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TOPGUN Drag Strip Prepares for 2026 Racing Season



A car stages at the TOPGUN Drag Strip during a past racing session. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

By Amber Hardin

TOPGUN Drag Strip is preparing to launch its 2026 racing season after months of communitywide work to ready the facility under new leadership.

Motor Sports Safety, Inc. (MSSI), the nonprofit that operates the drag strip, recently welcomed a largely new volunteer board tasked with overseeing the upcoming season and continued operations at the longtime racing venue.

Founded 33 years ago through a partnership between local government leaders and the U.S. Navy at Naval Air Station Fallon, the drag strip was originally created to provide a safe, sanctioned environment for racing outside public roadways. Events were first held on NAS Fallon runways under National Hot Rod Association safety guidelines before the installation's expanding mission required the track to

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Official State Fair of Nevada Returns After 16 Years

By Sydney Trainor

After a 16-year absence, the Official State Fair of Nevada is set to return June 11–13, bringing back a statewide tradition that last filled the Nevada State Fairgrounds in 2010. Tickets are now on sale for the three-day celebration, which organizers say will blend Nevada's agricultural roots with new attractions designed to welcome families back to the fairgrounds.

The fair's revival marks the first state-sponsored event of its kind since 2010, and organizers say they hope the return will reconnect Nevadans with the history, youth programs, and community spirit that once defined the annual gathering. "We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Nevada State Fairgrounds as we celebrate the Silver State," said J.J. Goicoechea, director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

Opening day on June 11 includes general admission of \$12 for children and \$15 for adults, which covers access to the evening concert featuring Caleb Montgomery. Admission drops to \$7 for children and \$10 for adults on June 12–13, giving families a more affordable way to explore the fairgrounds throughout the weekend. Select events, including the youth bull riding competition, require additional tickets, while all-inclusive wristbands are available for visitors who want full access to the weekend's activities.

The fair's schedule reflects Nevada's agricultural roots and its growing youth involvement in livestock and hands-on learning. Events include the Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale, the University of Nevada, Reno Extension's 4-H State Expo, Next Generation Youth Bull Riding, and the Governor's Livestock Sale of Champions. A Made in Nevada farmers market, a walking tour of Nevada, a drone show, carnival rides, and local food and art vendors round out the lineup, offering a mix of tradition and new attractions.

For many young exhibitors, the fair represents months of preparation. "Youth exhibitors spend months raising animals, developing projects, and building new skills," Goicoechea said. "This event puts their hard work front and center, giving students the opportunity to share it with the community on a larger scale."

Organizers say the fair's return is designed to highlight not only Nevada's past but also the next generation shaping its agricultural future. With livestock shows, youth competitions, and educational exhibits woven throughout the weekend, the fair aims to reconnect families with the state's heritage while offering a space

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Commissioners Approve Countywide Compensation Study

By Sydney Trainor

During the May 7 Churchill County Board of Commissioners meeting, Baker Tilly consultants presented the countywide compensation study, including methodology, market comparisons, internal equity analysis, and recommended pay structures.

Consultants explained that the study focused on both "internal equity," comparing positions within the county organization, and "external equity," comparing county wages to similar employers. Consultants used a point-factor job evaluation system measuring nine compensable factors, including education requirements, experience requirements, supervisory responsibilities, and complexity of duties. The study evaluated the position itself, rather than the employee currently holding it.

Baker Tilly surveyed 92 county positions, with 86 positions receiving enough market data for comparison. According to the presentation, approximately 69% of county positions were found to be below market rates, while about 7% were above market. The study showed county pay ranges generally lagging behind comparable employers, with minimum pay rates averaging about 6.9% below market and midpoint pay rates averaging roughly 9.7% below market. Adjustments were also made to account for cost of labor differences between rural and urban areas.

Consultants proposed reducing the number of unused pay grades to simplify administration and create more consistent progression between salary steps. Three possible implementation methods were presented, including placing employees on steps based on years in position, current pay placement, or having employees stay on the same step in the new plan.

Commissioners discussed how the compensation study should be tailored to Churchill County's workforce and budget realities, focusing on balancing competitive wages with the county's financial limitations, as several departments are struggling to recruit and retain qualified employees. They also debated whether certain proposed pay grades should be adjusted to reduce fiscal impacts while still improving competitiveness. Concerns were raised about making sure supervisors are paid fairly compared to the employees they oversee, keeping opportunities for employees to move up in pay, and making county jobs competitive enough to bring workers for specialized positions like attorneys and accounting staff.

The board ultimately approved the compensation study, the updated pay table, the position grade assignments, and the implementation plan for the next fiscal year. Under the approved plan, employees will be placed on salary steps based on the number of years they have worked in their current position.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log:
Babies and Springtime

By Rachel Dahl

We got baby chickens. The mean ol' momma hen and a couple of her sisters hatched another batch of babies about two weeks ago, and they are the cutest little things you've ever seen.

Except for the Emus.

Yeahhhh...you read that right. Last year, Brian Byrd was teasing that I should add some emu to the flock at the Boyer Bunny Ranch when his breeding pair of emu were nesting a batch of their babies. I was not even tempted.

But those dang animal people know just how to get you thinking, and here we are. Two sweet little emu chicks are growing exponentially in their emu pen next to the baby chicks. They're about ready to graduate to the goat pen, where I'm afraid they'll be able to indulge their anti-social behavior and never be cuddly again.

They weren't really cuddly to begin with. I thought if I held them every day and hung out with them, they would bond and we would be great buddies, but alas. They did not. They're fearful of everything and run around their pen, flinging their heads at the end of their necks like a good game of Snap the Whip.

And then we took a bunny for a gal on the book of faces who had rescued him from the streets. Quite literally, he was hopping across South Taylor when she thankfully missed him with her car, then chased him down with the help of four Navy kids. He's a tiny little lop-eared bunny who doesn't match the fancy angora bunnies, but he's a pretty light yellow color and full of personality. Just ask Shania, who was cuddling him at her desk until he took a bite out of her arm.

But best of all, last weekend I got to go to North Dakota and spend time with my 9-year-old, Rhett, and this weekend I got to be there for



Tabor Outlaw to turn 1 month old.

What a joy this is, being a grandma. With Rhett, I got to go on this crazy obstacle course that's 20 feet off the ground, and they strap you in a safety harness so you don't fall to your death in front of the child and scar them for life. And then with Tabor I got to sit in a lovely recliner for hours and hold him while he slept and ate and smiled at me. Heaven.

So while we appreciate this end of the generational spectrum, we'll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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relocate.

Churchill County later secured a parcel of Bureau of Land Management land and provided MSSSI with a long-term lease at the drag strip's current site.

Organizers say preparations for the new season have involved significant volunteer support and cooperation from numerous local agencies and organizations, including Fallon Public Works, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, Fallon Police Department, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Churchill County Search and Rescue, Fallon/Churchill Fire Department, and Banner

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for young Nevadans to showcase their dedication and talent.

More information, including sponsorship and vendor opportunities, is available at statefair.nv.gov. Questions can be directed to statefair@agri.nv.gov or 775-353-3601.

STATE FAIR AT A GLANCE

Dates: June 11–13, 2026

Location: Nevada State Fairgrounds

Admission:

June 11: \$12 children, \$15 adults (includes Caleb Montgomery concert)

June 12–13: \$7 children, \$10 adults

Churchill Community Hospital EMS.

Ed Keefe, treasurer for TOPGUN Drag Strip, said he is eager to share the completed work with the public. "We look forward to the community coming out to the track and watching some great racing," he said.

The first races of the season are scheduled for Friday, May 15, beginning at 8 a.m., and Saturday, May 16, beginning at 7 a.m. Readers can stay up to date on upcoming races each week through The Fallon Post community calendar.

Additional tickets required for select events All-inclusive weekend wristbands available

Featured Events:

Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale
UNR Extension 4-H State Expo
Next Generation Youth Bull Riding
Governor's Livestock Sale of Champions
Made in Nevada farmers market
Walking tour of Nevada
Drone show

Local food and art vendors
Carnival rides and exhibits

More Information: statefair.nv.gov statefair@agri.nv.gov 775-353-3601



PETS OF THE WEEK

Buddy is Available for Adoption

Buddy, a 3-year-old pit bull mix, is looking for a permanent home. Animal shelter staff describe him as cautious at first but quick to show a friendly, affectionate side once he feels comfortable.

Buddy should be the only dog in the household. He does not get along with other dogs, and his compatibility with cats is unknown.

He would do well with an adopter who is patient, active, and willing to continue his training. Animal shelter staff describe him as a loyal dog who forms strong bonds and thrives with structure and routine.

Buddy is available for adoption now. For more information or to meet him, contact the shelter to schedule a visit.



Meet Chloe

Chloe is a beautiful 1-year-old gray tuxedo cat searching for a calm, patient home to call her own. She can be a little shy at first, but with time and gentle reassurance, her sweet personality shines through.

Chloe gets along well with other cats and would thrive in a peaceful home where she can settle in at her own pace. Once she feels comfortable, she enjoys playtime, gentle pets and soaking up affection from the people she trusts.

This gentle girl is ready to trade shelter life for cozy naps, quiet companionship and a family of her very own.



Questions? Call 775-217-4745

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada.

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FEATURES

A Broadway Revue

A Celebration of Local Talent Taking Center Stage

On May 9, the Performing Arts of Churchill County debuted its new show, “A Broadway Revue,” in Yerington. Instead of a traditional musical, the performance showcases a collection of well-known numbers from Broadway classics, including songs from “Chicago,” “My Fair Lady,” “Les Misérables,” “Annie,” and “Oklahoma!,” among others. The show comes to Fallon’s theater on May 15 at 7 p.m., and May 16 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Director Tom Fleming said the idea for “A Broadway Revue” had been discussed for years as a way to highlight a wide range of performers and talents. “With all this extraordinary talent in our community, we’ve often mulled over the idea of doing a Broadway revue — something that will let so many people shine as they do what they love so much,” Fleming said.

The project officially came together after PACC performed “Pump Boys and Dinettes” at the Dini Cultural Center in Yerington last year, where the group was invited to return for another show. Soon after, Yerington added “A Broadway Revue” to its event schedule.

