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Nevada Air Guard’s High Rollers Head Out to Battle Western Wildfires



C-130H Highrollers. Photo courtesy of the Nevada Air National Guard’s 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs.

By Leanna Lehman

With wildfires burning across Nevada and the West, a Nevada Air National Guard C-130 Hercules and its crew received a send-off at Naval Air Station Fallon this week before joining the aerial fire-fighting effort.

The Nevada Air National Guard’s 152nd Airlift Wing, known as the “High Rollers,” activated Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System 9, or MAFFS 9,

on Aug. 19 to support wildfire response operations across the western United States. The specially equipped C-130 and supporting airmen deployed from the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno to the Klamath Falls Airtanker Base in Oregon.

There, the High Rollers will join personnel from the Wyoming Air National Guard’s 153rd Airlift Wing, bringing together aircrews, maintenance personnel, and support specialists from both states.

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Firefighters Gain Ground on Shoshone Fire

By Leanna Lehman and Lori Kaiser

More than 24,500 acres have burned in the lightning-caused Shoshone Fire in the Clan Alpine Mountains northeast of Fallon, where firefighters have made significant progress containing the blaze despite



Smoke rose from the Shoshone Fire in the Clan Alpine Mountains on the evening of Aug. 16. U.S. Wildland Fire Service photo, courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management.

steep terrain and hot, dry conditions.

As of Thursday, Aug. 20, the Shoshone Fire had burned 15,008 acres and was 32% contained. The fire is about 58 miles northeast of Fallon. On Monday, Aug. 24, the National Interagency Fire Center reported that it had burned 24,513 acres and was 92% contained.

The fire was reported Saturday, Aug. 15, and was determined to have been caused by lightning. The Bureau of Land Management reported Wednesday, Aug. 19, that 217 personnel were assigned to the incident.

The fire is burning in the Clan Alpine Mountains, a remote range that is also home to ranching operations, including the Alpine and Clan Alpine ranches, as well as livestock, wild horses, and other wildlife. Portions of the mountain range also border lands associated with the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). Officials have not reported that the ranches, livestock, or FRTC lands are threatened, and their proximity to the current fire perimeter is unclear.

Firefighters made progress Wednesday, Aug. 19, securing portions of the fire’s edge where terrain and fire behavior allowed crews

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Michael Davis Talks Service, Staffing, and the Road to Sheriff

By Leanna Lehman

Campaigning for Churchill County sheriff has put Michael Davis in the unfamiliar position of having to make his own case to voters.

“The hardest part about this whole thing is — I don’t talk about myself,” said Davis, a sergeant with the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office. “I let my work speak for itself.”

Ask who he is away from the Sheriff’s Office, however, and the answer comes a little easier.

“I’m kind of a ‘what you see is what you get type’ guy. Gym shorts, gym shoes, you know?”

Davis has 18 years in law enforcement and has earned Category I, II, and III law enforcement officer certifications through the Nevada Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Additionally, Davis was named Deputy of the Year for the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office in 2019 and was recently endorsed by the Churchill County Sheriff’s Deputies Association and the Churchill County Dispatchers Union.

Born and raised in Gardnerville, Davis moved to Fallon in 2009 and joined the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office in 2013 after four years as a corrections officer at Lovelock Correctional Center. His career has since included time with the North Central Narcotics Task Force, patrol, and supervision.

Outside of work, Davis said much of his time revolves around his family.

“I love my family first and foremost,” said Davis, who has raised three children with his wife, Shannon, of 28 years.

“When I’m off spending time with them

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FEATURES

Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair Guide

Friday, Aug. 28

Time	Event	Location
1 p.m.	Festival Gates Open	All Areas
1 p.m.	Exhibit Hall (Country Fair)	The Barrel Room
1 p.m.	Farmers Market	Rafter 3C Arena
1 p.m.	Vendors Open	All Areas
1 p.m.	Ag Experience	Dry Gulch and Inside 3C Arena
4 p.m.	Carnival Opens	South of 3C Arena
4 p.m.	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
4 p.m.	Auditory Sensations	Pavilion
5:30 p.m.	Sam Malcolm	Pavilion
6 p.m.	Kids RC Track Open	South of Shed Row
6:30 p.m.	Jake's Garage	Pavilion
8 p.m.	Austin Mo	Rafter 3C Arena
8 p.m.	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
9:30 p.m.	The Kilowatt Hours	Pavilion
10 p.m.	Left of Centre	Rafter 3C Arena
10:30 p.m.	Carnival Closes	South of 3C Arena
Midnight	Festival Closes	All Areas

Saturday, Aug. 29

Time	Event	Location
7 a.m.	5K Fun Run/Walk Registration	Indoor Pool
8 a.m.	5K Fun Run/Walk Starts	Indoor Pool
9 a.m.	Festival Gates Open	All Areas
9 a.m.	Exhibit Hall (Country Fair)	The Barrel Room
9 a.m.	Farmers Market	Rafter 3C Arena
9 a.m.	Vendors Open	All Areas
9 a.m.	Ag Experience	Dry Gulch and Inside 3C Arena
9 a.m.	Kids RC Track Open	South of Shed Row
10 a.m.	Cornhole Registration	Rafter 3C Arena
10 a.m.	Cutest Cowboy & Cowgirl Contest	Rafter 3C Arena
11 a.m.	Cornhole Starts	Rafter 3C Arena
11 a.m.	Ballet Folklorico Nuestra Herencia Mexicana Dancers	Pavilion
11 a.m.	Sam Malcolm	Pavilion
Noon	Kids Market	Rafter 3C Arena
Noon	Jennifer Belle	Pavilion
Noon	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
1:30 p.m.	Flyers Square & Round Dance Club	Pavilion
2 p.m.	Carnival Opens	South of 3C Arena
3 p.m.	Jakota Wass	Pavilion
4 p.m.	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
6 p.m.	Truck & Tractor Pull	Outdoor Arena
6 p.m.	Sam Malcolm	Pavilion
6 p.m.	The Skeleton Keys	Pavilion
8 p.m.	Austin Mo	Rafter 3C Arena
8 p.m.	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
9 p.m.	Ziggy Groove	Pavilion
10 p.m.	Nashville 90	Rafter 3C Arena
11 p.m.	Carnival Closes	South of 3C Arena
Midnight	Auditory Sensations	Pavilion
1 a.m.	Sunday Festival Closes	All Areas

Sunday, Aug. 30

Time	Event	Location
9 a.m.	Festival Gates Open	All Areas
9 a.m.	Exhibit Hall (Country Fair)	The Barrel Room
9 a.m.	Farmers Market	Rafter 3C Arena
9 a.m.	Vendors Open	All Areas
9 a.m.	Ag Experience	Dry Gulch and Inside 3C Arena
10 a.m.	Lil' Buckaroo Bounce Off	Outside Arena
11 a.m.	Cantaloupe Pee-Wee Barrel Run	Outside Arena
11 a.m.	Jennifer Belle	Pavilion
11 a.m.	Kids RC Track Open	South of Shed Row
Noon	Carnival Opens	South of 3C Arena
Noon	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
12:30 p.m.	Sam Malcolm	Pavilion
2 p.m.	Anabelle and the Desert Scrubs	Pavilion
4 p.m.	Main RC Track Open for Viewing	South of Shed Row
4 p.m.	Carnival Closes	South of 3C Arena
5 p.m.	Festival Closes	All Areas



Photo courtesy of Rachel Dahl.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

County Finance Connects Services, Spending, and Policy

By Sydney Trainor

From insurance and audits to infrastructure and public transit, Churchill County’s financial structure supports a wide range of shared expenses. The Comptroller’s Office coordinates county finances, while the County Commission makes public policy and spending decisions.

Unlike a department budget dedicated to one office, the budget covers expenses that serve the county as a whole, including contracts, insurance, and auditor fees. The county’s broader financial structure also includes separate funds for capital projects, infrastructure, emergency communications, debt service, risk management, scholarships, unemployment compensation, and public transit.

The Comptroller’s Office manages the county’s finances, including budgeting, accounting, and oversight of county funds. Comptroller Sherry



Wideman and her staff maintain the financial records and planning that allow county departments and shared programs to operate.

The county also maintains separate funds for specific purposes, including building repairs, compensated absences, contingencies, and insurance costs. Those reserves help the county prepare for expenses that may not fall within the routine operations of a single department.

The Churchill County Commission provides the policymaking side of the process. Commissioners set county policy and make decisions about spending, services, contracts, and major projects. They also review and approve the county budget.

Together, the General Government budget, Comptroller’s Office, and County Commission connect countywide needs with the financial oversight and public decisions required to fund them.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARE After-School Program
Registration Open

By Sydney Trainor

Registration is open for Churchill County Parks and Recreation’s CARE after-school program, which provides homework assistance, tutoring, and recreational activities for local elementary students.

Children in the program have access to games, crafts, snacks, and swimming at the Churchill Aquatic Center in a safe, structured environment.

The program is available to students in kindergarten through fifth grade who attend Oasis Academy, Lahontan Elementary School, E.C. Best Elementary School, or Numa Elementary School. Transportation is provided, and full-day

care is available Fridays.

For Churchill County School District students, the program runs Aug. 24, 2026, through June 4, 2027. For Oasis Academy students, it runs Aug. 19, 2026, through May 20, 2027.

Daily drop-ins are accepted when space is available. Full-day drop-in care costs \$30, and after-school drop-in care costs \$15.

Families must complete a CARE membership before registering for the program. Membership and registration are available at churchillcountynv.myrec.com. For more information, call Churchill County Parks and Recreation at 775-423-7733.

Adult Chautauqua
Tickets Now on Sale

Staff Report

Tickets are now on sale for the Churchill County Museum’s 2026 Adult Chautauqua performance, set for 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine Street.

