Sets Hiring Priorities

By Christy Lattin

At its June 26 meeting, the Central Nevada Health District adopted a new organizational structure, two years after its formation, in an effort to better serve its member communities. The district adopted an organizational chart placing a combined Health Officer/Administrator role at the top, followed by an operations manager. Churchill County Social Services Director Shannon Ernst, the current interim director of CNHD, said she anticipated other roles in the chart could be combined due to the diverse skill sets of current employees. The goal will be to hire the Health Officer and Operations Manager first before filling other open positions.

The health district also voted to provide Ernst a monthly stipend of \$2,000, retroactive to March 2025, for her service as interim administrator. She will receive the stipend until the new Health Officer/Administrator is hired and onboarded.

The Burning Man Project received approval for its Mass Temporary Event Permit application, as the event is held in Pershing County. The health district welcomed representatives from Burning Man and discussed several conditions imposed by CNHD on event organizers.

CNHD members also discussed and/or voted on the following agenda items:

- Nichole Cooley was sworn in as a new member representing Eureka County
- Update on the Rural Residency Program

from the UNR School of Medicine

- Renewal of the POOL/PACT insurance policy for fiscal year 2025–2026
- Ratified quote with CDP for \$36,572 in clinical program software enhancements
- Ratified agreement with GP Global for \$9,000 annually for two billboards
- Ratified contract with Before the Movie for \$5,195 in advertisements
- Legislative report and impacts following the 83rd Legislative session
- Health officer and staff reports
- May 2025 fiscal review, including grant overview

The next CNHD meeting will be held August 14 at 1:30 p.m. Agendas are available at [churchillcountynv.gov](http://churchillcountynv.gov).

# City Council Swears in Deputy Treasurer, Reviews Liquor License and Hazard Plan

Story and photo by Riggin Stonebarger

At a special meeting held July 3, 2025, the Fallon City Council formally swore in Michael Anderson as the new Deputy City Clerk Treasurer. Anderson, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, brings a strong background in public administration and municipal finance. The Council unanimously confirmed his appointment and approved an annual salary of \$120,000. He is expected to support the city’s financial management and administrative operations in a key leadership role.

Just two days earlier, on July 1, the Council held its regularly scheduled meeting to address several items affecting local businesses and emergency planning.

Among the approvals was a retail liquor license application submitted by David Ross for Stockman’s Casino. The license allows the business to sell full bottles of liquor and utilize the store for casino



L to R: Mayor Ken Tedford with City Councilwoman Karla Kent, new Deputy Clerk Treasurer Micheal Anderson, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, and Councilman Paul Harmon.

promotions and rewards. City staff reviewed the application as part of the standard licensing process.

Council also approved a boundary line adjustment between parcels owned by Jaycee Lewis and Marquess and Dombey Lewis. The motion was made by Councilman James Harmon, seconded by Councilwoman Kelly Frost, and passed unanimously.

The Council additionally adopted a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which aims to improve coordination between the city and other local jurisdictions in the event of natural disasters, severe weather, or other emergencies impacting the Fallon area. The motion to adopt the plan was also made by Harmon and seconded by Frost, receiving full approval from the board.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is expected later this month.



STATE LEGISLATURE

# Assemblyman Koenig Reflects on Legislative Wins for Rural Nevada

By Christy Lattin

*Representing Fallon and rural central Nevada, State Assemblyman Greg Koenig says he’s proud of his performance in the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session, which concluded earlier this year. A longtime local and familiar face in the community, Koenig introduced ten bills — all of which reached the legislative floor. Five were passed into law, and he noted that Republican lawmakers introduced a record number of bills this session.*

Among Koenig’s key accomplishments was AB326, a bill establishing trauma center designations for rural hospitals. Koenig said hospitals in Nevada are classified by their capacity to treat trauma patients: Las Vegas has one Level 1 hospital, Reno hospitals are designated Level 2, and other centers are Level 3. His bill created a new Level 4 designation for small, rural hospitals, such as those in Fallon, Hawthorne and Lovelock. With this classification, the hospitals become eligible for additional funding for training, equipment, and staffing.