Cast members shared their appreciation for community theater and their thoughts on the production. Cast member Michael Perrazzo described performing “Mr. Cellophane” as a highlight of the show, saying, “My highlight in this show is performing ‘Mr. Cellophane,’ a song about how no one notices me. The irony of it is I’m performing this number on an empty stage — no set, no extras, just me.”

Cast member Adia Finch shared why community theater matters to her. “It’s so much more than just singing songs and performing a scene,” she said. “Collectively we work to bring joy to our audience, use our talents for good, inspire others, express feelings, and share stories.”

Longtime performer Byron Sorenson, now 75, reflected on growing up in Fallon’s encouraging theater community and said one of the highlights of the production has been working alongside younger performers. “A highlight for me is the refreshing vitality of the youth in our community! They are so polite and kind and smart and fun,” he said. “Everyone reaches out to help me keep performing. I hope, as they see me at 75 still banging away on the piano and singing my heart out, they can do likewise!”



Eliza Doolittle and her street friends from “My Fair Lady” singing “Wouldn’t It Be Lovely.” Photo courtesy of David Ernst.

Kelli Kelly Honored as Outstanding Graduate



Kelli Kelly, Fallon resident and executive director of the Fallon Food Hub, recognized by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as one of six Outstanding Graduates. Photo courtesy of UNLV.

Staff Report

Six out of 3,700 students were recognized this week by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) as Outstanding Graduates, including Fallon’s own Kelli Kelly, who is graduating with a master’s degree in urban leadership next weekend.

One of the most proud and enduring commencement traditions at UNLV is for the president to recognize a select group of outstanding graduates who encapsulate the absolute heights of achievement that all Rebels are truly capable of.

UNLV grad student Kelli Kelly embodies the phrase, “Put your money where your mouth is” daily through her work. She is a nonprofit leader, small-business advisor, and researcher who has raised millions of dollars in Nevada’s fight against rural and tribal food insecurity and has spent countless hours studying or advocating for related policies and laws.

Kelli maintained a near-perfect GPA while pursuing her master’s in urban leadership, with an eye on food systems policy, governance, emergency preparedness, and real-world problem solving.

She contributed to statewide food insecurity research for the Guinn Center, co-authored a forthcoming white paper on state-level food systems policy, and helped educate the public via media interviews on related topics.

Kelli juggled coursework with multiple day jobs.

As executive director of the Fallon Food Hub, she secured \$1.25 million in funding to prevent farm closures; significantly ramped up growers’ connections with businesses and consumers looking to buy fresh food; and distributed 105,000 pounds of food to 3,500 households, including tribal communities. She also dedicated countless hours to supporting local entrepreneurs as a Nevada Small Business Development Center advisor, helping launch 40 new ventures.

Her leadership extends to system-level change as well. Kelli led the development of the Nevada Assembly Bill 352, which was unanimously adopted and expanded sales limits for cottage food operations.

And she’s not done. Kelli continues to serve in multiple governance and advisory roles across Nevada’s food and economic development ecosystem and is currently developing a regional toolkit to support municipal planning in Southern Nevada.

Kelly joins five of her classmates in this honor, including a physician-scientist striving to make eye conditions a thing of the past; a first-generation immigrant dedicated to serving vulnerable populations; a geoscientist seeking solutions to water scarcity; a student-athlete with a penchant for gaming mathematics; a small-business advocate combating food insecurity; and a researcher spearheading a variety of initiatives to help children and seniors. This spring’s six honorees have shown not only book smarts but also street smarts as they help improve their communities and their education.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

Data Processing

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County’s data processing department oversees the technology systems and infrastructure used across county offices, including computers, servers, software, website management, and network systems.

During the February budget hearing, Joe Sanford explained that many of the department’s budget increases are due to routine software contract increases, as well as costs related to website maintenance and ongoing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance efforts. Some of those expenses are connected to software purchased last year that will now require continued annual funding.

Sanford explained that while \$252,000 had originally been budgeted for computers and printers during the 2024-25 fiscal year, only about \$53,000 was ultimately spent. According to Sanford, some purchases were delayed to help with the transition to Windows 11 and to avoid buying equipment



that would immediately require upgrades. However, those delays also meant some county computers were in service longer than intended. The proposed budget now includes approximately \$180,000 to bring county computers up to a five-year replacement schedule, representing an increase of about \$86,000 over the current year’s budget.

Sanford also recommended increasing the repairs and maintenance line item from \$1,000 to \$20,000, noting that the county had already spent roughly \$18,000 this year replacing a critical firewall system. He explained that major technology failures, like server outages, can cost around \$8,000 per replacement. Commissioners also discussed ensuring the budget could cover essential systems used

by departments, including the Sheriff’s Office and E911 services. Sanford noted that while some specialized systems have separate funding sources, the repairs and maintenance budget is meant to help cover unexpected failures across most county offices.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon Homeschooler Part of Winning Chess Team

Staff Report

A local homeschool girls chess team has made Nevada scholastic chess history, earning its third consecutive Nevada State Girls Scholastic Chess Team Championship title.

Team members Kora Ostertag, Acadia Holve, Alora Holve, and Allisyn Flower competed against schools from across Nevada, including public and private programs from kindergarten through 12th grade.

According to Coach Eric Ostertag, the accomplishment was especially remarkable given the small size of the homeschool team, which consisted of just four players.

Of special note was Fallon student Allisyn Flower, who began playing scholastic chess only a few weeks before the Northern Nevada qualifier tournament. Despite being new to competitive chess, Flower played an important role in helping the team advance to the state championship and contributed key victories during the title run.

The team also recognized Coach Anastasia and Coach Eric Ostertag for their years of leadership, preparation, and encouragement.

“This historic championship is a celebration not only of another state title, but also of the teamwork, discipline, and perseverance behind it,” Ostertag said.

The championship marks the team’s third straight state title and another milestone for the young players, who represented their community with skill, focus, and sportsmanship throughout the season.



Members of the homeschool girls chess team pose with their state championship trophy after winning their third consecutive Nevada State Girls Scholastic Chess Team title.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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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, May 18

Chicken Enchilada w/Salsa Verde
Ranch Style Beans
Buttered Corn
FF Strawberry Yogurt
Fruit Juice

Tuesday, May 19

Tuna Casserole WW Pasta
Baby Peas
Three Bean Salad
WW Roll
Fruit Cocktail

Wednesday, May 20

Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich
Red Potato Mashers
Garden Salad
Roasted Vegetables
Oatmeal Cookie

Thursday, May 21

Pesto Chicken
Florentine Penne
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Strawberries
WW Roll

Friday, May 22

Fried Shrimp
French Fries
Creamy Coleslaw
Garden Salad
Pineapple Tidbits

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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, May 18

Smothered Pork Chops
Smashed Sweet Potatoes & Veggies

Thursday, May 21

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Veggies & Dessert

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

Hot Dogs and Chips (To Go)

Thursday, May xx

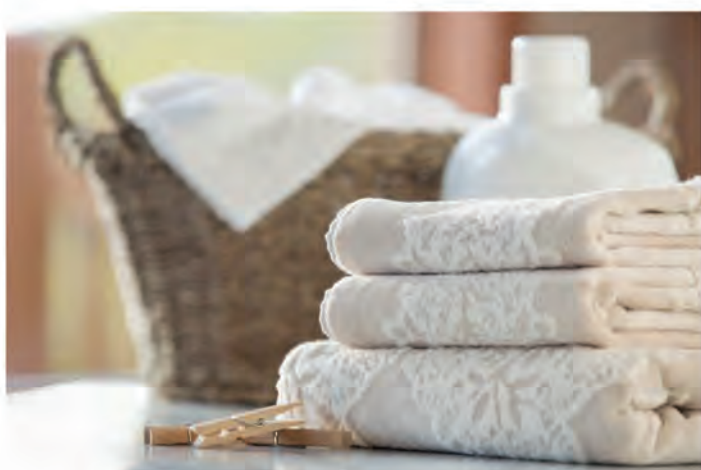
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Salad & Dessert

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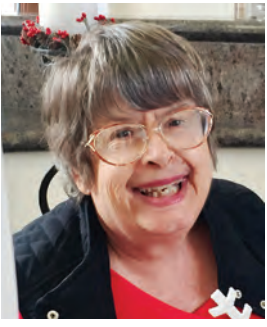
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Approvals based on home assessments.

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OBITUARIES



CONNIE (CONSTANCE) MAFFI
March 22, 1954 – May 5, 2026

Connie (Constance) Maffi was born on March 22, 1954, to Stephen and Marylou Maffi. It was a struggle for her to enter into this world, which left her with some lifelong challenges.

Though faced with developmental delays, Connie lived a life that taught everyone around her the true meaning of happiness, resilience, and compassion.

She and her two older siblings, Martin and Arlyn Maffi, grew up in Fallon with their parents. They enjoyed living in town and on a ranch. Later, Connie became a big sister when her younger sister, Lynn Maffi Strasdin, was born.

Connie was close to her parents and siblings and also had an extended family (the Deals and the Scholzs) that she was very involved with throughout her life. Her love, humor, and spunk will be forever cherished by her family.

Connie was a people person and seemed to make connections wherever she went. She made many lifelong friends over the years in Fallon. Her life was blessed by these special relationships and bonds.

Connie found happiness in the simple things — taking care of her pet cats, making cards, crafting, decorating her room, spending time with family, listening to music, watching movies and TV (The Partridge Family), and traveling.

Connie happily lived with her parents most of her life. In later years, she moved into a SLA group home and absolutely thrived, enjoying many new relationships and gaining many skills. The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff at her group home and to the many wonderful people in the Fallon community who have friended her throughout her entire life.

She passed away peacefully on May 5, 2026, with a loving group surrounding her. She will be greatly missed, but what a joy she brings to life on the other side.

She is survived by her sister Arlyn Maffi; sister Lynn Maffi Strasdin (David); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen and Marylou Maffi, and her brother, Martin Maffi (Linda).

A rosary service will be held on Thursday evening, May 14, at 7 p.m. at The Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon. A funeral Mass will be held on May 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fallon, with a graveside service immediately following. The family invites everyone to a luncheon reception after, in the parish hall at St. Patrick's.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to FAWG, CAPS, or Special Olympics to honor her memory.

