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City Leaders Dedicate New Fitness Court at Laura Mills Park



Members of the Renown team join Mayor Tedford, city council representatives, and staff at a ribbon-cutting.

By Rachel Dahl

A new era of community wellness has officially begun in Fallon. City leaders, residents, and partners from Renown Health gathered last week at Laura Mills Park to celebrate the opening of Fallon’s new National Fitness Court, the first phase in a series of planned improvements for one of the city’s most beloved public spaces.

Standing before a crowd of community members and city staff, Mayor Ken Tedford called the project a milestone in the city’s ongoing effort to promote health and vitality.

“This is the first of what we intend to be many improvements to one of the jewels of our city, Laura Mills Park,” Tedford said. “The idea of promoting public health isn’t new. More than 60 years ago, Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy launched national programs to encourage fitness and civic wellness. Today, we carry that same spirit forward right here in Fallon.”

The new outdoor facility was made possible through a partnership between the City of Fallon, the National Fitness Campaign, and

Renown Health, which serves as the program’s state sponsor in Nevada. The city received grant funding through the campaign to help offset costs, and Fallon Public Works staff, led by Erik Fain, completed the installation.

Tedford credited Councilwoman Kelly Frost for her persistence and creativity in bringing the idea forward, as well as Councilmembers Paul Harmon and Carla Kent, city engineer Derek Zimney, and Public Works Director Brian Byrd and his crew for turning “an idea on paper into the fantastic facility we see before us today.”

Frost said the fitness court represents what can be achieved when public and private partners

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Law Enforcement Continues Search for Suspect After High-Speed Pursuit

Sheriff Urges Caution as Multi-County Search Continues

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox is urging residents to remain cautious as multiple law enforcement agencies continue to search for a suspect involved in a high-speed pursuit through Fallon last week.

Just before 9 p.m. on October 21, dispatchers reported that Mineral County Sheriff’s deputies and Walker River Tribal Police were pursuing a black Corvette traveling at extreme speeds northbound toward Churchill County.

According to the Sheriff’s Office, Churchill County deputies positioned along U.S. 95 South prepared to deploy tire deflation devices but were unable to confirm the vehicle’s location in time. The suspect vehicle was later observed traveling more than 100 miles per hour through Fallon, evading an attempted spike strip deployment near Drumm Lane.

Witnesses reported seeing the Corvette run a red light at Williams Avenue and Taylor Street, where it was clocked at approximately 130 mph.



Joshua James Olsen. Photo courtesy of Ascension Parish Sherri’s Office, Gonzales, LA.

The vehicle was later found abandoned in a dirt area near Venturacci and Coleman Lanes, after a tip from a concerned citizen who saw it turn off Colorado Lane.

The driver fled on foot and was not located despite an extensive search involving the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office, Fallon Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol, Mineral County Sheriff’s Office, and Walker River Tribal Police.

One man found hiding in the area was arrested on unrelated warrants.

Authorities identified the suspected driver as 19-year-old Joshua James Olsen, described as 5 feet 11 inches tall, about 180 pounds, with a shaved head, brown eyes, and light brown facial hair. Olsen is wanted in connection with “numerous cases around the nation” and has outstanding warrants in several states, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

At press time, Sheriff Hickox confirmed that the search remains active.

“We would urge the public to be cautious as we did in our post,” Hickox said. “The person we believe to be the driver has a criminal history that includes violence. Our efforts and those of other jurisdictions to locate him are continuing.”

The Sheriff’s Office asks anyone who sees Olsen or has information about his whereabouts not to approach him, but to contact the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office or Fallon Police Department immediately.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Feathered Fiasco

By Rachel Dahl

We had a bit of a crisis this weekend in the bunny shed.

The chickens appear to have taken over the shed where the bunnies live – instead of politely sleeping on the shelves and the perches they’ve been provided, these large, imposing chickens I’ve managed to grow have taken to hanging out on top of the bunny cages.

You know how when you park your car under a tree where birds are perching, you have to take it to the car wash more often. Well, imagine that scenario over the top of the rabbits. And remember, these are fancy English Angora rabbits, raised specifically for their long, beautiful wool, which at this time of year, going into winter, is at the height (or shall we say length) of perfection – prime for being harvested and spun into gloriously soft, luxurious yarn.

I have had to make cute little roofs for all of the cages where large birds have decided they like to sleep to prevent “contamination” let’s say, of the bunnies and their wool.

On Sunday morning, during feeding time I discovered that Galahad, the huge new rooster that was born in April had slipped the lid off of Jane Russell, my absolute best wool producing rabbit, and the unimaginable mess that he left had drenched the entire right side of her head.

English Angoras are hairy. And if you know anything about wool and fiber, you know that if you get it wet, it will felt (mash together and turn into a whole new product) and then shrink. But the only way to rectify this situation was to grab Jane and run to the house and gently but vigorously run her entire head under the shower.

Imagine now, a bunny, with a full coat of seven-



inch-long hair, fighting you in your shower stall because she is quite literally covered in what hit the fan but now, she is also soaking wet and doubly mad, scrambling to get away and also shaking all that fur to get the water off. And did I mention rabbits have disasterously long nails.

Once she was clean and I had apologized appropriately with an entire head of lettuce, Jane got to hang out in the house with me all day while we intermittently blow dried her fiber, gently coaxing it to health. We managed to save what will eventually become a beautiful grey/blue yarn and be knitted into a beanie and in the process get Jane’s dignity restored.

But Galahad is on now on the “list.”

So, while we repair rabbit roofs and bandage our scratched up arms, we’ll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— *Rach*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am deeply concerned about the direction of our country and the tone of politics at the national level.

Sixty-six years ago, when I was first old enough to vote, I registered as a Republican—even though most of my family members were Democrats. In those days, it was common for people from both parties here in Churchill County to attend each other’s annual meetings. We might have disagreed on some issues, but we came away with a healthy respect for one another and a shared commitment to work together for the good of our community.

We still have many good and reasonable people of both parties here at the local level, but what I see happening nationally troubles me. There

appears to be a growing divide, and the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect that once defined our political life seems to be fading.

Recent actions in Washington, particularly those that could delay pay for our military personnel and others who depend on federal funds, are unacceptable. These men and women serve and support our nation, and they should never become pawns in political battles. If this shutdown continues, families will suffer, and children will go hungry.

This is not the kind of leadership or public service that built our nation, and it is not the kind of politics that I have known or respected throughout my lifetime. I hope we can return to a time when common sense, compassion, and collaboration once again guided our leaders, regardless of party.

— Sonya Johnson

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share a vision for a healthier community.

“It’s such a beautiful addition to our beloved Laura Mills Park,” she said. “I heard about Renown’s program and shared it with the mayor and his staff, and they jumped on board immediately to make it a reality. My hope is that this court becomes a focal point for the park now and for years to come.”

Representing Renown Health, Community Health Manager Kerry Kelly described the Fallon court as part of a larger statewide initiative.

“This is our tenth fitness court in Nevada,” she said. “It reflects our shared belief that fitness should be accessible to all people, of every age and ability. Health is not only built inside our hospitals and clinics but also out here in neighborhoods, parks, and cities like Fallon.”

Renown’s partnership with the National Fitness Campaign aims to bring free, world-class outdoor fitness courts to communities across the state. The Fallon court features full-body workout stations, designed for all fitness levels, along with QR codes that connect users to guided workouts through a free mobile app.

The facility is part of the city’s long-term improvement plan for Laura Mills Park, which Tedford called one of Fallon’s “green hearts,” a place where generations have gathered for recreation and connection. Plans for future upgrades at the park include expanded walking paths, new landscaping, and accessibility improvements.



Local law enforcement officers demonstrate how to use the features at the fitness court.

“For generations, this park has been a place where families gather, children play, and neighborhoods connect,” Tedford said. “Today’s ribbon-cutting continues that tradition, keeping Laura Mills Park a living, thriving space for everyone in our community.”

FEATURES

Showcase of Local Native American Artwork

Oats Park Art Center Hosts Display Until Nov. 8

By Christy Lattin

A showcase of Native American art, with work by local artists, will be on display at the Oats Park Art Center until Nov. 8; the collection features a variety of artwork and cultural items from artists young and old, with most hailing from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe. The Churchill Arts Council hosted a gallery reception and banquet at the art center on Oct. 17 to celebrate the artists and the special collection.

This serendipitous showing began as a collaboration between the Stillwater Tribal Senior Center’s art class and the Oats Park Art Center. The senior center needed gallery space for an art show, and it so just happened the art center’s main galleries were vacant for a few weeks. And what began as simply an invitation for the elders to share a few paintings grew into a community gathering as more and more tribal members contributed their creations to the collection.

After arriving as director of the Stillwater Tribal Senior Center, Juliana Dixon used a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to fund a structured art class. She purchased supplies and partnered with art instructor Adrian Tom who guided the seniors through lessons on several painting mediums – water colors, pastels,



Fallon grad Shannon Hooper recently earned her masters degree in fine arts from the Institute of American Indian Art. She shared some of her graduate pieces for the Native American art show at the Oats Park Art Center. Photo courtesy Shannon Hooper.



Native American beadwork and drums are shown in the gallery with paintings from the tribal senior center hung on the walls. Photo by Christy Lattin.

oil paints – and then helped to frame the finished pieces. Although grant funding included rental of a facility for the art show, the Churchill Arts Council donated use of the Oats Park Art Center to the tribe. Tom has been a regular volunteer at the senior center, and he even entered the seniors’ artwork in the recent Reno Tahoe International Art Show in September.

Earlier in the week, as Robyn Jordan, executive director of Churchill Arts Council, and her crew began mounting paintings to gallery walls, more unexpected artwork kept arriving. The paintings from the elders ranged from Native American-themed works to more whimsical scenes like two men stumbling out of a Comstock-era saloon.