Koenig is also pleased his bill regarding mobile meat processing passed both houses unanimously. AB251 instructs the State Quarantine Officer to establish regulations for the operation of a mobile commercial slaughter unit. Before this bill, producers in remote areas had limited access to meat processing facilities. AB251 removes the requirement that a “custom processing

establishment” be a fixed facility. Mobile slaughter units are now regulated the same as any slaughterhouse. This bill does not apply to those selling meat wholesale, but it does apply to individuals raising meat for their family’s personal consumption.

Bill AB193 allows victims of domestic violence to receive a copy of all law enforcement reports related to their situation. Koenig said existing law allowed victims of sexual assault access to the police reports, and it was common sense to extend the same rights to domestic violence victims. Law enforcement agencies must furnish the requested report within one month.

One of Koenig’s disappointments was AB84. This bill said that if a county road construction project was put out to bid two times but didn’t receive any bids, the project could be performed by the county road department. If a job is estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$250,000, existing law allows local highway commissioners to determine if county employees can perform that job; AB84 would have raised that project cost amount up to \$547,570. Koenig said, “The unions killed” AB84. When the bill was read on the Assembly floor, about 30 people from the unions showed up to protest it, including people from the teachers and culinary unions alongside construction union members. Koenig said the unions wield a lot of power, and that union personnel from Las Vegas often squash bills that would have provided opportunities for small towns.

Koenig plans to seek re-election in 2026, sits on three committees: Education, Health and Human Services, and Ways and Means. The Nevada Independent reported that during the 2025 session, Koenig voted with the Democratic majority against his Republican



Assemblyman Gregory Koenig.

colleagues 12 times — the highest among Republican Assemblymembers. However, Koenig defends his record by saying he never voted against the Republican caucus if they had an opinion on a bill. But if the caucus didn’t offer an opinion, Koenig used “common sense” to determine how he would vote.

Koenig, was the only Republican to vote in favor of designating July as Muslim American Heritage Month. While the bill passed both houses, it was ultimately vetoed by the governor. Koenig said the bill had no fiscal impact and offered an opportunity for public education about the religion. He said he voted similarly for a Jewish American Heritage Month bill.

“People realize they can work with me,” Koenig said. Because the Democrats controlled both houses of the legislature and which bills were heard, he was selective in which bills he presented. “A partisan bill doesn’t have a chance,” he said.

# Titus Urges Recognition of Rural Needs After Session Setbacks

By Christy Lattin

*While State Senator Robin Titus was successful in getting several bills passed during the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session, she expressed disappointment in those that didn’t make it out of committee.*

A medical doctor by trade, Titus is passionate about public health and co-sponsored two bills that would have established social worker and nursing apprentice programs. She said the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services will continue the search for funding for the nursing apprentice program, and some of the bills that did pass will assist with educating and recruiting social workers in the state.

Titus was also unsuccessful in establishing a task force to research Nevada’s reliance on California fuel (SB505). She said currently, 90% of Nevada’s fuel comes from California. The U.S. Energy Information Administration reports there are 13 operating refineries in California, down from 40 in 1983.



Nevada State Senator Robin Titus.

Titus said SB505 was “hugely popular” but never received a hearing. However, Governor Joe Lombardo told her a successful bill wasn’t needed to create a blue-ribbon task force, and asked his staff to assist in the effort. Titus is now setting up meetings with representatives in Texas, Arizona, and Utah to explore fuel access alternatives for Nevada.

“How do we get away from being dependent on the California refineries?” she asked.

One of the bills that did pass, SB108, adds more funding to the Account for the Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting program. The fund, which supports grants to clear

river channels following flooding, is particularly relevant to areas like the Carson River and Lahontan Reservoir. Titus’s bill increases the available funds from \$250,000 to \$500,000. She said past grants were sometimes delayed for years due to project timelines, such as repairs at Cave Lake, and the increased funding may help applicants also pursue matching federal grants.

Two bills that would have benefited small northern Nevada towns were also shut down. SB232 sought funding to build a community center in Virginia City, while AB388 would have provided funds for an elementary school in White Pine County.