DANNY LEWIS
May 12, 1953 – May 7, 2026

DANNY LEWIS was born May 12, 1953, in Grand Junction, Colorado, to Rita and Ernie Lewis and passed away May 7, 2026, just days before his 73rd birthday.

The family moved to Moab, Utah, when Danny was a small child, then later relocated to Ventura and Palmdale, California.

In 1968, Ernie's work brought the family to Fallon, where Danny had resided ever since.

Danny's interests took him to the outdoors for hunting, motorcycles, and classic cars.

He loved his dogs and always had a pup or two. Danny liked to join organizations and was a member of the Hurricams Car Club and Stillwater Firearms.



He would also lead the Toy Run parades through town on his motorcycle dressed as Santa. For the Senior Stocking Stuffer, he would ride his Harley through the halls of Highland Manor to the delight of the seniors.

Danny attended Churchill County High School and graduated with the class of '72. He stayed in touch with many of his classmates throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Dan Allen. He is survived by his wife, Patsy; sisters, Carol (Roy) and Janice (Mike); and stepsons, Jim and Scott Stacey; and pugs, Adele and Cher, as well as many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



LAVINA RAE "BONNIE" BALDWIN KELLERER
June 2, 1942 – April 22, 2026

Lavina Rae "Bonnie" Baldwin Kellerer returned to her heavenly home on April 22, 2026, after a lengthy illness.

Lavina, affectionately known as "Bunny" by her family, was born in Schurz, Nevada, to Lavinus and Mathilda "Tillie" Graham Baldwin on June 2, 1942. She attended schools in Schurz and Fallon, graduating in 1960. Bonnie enjoyed singing and was a member of the Glee Club, and she was also active in Future Homemakers of America.

Bonnie was an enrolled member of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

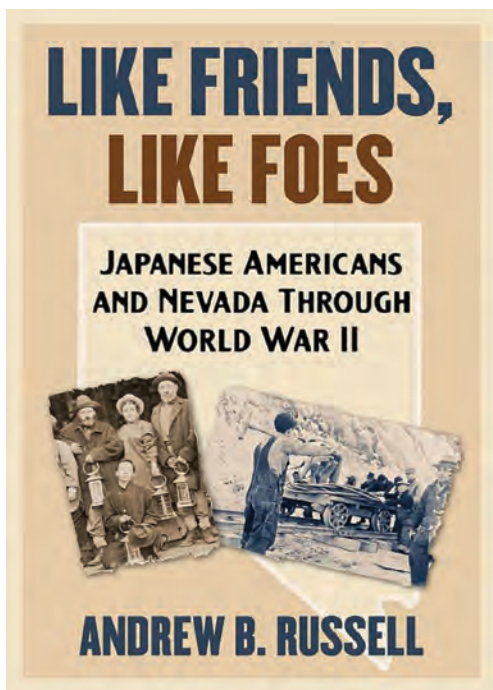
As a young woman, Bonnie moved to Reno, Nevada, where she met and married Ralph Kellerer of Reno. Ralph was a member of the United States Armed Forces, and soon he and Bonnie transferred to a base near Charleston, South Carolina, where their children, Cynthia and Ralph, were born.

Bonnie's husband, Ralph, passed away in 1982, and shortly after, Bonnie and her children returned to the Reno area. She later became employed by Washoe Medical, where she worked until her retirement. Bonnie enjoyed the peace and quiet of her home in Sun Valley, visits from her family, and the company of her friend, Beverly Oler, a companion of more than forty years and later her caregiver.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; her son; her brothers Ernest, Irvin, Kevin, and Leland Baldwin; her sister, Mary (Baldwin) Brady; and sisters-in-law Marie (Geoff) Baldwin, Gayle (Robert) Baldwin, and Amelia Marie Smith (Stanley), as well as a brother-in-law, Robert O'Daye.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia, and three grandchildren; her brothers Stanley, Robert, and Tony (Elaine) Baldwin of Fallon, Nevada; Geoff Baldwin of Grants Pass, Oregon; her sisters Rebecca (Pete) Shumpert of Prosperity, South Carolina, and Ramona O'Daye of Reno, Nevada; and sisters-in-law Joann Jim (Irvin) and Donna (Ernest) Baldwin of Fallon, Nevada, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial will take place at a later date.



Museum to Host WWII Book Event

Staff Report

The Churchill County Museum will host a special book event on Saturday, May 16, at 2 p.m. featuring author Andy Russell and his new book "Like Friends Like Foes," which examines the Japanese American experience in Nevada during World War II.

Russell will be joined by Masa Kito Fujitani, whose family lived in the region during the war years and whose personal history connects directly

to the themes explored in the book. The program will include a discussion and audience Q&A.

Copies of "Like Friends Like Foes" will be available for purchase at the event, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Churchill County Museum Association. The book is also available through the University of Nevada Press.

The museum encourages community members to attend and learn more about this chapter of Nevada history.

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day

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

Bark in the Park 5K

Churchill Animal Protection Society
Churchill County Fairgrounds
May 16 at 7:30 a.m.

Oasis Academy Graduation

Oasis Academy
Rafter 3C Arena
May 20 at 6 p.m.

CCHS Graduation

Churchill County High School
Edward Arciniega Athletic Complex CCHS
June 5 at 7 p.m.

A Broadway Revue

Performing Arts of Churchill County
Oats Park Art Center
May 15 at 7 p.m. and May 16 at 1 and 7 p.m.

Armed Forces Day Poker Run

American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Hall
May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Plant Bingo

Churchill County Parks and Recreation
255 E. Stillwater Ave.
May 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Boots and Britches

Boots and Britches Horse Club
Rafter 3C Event Complex
June 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Street Fair

Fallon Churchill Fire Department
Carson St. in front of the firehouse
May 15 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Tri Tip Dinner

Elks Lodge
93 West Center St.
May 16, Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Karaoke at 7 p.m.

Beginner Gift Wrapping

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
May 28 at 3 p.m.

Queen of Hearts Barrel Race

Queen of Hearts
Rafter 3C Event Complex
June 12 - 14

Inaugural Spring Clinic

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

WNC Graduation

Western Nevada College
Rafter 3C Arena
May 20 at 10 a.m.

Brewing Up Business

Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association
Rush Coffee & Rhythm Tap House
May 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fallon PRCA Rodeo

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
Fairview Arena
June 16 - 17

Pitch Hit & Run Skills Competition

Fallon Elks Lodge
Oats Park
May 16 at 9 a.m.

The Power of Transforming Triggers into Teachers

Heart 2 Heart Women's Circle
1676 W. Williams Ave.
May 20 at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

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City of Fallon
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May 29 at 12 p.m. to May 30 at 10 p.m.



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COMMUNITY

Fallon Theater Continues Renovations

By Sydney Trainor

On April 28, the Fallon Theatre held its annual sustaining members meeting, providing members with an update on recent improvements and upcoming projects. The meeting is held for sustaining members who donate monthly or annually to help support the theater. Memberships are available for individuals, couples, and families, and include benefits such as discounted movie tickets and concession perks.

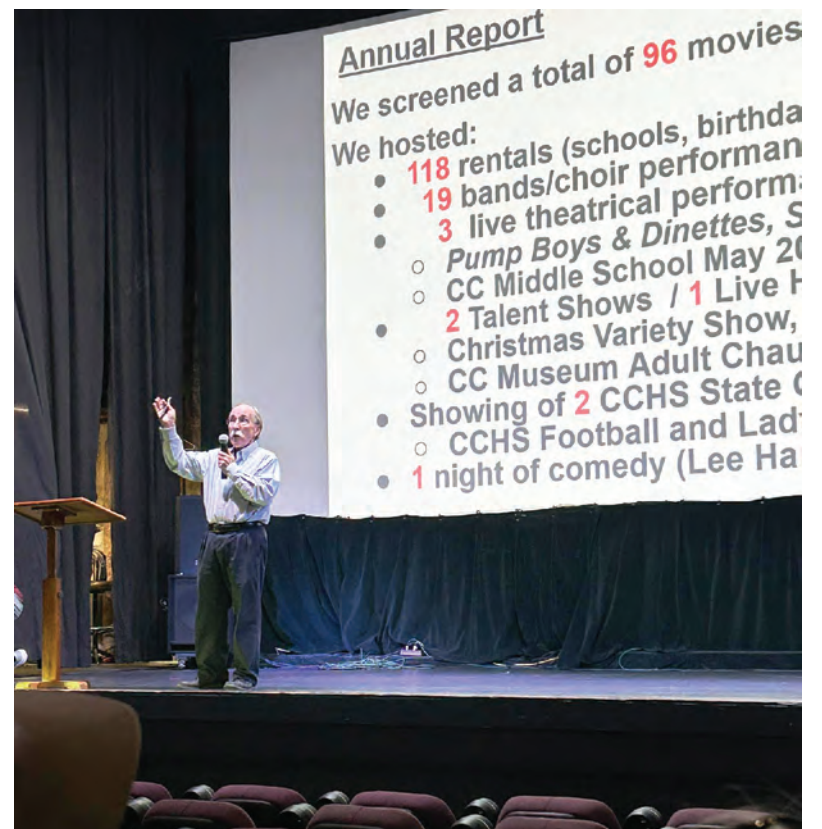
Several major projects were completed over the past year, including a large seating upgrade in the lower theater. Last fall, the theater traveled to Mesquite, Nevada, where they acquired over 250 movie theater chairs from a theater that had gone out of business. These seats include built-in drink holders and were installed with additional space to improve comfort for moviegoers, especially taller guests.

The theater also recently installed two new laser-powered digital projectors, made in Belgium and installed by a technician from Los Angeles. The projectors provide improved picture quality and are expected to have a lifespan of roughly 20,000 hours.

Another improvement included renovations to the theater's heating and cooling system. New mini-split units were installed in the entryway, concession area, and upper theater, improving the building's climate control system.

Looking ahead, the theater plans to apply for a grant through Nevada's State Historic Preservation Office to help renovate seating in the upper theater. Proposed upgrades include replacing the flooring and reconfiguring seating to provide the same level of comfort now available in the lower theater.