Jordan and her team found display tables to hold works like a beaded hat, decorated drums, a hand-made regalia dress, baskets, beaded medallions, a decorated jaw bone, and several tule duck decoys ranging in size from a Matchbox car to a park bench. These community-submitted pieces came from seasoned elders, like Adam Fortunate Eagle, to young people like Colton Tohannie and Leona Mineard who were showing their pieces for the first time.

A special highlight of the showcase are the many pieces from Shannon Christy Hooper, a member of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe who recently completed her master’s degree in Fine Art from the Institute of American Indian Art, where she also earned her undergraduate degrees.

Her large winnowing baskets – woven from modern materials and brightly decorated – anchored a corner of the Wiegand Gallery, while her realistic pencil drawings of her family gazed across the Kirkland gallery at her largest piece: a long evening gown in the hue of the wild desert rose, adorned with a bold blue and white beaded belt, and topped with an intricately beaded collar of blue, white and 24-karat gold designs. In both the subject matter and execution, Hooper’s pieces are a blend of traditional and contemporary Native American art.

Dixon put in many hours bringing the event to life, but she said it was worth it after seeing the seniors’ reactions.

“It was an awesome turnout, everybody appreciated it,” she said. “The event brought out a lot of elders who don’t usually join us, and they all had a great time talking and visiting.” After the show, artists and families gathered for a catered family-style dinner at a long table in the hallway where the conversations flowed.

Jordan said the event brought out about 90 people, a majority of whom had never visited the art center before. She said she was inspired by the sense of community the exhibit cultivated. The Celebration for Native American Arts and Culture will be at the Oats Park Art Center until Nov. 8. The art center is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fallon Recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Hands Are Not for Hitting

By Leanna Lehman

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to honor survivors, remember those lost, and raise awareness about relationship abuse. Here in Churchill County, Fallon’s Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) is marking the month with outreach, education, and a reminder that each one of us can pledge not to hurt others.

“Churchill County Domestic Violence Interventions just kicked off their yearly Hands Are Not for Hitting campaign,” said Churchill County’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocate, Megan Amick. “We go to each of the schools in the district and have the kids pledge to use their hands for helping, not hurting.”

Each student adds their purple handprint to the DVI pledge bus, creating a visual reminder that compassion and respect start early. This year, Detectives Ugalde and Edwards with the Fallon Police Department joined the effort, taking the pledge alongside students at Lahontan Elementary School, where DVI launched its campaign.

The campaign is not the only local effort underway. DVI is currently hosting a fundraiser through Oct. 31 during the downtown Spooktacular event. “We are raffling off a Boo Basket to bring awareness to Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” Amick said. “Tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20. All proceeds from ticket sales will help us help victim survivors.” Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the Chamber of Commerce and Churchill Community Coalition offices.

Since 1989, October has been nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The campaign began as the “Day of Unity” in 1981 and was created to increase public under-



Fallon Police Department Detectives Ugalde and Edwards make their pledge with students at Lahontan Elementary School. Photo courtesy of Fallon DVI.

standing of domestic violence, honor survivors, and promote prevention and early education. This year, Governor Joe Lombardo has once again proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Nevada, joining organizations statewide in hosting events to support survivors and promote safety in every community.

But beyond the ribbons and proclamations lies a harder truth: leaving an abusive relationship isn’t simple. And children cannot just leave when the home becomes unsafe. They rely on the adults around them to notice, to speak up, and to make safety possible.

University of Nevada, Reno researcher, Pam Payne, and author of “Why Is It So Difficult for Survivors to Leave Abusive Relationships?” explains that walking away is often a complicated and dangerous process.

“Leaving an abusive relationship is complex and difficult, even with support and resources,” Payne writes. “Many survivors face barriers to leaving abusive relationships, including fear, emotional manipulation, and diminished self-worth, financial dependence, and social stigmas.”

Some survivors stay because of “investment” in the relationship, shared children, years together, or a belief that leaving will destroy the family, says Payne. “Maintaining a family unit may be a goal of the survivor or a tactic used by the abuser to guilt the survivor into remaining in the relationship.” Survivors may also “attempt to rationalize abusive behaviors, internalizing blame and hoping their partner will return to the person they fell in love with.”

Domestic violence thrives in silence. It can be very difficult for individuals in abusive relationships to admit to abuse or to ask for help. Awareness months and local efforts like DVI’s purple handprints help bring light where fear too often lives in the dark. By learning, listening, and supporting the people doing this work every day, communities like Fallon can help ensure that every survivor and every child knows they are not alone.

For information or support, contact Domestic Violence Interventions in Fallon at dvifallon.org or call 775-423-1313. If you or someone you know is in danger, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE (7233).

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CCHS Expands Job Shadowing Opportunities for Students

Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura

Churchill County’s Work-Based Learning program is seeking area businesses interested in helping shape the next generation of community leaders through meaningful job shadow experiences. The district continues to strengthen its Career Pathways initiative by connecting students with professionals who can offer real-world insight into daily operations, career expectations, and industry-specific skills. Job shadowing allows students to explore careers they may be interested in pursuing after high school, while helping them discover whether a particular path is the right fit. These experiences build confidence, expand professional networks, and provide valuable exposure that cannot be taught in the classroom. A recent example highlights the impact of these partnerships. Isabel, a Churchill County High School student, recently began a job shadow at Dandelion Express. In this local floral shop, she spent time learning about floral design, holiday preparation, wedding arrangements, and the business side of running a shop. The CCHS Work-Based Learning program is currently expanding, and Churchill County businesses of all sizes—from ranches, trades, retail shops, healthcare, and manufacturing to hospitality, agriculture, and professional services—are invited to participate. Even hosting just one student for a single job-shadow day can make a long-lasting difference. Businesses interested in participating or learning more about the program are encouraged to contact the Work-Based Learning office by phone or email Seguras@churchillcsd.com. By opening their doors, Churchill County businesses can play a vital role in inspiring our youth, developing career-ready graduates, and strengthening the local workforce. Together, we can shape futures and build a stronger community, one student at a time.



CCHS student, Isabel, at Dandelion Express.

Mike Berney Named Trustee of the Year by Nevada Hospital Association

By Leanna Lehman

Congratulations to Banner Churchill Community Hospital’s own Mike Berney, who was recently named the 2025 Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) Trustee of the Year. Berney, who has served on Banner Churchill Community Hospital’s (BCCH) Advisory Board for more than 20 years — including 15 years as board chair from 2000 to 2015 — is being recognized for his exceptional leadership and dedication to improving healthcare in Churchill County. “His commitment and passion for the community is unwavering,” said BCCH Chief Executive Officer Rob Carnahan in a recent interview with the NHA. “Any initiative that is brought to him, he is very committed to following through.” According to Carnahan, Berney was instrumental in establishing the Churchill Community Hospital Foundation, which supports the health care and wellness needs of residents in Churchill County and surrounding areas. Through its fundraising and outreach, the foundation has helped the hospital upgrade ambulances with state-of-the-art technology and bring Care Flight services to Fallon. “Mike has been described by colleagues as the cornerstone of the board’s progress,” Carnahan said when the nomination was announced. “His leadership helped guide the hospital through periods of growth, modernization, and community expansion.” One example of Berney’s impact is the addition of Churchill County’s second ambulance station — the west-side station on Reno Highway that went into service last fall. “Through Mike’s dedication and support, our ability to provide emergency medical services has substantially increased, impacting thousands of lives every year,” said BCCH Ambulance Chief Steve Towne. Towne added that Berney’s expertise played a key role in the project’s success. “Right from the beginning, Mike was with us and used his knowledge to find the perfect location where we could safely house our EMS crews and respond quickly to emergencies,” Towne said. “We have been able to save lives and make a difference, and that’s a direct reflection of Mike Berney’s dedication to our community and our service.” Beyond his leadership roles, Berney is known for his generosity, optimism, and ability to inspire others. “He knows everyone in the community, and everyone is drawn to him because of his personality,” said Carnahan. “He is always uplifting anybody who comes and talks to him. They walk away feeling inspired.” Towne agrees. “Mr. Berney has been very inspirational to our team members here. They put in a lot of hard work and great patient care,” he said, noting how much his hands-on approach is appreciated and respected. “Having someone like Mike Berney doing all he does in our community has been very inspirational for our crews.” Fallon extends its thanks to Mike Berney for his vision, hard work, and ongoing commitment to improving medical services and health care in Churchill County. For more about his work and the nomination process, visit thefallonpost.org to read “Berney Nominated for Hospital Trustee of the Year Award.”



Mike Berney. Photo courtesy of NHA.

Fallon Native Honored with Prestigious National Award for Public Service

By Rachel Dahl

A Fallon native is among twelve public servants nationwide being honored with one of the country’s most prestigious awards for government service. Lt. Cmdr. Melissa de Vera, who grew up in Fallon and now serves with the Indian Health Service (IHS), will receive the Arthur S. Flemming Award on November 2 in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes outstanding federal employees whose contributions have significantly benefited the nation. De Vera, now based in Bemidji, Minnesota, has earned national recognition for her leadership in the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program, which provides safe drinking water and waste disposal systems for American Indian and

Alaska Native communities. According to the Flemming Awards Commission, de Vera’s work “strengthened the Indian Health Service’s Sanitation Facilities Construction Program through cross-boundary leadership and strategic partnerships.” Her innovative recruiting and project management helped the agency deliver \$3.5 billion in sanitation projects funded through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, expanding access to clean water and sanitary waste systems across tribal nations. De Vera, a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, is enrolled in the Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Tribe. She said her upbringing in Fallon helped shape her values of community service and stewardship. The Arthur S. Flemming Awards, now in their

76th year, are hosted by George Washington University’s Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration in partnership with the National Academy of Public Administration. Named for the late Arthur Sherwood Flemming, a legendary civil servant who advised seven U.S. presidents and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the awards honor “the best of the best” in federal service. This year’s ceremony will be emceed by Susan Swain, journalist and former co-chief executive officer of C-SPAN. Past recipients include some of the nation’s most influential public figures — Dr. Anthony Fauci, Neil Armstrong, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Elizabeth Dole, among others.