Titus attributed the failure of several rural-focused bills to a north-south divide in the legislature. Approximately 68% of Nevada legislators represent Clark County, and Titus said those lawmakers often control the committee schedules and deny hearings for rural initiatives.

Of the 605 bills that passed the legislature, Governor Lombardo vetoed 87. He also vetoed 75 bills during the 2023 session, totaling 162 vetoes in his first term—surpassing the previous record of 97 vetoes across two terms by former Governor Brian Sandoval.

Titus was elected Senate Minority Leader by the Senate Republican Caucus in January 2024 following Senator Heidi Gansert’s decision not to seek reelection. She was re-elected to the leadership position after the November 2024 election.

“They chose to keep me as the leader after the November election, and hopefully they choose to keep me again because I’m running for reelection next year,” she said. “We’re going to work hard, and I feel strongly that the Republicans can be in the majority next election. To that end, that’s what I’m working for.”

When asked about her off-season plans, Titus replied, “Politics!” After a short vacation, she plans to attend several leadership conferences and begin recruiting Republican candidates for the 2026 election. She also continues to serve as the Lyon County Health Officer and works with the Lyon County School District.

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Welcome To New Faculty Members

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas.

Veritas Preparatory School is pleased to welcome two new teachers to our academic team as we prepare for an exciting new school year: Mrs. Gabby Buller and Ms. Brianna Behimer.



Brianna Behimer.

Mrs. Gabby Buller joins Veritas with a passion for classical education and a heart for student growth. She will be teaching second grade, stepping into the role as Mrs. Jessica Kelsey transitions to the kindergarten position previously held by longtime teacher Kim Jung, who recently retired. Mrs. Buller comes to Veritas from Virginia Classical Academy in Virginia Beach, VA, bringing with her both a strong academic foundation and a warm, engaging teaching style. She is excited to begin this new chapter at Veritas, where

she looks forward to building meaningful relationships with her students and helping them grow in knowledge, character, and faith.

Ms. Brianna Behimer will be joining the 7th and 8th grade teaching team alongside Headmaster Jill Rosario and Assistant Headmaster David Ernst. She holds a Certificate of Theology from the



Gabby Buller.

Capernwray Bible School at His Hill in Texas and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Thought from Reformation Bible College. Ms. Behimer brings extensive experience working with children in both ministry and educational settings, having served for five years as the Director of Children’s Ministries at Parkside Bible Fellowship in Fallon, Nevada. Her strong biblical foundation and passion for mentoring young people make her a wonderful addition to the Veritas community.

Both Mrs. Buller and Ms. Behimer wholeheartedly embrace the mission of Veritas Preparatory School: to provide a Christ-centered, classical education that cultivates wisdom, virtue, and a love of learning. Their unique experiences and heartfelt dedication will further enrich the academic and spiritual environment that makes Veritas a truly special place to learn and grow.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Mrs. Buller and Ms. Behimer. We are excited to see the lasting impact they will have on our students and school community.

SPORTS

Fallon Teams Compete in National Baseball & Softball Tournaments  
Lady Scorpions Take 3rd Place

By Nancy Chapman

The Youth Nationals Baseball Tournament is an annual event for players aged 9U (nine years or younger) to 16U, spanning two weeks of baseball and softball tournaments. These leagues are designated for travel ball players. In travel ball, the player’s family finances their participation in tournaments. Players travel within their state and to neighboring states to compete in baseball or softball. Travel leagues typically operate year-round, with summer and winter tournaments marking the beginning of the new season each January.

Reno/Sparks hosted the Youth Nationals Baseball Tournaments at the Golden Eagle Sports Complex in Sparks. The week 1 tournament was held from June 13-19, and week 2 from June 20-26. The winners in week one of the baseball 13U tournaments were the

Tigard, OR Mavericks-Demarini beating the Kauai, HI, Hanapepe-Lihue team in game one, with a final score of 7 to 5.