The Fallon Theatre was built 105 years ago and opened on Dec. 30, 1920. According to Dr. Stuart Richardson, president of the nonprofit Fallon Community Theatre Inc., "It's the longest-running, continuously open theater in the state of Nevada." The building was designed by architect Frederick DeLongchamps, one of Nevada's most famous architects. He designed 30 buildings in Fallon alone, as well as courthouses throughout the state, including the Lovelock courthouse.



Dr. Stuart Richardson reports to attendees during the annual sustaining members meeting Monday, April 28, 2026. Photo courtesy of Bill Post.

Banner Churchill Community Hospital to Launch Robotic Surgery in August

Photos and story by Nancy Chapman

Banner Churchill Community Hospital will begin offering robotic-assisted surgery in August, marking a major expansion of advanced medical services for rural patients who previously had to travel to Reno for many procedures. The hospital showcased its newly acquired da Vinci Xi robotic surgical system on May 8 during Nurses Week.

Built in 1996, the hospital has long served as a regional medical hub, and leaders say the new technology represents a significant investment in Fallon, Churchill County, and surrounding communities, including Fernley, Hawthorne, Lovelock, Silver Springs, and areas across Lyon County.

Banner Health is upgrading its surgical robot fleet across its six-state system as part of its nonprofit mission to reinvest in patient care. The da Vinci Xi system will support minimally invasive gynecologic and abdominal procedures, offering greater precision, smaller incisions, less pain, and shorter recovery times.



Martha Juarez of Banner Churchill Community Hospital sits at the console of the da Vinci Xi robotic surgical system as Connor Chappell, a representative with the robotic surgical system, looks on. Photo credit: Theresa Barrencea.



da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgical System is displayed at Banner Churchill Community Hospital during a May 8 demonstration. Photo courtesy of Nancy Chapman.

"This is a significant step forward for health care in our region," said Robert Carnahan, chief executive officer of Banner Churchill Community Hospital. "Bringing this level of technology to Fallon means more patients can receive advanced surgical care without having to travel to Reno. It helps us keep our care local, reduces the need for transfers, and ensures our community has access to high-quality surgical options closer to home."

Carnahan said the technology will also allow the hospital to perform a wider range of procedures, relieve capacity pressures in Reno-area hospitals, and support long-term provider recruitment.

Thomas McCormick, MD, a general surgeon at Banner Churchill, said the system enhances what the surgical team can offer locally. "We are always looking for ways to grow our skills and bring the best possible care to our patients," he said. "Having this technology allows us to continue advancing what we can offer right here in Fallon."

The da Vinci Xi system will support OB/GYN providers and general surgeons, including Karen Rodeffer-Evans, MD; Rick Garcia, MD; Ralph Narinedhat, MD; James Zubernis, MD; and McCormick.

Carnahan added that Banner Health's investment helps attract and retain providers who want to work in an innovative environment, ultimately benefiting patients and the future of health care in the community.

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BUSINESS

The Green Goddess Collective is in Full Swing



Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

The Green Goddess Collective kicked off its third year with the outdoor Street Style Market on May 3, featuring a popular seedling sale and local vendors along Maine Street in Fallon. The event marked the start of the 2026 growing season in Northern Nevada and is one of the collective's favorite annual gatherings. Readers can experience Green Goddess goods every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at 448 South Maine Street through October.

Whimsy's Craft Boutique Reopens on South Maine



Owner Carol Leanza cuts the ribbon on Wednesday, May 6, during the grand re-opening of Whimsy's Craft Boutique at its new location at 25 South Maine Street in downtown Fallon. She was joined by members of the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, local vendors, and staff from Domestic Violence Intervention as the shop celebrated its expanded space and renewed commitment to community-centered creativity. Whimsy's, originally founded as Whimsical Practicality, Inc. by Leanza's father 12 years ago, continues the family's mission of helping people create memorable events through custom cakes, jewelry, yarn, hair accessories, car coasters, and a wide range of handmade gifts from multiple makers. The boutique also hosts instructional classes in painting, crocheting, and other crafts, with upcoming events listed on whimsysnv.com. Current hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Photo by Christina Rodarte.

New Businesses

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Trucking
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Heidi Vanderhoef
Tallow skincare and soap
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Amber Cramer, LLC
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Clayton Licensing
Manufactured Home Set Up
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Highway 50 Garage LLC
Shane Smith, Mobile Mechanic
5350 Toyon Drive

DNC Enterprises LLC
DBA: Battle Born Ice Cream
David Colburn, Ice Cream Truck
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Mobile RV Medics LLC
Shealene French
Mobile RV Repair
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Churchill County Board of Commissioners Updates

By Sydney Trainor

On May 7, the Churchill County Board of Commissioners approved a series of major actions affecting employee insurance costs, county staffing structures, and long-term land conservation, while also adopting the countywide compensation study that will guide pay adjustments next fiscal year.

Commissioners first approved the 2026 employee insurance package after the county faced a proposed 31% increase in medical premiums due to rising claims. The Insurance Advisory Committee recommended keeping Cigna for medical coverage and shifting dental and vision plans to Kansas City Life. The final package includes about a 5.7% increase for medical coverage, along with lower dental and vision costs. Commissioners thanked staff for negotiating reductions and improving provider access.

The board also approved Resolution 7-2026, establishing a new capital projects fund to track grant revenue and expenses tied to future projects funded through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA). Comptroller Sherry Wideman said the fund ensures accurate accounting and alignment with state reporting requirements. During public comment, resident John Morton requested more detailed public information showing how funds and taxes connected to new programs are being used.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery presented

updates to the county’s investment policy, which had not been revised since 2022. She said the changes reflect updates to Nevada Revised Statutes governing public investments, clarify definitions, and incorporate recommendations from the county’s investment advisors. The board approved the revisions unanimously.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford delivered the second reading of proposed updates to county fire board and fire department ordinances. The revisions include gender-neutral language, clarified budget responsibilities, and updated fire marshal qualifications and duties. The board unanimously adopted the changes as Bill 2026B / Ordinance 8.

Human Resources Director Joe Sanford presented a proposal to retitle an existing chief deputy criminal position to assistant district attorney. He said the change updates the title of an existing role rather than creating a new position. Commissioners discussed potential impacts on salary alignment under the county’s compensation study before approving the change, effective July 7, 2026.

The board also approved restructuring within the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office. Three deputy clerk positions will be renamed and reclassified to better reflect current duties, including the creation of Treasurer Accounting Specialist positions and reassigning one employee as Deputy Clerk to the Board. The changes take effect July 7, 2026.

Commissioners approved a sending site application from the Robert and Tina Doty Family Trust for 168 acres of agricultural land on Pasture Road and Norcutt Lane. The property qualified for 229 transferable development rights (TDRs), and both the Sending Site Review Committee and Planning Commission had recommended approval.

Under letters received, commissioners acknowledged a notice from the Nevada Division of Water Resources confirming updated ownership records for water rights Permit 60756 following a Report of Conveyance processed in February.

Two additional conservation easement agreements were approved. The Peel property, totaling 193.9 acres with 155.32 acres of water rights, had previously faced title complications following the death of Arthur Peel. Staff clarified that approval authorizes the agreement but does not finalize recording. The second agreement, involving C&A Rentals LLC, covers 72.53 acres with 58.27 acres of water rights and had already completed the sending site and appraisal process. Both agreements and their associated TDRs were approved unanimously.

Commissioners also adopted the countywide compensation study completed by Baker Tilly, including updated pay grades and an implementation plan for the next fiscal year. Discussion focused on recruitment, retention, and pay adjustments across county departments.

The next meeting will be held May 20 at 8:15 a.m.

Churchill County Sheriff’s Office Installs License Plate Reader Near Walmart

Staff Report

The Churchill County Sheriff’s Office has installed a new automated license plate reader, or ALPR, near Walmart as part of an effort to improve public safety and assist law enforcement investigations.

According to a statement from the Sheriff’s Office, the Motorola camera system captures images of license plates on vehicles traveling on public roadways and compares them against databases tied to criminal investigations and public-safety alerts.

The system can notify law enforcement if a vehicle is associated with an Amber Alert, Silver Alert, stolen-vehicle report, missing-person case or wanted-suspect investigation.

Sheriff’s officials emphasized that the system is intended strictly for legitimate law-enforcement purposes and focuses on vehicle data rather than personal information.

“The ALPR only captures license plate numbers and basic vehicle

information,” the Sheriff’s Office said. “It helps officers quickly identify vehicles connected to crimes, improving response times and public safety.”

The agency also addressed privacy concerns, noting that the technology does not access private driver information or track individuals beyond what is visible from a public roadway. Officials compared the system to observations an officer could make from a patrol vehicle while on duty.

“We understand that privacy is important,” the statement said. “Our goal is simple: enhance public safety while respecting the rights of everyone in our community.”

Automated license plate readers are increasingly being used by law enforcement agencies nationwide to help locate stolen vehicles, identify suspects and support emergency alerts involving missing or endangered individuals.

The Churchill County Sheriff’s Office encouraged residents with questions about the system to contact the Sheriff’s Office for additional information.

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COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, May 5, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

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 in March.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer requested probation with an additional 60 days in jail for his client, explaining that when Lee was arrested for the offense, he was at the Sheriff's Office registering, although late. Sommer said the defendant would like to enter a treatment program, and the defense is working to secure placement; however, the process is more difficult because Lee is a sex offender.

Judge Stockard continued the case to July 7 to allow the defense time to obtain a bed date. Stockard noted he is not guaranteeing probation by doing so.

Autumn Nicole Castleberry, in custody, admitted to a technical sentencing violation for testing positive for marijuana. Judge Stockard noted a Motion to Amend had been filed pertaining to marijuana and denied the motion.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills asked for the maximum revocation allowed by law, stating, "What we have here is frankly gross dishonesty to the division [Parole & Probation], outrageous dishonesty to the division."

Defense Attorney Charles Woodman told the court that many people today, including his client, use marijuana as a stabilizer. "Outside of the criminal justice system, which she is in and which she acknowledges, it's not even illegal anymore." He said Castleberry now understands it is not permitted. Woodman stated the defendant has been off methamphetamine for 20 months, has maintained the same job for more than a year, and has continued making restitution payments.