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COMMUNITY

District Expands Safety Efforts Following Joint Statement on School Violence

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County School District Superintendent Derild Parsons says the district is building on last week’s joint statement from local law enforcement and education leaders with continued efforts to strengthen school safety, crisis response, and student support systems.

Parsons told trustees during the October 22 School Board meeting that the district is developing coordinated practices among the Sheriff’s Office, Fallon Police Department, and the county’s behavioral health team. The goal, he said, is to create an integrated approach to prevention and intervention. “This is the first time we’ve ever seen anything close to a practice like that,” he said.

As part of that effort, the district has received a letter of support from the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office to pursue a school safety grant in collaboration with the Nevada Department of

Education’s School Safety Office. The proposal focuses on training, emergency coordination, and trauma-informed response.

Parsons also noted that Senate Bill 571 earmarks \$380,000 statewide for local education agency operational efficiency grants, and the district hopes to leverage this funding and other sources to enhance both safety and internal systems.

In a follow-up email, Parsons said he believes it’s important for the public to understand the scope of the district’s ongoing work.

“It is often perceived that we don’t do much in regard to bullying and school violence,” he wrote. “But the reality is that a great deal of resources are utilized in keeping our students safe both physically and emotionally.”

Parsons said plans are underway for the district’s School Resource Officer and administrators to visit classrooms and talk with students about Nevada laws related to school violence

and consequences.

“It is notable that once students turn 11, they can be suspended or expelled from school,” Parsons said. “Although we can, we do our best to avoid this, but we also can’t condone violent acts recurring in our schools with the same students.”

The district is also developing new informational materials for teachers and parents to help educate students about behavioral expectations and legal accountability.

“Our work with the Sheriff’s Office, Police Department, and community agencies is ongoing,” Parsons said. “It’s a shared commitment to safety and to keeping our schools places where learning and respect come first.”

The Fallon Post will continue this series next week with a look at how local agencies and community partners are supporting prevention, intervention, and mental health programs in schools.

Dodgeball for a Cause

First Responders Gear Up for Food Drive Season

By Rachel Dahl

Fallon’s first responders are gearing up for two back-to-back community events that mix fun, fitness, and friendly competition, all for a great cause.

The Churchill County Deputies Association Dodgeball Tournament will hit the courts at Venturacci Gym on November 22 at 2 p.m., and organizers are calling on teams to sign up now to secure their spot.

The high-energy tournament is more than just bragging rights, it’s a fundraiser for the annual First Responders Food Drive, set for Sunday, December 7 at the Fallon Walmart.

“This is our first year coordinating both events,” said Deputy Brian Miller, who is helping organize the efforts with Deputy Michael Hardin. “We’ve set a big goal this year - to reach the 200,000 pounds of food collected mark. Since the event started under Beth Riley in 2016, we’ve brought in more than 176,000 pounds, and we want to push that to 200K.”

Teams can register for the dodgeball tournament for \$60 before November 15, or \$100 the day of the event. Spectator admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four. To register, call Brian at 775-273-8117.

All proceeds will go directly to the First Responders Food Drive, which unites local law enforcement, fire departments, EMS crews, and emergency medical flight teams in a friendly

competition to see which agency can collect the most food by weight.

On December 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., first responder vehicles will line up outside the Fallon Walmart, creating a festive scene of flashing lights, holiday spirit, and community giving. Residents are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, and Toys for Tots will also be on-site collecting new, unwrapped toys for local children.

“It’s such a great event because you see everyone working together; deputies, firefighters, medics, volunteers, and families,” Hardin said. “Every can and every box makes a difference.”

With an ambitious new target and two major events leading the charge, Churchill County’s first responders are proving once again that teamwork extends far beyond the line of duty.

Oasis Academy Responds Quickly to Firearm Incident on Campus

By Rachel Dahl

Oasis Academy administrators and law enforcement officials responded swiftly last week after learning that a student had brought a firearm onto the school’s campus.

According to a letter sent to parents by School Leader Dane Nott, the firearm was immediately secured, the student was removed from the classroom, and law enforcement was notified. Law enforcement responded to the scene and determined that no active threat existed.

“The student who brought the firearm was identified, detained, and taken into police custody,” the notice said. “Law enforcement has confirmed with administration that the campus and our students and staff are safe.”

The school said it will take disciplinary action in accordance with Nevada law and district policy. Officials also used the opportunity to remind families of the importance of reporting any suspicious activity or concerning behavior, on social media or otherwise, to school administration or law enforcement.

“The safety of our students is of utmost priority,” Nott wrote. “We will continue to do everything possible to protect our students.”

Oasis Academy administrators expressed appreciation for the collaboration between students, parents, staff, and local law enforcement, crediting that cooperation with helping to build a strong educational community.

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BUSINESS

Top Shelf Breeders Barrel Race Draws Big Crowds and Big Business to Fallon

By Nancy Chapman

The third annual Top Shelf Breeders Barrel Race filled the Rafter 3C Arena last weekend, bringing some of the West’s fastest horses and a healthy boost of economic activity to Fallon.

Organizers say the four-day event continues to grow each year, drawing hundreds of competitors, families, and spectators from across the western states. Between stall rentals, lodging, dining, and local fuel stops, the barrel race is becoming one of the most impactful equine events on Fallon’s annual calendar.

The competition kicked off Wednesday evening with a Wine Welcome social and ran through Saturday’s awards presentation, featuring a full schedule of open, futurity, and derby races, plus qualifiers for the American Rodeo Contender Tournament.

Open competitors ran for more than \$50,000 in added money, including payouts through the Top Shelf Breeders side pot, 3D High Stakes race, and affiliate events with Royal Crown, Diamond Classic, and Future Fortunes. The futurity and derby divisions each offered \$15,000 in added money, plus prizes and recognition for the sport’s up-and-coming horses.

Top honors went to Jordan Bailey and her mare Classy Way Ta Fame, who claimed first place in both the Open and Futurity Averages, a rare double victory in the competitive West Coast barrel racing circuit.

According to Jesse Segura who is the Fairgrounds Operations Deputy and manages the 3C Arena, the Top Shelf Breeders Barrel Race generated an estimated \$1.1 million in direct local spending over the four-day weekend.

That total includes spending from 1,600 out



Jordan Bailey and Classy Way Ta Fame. Photo by 870 Sports.

of town competitors and visitors who book hotel rooms, RV spaces, as well as strong traffic for Fallon’s restaurants, feed stores, fuel stations, and retail shops.

Using a modest multiplier of 1.62 that direct spending of \$170 per day, per visitor, generates an estimated \$1.78 million in total economic activity, including temporary jobs and supply purchases tied to the event.

“When a major equine event comes to the Rafter 3C, the whole community feels it,” Segura said. “These are the kinds of weekends that fill

our restaurants, keep our hotels busy, and showcase Fallon as a serious destination for western sports.”

With its consistent growth and positive economic footprint, the Top Shelf Breeders Barrel Race is quickly joining the ranks of Fallon’s signature annual events, alongside the Cattlemen’s Update, youth rodeos, and the popular Backroads Vintage Market and Nevada’s longest running agriculture festival, the Cantaloupe Festival, as a key contributor to the region’s tourism and agricultural economy.

Fall Gardening with The Village



Fall container planting. Photo by Doreen Wynja.

By Nancy Chapman

The cold weather is moving in! Gardening in Northern Nevada can be tricky with our high-desert climate swings from blazing summers to frosty winters in the blink of an eye. But fall is actually one of the best times to get ahead and prepare your yard for success next spring.

PREPARE YOUR SOIL FOR WINTER

Now’s the time to winterize your lawn, garden, and landscape so your soil holds on to those essential nutrients. Adding compost and mulch before the freeze helps insulate roots and enriches the soil as everything rests through the colder months.

Unlike the heat and stress of summer, fall’s milder weather allows grass seedlings to grow steadily without battling intense sun or drought. It’s the perfect window for reseeding bare patches and encouraging deep, healthy roots that will burst into life when spring returns.

ADD COLOR WITH FALL CONTAINERS

Container gardening is another wonderful way to enjoy the season especially when you play with warm, earthy color palettes that complement your home’s fall décor. Here are a few ideas from the experts at The Village Nursery:

Shade-Loving Elegance:

For porches or patios in partial shade, try a rich mix of Red-Leafed Mukdenia, Brilliance Autumn Fern, and Northern Exposure™ Amber Heuchera. These hardy plants (down to Zone 5) repeat soft orange and amber tones for a lush, layered look that glows in cool light.

Simple but Striking:

A two-plant combo can be just as beautiful as a full fall palette. Pair Captain Solo Calla Lily with a strappy Ice Dance Japanese Sedge for contrast in texture and color. The result? A fresh, modern twist on traditional mums — with a little Nevada flair.

Whether you’re refreshing your garden beds or dreaming up next year’s design, The Village Nursery has all the plants, soil, and inspiration you need to keep your garden thriving through every season.







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GOVERNMENT

Trustees Review Proficiency Testing, Safety Initiatives, and Policy Updates

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County School District trustees covered a wide range of topics at their October 22 meeting, from student academic progress and safety initiatives to new technology and policy updates.

Middle School teacher Amy Word opened public comment by expressing frustration over the condition of the buildings and the deteriorating condition of athletic fields at Churchill County Middle School. She stated that there is a strong smell of raw sewage, and her students express their discomfort daily. She also described the grounds as unsafe and poorly maintained, urging the district to make playground and field improvements a priority for students who “deserve a safe and clean place to play and learn.”

Superintendent Derild Parsons discussed ongoing safety initiatives following last week’s joint statement from law enforcement and education leaders outlining a zero-tolerance stance on school violence.