In game two, the championship game saw the Mavericks overtake The Rock, Roseville, CA 13U team with a final score of 11 to 3. The Mavericks would be crowned the 13U National Youth Baseball Tournament champions. The best players of each team will be selected for the Allstar Teams of their home state. Fallon 13U Hornets would go down in the second round of eliminations.

Week two of the tournament featured softball and the 12U Lady Scorpions – led by coaches Koren King, Jennifer Hargis and Colie Ellis –ended the tournament in third place. Coaches Koren and Jennifer grew up in Fallon and were honored that they led their team to third out of 15 teams in the 12U softball tournament from several different states.



Maddie Byrd, bunting against Rohnert Rebels. Photo by Sheree Jensen

Sutter Buttes Thunder, from Yuba City, CA took first place beating the Rohnert Park Rebels from California with a final score 6-3, giving Rohnert second place. The Lady Scorpions went up against Colorado Angels with a final score of 9-5, to finish the tournament in third place.

Do You Have What it Takes to Wear the Crown?  
Hats Off to Her Rodeo Majesty: Calling the Next Fallon Jr. Rodeo Queen

Staff Report

The Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen is more than a title — she’s the face of the rodeo, a poised young ambassador who promotes the sport, represents her community, and inspires others with grace, grit, and horsemanship.

Since 2017, the Fallon Junior Rodeo has proudly crowned a queen each year to represent the event and its values. Open to girls ages 6 to 13, the queen pageant challenges contestants to showcase their skills in speech, horsemanship, overall appearance, and personality. She must be able to speak knowledgeably about all things rodeo, as well as jump on a horse anytime and perform her duties.

This year’s pageant will take place on Thursday, August 29, at 5:30 p.m., with the crowning during the lunch break at the Fallon Junior Rodeo on Friday, August 30.

The Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen contest is a rigorous competition designed to highlight well-rounded cowgirls who know their rodeo and can speak with confidence, ride with skill, and represent with pride.



Former Jr. Rodeo Queens Lauren Goings, Mylee Macedo, Evva Brown, Macady Bogdanowicz, and former Nevada High School Rodeo Queen Jennifur Peek. Photo by Whiteny Brown.

Whether she’s making public appearances, promoting the rodeo, or swinging into the saddle with confidence, the Fallon Jr. Rodeo Queen represents dedication, community pride, and true rodeo spirit.

Thanks to the efforts of Loni Faight, the 1995 National High School Rodeo Queen, and Jennifur Peek, a former Nevada High School Rodeo Queen, who helped establish and expand the Fallon Jr. Rodeo Queen contest, this proud rodeo tradition continues to thrive.

Past Fallon Jr. Rodeo Queens include Josie Peek (2017), Haylee Soffel (2018), and Lauren Goings, who graciously served for both 2019 and 2020 during the pandemic. Stella Lee held the title in 2021, followed by Macady Bogdanowicz in 2022, Evva Brown in 2023, and Mylee Macedo in 2024.

To download the queen contest application, visit [www.fallonjuniorrodeo.com](http://www.fallonjuniorrodeo.com) or contact Whitney Brown at 775-741-2491 for more information.

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COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

This week, I received a message on Facebook from a new/old connection that read, “How the hell did you get the nickname, SOUP NINJA? Tell me that story!!!” First, I have no recollection of actually typing “soup ninja” into my Facebook profile, nor can I find it on my page. So, that’s a mystery. What is not a mystery is my long-standing love of all things soup. I love soup! I don’t think that I have ever met a bowl of soup that didn’t have at least one redeeming quality. I even regularly ask myself, “Is it soup?” and “Will it soup?” With most ingredients, the answer to at least one of those two questions is yes.

Back in my Slanted Porch days, one of my most basic responsibilities was making the soup of the day. Sometimes I would delegate this task to other prep or line cooks, especially if someone looked inspired. But, more often than not, I started my mornings by chopping up some mirepoix and rooting around in the walk-in for ingredients that needed to be used up and would soup. We had a lot of autonomy when it came to the soup of the day – there were no rules about soup except that it needed to be properly seasoned and didn’t require a long list of specialty ingredients. We used what we had available to make soup that people wouldn’t regret ordering.