Responding to Mills' statement, Woodman said, "So 'gross dishonesty.' Since Your Honor put her on probation, it's almost the opposite of that." He expressed concern that if Castleberry remained in custody any longer, she would likely lose her employment and be unable to continue making restitution payments. Woodman asked the court "to let it be lesson learned, and get herself back to the stable life that she's been able to build the last couple of years."

Castleberry apologized to the court and said she has struggled with drug addiction for 25 years. "I'm not perfect; but I'm trying to learn how to be a better person," she said.

Judge Stockard revoked Castleberry's probation for 12 days and awarded 12 days of credit for time served. Stockard made clear she is not permitted to use marijuana under any circumstances and ordered GPS monitoring for 180 days.

David Steven Haskin, in custody, appeared for sentencing on two charges: the gross misdemeanor of Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and the Category B felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, a Third or Subsequent Offense. Haskin pleaded guilty to both charges in March.



Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the court that an application for diversion was filed on March 3 and that the State has no objection to the defendant applying for and participating in the DUI Diversion program. She did note Haskin had previously been allowed into diversion, but only attended twice.

At Judge Stockard's request, Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reviewed Haskin's lengthy Court Services history, which included numerous positive tests and missed tests.

Baker said that when Haskin first began participating in the DUI Diversion program, inpatient treatment had been recommended, but obtaining placement was difficult because of his health and insurance issues. She noted the program did not determine that he was ineligible.

Defense Attorney Charles Woodman began by stating, "I don't know how many times, Your Honor, Court Services has to spend that much time reporting on a history. Not very often." He said his client would agree that while some of the compliance issues reported by Ingram had valid explanations, others did not. Woodman reminded the court that Haskin has Stage IV cancer and missed a treatment appointment the previous week while in custody, despite transportation arrangements having been made.

Woodman argued that if his client were placed in the DUI Diversion program, "he is being set up to fail," and suggested Haskin instead stipulate to withdraw the application for diversion. He concluded, "I would simply ask the court to look at something in the low range on sentencing."

Haskin told Judge Stockard, "I'm sick, Your Honor." On the gross misdemeanor charge, Judge Stockard sentenced Haskin to 33 days in jail and awarded 33 days of credit for time served. On the felony DUI charge, Stockard sentenced Haskin to 19-60 months in prison and imposed a \$2,000 fine. Haskin was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD



Hunter Hughes shows off his copy of "The Wednesday Wars" during independent reading time in Torri Conley's class at CCMS.



Students in Kristina McFadden's class participate in a "Mining for coal" activity while learning about nonrenewable resources and Nevada's mining history.



Henna Zeika Quiroz and Tashunka Yellowhorse identify phonics patterns within words and tap out the sounds during a literacy lesson at Lahontan Elementary School.

CCHS

The Greenwave Games program is hosting two upcoming family-friendly events and invites students and community members of all ages and skill levels to participate. The Greenwave Games Release Party will be held May 15 in the CCHS Vocational Building (V-11) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to play newly released games created by the high school game development classes. The event is open to the public and encourages community members to experience student-designed interactive projects firsthand.

Registration is also open for the Alfalfa Arena Esports Tournament, scheduled for May 23. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., followed by competition at 9 a.m. The tournament will feature games including Mario Kart, Marvel Rivals, and more, using PlayVS tournament formats. A 100 percent payout prize pool will be awarded to the top three finishers. The event will also include food available through the CCHS Wave on Wheels culinary food truck, as well as a speed-run fundraiser. Registration must be completed by May 22, and the entry fee is \$10 per team, due on the day of the tournament. Only team captains are required to complete the registration form.

Additional information and registration are available at bit.ly/AlfalfaArenaRegister.

CCMS

Students in Torri Conley's class are reading several novels to end the school year. One featured book, "Zach's Lie," is set in Elko and gives students a chance to connect literature to their home state while following a suspenseful and meaningful story. Another is "The Wednesday Wars," one of Conley's favorite novels. Set in 1967 during the Vietnam War era, the story follows a seventh-grade student as he navigates middle school challenges, Shakespeare lessons, family expectations, and a changing world. These novels are helping students strengthen reading skills while exploring history, character development, and connections to their own lives.

NUMA

Students in Kristina McFadden's class recently participated in a "Mining for coal" activity that combined science and social studies learning. As part of a unit on nonrenewable resources, students explored how energy sources can eventually run out and gained a deeper understanding of resource consumption and environmental impact. The activity also helped students make

connections to Nevada's mining history and the role mining continues to play in the state's economy.

E.C. BEST

Christina Fruzza and Melissa Humphrey's second-grade students are incubating 12 chicken eggs as part of a unit on life cycles. Students have been tracking daily changes and creating timelines to document the developing embryos. On day nine, students participated in a candling activity to observe early development, where they were able to see visible veins and movement from the growing embryos. The chicks are expected to hatch on May 19.

LAHONTAN

First-grade students have been working with literacy specialist Katy Loop to strengthen their reading skills as the school year comes to a close. Students encountered unfamiliar words and identified phonics patterns before tapping out sounds to support decoding and fluency. This instructional approach helped build foundational literacy skills and student confidence. "It is important that students continue to practice their reading over the summer so that they continue to strengthen their reading skills as they move into the next grade level," Loop said.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JILLIANA MORALES

Having been part of Oasis Academy since first grade, Jilliana Morales has spent more than a decade learning and growing at the school.



Oasis Academy senior Jilliana Morales.

“I’ve met so many great teachers over the years who have helped me grow and learn, both in and out of the classroom,” she said. “All of the teachers I’ve known have been willing to help in any way they can, which I think is great.”

Some of Morales’ favorite memories center around friendships.

“My favorite memories from my time at Oasis are the moments I spent with my friends — whether it was during breaks, lunch, or class. They made school enjoyable and gave me something to look forward to,” she said.

Throughout high school, she remained actively involved on campus. She has been a member of Student Council all four years, serving as junior class treasurer and now as historian. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Along with receiving her high school diploma in May, Morales will earn her Associate of Science degree from Western Nevada College. While working toward her AS, she participated in college-level scientific research through the INBRE program at WNC.

“It was really fun being able to do real research (even if I didn’t understand everything fully at times), and it confirmed that I want to pursue something in the sciences in the future,” she said.

After graduation, Morales plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in biology and possibly minoring in microbiology. She hopes to work in pathology or medical research.

As she prepares for her next steps, Morales expressed gratitude for the mentors who supported her.

“I’d like to thank Mr. Andy Lenon for his guidance and assistance. He’s been incredibly helpful, especially with college and scholarships, and he’s always willing to listen. I’m really grateful for his support.”

Her advice to future students: “Your thoughts matter more than you think. If you’re constantly expecting failure, you’ll start acting like it’s already guaranteed. Be mindful of how you talk to yourself.”



Oasis Academy senior Beatriz Hallberg.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BEATRIZ HALLBERG

Beatriz Hallberg has been at Oasis since kindergarten and is grateful for the support she’s received.

“Throughout the years, I have been granted endless support. I’ve loved watching the school change and improve, and I’ve also enjoyed growing up with my classmates,” she said.

One of her favorite memories comes from middle school.

“My favorite memory was doing a hot cocoa stand project in eighth grade. I had fun hanging out with my friends while selling hot cocoa,” she said.

Hallberg stayed active in both academics and athletics. She participated in cheerleading her freshman year and later joined the cross-country team during her junior and senior years.

“During junior year, I got to travel to Las Vegas and compete in the state championships,” she said.

She also enjoyed leadership through Student Council.

“My favorite class was Student Council because I liked planning and attending events. I also had a lot of fun during the Disneyland trip,” she said.

Hallberg credits her teachers and coaches for helping her succeed.

“I would like to thank all my previous teachers at Oasis for teaching me to work hard and succeed. I would also like to thank my cross-country coach, Krista Smith, for pushing me to try my hardest and supporting me,” she said.

After graduating with both her high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College, Hallberg will begin her service with the Army National Guard. She will complete basic training and advanced job training, where she will learn to maintain and repair critical electronic equipment. She then plans to continue her education at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Her advice to younger students: “Time goes by faster than you think. Live in the moment, enjoy new experiences, and appreciate every second for what it is.”



Oasis Academy senior Benton Snow.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BENTON SNOW

Since starting at Oasis Academy in first grade, Benton Snow has appreciated the closeness he shares with his classmates.

“The thing I’ve enjoyed most is being close to the same group of kids the entire way through school,” he said.

Some of his favorite memories come from the golf course.

“My favorite memory is playing golf on the Ruby View course with Coaches Bradley Siebecker and David Halloran, Tyler Siebecker, Eli Jones, and Trevor Halloran. The course was good, the camaraderie was great, and it was the best day of Oasis Academy golf,” he said.

Inside the classroom, one experience stands out.

“My favorite class was history with Mr. David Springfield my freshman year because there were a lot of new students who weren’t at Oasis in elementary or middle school who were fun to get to know.”

Snow has been deeply involved in athletics. Over four years, he played golf and basketball for Oasis Academy and soccer for Churchill County High School, earning 10 varsity letters.

Outside of school, he has pursued aviation.

“I’ve been working on my private pilot’s license, having already completed my written test,” he said. He also enjoys snowboarding, wakeboarding, and raising a herd of cattle with his father.

Snow will graduate with both his high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College. This fall, he will attend the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in engineering.



Oasis Academy senior Victor Alaniz.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: VICTOR ALANIZ

Victor Alaniz is preparing to take the next step toward a hands-on career after graduation.

“My plans after graduation are to move to Long Beach, California, and learn collision and repair for automobiles,” he said.

His time at Oasis wasn’t always easy.

“At first, my time at Oasis was a little bumpy. I was just trying to figure out the rope. Eventually, I did, and I was finally comfortable,” he said.

Some of his favorite memories come from simple moments with friends.

“My favorite memories are when I would go to open lunch with my friends when I first transferred,” he said.

Alaniz played varsity soccer for Churchill County High School for four years.

He also discovered a passion for ceramics.

“I love pottery, especially making stuff you want, so when I joined ceramics, it was everything I wanted and more,” he said. His favorite piece is a teapot set made with dragon-fruit clay.

He credits those who pushed him to grow.

“I would like to thank everyone who knew I could be better and pushed me into doing it. All I had to do was put in the effort,” he said.