The living-history program will feature local performers portraying historical figures and sharing their stories with the audience. Chautauqua performances combine historical research, storytelling, and theater to bring people from the past to life.

General admission is \$20 for nonmembers and \$10 for museum members. Admission for seniors, military members, and children younger than 12 is \$15 for nonmembers and \$7.50 for museum members.

Tickets may be purchased at the Churchill County Museum, 1050 S. Maine Street. For more information, call 775-423-3677.

Museum Fall Lecture Series Explores Nevada’s History

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Museum will explore Nevada’s history, culture, and natural past during its free fall lecture series, “The Layers of Nevada,” beginning Sept. 8.

Four regional speakers will present programs at 6 p.m. each Tuesday through Sept. 29.

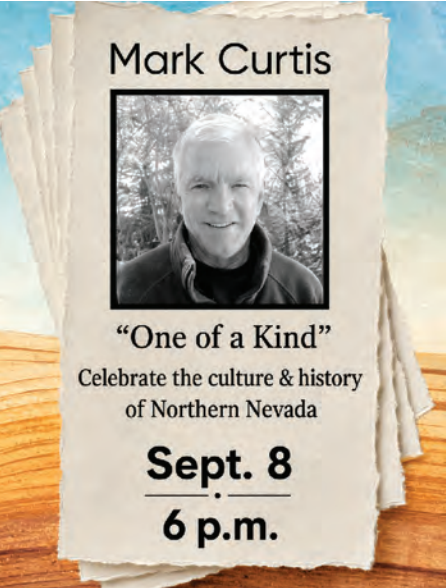
Mark Curtis will open the series Sept. 8 with “One of a Kind,” a program celebrating the culture and history of Northern Nevada.

Dave Santina will discuss PBS Reno’s “Wild Nevadacast” podcast Sept. 15. Tom Young will present “The Earth’s First Giant,” about Nevada’s ichthyosaur sea monster, Sept. 22.

The series will conclude Sept. 29 with Joe

Curtis presenting “Comstock Tales & Lies,” focusing on the Comstock and Virginia City.

The lectures will be held at the Churchill County Museum, 1050 S. Maine St. The museum hosts lecture series in the spring and fall, with the next series planned for spring 2027. For more information, call 775-423-3677.









Courtesy of the Churchill County Museum, Fallon, Nevada.

MEETINGS

Sept. 3–24, 2026

Board of County Commissioners

Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Sept. 3 at 8:15 a.m.

CC Communications

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Sept. 3 at 11 a.m.

Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine St.

Next Meeting: Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Sept. 24 at 3 p.m.





WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Aug. 24 at 2:45 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	115,600 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	687 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	130 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	86.1 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	1.14 cfs

Aug. 24, 2024	Aug. 24, 2023	Aug. 24, 2022
188,860 acre feet	260,442 acre feet	54,053 acre feet

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

SENIOR CENTER MENU

WILLIAM N. PENNINGTON LIFE CENTER 952 S. MAINE STREET, FALLON, NV | 775-423-7096

Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch is \$6 for those under 60 and a suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 and older.

Monday, Aug. 31 Pesto Chicken WW Pasta Three Bean Salad Strawberries WW Roll	Tuesday, Sept. 1 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Egg Salad Sandwich WW Bread Fall Bean Salad Baked Potato Chips Fruited Jell-O	Wednesday, Sept. 2 Chili Cheese Baked Potato Buttered Carrots WW Apple Muffin FF Yogurt	Thursday, Sept. 3 Creamed Chipped Beef WW Bread Mashed Potatoes Capri Veg Blend Three Bean Salad Fresh Apple	Friday, Sept. 4 Baked Fish w/Cilantro Sauce Spanish Rice Black Beans Mixed Green Salad Mango-Orange Cup
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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, Aug. 31 Buffet Night	Thursday, Sept. 3 Rotary Night	Monday, Sept. 7 Labor Day Hot Dogs to Go	Thursday, Sept. 10 Pizza Night Salad & Fruit	Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WNC Fall Semester Begins Aug. 31

Staff Report

Western Nevada College’s fall 2026 semester begins Monday, Aug. 31, with registration continuing for classes at the Fallon campus and online.

Students may add full-term classes through myWNC until Friday, Sept. 4. The deadline to drop a full-term or open-entry class for a full refund is Saturday, Sept. 5. The college will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.

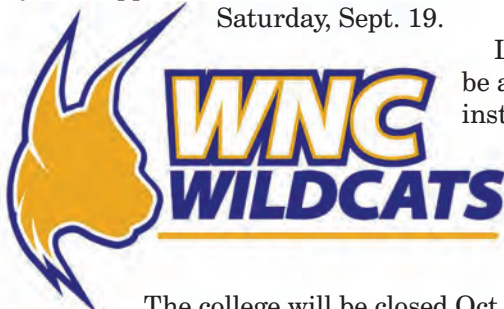
Full payment for fall classes is due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Students who do not pay may be dropped from their classes. The deadline to drop eligible classes for a 50% refund is Saturday, Sept. 19.

Late-registration requests for full-term classes will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, with instructor approval, full payment, and a \$25 late fee.

Other important dates include Oct. 29, the deadline to withdraw with a “W” grade; Nov. 2, the fall graduation application deadline; Dec. 14, the beginning of final exams; and Dec. 19, the end of the semester.

The college will be closed Oct. 30 for Nevada Day and Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving. No classes will be held Nov. 25.

New students can apply at wnc.edu/admissions. Fall classes are listed at wnc.edu/classes. For advising assistance, visit wnc.edu/advising or call the Fallon campus at 775-445-3379.



CCSD Kindergarten Begins Monday



Staff Report

Churchill County School District kindergarten students will begin the 2026-27 school year Monday, Aug. 31.

Kindergarten classes are held at Lahontan Elementary School. Families can view teacher assignments through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Assignments will not be posted at the school.

Children must have turned 5 on or before Aug. 1 to attend kindergarten this year. Families who still need to register must provide a state-issued birth certificate, identification for the parent or guardian, proof of address, and the child’s current immunization record.

Kindergarten students will not have school Friday, Sept. 4.

For registration assistance, email registration@churchillcsd.com or call 775-423-5184. Additional information is available at churchillcsd.com.

Toi-Ticutta UNITY Group Invites Youth to Join

Staff Report

Youth ages 13 to 24 are invited to join the Toi-Ticutta UNITY Group and build leadership skills while making connections in Fallon and across the country.

The group is part of United National Indian Tribal Youth. Members will help shape group activities, take part in community service, and have opportunities to share their culture and ideas. No experience is required.

For more information, contact Savannah Criswell at ncpdir@fpst.org or 775-423-9076.



Churchill Kids Choir Opens Fall Season



Staff Report

Young singers can join the Churchill Kids Choir this fall, with weekly rehearsals beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Rehearsals will be held from 4 to 5:15 p.m. each Tuesday in the Numa Elementary School multipurpose room. The choir is sponsored by Performing Arts of Churchill County.

Longtime Fallon music teachers Tom Fleming, Tina Koenig, and Noreen Swenson lead the choir with assistance from vocal coaches Cassidy Mitchell and Angelina de Nigro. Participants will develop their singing, musicianship, teamwork, and performance skills while preparing to perform as an ensemble.

Families seeking additional information may contact Performing Arts of Churchill County.

Card of Thanks

The family of John Evans extends our heartfelt gratitude to the Fallon community for the overwhelming love and support shown during our recent loss. Your beautiful floral arrangements, comforting words and cards, delicious food, and presence have brought immense comfort to our hearts. Your incredible kindness reminds us how deeply John was loved.

With love and appreciation,
The Family of John Evans

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Creative Aging Culminating Performance
Pennington Life Center
952 S. Maine St.
Aug. 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair
Rafter 3C Event Complex
Aug. 28-30

Cantaloupe Canter 5K
Fallon Theatre
In front of the Churchill County Aquatic Center
333 Sheckler Road.
Aug. 29. Check-in at 7 a.m.;
race begins at 8 a.m.

Fallon Junior Rodeo
Fallon Junior Rodeo Association
Rafter 3C Event Complex
Sept. 4-6

Pancake Breakfast
Rotary Club of Fallon
Dirt lot next to the Library at 553 S. Maine St.
Sept. 7 from 7 to 10 a.m.

Labor Day Parade
Fallon Lions Club
Starts behind Churchill County Junior High
Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.

The Layers of Nevada Fall Lecture Series
Churchill County Museum
1050 S. Maine St.
Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 6 p.m.

City of Fallon 9/11 Ceremony
City of Fallon
City Hall
Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.

American Hero 5K
Financial Horizons Credit Union
Venturacci Gym
Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.

Top Gun Dragstrip ET No. 9 and Pacific Triple Crown No. 5
Top Gun Dragstrip
15550 Schurz Highway (Highway 95)
Sept. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Agape Church School Car Show, Cornhole and Craft Fair
Agape Church School
Rafter 3C Arena, 325 Sheckler Road
Sept. 19



This Community Calendar is sponsored by Range Media Co. An Oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert. If you would like to sponsor the Community Calendar, please contact The Fallon Post at 775-423-4545.

COMMUNITY

Banner Welcomes Binnell

By Rachel Dahl

Banner Churchill Community Hospital has added a new pediatric provider, bringing longtime Northern Nevada nurse Rochelle Binnell, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, to Fallon.

Binnell is joining Banner as a nurse practitioner providing care for children, including routine wellness visits, developmental care, and treatment when children are sick.