Parsons said the district is now developing coordinated practices and response systems among the Sheriff’s Office, Fallon Police Department, and the county’s behavioral health team, the first time, he said, “we’ve ever seen anything close to a practice like that.”

Parsons also noted that Senate Bill 571 designates \$380,000 statewide for local education

agency efficiency grants. ChurchillCSD applied for \$56,587, roughly 16% of the total available, to fund business office technology upgrades and staff training.

Plans are underway for School Resource Officers and administrators to visit classrooms and speak with students about laws governing violence and school discipline. Parsons said the district is developing informational materials for teachers and parents to reinforce those messages.

Representatives from the Nevada Department of Education presented results from the annual educator evaluation review, which measures instructional practices, professional responsibilities, and student learning goals.

District data largely mirrors state averages, with the majority of Churchill County School District educators scoring in the “effective” range. Roughly 73% of teachers met projected student growth goals, while 27% exceeded them.

Survey data showed that 94% of district teachers viewed their evaluations as fair, well above the state average of 86%. Teachers also reported a significant improvement in receiving feedback focused on professional growth rather than numeric ratings.

State presenters noted that future evaluations will include a stronger connection between teacher assessments and academic performance data, as new legislation requires educators to link goals to district-approved assessments.

District data analyst Linell Kramer reported modest but steady academic gains in the STAR ratings that are tracked by the State of Nevada, with Numa Elementary School increasing from one star to two and the high school increasing

from two stars to three. She said the district staff recognizes there is still work to do. Additionally, Kramer reported that the ACTs given in February of 2024 to the 11th graders show a decrease in math and English Language Arts proficiency.

Out of 252 CCHS students tested, 7.6% are proficient in math, with the state proficiency rate at 21%. Of the 248 students tested for ELA proficiency, 28.3% are proficient, with the state proficiency rate at 47.6%.

Kramer explained that students are being supported with a focus on their gaps and remediation, along with the introduction of curriculum implementation specialists who help teachers analyze classroom data and identify interventions.

The board also reviewed preliminary work on school year calendars for 2026–2028. Discussion included balancing instructional minutes, professional learning days, and alignment with Western Nevada College’s Jump Start program. Several trustees expressed interest in maintaining the early-August start date and maximizing classroom time while continuing to support teachers’ professional collaboration.

Trustees reviewed a new policy governing the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in district operations and classrooms. The draft establishes guiding principles emphasizing human creativity, ethics, data privacy, and responsible use of emerging technologies.

Parsons said the policy was developed with assistance from education technology advisors and modeled after national and state guidance.

“AI can be an important tool in learning and administration,” he said, “but it should never replace the human element that drives education.”

Library Board Welcomes New Director, Reviews Budget and Internet Safety Policy

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County Library Board of Trustees met October 23 in regular session, welcoming new Library Director John Hong and recognizing Penny Esposito for her service as interim director.



Board Chair Jessica Rowe opened the meeting with expressions of gratitude to staff and volunteers who kept library operations running smoothly during the leadership transition. Trustees also thanked Esposito for “taking the bull by the horns” in her interim role and welcomed Hong to Fallon.

Hong, attending his first board meeting since beginning work October 20, thanked the board and staff for their support. “The library has great potential for building strong organizational staff and community partnerships,” he said. “I look forward to working closely with the schools, the college, and other local organizations to strengthen community relations.”

In her final director’s report, Esposito shared that the library received a \$3,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant to support Hoopla digital services. She noted that staff successfully transitioned to a new book vendor, Ingram Library Source, after the sudden closure of Baker & Taylor, and that more than 100 new books were added to circulation.

She also outlined safety and facility updates, including a request to the county’s facilities department for door-lock modifications to improve security, and plans to reconfigure shelving to create a makerspace and quieter reading area. The library’s first aid and emergency kits have been updated, and staff recently completed fire extinguisher and evacuation training.

Upcoming programs include the “Build a Frankentoy” family craft event, a horror author talk with Zachary O’Shea, and new drone racing and 3D printing workshops in November.

The board approved the September 2025 budget and gift fund reports, which showed expenses and revenues within budget limits.

Digital Services Librarian Thomas Patterson presented an overview of the E-Rate program, a federal initiative that provides internet access discounts for schools and libraries. Patterson explained that Churchill County may qualify for a 90 percent reimbursement rate but would need to meet compliance standards under the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which requires an internet safety policy and filtering measures.

Board members agreed to begin researching CIPA requirements before deciding whether to pursue the program.

During closing comments, trustees discussed upcoming state-mandated training for library boards, which will be facilitated by former Deputy State Librarian Tammy Westergaard beginning in December.

The next Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025, at 3 p.m. in the Churchill County Commission Chambers.



The City of Fallon has recently completed a building restoration and landscaping improvements to the Water Department facility on North Maine Street. “We take our responsibility seriously to ensure that Maine Street is welcoming and inviting as visitors and community members approach from outside the city limits,” said Mayor Ken Tedford.

MEETINGS

November 3–7, 2025

Churchill County School District

4th Wednesday of the Month

at 5:30 p.m.

CCSD Admin Bldg.

690 S. Maine St.

Next meetings: Nov. 12 & Dec. 10

Fallon City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

at 9 a.m.

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Next meeting Nov. 4

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County Meetings

155 N. Taylor St.

Commission Chambers

County Commission meets

1st Thursday & 3rd Wednesday

of the Month

Next meeting: Nov.10 at 8:15 a.m.

CC Communications

Nov. 10, at 11 a.m.

Planning Commission

Nov. 12, at 6 p.m.

Central Nevada Health District

Nov. 13, at 1:30 p.m.

Library Board: Nov. 20, at 3 p.m.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, October 20 Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding

By Teresa Moon

Steven Dwayne Smith was not present in court for his scheduled arraignment. Judge Stockard issued a \$1,000 cash-only bench warrant.

Angela Marie Garcia pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear After Admission of Bail or Release Without Bail, a Category D Felony punishable by one to four years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for Dec. 30.

Donnie Lee Brown, in custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Burglary of a Business, to which he pleaded guilty in April. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer stated that Brown is currently serving time on a Nye County case. “This was obviously a situation Donnie regrets,” said Sommer. “We’re talking about a theft of goods from a local business, and the amount of restitution is less than \$400,” he said, requesting the sentence run concurrently with Brown’s Nye County case. According to Sommer, his client plans never to repeat this type of behavior or inflict this kind of harm on anyone else.

Judge Stockard sentenced Brown to 12–36 months in prison to run consecutive to the sentence he is currently serving and ordered restitution of \$365.21.

Kelsey Jordan Moore appeared for sentencing on charges of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or a Debit Card, a Category D Felony, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Category E Felony. Each is punishable by 1-4 years in prison. Moore pleaded guilty to both charges in August.

CCPD Jacob Sommer told the court, “Your Honor, it’s no surprise to this court about the depth and the consequences of substance abuse, addiction, drug use, and all of the things that come as a result of it.” He explained that his client was struggling with substance abuse issues at the time of the incidents and made some inappropriate and damaging decisions. Sommer said that since then, Moore has made positive changes, has paid restitution, remained compliant with the court’s orders, and is currently residing in Churchill County, trying to find work so she can move forward with her life. He said she has good goals and dreams and asked for probation, minimum terms on both cases, and that the sentences run consecutively.

Moore told Judge Stockard, “I just hope that I can get an opportunity to make a difference”

with what she has learned. She said she wants to write a book and be an inspirational speaker.

Judge Stockard granted Moore probation on consecutive suspended sentences of 14–44 months on the first count and 12–36 months on the second. He further ordered Moore to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow its recommendations. Stockard told the defendant, “Miss Moore, you have some lofty goals, and I hope you have the ability to carry through. I look forward to reading your book and attending one of your lectures.”

Jordan Anthony Lopez appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Ownership or Possession of a Firearm by Certain Prohibited Persons, punishable by one to six years, to which he pleaded guilty in August.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel told the court that his client recognizes he did wrong and that he should not have had the gun. Noel asked Judge Stockard for probation, saying he had seen a really positive change in his client, who is also seeking work after being let go once his employers complete his background check.

Lopez told the court, “I’m not discouraged from finding a job just because I was let go. I’ve been very welcoming to change in my life.” He said he has been looking into therapy and attending NA and AA meetings.

Judge Stockard granted probation on a suspended sentence of 19–48 months and ordered Lopez to obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation. Stockard told Lopez, “I think there’s a lot of hope for the future.”

Charlette Mariah Brooks appeared for sentencing on two Category B Felonies of Battery by a Probationer, Parolee, or a Prisoner, and on the Misdemeanor charge of Battery Constituting Domestic Violence, to which she pleaded guilty in August.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Chelsea Sanford first addressed a Court Services violation in which Brooks failed to appear for drug testing. However, Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported that Brooks was in New Frontier Treatment Center at the time. Additionally, the matter of cannabis use arose. Brooks said she has a medical marijuana card for high anxiety. Stockard told her that, nevertheless, she is not to use marijuana.

Sanford also stated that Brooks has a warrant for a new charge from Justice Court, which the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office confirmed.

Judge Stockard ordered Brooks to be taken



into custody on the Justice Court warrant. He modified the conditions of release on this case, continued sentencing to Nov. 18, and ordered a supplemental PSI by Nov. 4.

Chaz James John, in custody of the State of Nevada, admitted to the non-technical sentencing violation of absconding. Judge Stockard revoked John’s probation and imposed the two underlying consecutive sentences of 19–48 months.

Jordan Adam Cunnington pleaded not guilty to the Category C Felony of Non-Support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or a Child, punishable by one to five years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. Cunnington waived his right to a speedy trial. The court set a jury trial for Apr. 29–May 1, 2026.

Christopher Alan Burnside, in custody, admitted his second technical sentencing violation.