His advice to younger students: “Enjoy yourself and don’t take time for granted.”

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

7th/8th Graders Enjoy Their Just Desserts

By David Ernst

This past Friday, students and families spent a little extra time at pickup at Veritas Preparatory School thanks to the school’s second annual Pie-in-the-Face fundraiser and bake sale. Seventh- and eighth-grade students sacrificed their clean school uniforms — and their dignity — to the mercy of whipped cream pies. Baked goods were available by donation, while students paid \$5 for the chance to pie a teacher or classmate who had volunteered in advance.



Ali Echer pies a 7th/8th grade student during the fundraiser.

Students lined up in front of the school for the opportunity to pie their chosen student. Assistant headmaster Mr. Ernst also joined in the fun. The fundraiser was held to support the upcoming seventh- and eighth-grade trip to Key & Code Escape Rooms.

At Veritas, seventh- and eighth-grade students study logic as part of the curriculum. In preparation

for the trip, students have been completing a variety of logic puzzles to strengthen their critical and lateral thinking skills.

“This was my second year being pied, and this time I knew what to expect,” said eighth-grader Andrea Quiles. “Honestly, if I could get pied in the face as a career, I’d consider it.”

In total, the class raised more than \$600 — enough to cover lunch, transportation, and admission for their visit to the escape rooms.

Weekly Highlights at Logos Christian Academy

By Brenna Goings with photos courtesy of Logos.



LOGOS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EIGHTH GRADER ANDER FISHER’S REFLECTION:

What are you most proud of from your time at Logos Christian Academy? I am proud that I tried my best to get good grades, which paid off in the end.

What Bible Verse or spiritual lesson has impacted you the most? The most important thing was realizing that God is and will always be there for me.

What are you most excited about as you begin this next chapter? I am excited to meet new people.

Is there anything you would like to say to those who helped you through your journey? I want to say that my Eighth-grade teacher, who wasn’t even supposed to be my teacher, came and taught my class. She helped me with a lot. I am grateful to have this person in my life, and I hope they are glad too.

SPORTS

NIAA Removes Fallon Softball From Regional Tournament After Seclaring Players Ineligible

By Robert Perea

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association has removed the Churchill County High School softball team from the Northern 3A Regional Tournament bracket after it declared two players ineligible.

In a statement released May 6, the Churchill County School District said NIAA officials notified CCHS on May 5 that it removed the team from the tournament bracket, and the team will be required to forfeit all games the ineligible players participated in this season.

Fallon was scheduled to play Truckee Thursday morning, but was replaced in the bracket by Debbie Smith Academy, which Fallon beat in a best-of-three series on May 1 to begin the Northern 3A playoffs.

NIAA Executive Director Timothy Jackson, in a May 1 statement addressing the removal of two teams from the Southern 5A baseball bracket, said "Consistent with established practice and precedent, when teams are no longer eligible to advance in the postseason, they are removed from the bracket, and their opponents advance."

CCHS and the school district advocated for a reconsideration of the NIAA's ruling. NIAA had previously determined the players were eligible, but reversed that determination on May 5, saying players were ruled ineligible based on falsified records provided by family. NIAA informed the school district that there is no appeal process regarding eligibility decisions.

The district said the eligibility determination was unrelated to any actions by the school or its staff.

"They acted in accordance with the information they were provided, which indicated the players were eligible, and there was no reason to believe otherwise," the district said in the statement. "This is a disappointing outcome for our school and our community. We want to recognize our student-athletes for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. We are confident that they will return stronger next season and continue to find success in their softball endeavors. We remain proud of their efforts, dedication, and accomplishments throughout the season and will continue to support them moving forward."

Fallon Qualifies Five Individuals, Three Relays for State Swim Meet; Boys Place Second Team Standings

By Robert Perea

The Churchill County High School swim team qualified five individuals and three relay teams for the state meet, and the boys team finished second at last week's 3A Northern Region Meet at Moana Springs Community Aquatic Center in Reno.

The Greenwave boys scored 221 team points to place second behind Truckee, which scored 341 points.

The boys 400-yard freestyle relay team won the regional championship with a first-place finish in a time of 3:54.67.

Fallon had three second-place finishes. Kage Oyler was second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:07.21; William McLean came in second in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:08.91, and the boys 200-yard freestyle relay team was second with a time of 1:45.60.

Michael Liston placed third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 56.88, and the boys 200-yard medley relay team also placed third with a time of 1:57.48.

Brody Reynolds was the other individual state qualifier for the boys team, placing fourth in the

100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:12.98.

Barry Mitchell finished sixth in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:03.94 and seventh in the 50-yard freestyle in 27.45. Kasen Bullock placed sixth in the 200-yard freestyle at 2:18.49 and seventh in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:44.90.

For the girls, Miranda Reeder qualified for state in the 50-yard freestyle with a fourth-place finish in 28.38, and Lauryn Smith finished seventh in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 3:06.83.

As a team, the girls tied for eighth with Wooster with 27 points.

The 3A State Meet begins at 8:30 a.m., May 16, at the Pavilion Center Pool in Las Vegas.

STATE QUALIFIERS

- Boys 200-yard freestyle relay
- Boys 200-yard medley relay
- Boys 400-yard freestyle relay
- Kage Oyler 100-yard backstroke
- Michael Liston 100-yard freestyle
- William McLean 100-yard butterfly
- Brody Reynolds 100-yard breaststroke
- Miranda Reeder 50-yard freestyle

Zack Adams Signs With Taft College Baseball

Churchill County High School senior Zack Adams signed his letter of intent on May 5 to play baseball at Taft College, taking the next step in a Greenwave career shaped on Fallon fields.

Adams, a 6-foot-2 right-handed pitcher and corner infielder from the Class of 2026, announced his commitment to the California junior college in April. Taft later confirmed him as part of its 2026 recruiting class.

Around the program, Adams is known for his steady presence on the mound and at the corners, a reputation built through long practices, quiet consistency, and a team-first approach.

He will head to Taft, California, this fall to continue both his academic and athletic career with the Cougars.

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SPORTS

**Spotlight:
Bransyn Wright**



Fallon's Bransyn Wright stands atop the podium after winning the boys long jump at the Northern 3A Regional Championships at Reno High. Photo courtesy of Tiffany Wright.

Staff Report

Bransyn Wright, who has signed to compete in track and field at Eastern Washington University, will head into the Class 3A state championships as one of Churchill County's most versatile qualifiers after earning berths in two individual events and the boys 4x100-meter relay.

Wright won the Northern 3A Regional long jump title at 22 feet, 2¾ inches, and finished second in the high jump at 6-7 — a mark that broke the Churchill County High School record and extended a postseason run that has made him one of Fallon's most consistent point-producers. His performances secured spots in both events for next week's state meet in Las Vegas.

He also anchors the Greenwave's 4x100-meter relay alongside Nathaniel Bianchi, Dequan Wallace, and Wyatt Dixon. The quartet placed second at regionals in 44.16 seconds, continuing a spring in which the group has been one of Fallon's most reliable scoring units.

Around the program, Wright is known for his steady approach in high-pressure moments — the kind of athlete who can settle a relay exchange or squeeze out an extra inch on the runway when Fallon needs it. His range across events has made him a fixture in the lineup and a key piece of the Greenwave's postseason push.

Wright will compete in the long jump, high jump, and 4x100-meter relay at the Class 3A state championships May 15–16 at Hug High School.

Wright, Viera Win Individual Titles to Lead Greenwave at Regional Track Meet

By Robert Perea

Fallon senior Bransyn Wright and freshman Kinsley Viera delivered the top finishes for the Churchill County High School track and field team at the Northern 3A Regional Championships at Reno High last weekend, combining for two individual event titles and three state-qualifying marks. Wright also anchored the state-qualifying 4x100 relay.

Wright and Viera each posted their best results of the season to win their individual titles.

Wright beat his prelim jump by 17 inches to win the boys long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 2.75 inches. Viera won the shot put with her throw of 32-5.75, beating her prelim mark by more than three and a half feet.

Wright also placed second in the high jump with another personal best of 6-7 — a mark that broke the Churchill County High School record — and ran a leg of the 4x100 relay with Nathaniel Bianchi, Wyatt Dixon, and Dequan Wallace, finishing second with a time of 44.16 seconds.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for the 3A State Meet this Friday and Saturday at Hug High School.

The boys team finished eighth overall with 40.5 points. Wright accounted for 21 of those points with his two individual finishes and his share of the relay points.

In the 4x200 relay, Braydon Coldwell, Dixon, Bianchi, and Wright barely missed qualifying for state, placing fifth with a time of 1:34.00, which was 1.26 seconds behind the Spring Creek team that placed fourth.

Bianchi and Tajae Edie also came up just inches short of qualifying for state with fifth place finishes. Bianchi recorded his personal best of 20 feet, 9.5 inches in the long jump, but Jackson Letton of South Tahoe finished fourth at 21-04.25. Edie set his personal best of 12-6 in the pole vault, but Caine Saw-Wong

of Wooster and Hayden Feathersone of Truckee tied for third at 13-0.

Bianchi also placed seventh in the 300 hurdles in 42.54, and Wallace was eighth in the high jump at 5-2.

For the girls, Katelyn Glinka placed fifth in both throwing events. Her marks of 29-4 in the shot put and 98-7 in the discus were both personal bests. Viera was eighth in the discus with a throw of 84-2.

In the distance running events, Aubrey Strickland finished 10th in the 1600 in 6:02.64, and Casandra Hooper placed ninth in the 3200 in 13:32.65, a personal best.

STATE MEET CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: May 15–16

Location: Hug High School, Reno

Fallon Qualifiers:

- Bransyn Wright — Long jump, high jump, 4x100 relay
- 4x100 Relay — Nathaniel Bianchi, Wyatt Dixon, Dequan Wallace, Bransyn Wright
- Kinsley Viera — Shot put

Format: Top four from each regional advance

Notes: Wright enters state as the Northern 3A long jump champion and high-jump runner-up after breaking the Churchill County High School record with his 6-7 clearance.