She brings an extensive nursing background to the position, much of it in emergency and trauma care. Before joining Banner, Binnell worked for Renown Health in Reno, where she served in emergency nursing and leadership roles. In 2020, while serving as Renown’s emergency department manager, she helped oversee the hospital’s preparations for evaluating patients with respiratory illnesses during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Her leadership in the emergency

department was recognized years earlier when she was nominated for the 2017 Northern Nevada Nurses of Achievement Award in the Clinical Leadership category. The nomination described her work supervising Renown’s emergency department and Level II trauma center and praised her ability to lead staff during high-pressure situations.

Binnell earned her graduate nursing education through Western Governors University and is licensed in Nevada as an advanced practice registered nurse. Her federal provider record lists her specialty as primary care.

Banner officials said adding pediatric care locally gives Churchill County families another option for routine and illness-related care without having to travel to Reno or elsewhere.

Binnell is practicing at Banner Churchill Community Hospital, 801 E. Williams Ave. in Fallon.



Rochelle Binnell, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, has joined Banner Churchill Community Hospital as a nurse practitioner providing pediatric care. Photo courtesy of Banner Health.

First Day Smiles at E.C. Best Elementary



Students at E.C. Best Elementary School began the 2026-27 school year Monday, Aug. 24, with tours of the school and class photos. At left, third-grade teacher Angie Heck poses with her class for a first-day photo. At right, second-grade teacher Marla Wood leads her class on a tour of the school. Photos by Lori Kaiser.

Museum Brings Local History Into Focus During Chamber Luncheon

By Leanna Lehman

The Churchill County Museum hosted local business owners and community representatives during the Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday, Aug. 20, sharing a look at new exhibits, projects, and what’s ahead for the museum.

Museum Director Mel Glover updated attendees on several new and upcoming events and exhibits. Since his arrival in Fallon four years ago, he and his staff have worked to preserve and revitalize the museum’s many permanent displays, as well as showcase new exhibits that bring Fallon’s history and its residents to life.

Glover introduced Archives and Project Curator Scott Gambino, with whom he worked during his tenure at a museum in Wyoming. Gambino works alongside curator Rae Sottile to manage, preserve, document, and help interpret the museum’s collections and historical archives.



Beatrice Badger was given to the Churchill County Museum by the Fallon Chamber of Commerce in 1995. Courtesy of the Churchill County Museum, Fallon, Nevada.

Happy to assist wherever needed, Gambino also helps with museum grants and recently helped publish the second book featuring the museum’s beloved mascot, Beatrice Badger. Beatrice was given as a gift to the Churchill County Museum by the Fallon Chamber of Commerce in 1995.

Glover said one of the things he is most excited about is the return of Churchill County Museum’s “In Focus” series, which began in 1987. The annual publication, which ran until 2009, collected dozens of articles on topics ranging from poetry and biology to Native culture and oral histories. Most previous editions remain available in the museum bookstore or online.

With editing by Michon Mackedon, who also writes the “Postcards” column for The Fallon Post, “In Focus” once again explores Churchill County’s history, using the museum’s collections to present

and preserve stories about the people, places, and events that have shaped the community over the decades.

Current exhibits include “Sports! A Celebration of Churchill County Athletics,” on display through October, and “Churchill County’s Wish for U.S.,” part of Nevada’s America250 celebration. The exhibit offers a Wish Wall where visitors can post their hopes for the country over the next 10, 50, and 100 years.

Arriving in time for Halloween and Día de los Muertos is “iMONSTRAS!: Female Legends of Latin America,” a traveling exhibition exploring the enduring myths and legends surrounding 10 female monsters from Latin American culture. The Exhibit Envoy exhibition will run from October through December.

Glover also encouraged attendees and the community to be on the lookout for artifacts that help chronicle and celebrate local history. Documents, photographs, household objects, and even seemingly mundane items tucked away in closets, garages, and attics may have a place in the museum’s collections. Many donated materials become part of the museum’s archives, where they can be properly cared for and preserved for future generations.

Thrilled about the possibility of obtaining fire department minutes dating to the early 1900s, Glover also shared his excitement over the acquisition of a 1954 Nugget diner menu and items from the TOPGUN school at Naval Air Station Fallon. Each of those, and many more items like them, helps tell the story of Fallon.

Glover reminded attendees that admission to the museum is free. Memberships support museum programming and outreach for adults and children, as well as exhibit renovation and new construction. Membership benefits include a copy of the annual “In Focus” journal, museum store discounts, and special invitations and announcements for events and exhibit openings.

The museum’s 2026 Fall Lecture Series, “The Layers of Nevada,” begins Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. with Mark Curtis presenting “One of a Kind,” a program celebrating the culture and history of Northern Nevada.

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BUSINESS

Federal Business Forum Set for Sept. 9

Staff Report

Federal officials will meet with Fallon-area business owners, farmers, ranchers, lenders, and local leaders Sept. 9 to explain financing and development programs and hear about challenges facing rural Nevada communities.

The free Federal Resources and Partnership Forum will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, on Western Nevada College’s Fallon campus.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is hosting the forum with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Representatives from other federal agencies have also been invited.

The program will include two panel discussions followed by audience questions.

The first panel will cover business financing, including federal funding and investment programs, Opportunity Zones, the Historically Underutilized Business Zone program, and public-private partnerships. Panelists will also discuss capital stacking, which uses money from more than one

source to finance a project.

The second panel will focus on federal programs for small businesses, housing, infrastructure, agriculture, food systems, and community development. The discussion will include ways federal, state, tribal, county, and local agencies can coordinate their programs.

Organizers are inviting participants to raise concerns and describe the needs they see in their businesses and communities.

Coffee and networking will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by opening remarks at 9 a.m. Federal representatives will be introduced at 9:15 a.m. The financing panel will begin at 9:20 a.m., and the federal resources panel will begin at 10:25 a.m. Additional networking is scheduled for noon.

Attendance is free, but space is limited. To register, visit sba.gov/event/87067 or scan the accompanying QR code.

Barry Van Orden, deputy district director of the SBA’s Nevada District Office, is listed as the organizer. Questions may be sent to nvdo@sba.gov.



From Guest Rooms to Good Deeds

By Rachel Dahl

A recent remodel at Best Western Inn & Suites Fallon resulted in a welcome donation for another local organization.

The Gandhi family, owners of the Fallon hotel, donated televisions removed during the remodeling project to Highland Manor, a local skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility.

The donation gives the televisions a second life while providing additional comfort for Highland Manor residents. It also allowed equipment no longer needed at the hotel to remain useful within the Fallon community.

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce recognized the donation as an example of a local business giving back to the community that supports it.

The Gandhi family has long emphasized hospitality and community service as part of its business philosophy. Family members describe the hotel operation as the continuation of a legacy passed from one generation to the next. The family also regularly serves military members and other guests traveling through Fallon.

For Highland Manor residents, the donation provides a practical benefit while demonstrating how one local business can support another community organization.



Ava Case, representing the Fallon Chamber of Commerce; Briget Mariezcurrena, activities director at Highland Manor; and members of the Gandhi family stood with one of the televisions donated by Best Western Inn & Suites Fallon. Photo courtesy of the Fallon Chamber of Commerce.

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Nevada Air National Guard High Rollers prepare a C-130 for its firefighting mission. Photo courtesy of the Nevada Air National Guard’s 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs.

MAFFS is a portable fire-retardant delivery system installed aboard military C-130 aircraft. When civilian firefighting aircraft are stretched thin and federal wildland fire agencies request additional help, MAFFS-equipped military aircraft can be called in to add another resource to the fight.

The activation comes during the heart of the Western wildfire season, as summer heat, dry vegetation, wind, and difficult terrain challenge firefighters across the region.

Closer to home, crews continue battling the Shoshone Fire in the Clan Alpine Mountains northeast of Fallon. Farther west, the Bug Fire burned across portions of Northern California and Nevada north of Reno, while other large fires have kept crews busy in Northern California and Oregon.

With several large fires burning at the same time, aircraft, crews, and equipment can be called from one state to another as agencies work to put resources where they are most needed.

MAFFS 9’s deployment to Klamath Falls does not mean the aircraft has been assigned to a particular Oregon fire. Klamath Falls serves as an air-tanker base, and where the Nevada crew ultimately flies will depend on wildfire activity and requests from agencies directing the federal response.

MAFFS missions are conducted through a partnership between the Department of Defense and the U.S. Forest Service. Military aircraft work alongside civilian firefighting aircraft and federal, state, and local agencies responding to wildfires.

The High Rollers are one of only four military C-130 units in the country that maintain the capability to conduct MAFFS operations. Nevada Air National Guard crews train regularly for the specialized mission, so the aircraft and personnel are ready when additional firefighting resources are needed.

How long MAFFS 9 and the Nevada airmen remain deployed will depend on wildfire activity and the needs of agencies coordinating the federal response.





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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Plans Taking Shape for 3C Event Complex, North Maine Ballfields

By Sydney Trainor and Leanna Lehman

On Aug. 19, Churchill County Commissioners opened their meeting with a moment of silence for Jorge Guerrero, Community Activities director and a county employee of 25 years. Guerrero died unexpectedly on Aug. 13 at the age of 52.