We even had signature soups. My co-workers joked at the frequency with which I made some iteration of lentil soup. Sopa de lentejas, tee-hee.

I remember the first time I met Edna Van Leuven – this was back in the day when she wrote a column for the Lahontan Valley News. Edna was sitting at the bar eating lunch and



one of the owners called me over to make an introduction. I had been cautioned that Edna would sometimes write about her experiences in local restaurants, good AND bad experiences, so I was prepared. When I introduced myself to Edna, she misheard my title “Sous Chef” as “Soup Chef” and promptly launched into a speech about all the soup that she makes at home. I didn’t correct her (to be honest, I was a little scared); instead, I embraced the title – it seemed apropos. You can never go wrong with soup. For the hot days coming later this week, here’s the “Best Gazpacho” recipe from the New York Times:

**Best Gazpacho**  
*By Julia Moskin*  
**Ingredients:**  
2 lbs. Ripe tomatoes, cored and roughly cut into chunks

- Italian frying pepper or another long, light green pepper (Anaheim), cored, seeded, and roughly cut into chunks
- Cucumber, about 8” long, peeled and roughly cut into chunks
- Small mild onion (white or red), peeled and roughly cut into chunks
- Clove garlic
- 2 tsp. Sherry vinegar, more to taste
- Salt
- 1/2 cup Extra-virgin olive oil, more to taste, plus some to drizzle

- DIRECTIONS:**
- Combine tomatoes, pepper, cucumber, onions, and garlic in a blender. Blend at high speed until very smooth, at least two minutes, pausing occasionally to scrape down the sides with a rubber spatula.
  - With the motor running, add the vinegar and 2 tsp. salt. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil. The mixture will turn bright orange or dark pink and become smooth and emulsified, like a salad dressing. If it still seems watery, drizzle in more olive oil until the mixture is creamy.
  - Strain the mixture through a strainer, pushing all the liquid through with a spatula or the back of a ladle. Discard the solids. Transfer to a large pitcher and chill until very cold, at least six hours or overnight.
  - Before serving, adjust the seasonings with salt and vinegar. If soup is very thick, stir in a few tablespoons of ice water. Serve in glasses, over ice if desired, or in a bowl. A few drops of olive oil are a nice touch.

Allison’s Book Report: “The Rule Book” by Sarah Adams

By Allison Diegel

Nothing says “perfect summertime read” like a wild and fast paced rom-com complete with a fierce rivalry-turned-second-chance-romance, an accidental Vegas wedding, and of course that obligatory rom-com happily ever after! This week I have a book that will fit that bill perfectly for you to toss into your pool bag or to read in a hammock with an icy cold glass of rosé in hand! Sarah Adams’ “The Rule Book” is serving up some serious second-chance romance, and it’s a total blast! If you loved her previous novel, “The Cheat Sheet,” you’re in for another treat with “The Rule Book.” Didn’t read “The Cheat Sheet?” Don’t worry, because I wouldn’t call this a sequel - it’s more of a companion and you will be fine to start with either one. Get ready for a wild ride including college exes, an NFL star, and a whole lot of hilarious, chemistry-packed chaos. Nora Mackenzie is finally a full-time sports agent, living the dream! Except her very first client? None other than Derek Pender, the famous NFL tight end who just so happens to be her incredibly hot ex-boyfriend. And let’s be real, their breakup was not pretty. Nora knows she messed up, and now, it’s coming back to bite her big time. Derek is holding onto a grudge like it’s his Super Bowl trophy and he’s

not letting go. Derek’s got a master plan for some “friendly” revenge ... Nora wants to be his agent? Fine, he’ll let her. But he’s going to make her life an absolute nightmare. His goal is simple: make her quit. But here’s the thing about Nora – she’s a force of nature and Derek knows, deep down, that the woman he once loved doesn’t give up easily. Nora isn’t about to roll over. Instead of letting him win, she starts cooking up her own schemes, turning their professional relationship into a hilariously tense standoff. The sparks are flying, not just from anger, but from that undeniable attraction that’s still simmering beneath the surface. A crazy night in Las Vegas leads to Nora and Derek waking up together ... married. Their carefully constructed “rule book” is officially thrown out the window. Now, they’re not only trying to navigate their careers with their exes – but also a spontaneous, surprise marriage. Can this unexpected twist save their professional lives? Or, even better, will it finally ignite the romance of a lifetime, turning their rivalry into true love? I hope you love “The Rule Book” and don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and bookish fun!