Deputy District Attorney Ryan McCormick asked for a 60-day revocation of Burnside’s probation. McCormick said the state understands the defendant has an alcohol problem; however, he had a knife and was brandishing it in a threatening manner.

Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel told the court his client recognizes his alcohol problem and was celebrating getting a job. Noel said he would rather see the defendant receive treatment than jail time and asked that Burnside’s probation be reinstated with the added condition of inpatient treatment.

Burnside expressed he was worried about his tent and bike, that he fears they are probably gone.

Judge Stockard temporarily revoked Burnside’s probation for 60 days.

Man Charged with Sexual Assault in Mineral and Churchill Counties Sentenced to 45 Years to Life

By Leanna Lehman

Timothy Raymond Ruth, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025, before Judge Stockard on two counts: (I) Sexual Assault on a Child Under the Age of 14 and (II) Unlawful Use of a Minor Less than 14 Years of Age in Producing Pornography, or as a Subject of Sexual Portrayal in Performance. Both charges are Category A felonies, with the sexual assault offense punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 35 years, and the child exploitation offense carrying a minimum penalty of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years.

Court documents alleged that sexual assaults occurred between December 2012 and December 2013, and the Child Exploitation (Pornography) offenses occurred between April 2019 and August 2021, in which Ruth was alleged to have knowingly used or permitted a child to engage in sexually related acts that were used in exploitative photograph(s).



Timoth Ruth. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

During arguments for sentencing, Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the court that the two victims involved were as young as four when the abuse began. Further, Ruth took photographs of the abuse, which constituted child exploitation. Baker, who described the scope of the abuse in depth, asked for the maximum penalty for each count.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer expressed Ruth’s desire to take responsibility and not put the victims through extended court hearings by going to trial.

Ruth declined to comment when asked if he had anything to say before Judge Stockard delivered the sentence.

Ruth was initially charged with seven counts in Churchill County and 24 counts in Mineral County. In Churchill, the arresting charges included four counts of Sexual Assault Against a Child Under 14, one count of Coercion with Physical Force or Threat of Immediate Physical Force, and one count of Use or Permit Minor Under Age 14 to Produce Pornography, and more. In accordance with the terms of the plea, Ruth pleaded guilty to both counts on July 29, 2029, which

resolved all charges in both counties.

In many cases, plea agreements reduce charges as part of a plea negotiation due to a combination of legal and practical factors. In some cases, challenges with evidence—such as lack of physical proof or the emotional difficulty of securing victim testimony—can make it difficult for the prosecution to proceed to trial on more serious charges. Prosecutors may also consider the defendant’s willingness to accept responsibility, his lack of serious prior convictions, and any efforts toward rehabilitation when offering a plea agreement.

Judge Stockard pronounced Ruth guilty and sentenced him to life in prison with parole eligibility after 35 years on Count I, and a consecutive sentence of life with parole eligibility after 10 years on Count II. Ruth will serve a minimum sentence of 45 years to life in prison. He received 369 days of credit for time served. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender within 48 hours and will be subject to lifetime supervision.

All information in this report is based on court documents and public hearings. Defendants are presumed innocent until they plead guilty or are found guilty at trial by a judge or jury.

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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie

CCHS: Last week, 19 senior Greenwave football players recognized the teacher, staff member, or coach who has made a lasting impact on their lives by presenting their honoree with a personalized t-shirt as a token of appreciation. KT Printing generously donated the jerseys, and the project was organized by the senior moms, who coordinated the effort to make this meaningful gesture possible.

In addition to receiving jerseys, each honoree was given a ticket to attend the Senior Night game on Friday night and had a special section reserved for them to watch the game. This week-long celebration highlighted the strong community supporting students both on and off the field and served as a reminder of the lasting impact teachers, staff, and coaches have on students’ lives.

The seniors and their honorees were: Jesse Grace-Amanda Hammond; Justin McArthur-Jenny Mitchell; JT Robinson-his mom/home-school teacher; Brenan Alves-Reema Pulifer; Davion Hooper-Jesse Melendy; Keyshawn Limo-Jeremy Sivers; Ashton McCourtney-Lonnie Slapinski; Carson Melendy-Eric Clifford; Wyatt Peek-Brian Mello; Kacin Rogne-Calvin Connors; Erik Townsy-Calvin Connors; Joseph Romero-Elaine Adams; Carlos Valenzuela-Dr. Sue Segura;

Deonte Wallace-Alicia White; Wyatt Dixon-Barb Hickox; Matthew Bird-Julie Stockard; Ryder McNabb-Jackie Bogdanowicz; Urian Anaya Rios-Coach Brian Shishido.

CCMS: Students in Michael Duffy’s Social Studies classes are diving into the Westward Expansion Project, focusing on the growth of the West and its effects on Native American communities. As part of the project, students are exploring how the beliefs and actions of Manifest Destiny destroyed Native American culture. In groups of four, students are creating slideshow presentations or papers detailing the ways the U.S. government took tribal lands from Native Americans. Once complete, each group will present its findings to the class and answer questions from peers and Duffy, showcasing their understanding of this critical period in U.S. history.

Numa: Students in Bingta Francke’s class are learning about healthy eating through their Harvest of the Month program. Every Thursday afternoon, students explore a new seasonal fruit or vegetable as part of their curriculum. They get to see, touch, and taste each harvest, learning about

its nutritional benefits and ways to enjoy it as part of a healthy diet. The program encourages students to make informed food choices while having fun discovering fresh, seasonal produce.

E.C. Best: Laura Malkovich’s third-grade class wrapped up an exciting writing unit on personal narratives. Students explored examples of personal narratives and followed the full writing process, including brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing to create their own unique stories. Each student typed their narrative, designed an illustration, and painted their very own masterpiece. This approach made learning fun while helping students express their creativity and storytelling skills.

Lahontan: Students in Jenelle Pope’s first-grade class had an exciting visit from the Fallon Churchill Volunteer Fire Department last week. Firefighters taught students important fire safety tips, gave them a tour of the fire truck, and even let them take turns spraying the hose. After the visit, students showed their appreciation by creating handmade thank-you notes for the firefighters.

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST DEBBIE MEYER INSPIRES OASIS ACADEMY STUDENTS

Students in grades 7 through 12 had the opportunity to hear from Olympic legend Debbie Meyer, a three-time gold medalist swimmer, during a special assembly this week. Meyer shared her incredible journey to Olympic success, offering words of encouragement about perseverance, hard work, and believing in oneself.

Meyer, who made history at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics by becoming the first woman to win three individual swimming gold medals in a single Olympic Games, captivated students with stories from her youth, training, competition days, and present experiences.

Her message included acronyms of the students to remember (FAIL – first attempt at learning, END – effort never dies, HOPE – hold on pain ends, FEAR - face everything and rise, and GOAL – get out and learn). She also included her 3D’s and 3C’s.

“Remember the three 3D’s, determination, dedication, and desire,” she said, explaining each and its significance.

She then continued with her three C’s and how they come into play in athletics, education, and life: choice, chances, and changes.

Meyer reminded students that they are in control of their own choices and attitude each day.

“You are in control of the most important piece of the puzzle, and that piece is you,” she said. “Work hard for things you want and learn to cope with failure.”

She also reminded the students of the importance of being a good teammate.

“Work hard for things you want, put in 100% all of the time, and help those who it doesn’t come easily to,” she said. “Because by helping others, it will help you as well. Being a good schoolmate or teammate makes everyone better. Encourage your peers and set goals.”

Oasis Academy is grateful to Debbie Meyer for taking the time to visit and motivate the next generation of leaders and athletes. Her message reminded everyone that success begins with dedication, discipline, and the courage to dream big.

OASIS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS BRING ENERGY AND SMILES TO MORNING DROP-OFF

Oasis Academy’s girl’s junior varsity and varsity athletes started the day off right this week—by helping at the K-8 morning drop-off and spreading school spirit. The players greeted students with big smiles, high-fives, and plenty of energy as they welcomed them to school.

Before the bell rang, the players joined younger students in helping with drop-off, playing on the playground, and dancing to upbeat music. The laughter and excitement were contagious as elementary students got to interact with some of the older kids.

The event not only brightened the morning but also strengthened the bond between Oasis Academy’s younger and older students.

FALLON FIRE DEPARTMENT TEACHES FIRE SAFETY TO K-3 STUDENTS

Students in kindergarten through third grade at Oasis Academy got a special visit this week from the Fallon Fire Department as part of Fire Safety Month. Firefighters spent the morning and afternoon teaching students important lessons about how to stay safe in case of a fire — including stop, drop, and roll, planning escape routes, and the importance of smoke alarms at home.

The visit included exploring the firetruck. Students had the chance to see the equipment up close, ask questions, and even meet Sparky, the department’s friendly firedog mascot.

Teachers and firefighters alike emphasized how valuable it is for young students to learn these safety tips early.

“Oasis Academy is always so grateful for the time and outreach that the Churchill County Fire Department invests in educating our students about fire safety,” said Shannon Garcia, K-6 Vice Principal. “We love their visits and look forward to them each October for Fire Safety Month.”

The visit was both educational and fun, leaving students with lasting lessons. It also emphasized the importance of community relationships and the service the local volunteer fire department does for the community to keep everyone safe.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian
Veritas Students Wrap Up First Quarter with Hands-On Learning

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst

As the first quarter came to a close, Veritas Preparatory School students celebrated their hard work with several weeks of creative and interactive projects across grade levels. From geography and art to science, classrooms were alive with color, curiosity, and collaboration - hallmarks of the Veritas approach to joyful, hands-on learning.

In 5th and 6th grade, students concluded their Explorers Unit by creating detailed salt dough maps of the Earth. Using salt dough, paint, and imagination, students shaped continents, mountain ranges, and oceans to represent the routes of

famous explorers. “It was very messy, and I like messy,” said 5th grader Brantley Wiberg.