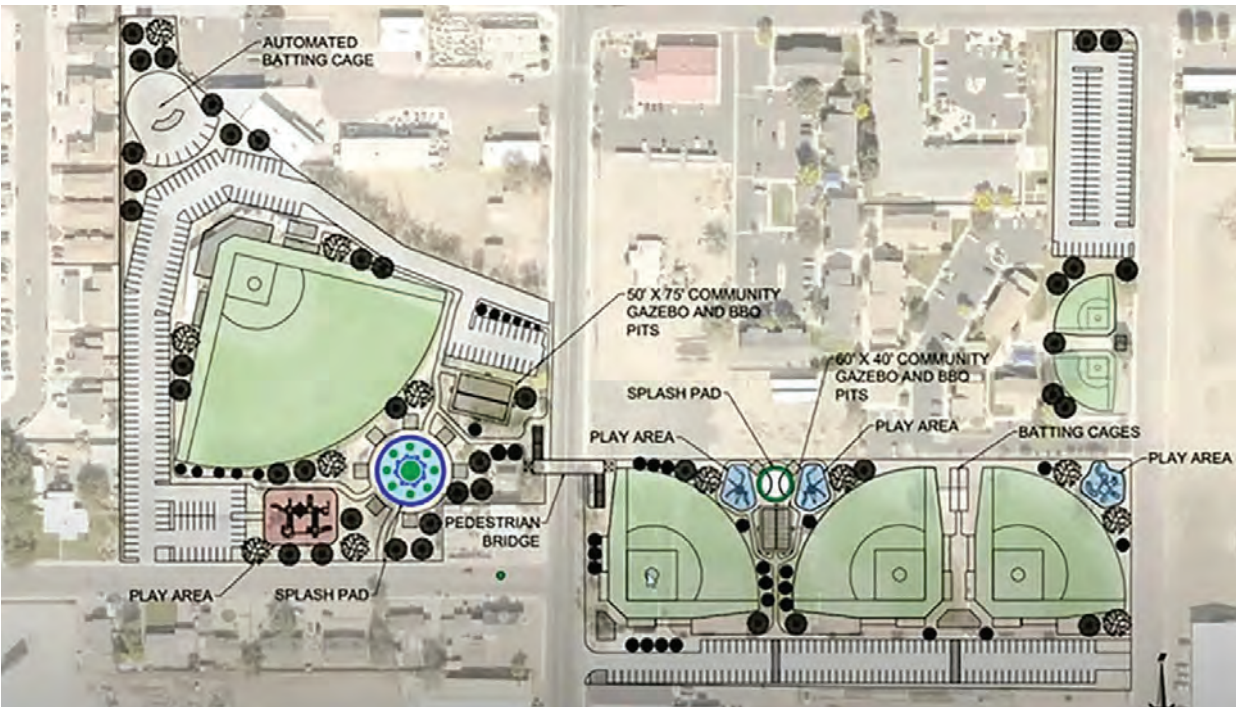
Churchill County Manager Joe Sanford said, “He was a great man, a great friend, and a leader for our community.”

During staff reports, Sanford said the county and City of Fallon are working on the layout and planning for the North Maine Street ballfields, with the city helping prepare a final layout before the project goes out to bid. County staff is also working on the final layout for the 3C Event Complex, which Sanford said should be coming forward within the next month or so.

The projects are supported by \$42 million in Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) funding generated through Bureau of Land Management land sales in Southern Nevada. Churchill County announced the funding in November 2024 for improvements to both facilities.

Plans for the 3C Event Complex include construction of a covered equestrian arena, expansion of existing arenas, renovations to the multipurpose building, bathrooms and concessions, a field house, splash pad, shade structures, playground and seating areas, parking, walking and biking paths, RV hookups, and accessibility and safety upgrades. At the North Maine Street ballfields, plans call for replacement and expansion of existing ballfield infrastructure, including fields, concessions, restrooms, a field house, walking and biking paths, and paved parking.

NV Energy recently submitted information to Churchill County regarding the Greenlink North Transmission Project, which was included in the Aug. 19 commission agenda packet under “Letters Received.” The materials included the utility’s amended application before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada in Docket No. 20-07024, along with project maps, legal descriptions, transmission structure and substation information, required permits and authorizations, and environmental review documents. The correspondence was informational, with no action requested of commissioners. The Greenlink item was not pulled for discussion during the meeting. The agenda confirms it was listed separately under “Letters Received.”



Early renderings of the proposed design for the North Maine ballfields. Courtesy of Churchill County.

Human Resources Manager Kim Brontsema requested approval of updated job descriptions for the Assessor’s Office to reflect current duties better. Churchill County Assessor Denise Mondhink-Felton explained that the descriptions had not been updated since 2015 and no longer reflected much of the work performed in the office. Commissioners unanimously approved the changes.

Commissioners also unanimously approved Resolution 13-2026, increasing Churchill County’s mileage reimbursement rate from 72.5 cents to 76 cents per mile, effective July 1, while maintaining the per diem rate at \$68 per day. Comptroller Sherry Wideman explained that the change followed a midyear IRS mileage rate adjustment, which increased the rate by 3.5 cents per mile.

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The consent agenda passed unanimously and included monthly financial reports, July revenue and building permit activity reports, CC Communications’ annual state certification of support for eligible telecommunications carriers, and monthly reports from the Sheriff’s Office and Recorder’s Office. Public Works and Planning reported \$221,167.66 in July revenue, while Building reported \$33,635.91. The Sheriff’s Civil Report totaled \$3,545, and the Recorder’s Monthly Apportion Report showed \$17,466.80 in revenue.

Sanford also reported that gaming tax collections on behalf of the city will now be handled through the county’s Business License Department rather than the Sheriff’s Office. He said the collections had not been done for some time and need to be brought up to date.

Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery reported that mail ballot and sample ballot information is being sent to vendors ahead of early voting Oct. 17-30. Election Day is Nov. 3. Rothery also reported that the county collected approximately \$268,000 in interest in June and more than \$2.6 million in interest during fiscal year 2025-26.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Sept. 3.

Housing and Health Care Top Community Needs

Staff Report

Finding an affordable place to live, getting to a medical specialist in Reno, finding child care outside traditional working hours, or helping an aging family member remain at home are among the challenges identified in Churchill County’s latest community needs assessment.

The Churchill County Social Services Advisory Committee approved the Community Action Plan containing the assessment as submitted during its Aug. 10 meeting.



Access to health care was another concern. The assessment identified a need for additional primary care providers and more specialty care available locally, including cardiology, endocrinology, neurology, oncology, and pediatric services. Access to behavioral health and substance use counseling was also identified as a need.

For residents who must leave the area for services, transportation remains an issue. The assessment calls for expanded countywide transportation, including additional hours of operation, more buses, and a wider service area. It also identifies a need for more frequent transportation to Reno and Carson City for medical appointments, shopping, college, and other services.

Older residents face their own challenges. The assessment identifies a need for more in-home health care for those unable to leave their homes

The assessment is used to identify and prioritize the needs of lower-income residents and help Social Services plan programs and partnerships to address those needs.

Housing showed up in several forms. The assessment identified a need for more affordable housing for working- and middle-class residents, as well as additional low-income housing for people experiencing housing instability or homelessness. Nevada Rural Housing, the Nevada Housing Division, the City of Fallon, and other organizations are identified as partners working to address housing needs.

and additional senior housing with different levels of care, including independent living, assisted living, and memory care. Lack of funding was identified as a barrier to expanding services for homebound residents.

Child care also made the list, particularly for families working nights, weekends, or other nontraditional hours. Other identified needs include affordable utilities, transportation for work and shopping, affordable health insurance and access to care, GED opportunities, budgeting assistance, legal services, and employment opportunities.

The assessment will serve as a guide for Social Services as it works with local and state partners to address the needs identified in the plan.

Prepared Meals

William Pennington Life Center
Monday through Friday (hot lunch),
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
952 S. Maine St.
Free over 60

Wolf Center (Fallon Daily Bread)
Mondays and Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
457 Esmeralda St.

Oasis Community Church
Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m.
1520 S. Maine St.

Fallon NAZ
Wednesdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
1520 Grimes St.

Back Porch next to Wolf Center
Wednesdays and Saturdays (sack lunches)
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
280 E. Stillwater Ave.

Christian Life Center
Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
1435 Kaiser St.

Food and Commodity Pantries

Epworth Community Food Pantry
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
457 Esmeralda St.

New Frontier Food Pantry
Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1490 Grimes St.
Available 24 hours by phone, 775-442-1686

Out of Egypt Food Pantry
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
1075 Taylor Place

Commodities, New Frontier Food Pantry
Second Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1490 Grimes St.

FBNN Mobile Harvest Produce
Second Thursdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
William Pennington Life Center, 952 S. Maine St.

Commodities, William Pennington Life Center
Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
952 S. Maine St.

Fallon Cares (formerly Karma Box)
Food and hygiene products – two per visit
Front porch of Chamber of Commerce,
290 W. Williams Ave.
Lobby of Churchill County Sheriff’s Office,
180 W. A St.
West entrance (outside), Wolf Center,
457 Esmeralda St.
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COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, August 18 with Judge Steven Kosach presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Dakota Hellena Doucette pleaded guilty to the wobbler charge of Attempt to Commit Embezzlement of \$5,000 or More. As a wobbler, the charge can be sentenced as a Category C Felony, punishable by 1 – 5 years in prison, or down to a Category D Felony or Gross Misdemeanor. Judge Steven Kosach ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigative Report and deferred sentencing to Aug. 17, 2027, to allow Doucette time to pay restitution in full.

Kevin Jay Chico declined to appear for his scheduled arraignment and has repeatedly declined to appear for court hearings. Last winter, Chico was found not competent to stand trial, but likely to be restored to competency. Chico was charged in 2024 with Petit Larceny, Robbery with a Deadly Weapon, Robbery of an Elderly Victim, First-Degree Kidnapping, Own or Possess a Firearm as a Prohibited Person, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer requested a three-week continuance to allow time for “a meaningful” discussion with Chico. Judge Kosach continued the case to September 8.

Cory Lee Miller, in custody, was arraigned on the Category C Felony of Non-Support of a Spouse, a Former Spouse, or a Child, which carries a potential penalty of 1 – 5 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5,000. Miller pleaded guilty, and the case was continued to Oct. 5, 2027, to allow him time to pay the arrears. If payments of \$317 per month are made, the court will reduce the charge to a Gross Misdemeanor. Judge Kosach released Miller on his own recognizance.