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

Crossword

By Peanut

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  - She took care of Wendy, John & Michael
  - From the mind of Stephen King
  - Harry Potter’s godfather’s animagus
  - The Red Dog
  - Died in Disney classic film
  - Charlie Brown’s beagle
- Down**

  - He answered The Call of the Wild
  - Worked with Nick & Nora Charles
  - Outlander’s Young Ian’s dog
  - Guards the gates to the Underworld
  - Lived with Banks family on Cherry Tree Lane
  - Teaches Babe to herd sheep
  - Timmy’s pal & savior
  - Terrier on yellow brick road

[ Crossword answers found on page 13 ]

**MEETINGS**  
**July 14–18, 2025**

Churchill County School District  
4th Wednesday of the Month  
at 5:30 p.m.  
CCSD Admin Bldg.  
690 S. Maine Street

Fallon City Council  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
of the Month at 9 a.m.  
City Hall, 55 W. Williams Avenue

TCID Next Meetings:  
Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.  
2666 Harrigan Road

County Meetings  
155 N. Taylor Street

Coalition for Senior Citizens  
Monday, July 14 at 3 p.m.

Regional Transportation  
Commission  
Wednesday, July 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Social Services Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Board of County  
Commissioners  
Wednesday, July 16 at 1:15 p.m.



LEGAL NOTICES

CHURCHILL COUNTY MOSQUITO, VECTOR,  
AND NOXIOUS WEED ABATEMENT DISTRICT

Publication of Annual Fiscal Report

In accordance with NAC 354.561, the Churchill County Mosquito, Vector,  
and Noxious Weed Abatement District hereby publishes notice of the

General Fund			
	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024	ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR END 6/30/2025	FINAL APPROVED BUDGET YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026
Total Available Revenues	1,381,000	1,525,034	1,613,802
Total Expenditures	1,175,000	1,725,000	1,500,000

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For Change of Name.

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CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a  
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Court requesting that the Court  
legally change applicant's name from:

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(first)  
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(middle)  
MEDINA  
(last)

to (clearly print the name you want to  
be known by in the future):

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(first)      (middle)      (last)

The applicant submitted a statement  
signed under penalty of perjury that  
the applicant is not changing his or  
her name for a fraudulent purpose.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that  
any person objecting to the changing  
of applicant's name shall file written  
objection with the above-entitled  
Court within 10 days after the  
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Submitted By:  
/s/ CENICEROS LISA MARIE MEDINA  
CENICEROS LISA MARIE MEDINA

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Case No.: 25-CV-0394  
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DISTRICT COURT OF THE  
STATE OF NEVADAIN AND  
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SUMMONS

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

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the Local Rules of the Court.  
(b) Serve a copy of your response  
upon the PLAINTIFF whose name  
and address are shown below.

2. Unless you respond, a Default may  
be entered in favor of the Plaintiff  
and this Court may enter a Judgment  
against you for the relief demanded  
in the COMPLAINT.

3. If you intend to seek the advice  
of an attorney in this matter, you  
should do so immediately, so as  
to respond in a timely manner to  
this lawsuit.