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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

There are some meals that feel much more complicated than they actually are. The hoisin peanut shrimp with slaw recipe from New York Times Cooking falls squarely into that category. It delivers many of the flavors associated with fresh Vietnamese spring rolls and peanut dipping sauce, but without the soaking, wrapping, rolling, and inevitable tearing of rice paper wrappers across the kitchen counter.

Instead, everything arrives in a bowl. Shrimp. Crisp vegetables. Herbs. Peanut sauce. Bright acidity. Sweetness. Salinity. Heat. Texture. It scratches the same itch while being much more approachable for a weeknight dinner.

What makes the dish particularly interesting is how clearly it demonstrates one of the defining characteristics of Vietnamese cuisine: balance.

A lot of American cooking traditions tend to emphasize a dominant flavor. Richness. Salt. Smoke. Spice. Sweetness. Vietnamese food often works differently. The goal is usually harmony between contrasting elements rather than overwhelming intensity from any single direction.

IN ONE BITE, YOU MIGHT GET:

- Sweetness from hoisin or sugar
- Acidity from lime or vinegar
- Salinity from fish sauce or soy
- Heat from chiles
- Herbal freshness from mint or cilantro
- Crunch from raw vegetables
- Richness from peanuts

None of those flavors are accidental. They are designed to play against each other.

That balancing act is part of why dishes like fresh spring rolls feel so satisfying despite being relatively light. The palate stays interested because every bite shifts slightly. Herbs cool down spice. Acid cuts richness. Crunch offsets softness. Peanut sauce adds depth without becoming too heavy because lime and herbs keep everything moving.

This shrimp and slaw version captures much of that same experience. The slaw provides freshness and texture similar to the vegetables tucked into rice paper rolls. The peanut-hoisin sauce carries the familiar savory-sweet richness of a dipping sauce. Shrimp keeps the dish light enough that it still feels clean rather than weighed down.

It is also a reminder that "shortcut" versions of dishes are not necessarily lesser versions. Sometimes they are simply adaptations that preserve the core flavor experience while making the meal more practical for everyday cooking.

Vietnamese cuisine also tends to treat herbs differently than many American home cooks are accustomed to. Herbs are not merely garnish. Mint, cilantro, Thai basil, and green onion are often foundational components that contribute freshness and structure to a dish in the same way salt or acid might. When recipes like this work well, it is usually because they lean fully into those contrasts instead of treating vegetables and herbs as decorative afterthoughts.

And honestly, there is something liberating about getting all the flavor of spring rolls without turning your kitchen into a damp rice-paper assembly line.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup Chunky peanut butter
- 2/3 cup Hoisin sauce
- 2 Limes
- 3 Garlic cloves
- Salt
- 2 bags (12 oz-ish) of coleslaw blend or I used the Sweet Kale salad mix (brussels, broccoli, kale, cabbage, carrots, etc.)
- 4 Mini cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1-2 Jalapenos, thinly sliced
- 2 Packed cups of mixed herbs (cilantro, basil, mint, dill), plus more for garnish
- 2 lbs. Large shrimp, peeled, deveined, and patted dry
- 1/2 cup Fried onions or shallots

DIRECTIONS

Arrange a rack about 5" down from the broiler and turn on high. In a large bowl, stir together the peanut butter, 1/4 cup hoisin sauce, the lime zest and juice, and about 3 tbsp. of warm water. Finely grate 1 garlic clove into the mix, then season to taste with salt. To the bowl, add (but don't stir) the slaw or salad mix, cucumbers, a big pinch of salt, jalapeno, and the herbs.

On a foil-lined sheet pan, add the shrimp, remaining hoisin sauce, and a big pinch of salt. Finely grate the remaining 2 garlic cloves on top. Toss until well coated, then spread into a single layer. Broil until the shrimp are pink and just beginning to curl, 3-5 minutes.

Toss the slaw until combined, then top with the shrimp, fried onions, and more herbs. Serve right away!

Allison's Book Report: "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See

By Allison Diegel

The weather is warming up this week, reminding us all that summertime is coming. I look forward to lying outside in the hammock for hours with my book, just getting lost in a great story. This week, I have a recommendation for you that is definitely a story worth getting lost in.

Lisa See's "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" is a sweeping journey that transports readers from the remote, mist-shrouded mountains of Yunnan, China, to the bustling streets of modern-day California. At its heart, the novel is an exploration of the enduring bond between a mother and the daughter she is forced to give up, all while being steeped in the rich, earthy traditions of Pu-erh tea farming. The story begins with Li-yan, a young woman from the Akha ethnic minority group, whose life is governed by ancient customs and the seasonal rhythms of the tea harvest. When she gives birth to a daughter out of wedlock, the strict laws of her village demand a heartbreaking sacrifice. To save her child's life, Li-yan leaves her at an orphanage, wrapping her in a blanket with a hidden cake of rare Pu-erh tea, a silent promise of her heritage.

As the narrative unfolds, we follow two parallel paths: Li-yan's struggle to find her place in a rapidly modernizing China, and her daughter Haley's upbringing in a loving adoptive family in the United States. See expertly weaves together themes of identity, belonging, and the invisible threads that



connect us to our roots. The descriptions of the tea-making process are incredibly vivid, making you feel as though you can almost smell the fermenting leaves and taste the complex, smoky notes of a perfectly brewed cup. It is fascinating to learn how a single tea cake can represent history, wealth, and a family's legacy.

Throughout the book, the tone remains hopeful. While the characters face significant hardships and cultural shifts, there is a persistent sense of resilience that keeps the reader rooted in their journey. The emotional stakes are high, but the prose is accessible and warm, inviting you to sit down and stay a while, much like the tea ceremonies described within the pages. It is a story that celebrates the strength of women and the ways in which we carry our history with us, no matter how far we travel from home. This novel is a beautiful reminder

that even when life takes unexpected turns, the connections we forge, and the traditions we cherish, can eventually lead us back to ourselves.

That's all I have for this week. I encourage you to check out "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" — and don't forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations to start building your to-be-read list for summer.

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.



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COLUMNS

Postcards: Sam Buckland Takes a Wife

By Michon Mackedon

The history of Churchill County is full of stories that would make good movies. One of them was recorded by G.F. “Kelly” Engle, a resident of Fallon between 1918 and 1926. Engle titled his piece, “Sam Buckland Takes a Wife.” The story was related to Engle by his father-in-law, G. Budd Williams, a Lahontan Valley pioneer. Williams told him that he was told the story by a freighter and mule skinner who had witnessed the intriguing actions.

Samuel Buckland was one of the county’s earliest settlers. According to most sources, he had crossed Nevada by wagon train during the early years of the gold rush. At the time of his first crossing, he recognized the potential of establishing a station on the Carson River to supply the needs of future wagon trains bound for California. However, author Helen Carlson, in “Nevada Place Names,” states that Buckland had gone to California by ship and then settled in the Carson Valley in 1857. In any case, in 1859, he purchased 1680 acres near the Carson River, where Buckland Station still stands.

So far, his story makes for a ho-hum movie script, but we might guess that Sam soon would become lonely for female companionship.

Engle: “About the same time, an especially large and well-equipped wagon train stopped at the station to rest their stock and make needed repairs to wagons and equipment preparatory for the last part of their trip over the Sierra Nevada and into California. This overland party contained an unusual number of women and girls, and Sam conceived an idea.”

This is where the movie-worthy scene comes into play.

Engle: “He sought and received permission of the wagon master to talk to his people around their evening campfire. When the party was assembled he told them about himself, his past, his present business, the problems it involved and his need for a good wife to share his life and the adventure in which he was engaged here at this station; and that if there was any young woman, healthy and of good repute in the wagon train who would be willing to share his fortunes, he would take her to wife and give

her honor and respect which might develop into mutual love with further acquaintance.

After Sam had finished his talk, a long silence ensued, and finally a buxom young woman stepped out into the light of the campfire and told him she would take a chance and remain here with him.” The woman’s name was Eliza Prentis, soon to be Eliza Buckland.

Eliza went on to share Samuel’s life, his fortunes, and his misfortunes. In 1864, Buckland Station was designated the first county seat of Churchill County, an honor it held for three years. (Buckland Station is now part of Lyon County.) In 1869, nearby Fort Churchill was abandoned and sold at public auction. Buckland bought all the buildings for \$750 and, using materials salvaged from the Fort Churchill complex, he built a large ranch house. According to the Nevada State Parks website, the 19-room home included two parlors, a ballroom, a schoolroom, a teacher’s quarters, and seven bedrooms. Eliza bore eight children, but only three of them survived adulthood. She died in 1884 of an infection caused by a cut on her foot. Samuel died a year later. Samuel, Eliza, and five of their children are buried in the Post Cemetery at Fort Churchill.

Shortly after Eliza’s death, Sam sold Buckland Station to Nathan and Amos Stinson. It was then owned by a series of ranchers. Sometime during the 1940’s, it was purchased by Norman Biltz and Reno inventor and millionaire E.L. Cord. Biltz and Cord created the Fort Churchill Shooting Club on the property, importing game, mainly pheasants, from California. In 1964, Frank Ghiglia bought the property and held it for over 30 years.

Nevada State Parks purchased the Buckland house and property in 1995, and restoration began in 1999. The setting of the absorbing Buckland story now belongs to the public.

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.

Fallon Theatre Movies & More

The Fallon Theatre is embracing the beauty of mid-May with another full weekend of community, music, and movie magic as the spring season settles in. Warmer days and longer evenings make it an ideal time to gather downtown, and the theatre is ready to welcome neighbors for several films and a special live performance.

The theatre will host its Third Friday matinee on May 15 at 1 p.m., sponsored by the Coalition for Senior Citizens. While everyone is welcome, the afternoon is designed especially for local seniors, who are invited to enjoy a screening of “The Bucket List.” Each senior attending will receive a free small popcorn and drink to enjoy during the show. The matinee offers a relaxed opportunity to get out of the house, visit with friends, and enjoy a classic film on the big screen.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, the theatre will screen the animated classic “All Dogs Go to Heaven” (1989). The imaginative story follows Charlie, a roguish German Shepherd who returns to Earth to team up with his loyal friend Itchy and a young girl who can talk to animals. Blending humor, heart, and adventure, the film explores themes of friendship and redemption. Rated G, it runs 1 hour and 24 minutes.