Paul Lee Jr., in custody, appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felony of Convicted Sex Offender Providing False or Misleading Information, to which he pleaded guilty on March 3. CCPD Jacob Sommer explained that Lee was at the Sheriff’s Office registering when it was discovered that he was homeless and was no longer at the address he had provided. Lee had been in custody for 364 days. Sommer asked that his client be sentenced to 1 – 4 years in prison and granted the privilege of probation. Lee told the court he has secured housing and will be able to report as ordered. Judge Kosach sentenced Lee to 12 – 32 months, suspended, and granted probation. Lee received credit for 364 days of time served.

William Eugene Berreman, in custody, admitted to the Technical Sentencing Violation of failing to pay a fine. Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel asked for a temporary revocation of probation for 13 days, with credit for 13 days of time served. Noel said the defense would not object to a 30-day revocation. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford asked for a temporary revocation of probation for 30 days. Berreman’s probation was temporarily revoked for 30 days, with credit for 13 days of time served. He was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Georgina Lynn Brown did not appear for a scheduled status hearing. At the request of counsel, the case was continued to Sept. 8. Chad Austin Jenkins’ sentencing was continued to Sept. 15. LaTanya Karimu Stiner’s arraignment was continued. Louis Samuel Afraidofhawk’s sentencing was continued.

Justice Court Aug. 20

New River Township Justice Court convened on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026.

By Leanna Lehman

Jermyn Sanders pleaded guilty to Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. Pursuant to plea negotiations, the remaining charges were dismissed. Sanders, represented by Churchill County Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford, paid \$520 in restitution to Monarch Construction in full prior to sentencing. Judge Trotter sentenced Sanders to 15 days in the Churchill County Jail, suspended for two years on the condition that he have no new criminal violations, excluding minor traffic offenses. Elan Fonseca pleaded guilty to Failure to Report an Accident. Pursuant to plea negotiations, the remaining two counts were dismissed. Fonseca was fined \$500. Martin Ibarra-Valdez appeared for sentencing on a second-offense DUI. A substance abuse evaluation had been required before sentencing due to his blood alcohol level and the fact that this was his second DUI within seven years. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford told the court that

Ibarra-Valdez struck mailboxes while driving impaired, resulting in \$871 in restitution. Sanford also noted that although the substance abuse evaluation indicated minimal problems, Ibarra-Valdez had subsequently violated Court Services conditions by consuming alcohol. Judge Trotter sentenced Ibarra-Valdez to 50 days in the Churchill County Jail, with 30 days suspended for two years. After determining that Ibarra-Valdez was entitled to 13 days of credit for time served, seven days remained to be served. Ibarra-Valdez elected to serve the remaining jail time on weekends. Trotter ordered Ibarra-Valdez to pay restitution within six months and imposed a \$750 fine, along with required assessments and fees. He was also ordered to complete a live victim impact panel, 26 sessions of substance abuse counseling, and use an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he owns or operates for 12 months. Trotter disagreed with the substance abuse evaluation’s assessment of Ibarra-Valdez, citing his blood alcohol level and subsequent alcohol use while under Court Services supervision. “I don’t believe that the evaluation, frankly, is a good assessment of what’s going on with you, Mr. Ibarra,” Trotter said.

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is — that’s one of my big things.” The gym is another part of his off-duty life and a place to decompress. He also tries to play golf when he has time and enjoys working in his yard, which he described as another source of quiet time, taking care to offset the stress of a job that requires constant hypervigilance. Asked who or what had most influenced the person he became, Davis said he found the question difficult to answer. He described himself instead as his own worst critic. “I’ve always wanted to be that person that didn’t want to let anybody down. So, whether that’s my family, whether that’s a team I coached, I always wanted to do the best by people. That was my driving force in everything that I did. I just never wanted to be the weak link in the group.” Davis also spent time with the North Central Narcotics Task Force, an assignment he loved and excelled at. “During that time, we were recognized as the highest-producing narcotics unit in the state. ... I was pretty proud of that.” While he enjoyed his tenure in narcotics, he returned to the Sheriff’s Office at the request of then-Sheriff Richard Hickox, who died in April. According to Davis, morale was low, which he said is not uncommon in law enforcement, and Hickox had said he needed Davis’s positive attitude in the ranks. “Cops do get cynical and jaded,” Davis admitted. “You get to this point where you think like everybody’s out to get you, everybody’s bad, you know, because you’re dealing with the 1% of society. But 98% of people are good people. They’re nice people ... You have to remind yourself of that when you go down that rabbit hole of negative things.” Now, Davis hopes to continue his work in a leadership role. He has ideas for new programs that could improve operations, primarily addressing the chronic understaffing plaguing the department. Davis noted that several programs put in place by Hickox are working well. “I’m not reinventing

the wheel. If it’s working, it’s working,” he said. “But there are also some things that need to be done, and they need a different set of eyes and a way of thinking to fix those things.” Staffing and morale, which have been areas of concern for some time, continue to challenge the department. “Staffing right now is the worst I’ve ever seen it. It’s on patrol, and even in the jails,” Davis said. “We lost two, and that’s concerning to me because both of them were 15-year cops. So, we just lost 30 years of experience in the span of a month. They were field training officers — those are the guys you don’t want to lose.” “One of my goals is to increase staffing, because something’s got to change. We can’t keep doing business like we did 40 years ago. It’s not working.” Staffing levels have remained largely unchanged since the 1990s, despite population growth within Churchill County. Davis said deputies are exhausted. “We’re mandating overtime right now. People are working five, six, seven 12-hour shifts.” The patrol division is supposed to have 12 deputies, and with one out on leave, Davis said the division is down to six. “We’re at half staffing on patrol and the jail numbers are similar.” Some of his other ideas include motorcycle speed enforcement, which Davis said would cost roughly one-third as much as a new patrol truck, and adding programs that provide deputies with opportunities beyond their regular assignments. “Speed is always one of the biggest complaints we have in the county. Speeders, speed, traffic,” he said. “A lot of people are leaving because we have lack of programs,” Davis said. “They come here for four or five years ... and they get the training and experience, and they go somewhere that has a SWAT team or a motorcade.” The Sheriff’s Office previously participated in a joint tactical team with the Fallon Police Department, something Davis would like to revive. “That kind of just faded away ... I want to get that back up.” Davis, an active-shooter instructor for the past five years, also wants to increase training oppor-



Churchill County Sheriff’s Office Sgt. Michael Davis is a candidate for Churchill County Sheriff. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

tunities. He said the department has obtained equipment through grant funding, but staffing shortages have limited the time available to train with it. He believes additional programs and training could help the county retain deputies. “I want Churchill County Sheriff’s Office to be an agency where people want to work and build a career. And I want them to raise their families here. I want them to do 30 years here.” “You have to invest in people that invest in your agency,” Davis said.

EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, Photo Courtesy of Oasis Academy

STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR

By Neel Bhakta

As students return to Oasis Academy for another exciting school year, the High School Student Council has been working behind the scenes to make the first days of school welcoming and memorable for everyone. From helping new students find their classrooms to organizing fun activities, the Student Council planned several events to help students start the year on a positive note.

One of the activities that was planned for the beginning of the school year was food and drinks in the Hangout. This event gave students an opportunity to grab something to eat or drink while spending time with their friends.

Another new event was “Kiss Your Mom/Parents Goodbye.” This activity gave students and their parents a lighthearted way to celebrate the start of a new school year. The event was designed to make the moment more fun and memorable. Juniors and seniors cheered on the underclassmen to kiss their loved one as they headed into the building.

“I thought kissing my mom goodbye this morning was good. It reminded me about how much I care for her and I love her so much,” said Zachary Greenberg.

“It was awesome having the older kids cheering us on. I know how much my mom loves me and cares for me and it was a nice way to show her how much I appreciate all she does,” said Preston Gurr.

Student Council members also made an effort to ensure that new students felt comfortable on campus. Red-shirt helpers were available to assist new freshmen and sophomores as they learned their way around the school.

Overall, Student Council’s back-to-school events were focused on creating a welcoming and positive atmosphere at Oasis Academy. These events were just the start of what the group has planned for the year.

Price Helps Staff Kick Off the School Year: “All In, All Year”

As staff prepared to welcome students back for a new school year, they were reminded that success starts with more than lesson plans and schedules — it starts with the energy and mindset each person brings to the school community.

Before the kickoff of the 2026-27 school year, staff heard from Matt Price of Priceless Coaching, who challenged them to think about how they can stay motivated, positive, and engaged throughout the year.

Price began by having staff identify their personal “energy boosters” and “energy drainers.” Employees reflected on the people, activities, and experiences that give them energy and help them feel motivated, as well as the things that can leave them feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, or discouraged. The activity encouraged staff to recognize what fuels them and to be intentional about finding ways to lean into those positive influences.

Staff also participated in a classic nine-dot challenge designed to encourage them to think outside the box. The activity pushed participants to look beyond the obvious and approach a problem from a different perspective — a lesson that can easily translate from the activity into the classroom and everyday challenges educators face.

The message connected directly to Oasis Academy’s theme for the new school year: “All In, All Year.” Price encouraged staff to use the energy boosters they identified as tools to help them stay focused and motivated even when the school year gets challenging.

OASIS ACADEMY HONORS FIVE 10-YEAR MILESTONES

Oasis Academy celebrated four dedicated employees and one longtime board member as each marked 10 years of service to the school community. Kimberly Sorensen, Sue Ware, Heather Wiessmer, Heidi Maynez, and board member Samantha Gomes all have contributed in unique ways to the growth, success, and spirit of Oasis Academy.



Shannon Garcia, Jami Rowlett, Matt Price, Andy Lenon, and Tori Sleight gathered during Oasis Academy’s staff kickoff for the 2026-27 school year.