ANDREA ANDERSEN  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
May 15, 2025


Plaintiff:  
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Telephone: 775-217-4026

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

ANDREW      OLDYELLER  
ASTA      PADFOOT  
BUCK      ROLLO  
CERBERUS      SNOOPY  
CLIFFORD      TOTO  
CUJO  
FLY  
LASSIE  
NANA



NOTICE OF ADJUSTED  
INCREASE TO TRUCKEE-  
CARSON IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT ANNUAL  
ASSESSMENT PURSUANT  
TO NRS 539.480(3)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
effective July 1, 2025, an increase will  
be made by the Truckee-Carson  
Irrigation District to the annual  
assessment imposed upon all lands in  
the District pursuant to NRS 539.480(3),  
from \$6.84 per acre to \$7.13 per acre.  
This increase constitutes the amount  
equal to the product of the maximum  
amount applicable during the imme-  
diately preceding 12 month period,  
multiplied by the lesser of 4.5 percent  
or the average percentage of increase  
in the Consumer Price Index for West  
Urban Consumers for the immediately  
preceding 5 years. Land owners may  
direct inquiries regarding levy of the  
annual assessment to the District,  
by telephone, at 775-423-2141.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2025

TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT  
/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft,  
General Manager

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WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken July 8, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.


Lahontan Reservoir      172,200 af  
Carson River Below Lahontan      742 cfs  
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth      197 cfs  
Truckee Canal at Hazen      144 cfs  
Carson River at Ft. Churchill      10.8 cfs

July 8, 2024      July 8, 2023      July 8, 2022  
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COLUMNS

Postcards: It's a Small World

By Michon Mackedon

Summertime is a time for camping, water sports and family vacations. But it is also a time for remembering the role of the United States (and the people of Churchill County) in World War II. Summer commences on Memorial Day, a day dedicated to war remembrances, Then, we revisit D- Day on June 6 and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August.

A few years ago, I studied the letters written home by the many local service men and women service stationed here or overseas during World War II. I say “the many” men and women because in December of 1944, the “Fallon Standard” newspaper published a list of those who had served in the war to date. The list is shockingly long, naming 818 on active duty, 19 dead and 70 discharged. The letters I read came from training camps, front lines, prison camps; from Africa, India, the South Pacific, France, England, Italy, Germany; from hospitals, barracks, ships, even prison camps. They described battles, food, loneliness, friendships, and fear. But most surprising, to me, were the reports of chance meetings between Churchill County military men and women stationed far away from home. The odds of those encounters seem quite slight, given the vast expanse of land and ocean over which ranged the training, transport of troops, and battles with the enemy. And yet, they happened. More than once.

On November 25, 1942, less than a year following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, the “Fallon Standard” reported that four Fallon youths were lucky enough to be assigned to the same training camp, Camp Robinson, Arkansas. William Buckner wrote to his parents that he was stationed there along with fellow Fallonites Joe Streshley, Eddie Viera and Silvio Peraldo. The chief complaint for the Nevada boys was that “We can’t see any mountains — only trees — and it rains three times a day.”

Fallon’s George Serles, stationed “somewhere in Italy,” wrote his mother-in-law, Mrs. J.L. Wightman, in a letter published by the “Fallon Eagle” newspaper on March 4, 1944: “I suppose you thought one of old Jerry’s potato mashers had got me by now. No, but it is scary. Do you remember Russell Boden? I saw him a few days before he got captured and I was in that same battle that day.”

On March 18, 1944, the “Fallon Eagle” reported, “There was probably quite a reunion recently somewhere out in the South Pacific when Technical Sergeant Norman Shuey, U.S. Marine Corps met Harold Kispert, Pharmacist, U.S. Navy. Both men came to this county from the Owens Valley, and both lived here long enough to know all the hunting spots and fishing holes, so had much to talk about.”

One week later, on March 22, the “Fallon Eagle” provided this narrative of another chance meeting between two Fallon boys: “It was quite a coincidence that John Degenar and Bill Schneider, Fallon boys who were close friends at home, should meet somewhere in the Pacific, where both are on duty with the armed forces. John is a signalman on a destroyer, and it had been his habit to greet all B24’s with the question, ‘Have you a gunner by the name of Bill Schneider?’ Imagine his surprise when he landed on an island, and, when he made the inquiry to one of the crew, received the answer, ‘He is swimming over there in a bomb crater.’ They visited together for several days.”