Meanwhile, in Mrs. Buller’s 2nd-grade classroom, young artists traded their pencils for paintbrushes as they recreated Vincent van Gogh’s famous sunflower paintings. Students studied the artist’s bold colors and expressive brushstrokes before producing their own masterpieces inspired by his style. The classroom was soon filled with bright yellows and swirling patterns, a cheerful reflection of both art and autumn.

At the upper end of the school, 7th and 8th

graders wrapped up their science unit by mapping weather systems using real-world data. They located weather stations in the local area using National Weather Service information and utilized their data to create weather station models.

From explorers and artists to budding meteorologists, Veritas students ended the quarter with projects that blended knowledge and creativity. These activities not only celebrated what they’ve learned but also showcased the school’s commitment to nurturing curiosity, craftsmanship, and critical thinking.

Logos Christian Academy
Logos Students Celebrate Fall with Fun and Learning

By Logos Christian Academy

October has been a month full of adventure and discovery for students at Logos Christian Academy, where learning came to life through hands-on history lessons and fall festivities.

Classrooms buzzed with excitement as students explored the rich history of Nevada, diving into interactive projects that helped them connect with the state’s heritage in creative ways.

Of course, no autumn season is complete without a trip to Lattin Farms. Students picked bright orange pumpkins, navigated the famous corn maze,

and fed the friendly barnyard animals, making memories that will last well beyond the harvest season.

The month wrapped up with the Logos Fall Festival, a joyful celebration hosted by the school’s Uplift volunteers. Families and students gathered for an afternoon of horse rides, games, and colorful face painting, all in the spirit of community and gratitude.

As the leaves fall and the season changes, Logos students are carrying forward the lessons, laughter, and love for God’s creation that made this October one to remember.

SPORTS

CCHS Greenwave Football Dominates Lowry Buckaroos in Final Game of Regular Season

By Kasey Robb

The CCHS varsity football team had an explosive start to their last game of the regular season on Friday night, Oct. 24, with Camden Richardson returning the opening kickoff for a 78-yard touchdown. Richardson also made the second touchdown of the first quarter—rushing 10 yards—and Matthew Bird completed a 25-yard pass to Wyatt Peek, who made the third touchdown of the quarter.

The Greenwave carried that same aggression into the second quarter with Carson Melendy rushing the ball into the endzone for three separate touchdowns. Lowry pushed back with their first and only touchdown of the night with six minutes to go in the second.

CCHS entered the third quarter with a blistering 35-point lead. The game was decided before the fourth quarter after Drake Rowlett intercepted a pass for a 20-yard return, and Kacin Rogne made a 20-yard return on a blocked punt. The final score was 56-9 in favor of the Greenwave.

The JV team also won their game against Lowry earlier on Friday with a score of 47-13.

Before the varsity game, the seniors from the

team took to the field with their families to be recognized and honored at the close of their last football season with CCHS. It was a bittersweet occasion, but one marked with feelings of both accomplishment and optimism as players focused on the future.

“I’m a little nervous about graduating, but I’m excited to enter the next chapter,” said Erik Townsy. “Without my family and friends, I wouldn’t be in the spot I am today, and I want to thank them all. I’ve learned a lot about teamwork and hope to find a good school to pursue culinary arts or zoology.”

Wyatt Peek said, “The most important thing I’ve learned is that there are always going to be highs and lows; it just depends on how you get through them. After graduation, I’m hoping to go play college football and then rodeo later.”

“Football has taught me that nothing is going to be handed to you; you’ve got to work for it.” Wyatt Dixon said. “After this, I hope to continue my football career in college and eventually come back to run my dad’s shop.”

Friday’s win means the varsity team will end the regular season with a result of 7-1 in the league and 9-1 overall. While this technically ties

them for the No. 1 spot in the division with Elko, CCHS will take the No. 2 seed in the playoffs due to a loss against Elko on Oct. 17.

The Greenwave and the Indians have both secured a bye—automatically advancing in the playoffs—and will take a week off while The Fernley Vaqueros face the Lowry Buckaroos and the Truckee Wolverines take on the Spring Creek Spartans to determine the next two teams to advance.

“We were so close last year,” said Peek when asked about the playoff season. “That feeling is going to push us through.”

Dixon showed winning enthusiasm with his eyes on this season’s sack record. “I’m feeling great knowing that I only have two more sacks to tie the record and three to beat it!”

Townsy shared his teammates’ energy, saying, “I truly think we can make it all the way to state and win.”

CCHS will play the winner of the Fernley vs. Lowry game at home in the regional semifinals on November 7 at 6 pm. Family, friends, and fans are all encouraged to come out, show their Greenwave pride, and cheer on the team as they enter the battle for the championship.

CCHS Varsity Volleyball Honors Seniors

Demonstrates What it Means to Adapt and Overcome Adversity

By Kasey Robb

On Friday, Oct. 24, CCHS Volleyball hosted the Spring Creek Spartans in their second-to-last game of the regular season. Between the junior varsity and varsity games, seniors and their families were spotlighted in an emotional ceremony as their final season with CCHS nears its end.

“This has been a surreal experience,” Miranda Reeder, one of the seniors graduating this year, told the Fallon Post. “It hasn’t kicked in for me that I’m a senior, but it will. It’s emotional, but I’m excited to move on with my life.”

Lea Williams, who is also in her last year with CCHS, echoed a similar sentiment while reflecting on a tough season. “I’ve learned the importance of being a good teammate and building good relationships, especially after being injured this year. It was difficult going from starting to sitting on the bench, but I learned a lot about how to help people who are struggling from the bench. I’m kind of sad to be graduating, but I’m also kind of happy. I’m excited to start a new journey.”

“It means the world to be undefeated in the league, especially as a senior,” said Dylan Faught. “After losing our starting libero due to a season-ending injury, I had to step up and take charge of the back row. We’ve definitely had some setbacks that we’ve had to make major adjustments for, but this team has the determination to be able to adjust to whatever is thrown at us.”



From left to right, the senior volleyball players are: Miranda Reeder, Lea Williams, Destinee Tapia, Dylan Faught, and Leah Sorensen.

After the freshman and junior varsity teams lost their matches to Spring Creek, the varsity team stepped up to play a tense four sets. The Greenwave secured an early lead in the first set with a score of 25-20, but the Spartans muscled back to tie up the game in the second with a nail-biting 25-23 win. CCHS responded with 25-22 in the third period, then soundly took the fourth and final set 15-6, ending the match with a 3-1 win.

“I think our communication was a little bit off,” Reeder commented. “But then we got back in the game. We got competitive and showed that we wanted it more.”

The Greenwave had little time to celebrate as they returned to the court the next day, Saturday, Oct. 25, to face the Elko Indians. The varsity team proved that they were warmed up and ready to head into the playoffs on Monday by winning three straight sets against Elko, 25-18, 25-15, and 25-21.

“That game was great,” Coach Tristin Johnson said Saturday afternoon. “That was a team win. We tried a new line-up that we haven’t done all season. Everybody was very flexible and did their jobs. It worked really well for us.”

“We’re very confident going into the playoffs on Monday,” she continued. “At this point, it’s just us playing our very best volleyball. If we play our best volleyball, I think we’re tough to beat. I’m not so much worried about the other team as us just playing our best. The goal is to peak at the end of the season, and I think we are.”

On Monday night, Oct. 27, fans and family in green, and students in camouflage filled the stands with a charged atmosphere that reflected the team’s confidence. But that atmosphere and noise became nearly silent when, during warmups, star player and setter for CCHS, Layla Walker, collapsed with an injured knee. Unable to walk, she was carried off the court, out for the rest of the team’s first playoff game, and likely out for the rest of the season. Tears were shed during the national anthem as Lady Greenwave prepared to face the Wooster Colts without one of their strongest players.

“Each player on this team has a specific role,” explained Faught. “Our jobs as players are to know what that role is and focus on doing it well. Each player on this team knows their role, and when we can do them well, we are a powerhouse.”

Visibly shaken going into the first set, CCHS scrambled to secure those roles. Kalaya Downs stepped in as setter, and the game began with a score

that stayed neck and neck until the Greenwave barely scraped the win at 25-23. All it took was that one win, a short time to adjust, and an incredible display of determination for the team to come roaring back in the second to dominate Woster 25-15. Set three continued to show the team’s strength and adaptability, ending 25-16 and handing the Greenwave their first play-off win.

“Our team’s atmosphere this year is unbelievably better than last year,” Faught went on to say. “I think what makes this team so much different is our trust in each other. Our team chemistry is undeniable, and that’s what makes our team different from any year in the past.”

Lady Greenwave will continue their fight in the regionals on October 31st against the Dayton Dust Devils in Elko.

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What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly



Linda Xiao for The New York Times. Food Stylist: Monica Pierini.

Halloween is one of those magical nights when excitement fills the air—and buckets fill with sugar. But before the costumes go on and the candy be-gins to flow, there’s wisdom in serving up a hearty, grounding meal. A warm bowl of chili not only keeps little ghosts and goblins fueled for a night of trick-or-treating, but also helps balance out the tidal wave of sweets sure to follow.

This week, The New York Times Cooking newsletter featured a recipe that feels tailor-made for this moment: Turkey, Lentil, and Kale Chili. It’s fast, filling, and frugal—a trio of virtues that hit the sweet spot for families looking to stretch their grocery dollars without sacrificing flavor or nutri-tion. With lean ground turkey, fiber-rich lentils, and the convenience of frozen kale, this dish comes together in about 30 minutes. Even better, it relies on pantry staples and ingredients often found at local food pantries.

At a time when grocery prices continue to climb and many households are feeling the pinch (especially with SNAP funding in flux), recipes like this one remind us that good food doesn’t have to be fancy or expensive. It just needs to be nourishing, adaptable, and shared. You can easily swap the turkey for beans to make it vegetarian, or add in extra veggies if you have them on hand.