Sorensen started at Oasis through a part-time project teaching in fourth grade. When she stepped in to cover a maternity leave, she discovered a passion for teaching mathematics.

After spending two years teaching part-time third- and fourth-grade math, Sorensen transitioned into a full-time position and continued to grow as an educator and leader. In 2023, Oasis Academy created its first-ever Math Specialist position.

“Kim’s influence can be seen throughout the school, through projects such as the school’s first Family Math Night and her efforts to expand the school’s collection of math manipulatives,” said Shannon Garcia, vice principal. “Her creativity, expertise, and willingness to take on new challenges have helped make mathematics more accessible, engaging, and meaningful for Oasis students.”

Ware’s journey at Oasis began as an instructional assistant, where she worked with students in grades 2-7 and learned from the many educators who helped shape her own path in education.

Over the years, Ware has stepped into numerous roles, including substitute teaching across grade levels, serving as a physical education teacher, and organizing parent binders each year. She is now in her fourth year as a third- and fourth-grade English language arts teacher.

“When the COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented challenges for schools, Sue demonstrated flexibility by co-teaching hybrid classes and eventually transitioning to an online teaching role to help ensure students continued learning,” said Garcia. “We are incredibly grateful for Sue’s talent, flexibility, and the genuine care and compassion she brings to our students.”

Wiessmer’s story at Oasis began before she officially became an employee. In 2014, she volunteered in her daughter’s classroom, helping with reading fluency, spelling, and math facts. That experience led her to pursue a teaching degree and build a career at Oasis.

She officially joined the school in 2016 as a lunch duty aide and K-2 drama teacher. The following year, she helped launch Oasis Academy’s first physical education classes before moving into a full-time instructional aide



Aidan Rowe, Theodore Snooks, Shylo Morrow, and Ryan Lincoln talked near the lockers during the opening days of the school year at Oasis Academy.

position serving students in grades 2-7.

Wiessmer returned to college, earned her teaching degree, and completed her student teaching just before the COVID-19 pandemic. She now teaches first- and second-grade math.

“Heather’s contributions have extended well beyond the classroom. She helped create Oasis Field Day, established a K-3 lacrosse program, and founded the school’s first cheerleading program,” Garcia explained. “Heather’s journey and dedication to students is a testament to the many ways one person can make a difference in a school community.”

For Heidi Maynez, the past 10 years have been filled with helping some of Oasis Academy’s youngest students begin their education. As a kindergarten aide, Maynez has earned a reputation for her warmth, patience, flexibility, and unwavering dedication to students.

Her connection to Oasis runs even deeper through her role as both a parent and volunteer. She has devoted countless hours to supporting not only her own children but the broader Oasis community, giving her a unique perspective on what makes the school special.

“Heidi has a special gift for making young learners feel welcomed, supported, and cared for as they take their first steps into school,” said Jami Rowlett, vice principal. “She has also devoted countless hours to the broader Oasis community, exemplifying what makes our school special.”

Oasis Academy’s success also depends on the dedicated volunteers who provide leadership and governance behind the scenes. Samantha Gomes is one of those longtime community members.

Gomes began serving on the founding Friends of Oasis Academy Board before joining the School Board shortly before the school opened in 2011. Over the years, she has served as secretary, vice president, and board chair, providing leadership and institutional knowledge during the school’s growth.

“Sammi’s service has extended far beyond board meetings. In the early years of Oasis, she volunteered and substituted at the school,” Rowlett said. “Her decade of service represents the importance of community involvement and the lasting impact that dedicated volunteers can have on a school.”



Oasis Academy board member Samantha Gomes and staff members Heather Wiessmer and Sue Ware were recognized for 10 years of service. Kimberly Sorensen and Heidi Maynez were not pictured.



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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District has an immediate opening for a Full-Time Equipment Operator. Salary dependent on experience. Health insurance, enrollment in NV State Retirement, vacation and sick leave. Responsibilities include operating excavator, motor grader, bulldozer, backhoe, loader and heavy trucks. Valid Nevada driver’s license, documentation to work in the US, and ability to pass drug test required.

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www.tcid.org or 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada. EOE.

EDUCATION

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

By David Ernst, Photo Courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School



Madeleine LaValley, Alice Frey, and Addie Munoz.

Excitement filled the campus as students and families arrived at Veritas Preparatory School for the first day of a new school year. After a summer away, familiar faces returned, new students joined the Veritas community, and teachers eagerly welcomed their classes back to campus.

The morning began even before the first bell rang. Students and their families arrived early to take pictures together at the school’s special first-day photo booths. Parents captured smiles, new uniforms, and plenty of first-day excitement as students prepared to begin another year of learning. For some families, it marked the continuation of a familiar Veritas tradition, while for others, it was the first of many memories they will make as members of the school community.

This year’s return to campus brought even more excitement as students explored several improvements made over the summer. Among the biggest changes is a new building providing classroom space for Veritas students in fifth through eighth grades. The additional space represents an exciting step in the continued growth of the school and gives Veritas’ older students a place of their own as they continue their studies.

Students also discovered improvements throughout the existing campus. A new floor in the lunch hut and updates to classrooms were among the changes waiting to greet them. Teachers and staff spent the weeks leading up to school preparing classrooms and getting everything ready to welcome students back.

Teachers spent the day introducing classroom routines, getting to know their students, and preparing them for the learning ahead. As students settled into their new classes, the excitement of the morning began to give way to the familiar rhythms of school life.

The first day of school is always a reminder that a new year brings new opportunities. There will be books to read, lessons to learn, friendships to build, challenges to overcome, and countless moments to celebrate along the way. At Veritas, each of those opportunities is part of a greater mission to educate students academically while encouraging them to grow in wisdom, character, and faith.

We are grateful to see our classrooms filled once again and look forward to all that God has planned for Veritas Preparatory School in the year ahead.

CCSD Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD



Superintendent Blake Cooper, Assistant Superintendent Mike Walker, and Student Services Coordinator Shannon Urquhart joined our newest ChurchillCSD team members for a photo on the steps of the District Office as they kicked off the 2026-27 school year. Photo courtesy of the Churchill County School District.



Superintendent Blake Cooper welcomed ChurchillCSD’s administrative team back for the 2026-27 school year. Pictured from left to right, front row: Blake Cooper (Superintendent), Deana Porretta (Churchill County Middle School Principal), Rachel Knight (Churchill County High School Vice Principal); second row: Shannon Coombs (Director of Student Services and Northside Early Learning Center Administrator), Kimi Melendy (Lahontan Elementary School Principal), Shannon Urquhart (Student Services Coordinator); third row: Marjorie Mauk (Churchill County High School Vice Principal), Tricia Strasdin (Churchill County High School Dean of Students), Brad Barton (E.C. Best Elementary School Principal); fourth row: Heather Alves (Churchill County Middle School Vice Principal), Mike Walker (Assistant Superintendent), Shawn Purrell (Numa Elementary School Principal); back row: Trent Vass (Churchill County Middle School Vice Principal), Tim Spencer (Churchill County High School Principal). Photo courtesy of the Churchill County School District.

Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Distributes Nearly 180 Backpacks at Back to School Night

Story and photo by Christina Rodarte

The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe’s Community Learning Center (CLC) distributed nearly 180 backpacks during its annual Back to School Night on Saturday at the Tribal Gym in Stillwater, and organizers expect to reach 200 by the end of the week. Despite being held on a weekend evening for the first time, the event was well attended.

Organizers handed out 165 backpacks during the event, with 14 more picked up by Monday morning. Austin Little, CLC specialist III, said the program anticipated meeting its distribution goal by week’s end.

The Fallon Tribal Health Clinic hosted information booths for several departments and offered student vaccinations at the event for the first time. The clinic provided vaccinations on site because of a delay in receiving vaccines and to make the process more convenient for students and families. Behavioral Health, the Benefits Department, CareSource, the Churchill County Coalition, the Churchill County Transportation Department, and the Fallon Tribal Environmental and Police Departments also participated.

The event was supported by donations from Chairwoman Cathi Williams-Tuni, the Johnson-O’Malley Program, and FPST staff and departments, including Jill Wright of Communications, Krystal Williams of Tribal Housing, Leslie Steve of Behavioral Health, Jon Pishion of the Tribal Health Clinic, and Illena Henry of Environmental.

According to Little, the Community Learning Center also offers an after-school program for Native American students from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The program is open to all community members



Austin Little, CLC Specialist III, Elizabeth Poleviyuma, CLC Specialist II, JudyAnn Austin, CLC Specialist II, and Everett George, CLC Specialist II.

and focuses on cultural learning, teaching, and fun. The Native Title VI student tutoring program, held at both the middle school and high school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, has contributed to an almost 100 percent graduation rate.

The Community Learning Center has also

been asked to consult and assist with a Native History elective class at the high school as part of a pilot program. The long-term goal is to help provide Native culture and history education in every school. The Community Learning Center is located at 8955 Mission Road and can be reached at 775-423-8065.

C O L U M N S

Fallon Theatre Movies & More

As we roll into another wonderful weekend at the Fallon Theatre, we have a fantastic lineup planned for movie lovers of all ages! Step inside the cool, refreshing comfort of our historic auditorium for a movie night that pairs a delightful, creative animated adventure with a vintage classic.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, bring the kids for the quirky, visually stunning animated favorite “The Box-trolls” (2014)! Produced by the acclaimed LAIKA animation studio, this charming story introduces Eggs, a young, orphaned boy raised by a friendly community of trash-collecting cave dwellers who wear cardboard boxes on their backs. When an evil villain hatches a plot to eliminate the harmless Boxtrolls, Eggs must venture aboveground to reunite with the human world and save his unique family. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 36 minutes.