In April 1944, Fallon’s Pat Warr, Navy Nurse Corps, Pacific, wrote to her mother, Electra Warr, that, upon being transferred from one ship to another on the Pacific front, almost the first person she met as she stepped on the dock of the new ship was Lt. Carl F. Dodge, Jr. of Fallon. Warr must have been a busy and well-travelled nurse because in May, the “Fallon Eagle” noted that “Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Freeman this week had a letter from their son, Grover C. Freeman, metal smith first class, U.S. Navy, stationed “somewhere out in the Pacific,” that he had met Ensign Pat Warr, Navy Nurse Corps, of Fallon.

Also, that spring, Private Lester Pirtle wrote from England that he had been taking in the historic sights in London when he bumped into Clyde Merkt of Fallon. Pirtle said that Merkt looked fine (Fallon Eagle, April 1, 1944).

Most poignant is the information contained in a “Fallon Standard” article published September 20, 1944. Norman Toft, prisoner in Germany, had written home, saying that another boy from Churchill County, Bill Boak, was in the same prison camp.

Most of those named in this article survived the war. Bill Schneider did not. In all, 36 men from Churchill County lost their lives.

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.

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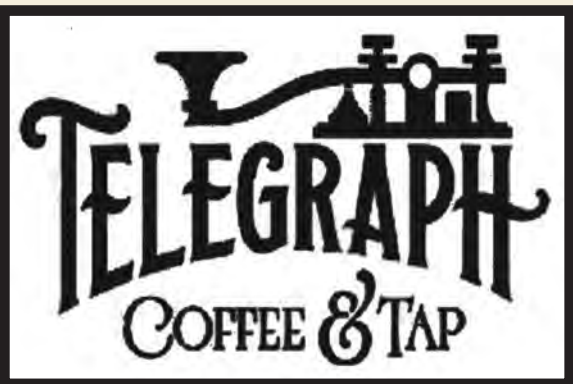
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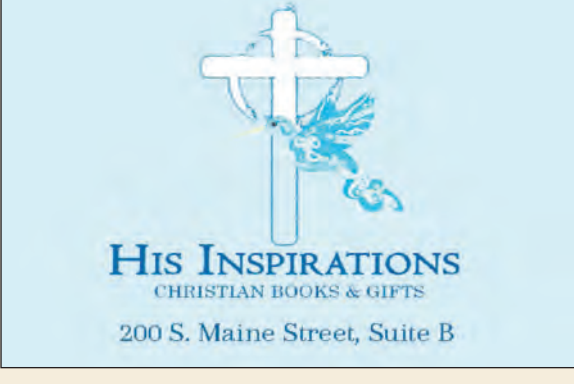
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**WHERE:** Oats Park Ball Field  
**TIME:** 9 AM  
**WHAT:** Softball/Baseball Skills  
**WHO:** Boys & Girls in these categories:  
7-8 years 8-10 years 11-12 years 13-14 years

**Pre-Registration:**  
<https://pitchhitrun2025.leagueapps.com/events/4639877-elks-lodge-2239>

**Last year, winners in each category were invited to advance to the next level of competition at the Oakland Coliseum. Winners at each level CAN compete in the finals at the 2025 World Series!**

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**All Years, All Classes, Students, Teachers, Family & Friends**  
**Don't miss the opportunity to connect with friends from the past!**

**Friday, August 15**  
7:00 p.m. FREE concert at the Fallon Theatre

**Saturday, August 16**  
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
FREE Breakfast at the Oats Park Arts Center - Lariat Patio  
FREE Show-n-Shine Car Show and Antique Tractors display  
Tour the Oats Park School & Art Center

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tours**  
Old High School  
Cottage Schools  
Douglass House  
Fallon Police Department  
The Old Post Office  
Tour City Hall w/Mayor Tedford  
Fallon/Churchill Fire Department

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
Tour Churchill County Museum

**10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
FREE Swim at the City Pool & the New Splash Pad area

**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Historic Fallon Theatre Tours 10am-2pm  
Frey Ranch Distillery Tours

**4:00 p.m.**  
Gather at Oats Park  
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS - Some classes will have tents set up  
We will be honoring the Class of 1965.  
Purchase food, ice cream, beer and wine, or pack a picnic.  
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