So before you head out into the spooky night, take a few minutes to sim-mer up this comforting chili. It’ll keep everyone warm, full, and ready to take on the Halloween candy rush—one mini Snickers at a time.

Pro tip: Make a double batch. Freeze the leftovers for a quick weeknight meal later this fall, you’ll thank yourself when the post-Halloween sugar crash hits.

Quick Turkey Chili Ingredients

By Genevieve Ko & NY Times Cooking

- 1

Large yellow onion, diced
- 3

Anaheim chiles, seeded and diced
- 3 Cloves

Garlic, minced
- 1

Jalapeno chile (seeded if you want), finely chopped
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 lb.

Ground turkey
- 3 tbsp.

Chile powder
- 1 tbsp.

Ground coriander
- 2 tsp.

Ground cumin
- 1 pack

Frozen kale, defrosted
- 2 (14.5 oz.)

Cans diced tomatoes
- 1 (4 oz.)

Can diced green chiles
- 2 cups

Chicken broth (plus more as needed)
- 1 cup

Lentils
- 1 bunch

Cilantro, finely chopped
- Garnish: lime wedges, sour cream, shredded cheese, and rice or Fritos (optional)



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

- DIRECTIONS:**
1.

Heat a large Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot over high heat until hot. Add a very thin sheen of oil and swirl to coat. Add the onion and spread it into a single layer. Cook, without stirring, until the bottoms are deeply charred.
2.

Drizzle more oil into the pan. Add the Anaheim peppers, jalapeno, and garlic. Season lightly with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring often, until the onion is translucent. Push the vegetables to one side of the pot.
3.

Coat the empty side of the pot with oil and add the turkey. Sprinkle the turkey and vegetables with the chili powder, coriander, and cumin. Cook, smashing the spices and veggies into the meat, and breaking the meat into tiny pieces. The spices should smell toasted after 2-3 minutes.
4.

Add the kale and cook, stirring regularly, until any liquid has evaporated (1-2 minutes). Add the tomatoes, canned green chiles, and stock, and bring to a boil. Add in the lentils and return to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer, and continue cooking until the lentils are soft, adding more chicken stock as necessary. For a thicker chili, smash the lentils a bit. Stir in half of the cilantro.
5.

To serve, ladle the chili into bowls over rice or Fritos and garnish with the remaining cilantro, shredded cheese, sour cream, and lime wedges.

Allison’s Book Report: “House of Many Gods” by Kiana Davenport

By Allison Diegel

If you have been following along on my weekly Book Report for the last two years, you know that the one and only thing that I love more than books is travel. I love exploring new places. Whether those places are closer to home or halfway around the world, I have found that the best way to bring a piece of them back home with me is by finding a book written by a local author. This week’s book is one of those, brought home from Hawaii last winter, waiting for its turn to be cracked open!

“House of Many Gods” by Kiana Davenport is a sprawling, deeply emotional story that really digs into the lives of a native Hawaiian family, all while weaving in a complex love story that stretches across continents. It starts in Hawaii, mainly following Ana, a woman who grows up on the “lawless” Wai’anae coast of O’ahu. Her childhood is marked by her mother’s abandonment, forcing her to be a survivor in a place struggling with poverty and drug issues. Against all odds, Ana is incredibly determined and manages to become a physician.

Things get really interesting when Ana meets Nikolai, a Russian filmmaker, while she’s helping out victims after Hurricane Iniki on Kaua’i.



Nikolai has a deeply troubled and mysterious past, but he’s dedicated to documenting the eco-logical horrors of the world, especially in his homeland and the Pacific. Despite their very different backgrounds and emotional baggage, they form an intense and passionate bond.

The story follows Ana and Nikolai’s relation-ship as an incredible odyssey that spans decades

and literally takes you around the globe. You’ll travel from the sun-drenched, yet struggling, parts of rural Hawaii to the forbidding, icy Arctic wastes of Russia, and even the “new Moscow.” Beyond the central romance, the book paints a vivid picture of the native Hawaiian family’s struggles against poverty, drug wars, and the increasing military occupation of their sacred lands. Ana’s personal search for her own identity and her mother’s story is a huge part of the narrative.

Ultimately, “House of Many Gods” is about so much more than just a love story. It’s an epic tale of loss, remembrance, the search for family, and the incredible, redemptive power of love to heal deep wounds. It’s an ambitious book that uses its characters’ journeys to explore bigger issues, making for a truly mesmerizing read!

I hope you enjoy this week’s pick – or whatever else you may be reading. After finishing up “House of Many Gods,” I feel the itch to plan a trip! Don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader to check out more tales of both my reading and my traveling adventures.

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

Crossword

By Peanut

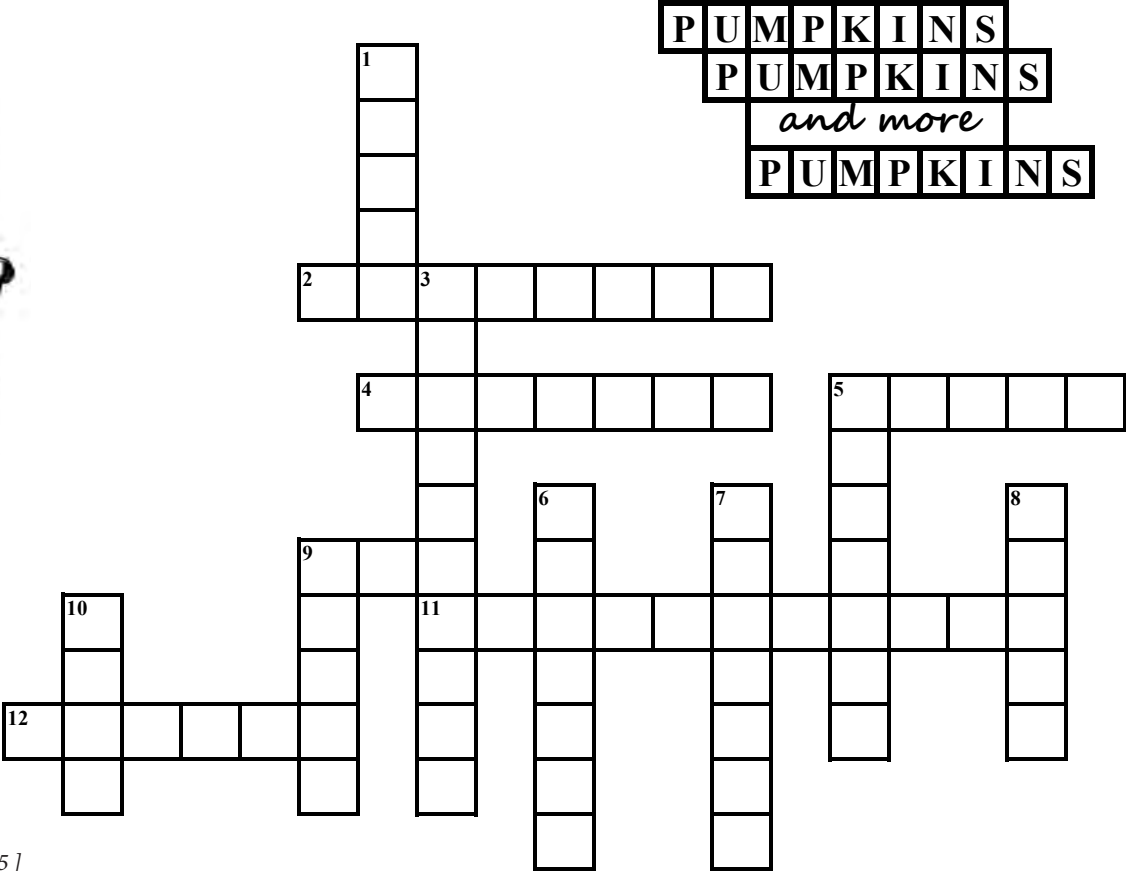


Across

2. Festoon
4. Seeds
- 5 Take a knife to
9. Filled pastry
11. Table decor
12. Scone

Down

1. Hogwarts beverage
3. New York style
5. Brit biscuits
6. Flapjack
7. Cocktail
8. Baked loaf
9. Liquid decoration
10. Potage



[Crossword answers found on page 15]

COLUMNS

PostCards: Fallon’s Atomic Past, Part 2

By Michon Mackedon

On October 26, 1963, a 12-kiloton nuclear bomb was detonated underground in Fallon’s backyard, 28 miles from City Hall, 20 miles from Stillwater, 12 miles from Salt Wells, 5 miles from Sand Mountain. Last week, I wrote about how and why that region had become a national atomic test site. This column touches on how the community reacted to its new and unusual role.

To understand the local response, we need to revisit the cultural context of the time.

The nation was in the middle of the Cold War, and almost everyone living in America feared the Soviet Union’s nuclear capability. The Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of August 1963 had just been signed, banning atmospheric testing and moving nuclear testing underground. Some of the visceral panic of the “duck and cover” days receded. We no longer regularly viewed ominous images of mushroom clouds as they rose from the dusty earth of the Nevada Test Site. Yet, the fear of a nuclear war remained deep in the recesses of a national consciousness, and everyone in America was urged—by the government, by the military, by the press—to do everything they could to keep our nation at the forefront of nuclear development and testing. Just months before the “Project Shoal” event, many Fallonites would have read an article in “Reader’s Digest” by James A. Farly stating, “Communists are moving war toward us. Today, they are on our doorstep” (July 1963).

The Soviet atomic program was (understandably) demonized. At the same time, the American atomic program was (understandably) cast in a positive light, not just as a means to maintain an edge in case of warfare, but as a means to solve hunger and poverty and bring peace to the world. President Eisenhower, in his famous “Atoms for Peace” speech of December 1953, proposed that a pool of atomic materials be established to make the “deserts flourish” and help “to warm the cold, to feed the hungry, to alleviate the misery of the world.”