On Friday at 7 p.m., “The Bucket List” (2007) returns for an evening

showing. Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman star as two terminally ill men who leave the hospital to pursue the experiences they have always wanted to try before they “kick the bucket.” The film is a reminder to live life fully and appreciate the time we have. Rated PG-13, it runs 1 hour and 37 minutes.

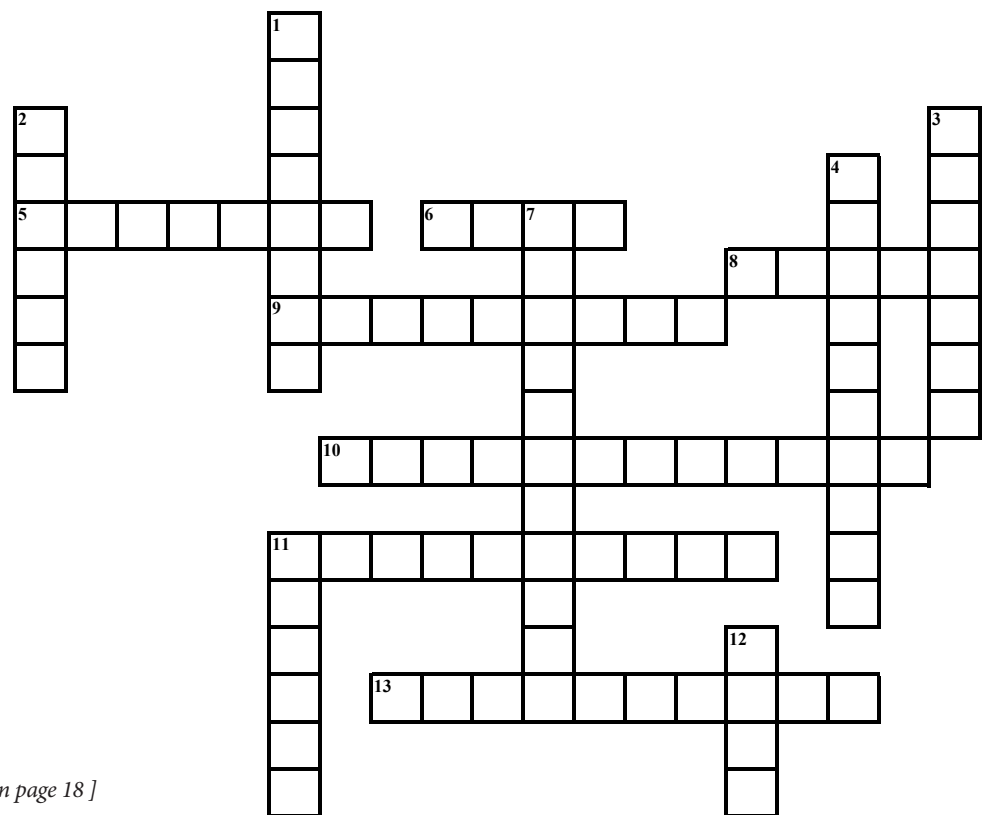
On Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society presents its Loneliest Road Chamber Music Project, welcoming the Berkelium String Quartet from Berkeley, Calif., as they begin their Nevada tour on the Fallon Theatre’s historic vaudeville stage. Their program includes works by Beethoven, Flanagan, and Schubert, paired with projected images to create an immersive performance. Admission is by donation, and children are welcome to attend this family-friendly evening of live chamber music.

Looking ahead, Ventura Highway – The Music of America will perform on Saturday, July 18 at 8 p.m. The concert brings the harmonies and classic songs of the band America, offering a summer evening of familiar favorites. Tickets are \$10.

The Fallon Theatre remains proud to serve as a community hub for film and live performances. For private rentals or marquee requests, call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 5. Liberty
- 6. They go rolling along
- 8. Accord
- 9. Honor
- 10. Recognition
- 11. Loyalty
- 13. Maritime SAR

Down

- 1. Wild blue yonder
- 2. Protect
- 3. Independence
- 4. Newest branch
- 7. To the shores of Tripoli
- 11. Procession
- 12. Anchors aweigh

[Crossword answers found on page 18]

MEETINGS

May 19 – July 8, 2026

Board of County Commissioners

Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: May 20 at 8:15 a.m.

CC Communications

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: June 4 at 11 a.m.

Churchill County School Board

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

Central NV Health District

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

Library Board of Trustees

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: May 28 at 3 p.m.



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken May 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	232,100 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	378 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	313 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	243 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	571 cfs

May 11, 2024	May 11, 2023	May 11, 2022
289,642 acre feet	82,088 acre feet	151,711 acre feet

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

Table with 11 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Assessed Value, Taxable Value, Exemption, Tax Rate, and Delinquent Amount. Lists various property owners and their associated tax information.

SECOND YEAR DELINQUENCIES ** Includes Prior Year Taxes

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To the below third year delinquent taxpayers, and to the owners of, or claimants to, the real estate listed herein, known or unknown: You and each of you are hereby notified that under and by virtue of the provisions in Chapters 361.565, Nevada Revised Statutes, if the said amount is not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday in June, to-wit: June 1, 2026, a deed will be issued to the County Treasurer, as trustee for the State and County, authorizing her to hold said property until such time as it is sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

THIRD YEAR DELINQUENCIES ** Includes Prior Year Taxes*

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The above is a list of the names of the persons to whom the property was assessed in July of 2025, a description of the property upon which the tax is due, and the amount of tax upon each. This list is a detailing of 2025-2026 real property upon which the taxes were not paid in full prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2026. Penalties and costs of advertising are included in the total due.

The amounts shown are valid until 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026.

LINDA ROTHERY
County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Receiver
in and for the County of Churchill, State of Nevada

Dated: This 6th day of May, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

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**City of Fallon
Laura Mills Park Upgrade
PWP No. CH-2026-332
CDBG Grant No. 26/PF/02**

Fallon, NV

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the **Laura Mills Park Upgrade** will be received by **Lumos and Associates**, the **Engineer**, at the City of Fallon Administration Offices located at **55 West Williams Ave, Fallon, Nevada 89406** until **2:00 PM**, local time, on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, at which time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read aloud.

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: various concrete improvements, such as, replacement of existing or install new sidewalk, post curb, utility adjustments to finish grade, signage replacement, installation of new pavilion structure, and installation of playground equipment.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Owner: City of Fallon
55 W. Williams Ave.
Fallon, Nevada 89406

Issuing Office: Lumos & Associates, Inc.
178 South Maine Street
Fallon, Nevada 89406

The Contract Documents may be examined and obtained on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM** at the following location:

ENGINEER: www.lumosinc.com/planroom - Plan Room (Hosted by Quest CDN)

A non-refundable deposit of **\$25.00** will be charged to log into the plan room to obtain each set of Plans and Contract Documents.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **2:00 p.m.** local time on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Fallon City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

This is a Federal-aid contract and the requirements for such shall apply. On a Federal-aid contract, any Contractor otherwise qualified by the State of Nevada to perform such work is not required to be licensed nor to submit application for license in advance of submitting a bid or having such bid considered. This does not constitute a waiver of the State's right under its license laws to require a Contractor, determined to be a successful bidder, to be licensed to do business in the State of Nevada with a Class A prior to award of the contract.

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 contact 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 qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

This project is funded with federal Community Development Block Grant Funds and is subject to federal labor standards which includes Davis Bacon wage rates, BABA requirements, and Section 3 requirements. Section 3 Business Concerns as well as minority and women owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

Owner: City of Fallon
By: **Brian Byrd**
Title: **Public Works Director**
Date: **May 5, 2026**

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FP0009

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: Case No. 26-10DC-0389
VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Paul R. Young, by and through his Counsel of Record, Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., has filed an Amended Petition for Summary Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary Pursuant to Chapter 145 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, in the matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN, Deceased, and a hearing in the matter has been set on for the 9th day of June, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 A.M., the Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, 73 North Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada. All persons interested are notified to appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

DATED: May 5, 2026

Rusty D. Jardine, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner Paul R. Young

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Legal No FP0008

Maryanne Louise Kinler
Self-Represented Petitioner

**DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA**

In the matter of the application of:
Maryanne Louise Kinler
For the Change of Name.

CASE NO. 26-10DC-0483
DEPT. 1

PETITION FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

Petitioner respectfully states as follows:

- Petitioner was born on February 12, 2003 in Reno, NV.
- Petitioner has resided in CHURCHILL COUNTY, Nevada since birth.
- Petitioner's current legal name is:
MARYANNE LOUISE KINLER

Petitioner wishes to take a different name. The new name Petitioner would like to take is:
MARY JANE KATTE GRACE

- Petitioner wishes to assume the new name because:
• Former foster endangered youth

Dated April 24th, 2026.

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City of Fallon

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada to receive opinions from members of the public on the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget. The City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget has been prepared in such detail and on appropriate forms as prescribed by the Department of Taxation and copies are on file and available for public inspection at the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard. Prior to the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada and any comments so submitted will be considered by the City Council.

Date: May 15, 2026

Michael O'Neill
City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Fallon

Publication of Quarterly Financial Statements

In accordance with NRS 268.030, the City of Fallon hereby publishes notice of the following total receipts, disbursements and bills allowed and paid for the quarter covering January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026:

Total Receipts: **\$ 11,381,843**
Total Disbursements and Bills: **\$ 12,223,457**

The public may view the detailed financial documents at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada or online at <https://www.fallonnevada.gov/quarterly-financial-statements/>. For further information or further instructions on how to obtain the detailed financial documents, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (775) 423-5104.

The original and any duplicate or copy of each receipt, bill, invoice, check, warrant, voucher or other similar document that supports a transaction, the amount of which is shown in the financial statement published pursuant to this section is a public record that is available for inspection and copying by any person pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 239 of NRS.

/s/ KEN TEDFORD, Mayor

ATTEST
/s/MICHAEL O'NEILL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Wolf Center (Fallon Daily Bread) Mondays and Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 457 Esmeralda St.	Back Porch next to Wolf Center Wednesdays and Saturdays (sack lunches) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 280 E. Stillwater Ave.
Oasis Community Church Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m. 1520 S. Maine St.	Christian Life Center Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 1435 Kaiser St.

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