Or, at 7 p.m. both nights, step back into Hollywood’s golden era with the timeless classic “The Little Colonel” (1935)! Shirley Temple stars as Lloyd Sherman, the spirited young daughter of a former Confederate officer. Set in post-Civil War Kentucky, the film follows Lloyd’s charming attempts to heal a deep family feud and reconcile her estranged grandfather with her parents. Featuring the iconic, unforgettable tap dance routine alongside legendary dancer Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, this heartwarming musical comedy remains a true staple of classic American cinema. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 21 minutes.

And coming up this Saturday, Aug. 29, get ready to lace up your running shoes for a favorite local tradition: the Cantaloupe Canter 5K! Held in conjunction with the Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair, this fun 5K run/walk directly supports the historic Fallon Theatre. Registration is \$25 early or \$30 on race day. Meet us in front of the indoor pool (333 Sheckler Road), with check-in at 7 a.m. and the race starting at 8 a.m. Whether you run, walk, or cheer, come out, enjoy the festival spirit, and help keep our marquee burning bright!

Heading into fall, cruise down memory lane on Saturday, Sept. 26 for our 10th annual Show-N-Shine! We’re shutting down Maine Street starting at 9 a.m. for a morning of beautiful classic cars, good food, music, and community fun. Free for the public to attend, it’s the perfect family outing. Car owners can register a vehicle for \$45 (\$30 per additional entry), which includes a goody bag and raffle entry. Plus, this year marks the debut of our new “Best of Show” perpetual trophy, to be proudly displayed in the Fallon Theatre lobby! Special thanks to our generous sponsors, Cheek Construction and The Nugget, for making a decade of classic cars possible.

In October, step with us into the world of bugs with Flik and friends for a fully immersive, one-weekend-only 4D movie experience with “A Bug’s Life” on Oct. 2 and 3! This family-friendly event features a fully decorated theater, themed treats, and sensory special effects, with interactive 4D

screenings on Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (evening doors open at 5 p.m.). Tickets are already halfway sold out, and since these 4D events always sell out completely, reserve your seats now on our website or Facebook page! Your \$5 reservation fee goes directly toward restoring our historic front facade. Prefer the traditional movie? Standard screenings (no special effects or reservations required) run Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

In November, gear up for a night of pure laughter on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. as clean, family-friendly stand-up comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre! We are thrilled to welcome Nashville-based comedian Lee Hardin (DryBar Comedy, “The Mike Huckabee Show”) back to our stage for an evening of warm, relatable humor the whole family can enjoy. Tickets are \$20, but you can snag an Early Bird Discount of \$5 off until Sept. 1, or grab a Double Date Discount to get four tickets for the price of two! Grab your seats early and join us for a great night out right here in your favorite historic theater.

We love being Fallon’s spot for movies, live show entertainment, and hometown fun! Grab some fresh, buttered popcorn at concessions, sit back, and enjoy the show. Looking to celebrate a birthday, host a private screening, or put your name on our iconic marquee? Reach out to us at 775-423-6210 or thefallontheatre@gmail.com to make it happen. See you at the movies this weekend!

Allison’s Book Report:

“The Five-Star Weekend” by Elin Hilderbrand

The kids might be back at school this week, but the days are still pretty long and the weather is still screaming summertime, leaving me to find ways of squeezing the last drops out of the season. This week’s pick is “The Five-Star Weekend,” written by fan favorite Elin Hilderbrand, and it just happens to have a new show based on it as well! I actually watched the show first, fell in love with the characters, and just had to grab the book!

Elin Hilderbrand’s “The Five-Star Weekend” is the ultimate sunny escape, centering on popular food blogger Hollis Shaw after a sudden loss turns her world upside down. Hoping to heal and reconnect, Hollis plans a fancy getaway at her gorgeous Nantucket house, inviting four women from different eras of her life: her no-nonsense childhood bestie Tatum, her powerhouse college pal Dru-Ann, her suburban friend Brooke, and a wild-card online fan named Gigi she has never actually met. Throwing all those different personalities, old secrets, and lingering drama together under one roof makes for a weekend stacked with heartfelt moments, cozy coastal vibes, incredible food, and all the chaotic beauty of female friendship. Comparing the book to its new TV adaptation with the same name (available to stream on Peacock), I found that both versions capture that vibrant

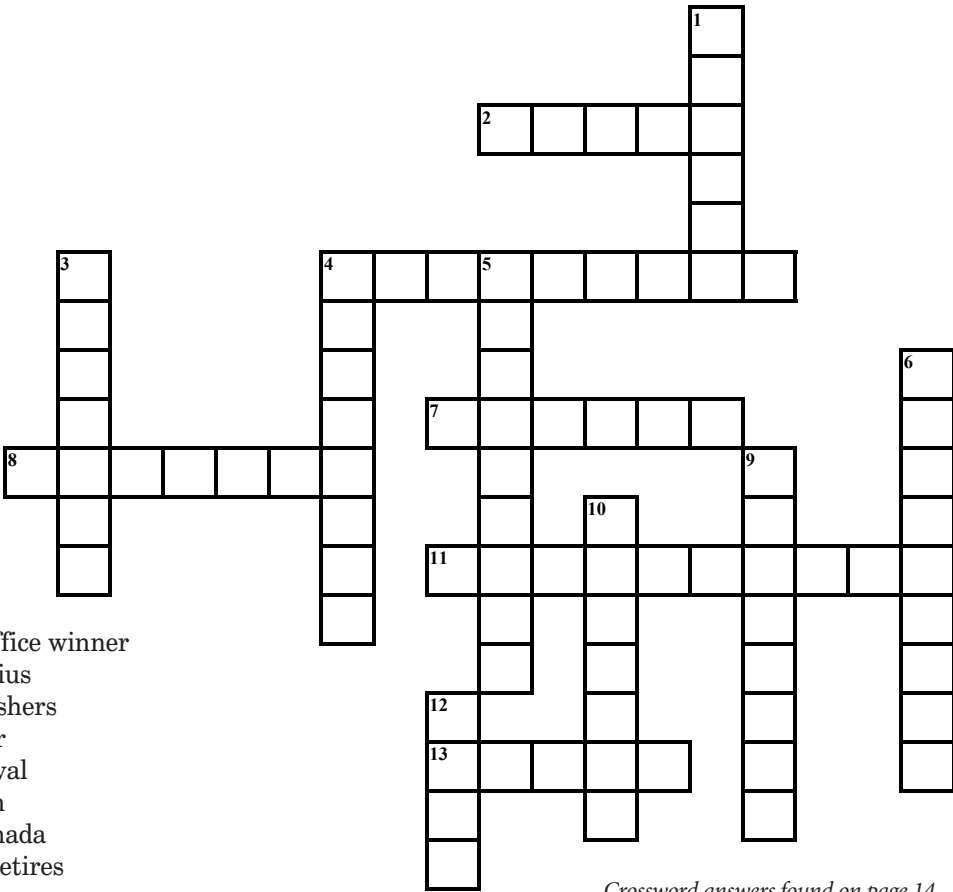
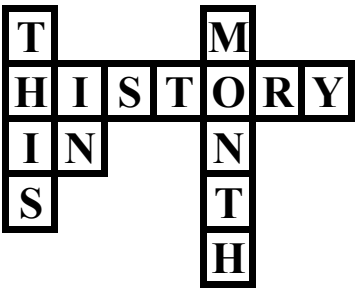


beachy magic, but they definitely bring their own flavor. The novel lets you hang out inside each woman’s head, giving you all the quiet, reflective details about their pasts, marital hiccups, and inner thoughts in a way that feels super intimate. The series takes that emotional foundation and dials up the fun visual energy. While the show stays wonderfully true to the heart of the story, it turns up the TV flair with breathtaking island views, enviable outfits, and incredible chemistry across the whole cast. Jennifer Garner brings the exact same warm, grounded energy to Hollis that makes the book so comforting, while the show’s snappy back-and-forth dialogue gives the group’s dynamic a slightly punchier, party-like feel.

At the end of the day, both the read and the watch deliver an insanely satisfying, feel-good dive into fresh starts and second chances. Reading the book feels a lot like sitting on a breezy porch catching up with an old pal, while watching the show feels like sipping cocktails with a loud, lovable group of girlfriends. Whichever route you go, you are in for a fun, uplifting trip. I hope you enjoy reading and watching my pick this week. Don’t forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and other book-related fun!

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 2. 1962 - Beatles new drummer
- 4. 1620 - Pilgrims sailing vessel
- 7. 1967 - Ode to Billie Joe singer
- 8. 2022 - Break My Soul singer
- 11. 1781 - Surrendering general at Yorktown
- 13. 1936 - Olympic track & field star

Down

- 1. 2023 - Robbie/Gosling box office winner
- 3. 79 - City destroyed by Vesuvius
- 4. 1900 - Travelers guide publishers
- 5. 1900 - Tire company founder
- 6. 1969 - New York music festival
- 9. 1492 - He set sail from Spain
- 10. 1588 - Defeated Spanish armada
- 12. 2017 - Gold medal sprinter retires

Crossword answers found on page 14

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PostCards: The Legendary George McCracken

By Michon Mackedon

The name George McCracken, principal of Churchill County High School during the 1920s and 1930s, weaves consistently through the oral histories provided by students who attended there at the time. Was the principal, indeed, a pal? Well, yes and no. McCracken was viewed with fear and trembling, mixed with admiration and respect, even love. I'll let the students speak for themselves.

Harold Rogers (attending in the 1930s): He was "a fabulous instructor." Rogers brought up a theme that is present in almost every student memory of McCracken—his separation of boys and girls at every school event. "The girls were on the north side and the boys were on the south side and they did not mix..." Even at the dances, "the boys and gals, when they were dancing, kept plenty of daylight between them."

Ivy Ringstrom (attending in the 1930s): There was no "hanky-panky," even in the hallways.