In light of these sentiments, “Project Shoal” was promoted to Fallon citizens as their national duty and their gift to humanity. Yet, even more



persuasively and noticeably, the event was cast as a boon to the local economy. Local newspaper headlines avoided words like “bomb,” “radiation,” “blast,” and “nuclear,” instead proclaiming, “AEC [Atomic Energy Commission] to ask for Bids”; “Forty Miners will be Employed”; “Contractors Advised AEC to Issue Plans for Drilling Program.”

The Atomic Energy Commission launched an all-out public relations campaign on the streets of Fallon. They opened an office at 335 East Stillwater and invited the public to drop by. A diorama of “Project Shoal” was constructed and loaned to schools, the First National Bank, and the library. A public meeting was announced in the “Eagle Standard” on October 1, 1963, to “explain that a recent detonation which caused tremors in Las Vegas was many times as powerful as ‘Shoal.’” In other words, there was no need to worry about a triggered earthquake. The Public Health Service provided

lectures and demonstrations explaining their extensive air and water sampling plans to, among others, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion groups, and the public schools.

In retrospect, the most astounding feature of the public relations campaign was the erection of grandstands close to ground zero so that national, state, and local officials could view the moment of detonation.

Interestingly, there were no angry letters to the editor, no demonstrations, no protest groups. Mr. John Tudor of Reynolds Electric Company, an AEC subcontractor operating an office in Fallon during the planning and execution of “Project Shoal,” reported to the Fallon Chamber of Commerce about three months following the event that his company “had been very happy in their dealings with the community.... The cooperation had been excellent.”

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.

Movies & More

By Kelli Perez



As the leaves change and the weather cools, our theatre is full of warmth, laughter, and community fun. This Halloween weekend brings something for everyone — from family-friendly movies to spooky celebrations and timeless classics, there’s no better place to gather with friends and neighbors than right here in our historic theatre.

The fun begins Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. with the Maine Street Spooktacular, downtown Fallon’s annual safe trick-or-treat event. Maine Street will be closed to traffic as local businesses and community groups hand out candy, host games, and fill the street with

costumes, laughter, and Halloween cheer. And rumor has it there’s a towering new addition this year — something bright, round, and very pumpkin-shaped that you won’t want to miss. The organizing team is still welcoming sponsors and donations to keep this beloved community tradition thriving.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, join us for “The House with a Clock in Its Walls” (2018), a magical adventure starring Jack Black and Cate Blanchett. When a young orphan goes to live with his eccentric uncle, he discovers a world of hidden magic and mystery inside a very unusual home. Rated PG; 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Then at 7 p.m. Friday, the Halloween celebration continues inside the Fallon Theatre with the interactive cult classic “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” (1975). Admission is \$10, and props are welcome (just nothing wet or messy, please). Grab your friends, get ready to do the Time Warp, and close out October with music, laughter, and one unforgettable experience. Rated R; 1 hour, 40 minutes.

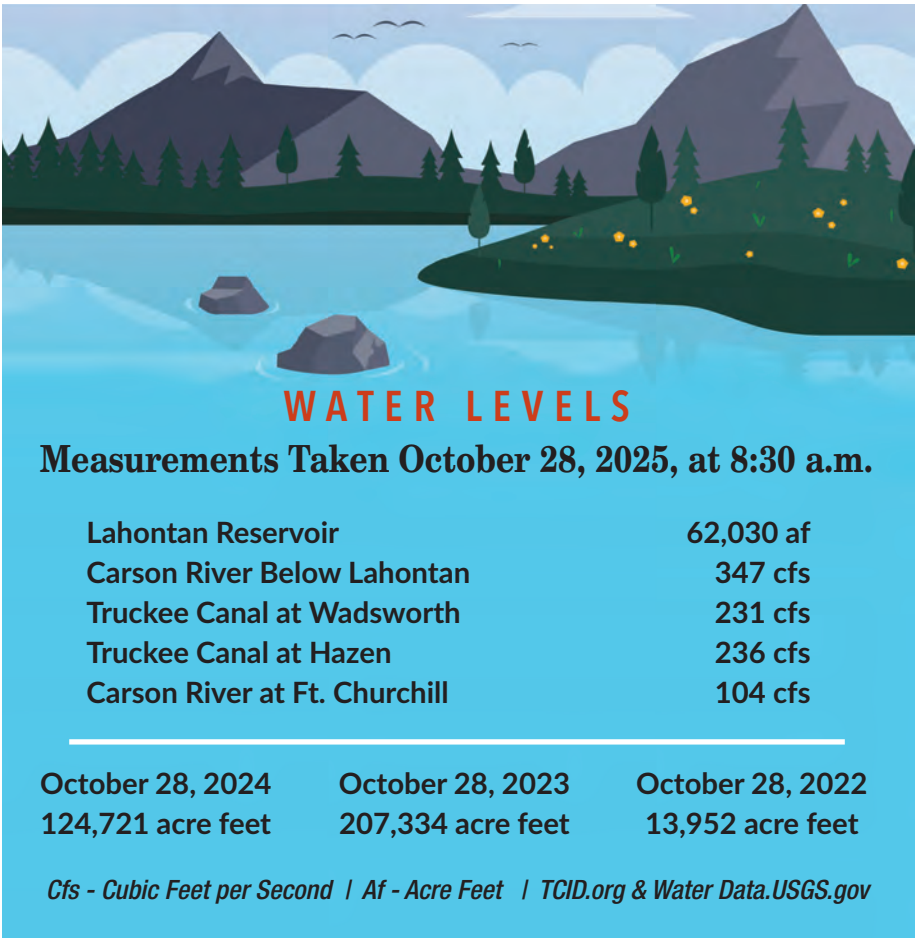
On Saturday at 7 p.m., take a step back in time with “Fiddler on the Roof” (1971), the Academy Award-winning musical about Tevye, a humble milkman navigating family, faith, and change in a small Russian village. Filled with memorable songs such as “If I Were a Rich Man” and “Sunrise, Sunset,” it remains one of

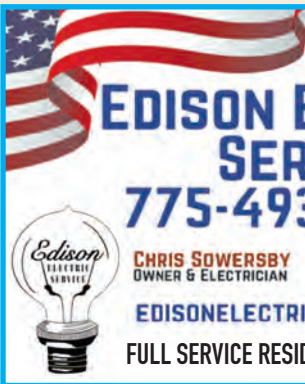
cinema’s most beloved stories. Rated G; 3 hours.

Looking ahead to November and December, the Fallon Theatre keeps the lights bright and the stage busy with great live entertainment and holiday traditions:

- Nov. 14, 7 p.m. – Nashville comedian Lee Hardin returns with his clever, clean stand-up comedy. Tickets: \$20.
- Nov. 15, 7 p.m. – River Rogue, a high-energy band blending country, rock, and blues. Free admission; tips appreciated.
- Nov. 22, 7 p.m. – The Kindred North, a talented Fallon acoustic duo featuring Raena Blais and McKenzie Warren. Admission: \$12.
- Dec. 5, 6 p.m. – Maine Street Christmas Tree Lighting, followed by the Lahontan Valley Concert Choir and “Jingle All the Way” (1996), sponsored by Premier Pawn.
- Dec. 19–20, 6 and 7 p.m. – “The Polar Express” (2004), free showings both nights with complimentary hot cocoa for all attendees.
- Dec. 26 – Closed so our volunteers can enjoy a well-earned rest after the holidays.

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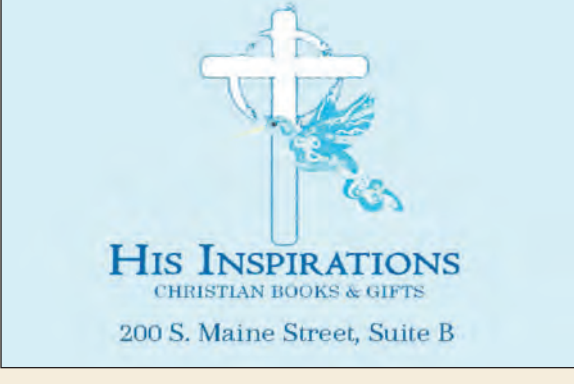


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Case No. 25-10DC-0096
Dept. No. I

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

ERIN ELIZABETH IRWIN,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
JASON COLE IRWIN,
Defendant.

SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANT:

You are summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff ERIN ELIZABETH IRWIN, whose address is: 6655 Reno Highway, Fallon, Nevada 89406

an Answer to the Complaint which is served upon you, within 21 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. In addition, you must file said Answer with the clerk of this Court at: 73 North Maine St. Fallon, Nevada 89406

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.*

DATED:
this 20th day of October, 2025

TIFFANY JOSEPHS
Court Administrator
*DIVORCE
by Julie Benninghove
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned are the beneficiaries under a deed upon death executed by Donald & Joyce Wren signed on the 2nd day of April, 2007 and recorded on the 26th day of June, 2007, and that said grantors died on the 17th day of December, 2024 and the 1st day January, 2019, respectively and that said grantors had a date of birth of the 26th day of July, 1934 and the 2nd of September, 1940, respectively. A creditor having claim against the grantors or their estate must file a claim with the undersigned, Virginia M. Pritchett, formerly known as Virginia M. Wren at the address given below within 90 days after the first publication of this notice.

Signed: /s/ Virginia M. Pritchett
Formerly known as:
/s/ Virginia M. Wren

Dated this 14th day of October, 2025

Beneficiaries: Virginia M. Pritchett (formerly known as Virginia M. Wren) 2413 Cabrillo Ave. Unit B, Torrance, CA 90501

Scott M. Brown, PO Box 2507 Grass Valley, CA 95945

Erin C. Brumage (formerly known as Erin C. Brown), PO Box 20037, Sun Valley NV 89433

Christopher Wren, 5711 Aspen Falls Circle, Las Vegas NV 89149

Jared Wren (Jerad), 10134 Neville Court, Las Vegas NV 89183

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