Agnes Severs (attending in the 1920s): When asked about McCracken's strictness: "Oh, ho ho! I'll say."

Della Renfro Oats (attending in the 1930s): About the dress code, "there was no extra skin showing, I assure you. I can remember one time a girl came in — they had these three-quarter socks, they were quite colorful and otherwise we wore long [socks], I wore rayon. Now I think some of the ones that could afford them had silk socks, but this girl came to school and her skirt probably let one inch of bare skin between the skirt and these three-quarter socks showing. She was sent home to properly dress. ... They elected him to really turn the school over and he did."

Allen Spoon (attending in the 1930s): "He was strict as all get out."

John Marean (attending in the 1920s): "He did it [separating the sexes] very intelligently. He knew he could not be everywhere at all



times, and he didn't really want to catch anybody guilty of communicating between the sexes in spare time, so he always jingled his keys as he walked down the hall. You knew Mac was coming, and so you certainly never left yourself in a compromising situation."

Frank Woodliff (attending in the 1920s): "We [his band] used to play for the high school dances. ... We played for the high school dances in that area and of course we played on the stage. The old high school has a stage and we played there and we were supposed to quit at midnight and if you knew Mr. McCracken, you quit at midnight. And fact of the matter is that at five minutes to twelve you'd find the lights blinking and at five minutes to twelve we'd go into our last tune, 'Goodnight Sweetheart' — or something like that, you know, and at midnight sharp it was over."

McCracken's disciplined and ethical nature played into the 1924 "Football Scandal." That year, CCHS had an exceptionally good football team, led by a charmed quarterback, and they were on their way to a state championship. The quarterback was challenged by officials from Yerington who claimed that he was too old (21) to be legally playing. McCracken investigated and discovered that the talented quarterback really was 21 years old and therefore ineligible.

Rather than concealing the evidence, McCracken withdrew the entire team for the rest of the season. The town went into shock. However, McCracken didn't. He told the local paper that the young man, despite the dishonesty, was an honorable student. But rules were rules, even when they weren't his.

What comes across in the memories of McCracken is his duty as disciplinarian, yes, but also his role as good shepherd. His two sides — the rule-keeper and the guide — were summed up by Earl Nygren (1930s) and Virgil Getto (1930s) in similar ways. Nygren commented that he didn't think there was any student that went to school with Mr. McCracken who did not look back and, in one way or another, "thank him for the directions that he headed them in." Getto put it this way: "I was student body president, and I was also junior class president, and George McCracken was our principal. He was very strict, very. None of the kids liked him until they got out of school, and then I have this wonderful respect for this man that was, he was just like the Rock of Gibraltar, and I don't know how he did all the things that he did."

McCracken's personal life remains somewhat elusive. All I have discovered is what Della Renfro Oats said about it in her oral history: "He wasn't married at that time. We had a Home Ec. teacher named Miss Olive Colpus and he was socially connected with her and after a number of years — he had a mother that he lived with and was caring for and so I don't think he married Olive Colpus until she [his mother] died."

I hope they then danced, cheek to cheek.

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.

The Greenwave Plant Corner

Growing Plants and People: New Seeds Being Planted Daily at CCHS

By Jaime Sammons

Hello from the greenest part of the Greenwave! The new school year is officially underway, and I am thrilled to welcome three full classes of Plant Systems students. The first week found our hallways absolutely buzzing. It is sure impressive to see so many dedicated people working so hard to make Churchill County High School the amazing place it is. Our teachers greet students before every class. It's a super time to throw out lots of plant-themed dad jokes as students and administrators walk by. "How's it growing?" is my favorite so far. It is wonderful to have such fantastic administrators and staff supporting this positive environment.

Inside the classroom, we are already diving into fascinating botanical topics. Students are learning about the rare and exotic corpse flower, and we are getting hands-on with Tataki-zome — the traditional Japanese technique of flower pounding and plant smashing to transfer natural pigments onto material.

Looking outside, all of our classes will collaborate this year on our ever-developing, iconic front entrance garden project. If you have been following our progress, you know that all the old grass was removed last year. We are



completely transforming this area into a functional, beautiful community space.

Great progress has already been made: the concrete is poured, path lighting features are set, and the seating area is officially up. Our next steps include installing and filling the metal raised beds, which were expertly welded by our talented Ag Mechanics classes. Once established, these beds will be filled with fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables for our culinary classes to harvest and use.

Our impact also reaches far beyond the school grounds. We are proud to be growing native Nevada plants again this year to benefit the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge. Additionally, we are working to coordinate an exciting, collaborative pollinator planting and growing trip to the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Nevada. This excursion will bring together our Advanced Plants students and the Outdoor Adventure class for real-world conservation work.

Of course, all of this preparation leads up to our highly anticipated annual plant sale in early May, where the community can purchase beautiful plants nurtured

directly by our students.

We could not do any of this without the immense generosity of our local community partners. A big thank you goes out to Big R for its wonderful seed donation and to Louie's Home Center for helping us get growing by supplying soil. We also want to extend a massive thank you to Churchill County Parks and Recreation and everyone who attended our recent bingo night — your support purchased an entire pallet of soil for our program!

Here's to a fantastic, productive year of growth.

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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Notice of Claims Approved by Board of Directors February, March, and April 2026

Notice is given by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), duly organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 539 of the Nevada Revised Statutes of the following list of claims allowed during the months of February, March, and April 2026; that this list is made based upon NRS 539.485.

Operating Expenses	February	March	April
Operations and Maintenance	220,073	325,695	410,437
Administration	180,692	215,116	362,551
Total Expense	400,765	540,811	772,988
Other Expense	14,226	118,566	2,546
Carson Lake Pasture	303	5,359	5,325
Total Other Expense	14,529	123,925	7,871
Total Expense and Other Expense	415,294	664,736	780,859

Dated this thirteenth day of August 2026
/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General Manager

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LEGAL NOTICES

CCMS ROOF REPLACEMENT
PWP NO. CH-2026-523
FALLON, NV
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the CCMS Roof Replacement will be received by the Churchill County School District Superintendent's Office, at the CCSD Administration Building located at 690 S Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406 until 4:00 PM, local time, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. The Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud on October 20, 2026.

The Work consists of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents. The Work generally includes but is not limited to: Removal of the existing roof and replacement with a new roof.

The Contract Documents may be obtained from the District website (churchillcsd.com).

A mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., local time, at CCMS at 650 S. Maine St., Fallon. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory for Bidders, Subcontractors, and other interested parties.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with Section 00200, Instructions to Bidders. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed form (separate Bid package) and accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in accordance with Section 00200. Successful Bidders will be required to furnish both a Payment Bond and Performance Bond in the full amount of the contract price.

The Owner will not award the Contract to a Bidder who, at the time of submitting a Bid, was not properly licensed under the provisions of Chapter 624 of NRS or if the Contract would exceed the limit of the Bidder's license. Bidders shall submit proof of being a Tremco Approved Applicator to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Churchill County School District
By: Dustan Drinkut
Title: Maintenance Supervisor
Date: August 13, 2026

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS
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DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA
CASE NO: 25-10DC-1081, DEPT: 1
In the Matter of the Application of:
ANGELICA MARIA FLORES
ALVARADO
For Change of Name of the
Minor Child: JOEL FLORES GIL

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE MINOR
CHILD'S NAME
TO: GUILLERMO GIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court asking for an Order changing the name of a minor child from JOEL FLORES GIL to JOEL FLORES ALVARADO.

If you object to the changing of the minor child's name, you must file a written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days of the last publication of this Notice.

DATED this 5 day of Nov. 2025
By: /s/ ANGELICA MARIA
FLORES ALVARADO
ANGELICA MARIA FLORES
ALVARADO

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Case No. 26-10DC-0492, Dept. 1

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

Notice is hereby given that a Complaint was filed in the above-referenced court by Cynthia Kent-Dillon against Bessie G. Cooke, the Estate of Bessie G. Cooke, and any other unknown parties, to quiet title to the real property located in Churchill County, Nevada and more commonly known as APN 001-541-05 and for declaratory relief that Cynthia Kent-Dillon is the true legal owner of the above referenced property and no other persons or entities have any legal or equitable interest in that property or title to it. The Estate of Bessie G. Cooke and any other interested party is summoned to appear in this case by filing an answer or pleading within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons. If any party fails to appear, default may be taken for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Kaempfer Crowell
Sihomara L. Graves. No. 13239
50 W. Liberty Street, Suite 1100
Reno, Nevada 89501
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Cynthia Kent-Dillon

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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
Notice of Statement of Financial
Condition (Unaudited)
As of January 1, 2026

Notice is hereby given by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), duly organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 539 of the Nevada Revised Statutes of the following annual statement of financial condition as of January 1, 2026; that this statement is made based upon NRS 539.487.

TOTAL ASSETS
\$54,933,411
TOTAL LIABILITIES
\$34,977,834

Dated this 18 day of August 2026
/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General
Manager

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DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA
CASE NO. 10DC-26-0856, DEPT: 1
MELISSA DYER
3235 Pflum Lane Fallon, NV 89406
775-217-5134 mldyer52@outlook.com
Petitioner

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
KATHLEEN SUSAN RODEGEB,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF THE HEARING UPON THE PETITION TO ADMINISTER THE ESTATE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

MELISSA DYER, having filed with the clerk of this court a Petition for Probate of Estate, Issuance of Letters of Administration and for Summary Administration upon the estate of KATHLEEN SUSAN RODEGEB, the hearing of the same having been fixed by said court for Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the courtroom, 73 North Maine Street, within Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada, and all persons interested in the said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said petition should not be granted.

DATED: 17th day of August, 2026.
/s/ Melissa Dyer
Petitioner

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