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Fallon Marks 25 Years Since 9/11 Attacks

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Fallon residents gathered in the City courtyard Sept. 11 to mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks, honor the nearly 3,000 people killed, and recognize the first responders and military members who answered the call to serve.

Fallon Mayor Kenneth Tedford led the remembrance ceremony, opening by thanking the community for coming together for the memorial.

The Mason Valley Fire Protection District bagpipers performed special music as Tedford took the podium to commemorate the anniversary and its importance to Fallon and the United States. Summer Stanton sang “God Bless America,” and the Churchill County High School choir sang the national anthem.

Churchill County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets presented the American and Nevada flags. Guest speaker Maj. Gen. D. Roger Waters of the Nevada National Guard addressed the crowd, explaining the importance of America remaining vigilant against future terrorist attacks on American soil.

Waters presented Dylan Tedford with the Nevada Medal of Merit for his meritorious service to Nevada and the Nevada National Guard, citing his outstanding leadership, strategic counsel, and dedication to interagency cooperation.

Naval Air Station Fallon chief petty officer selectees conducted the Old Glory flag ceremony, narrated by Chief Select Justin M. Zacharias, and presented the flag to Mayor Tedford.

Mayor Tedford reminded the crowd that



Churchill County High School Navy Junior ROTC cadets presented the American and Nevada flags during Fallon's Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony.

retired Public Works Director Jerry Mayfield was tasked with traveling to New York City shortly after the attacks to bring back a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. The steel was

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Planning Commission Reviews Standards for Industrial Development and Data Centers

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County is considering new development standards for its industrial zoning districts, including requirements governing data centers, power generation, water use, noise, traffic, and other impacts.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed changes Sept. 9 as an informational item with no action taken. The proposal remains under consideration.

The discussion comes as Nevada experiences rapid growth in proposed data center development.

According to the Desert Research Institute, NV Energy's 2024 Integrated Resource Plan identified 12 new data centers requesting 5,900 megawatts of capacity. Two years later, requested capacity had climbed 180% to 16,530 megawatts.

Data centers, referred to in Churchill County code as “Data Storage and Data Processing Facilities,” are facilities primarily dedicated to computer servers and related equipment used to store, process, and transmit large amounts of digital information. The proposed language excludes data-processing equipment and server rooms necessary to another principal use when they occupy less than 10% of the building.

Churchill County specifically incorporated data storage and processing facilities into its industrial use table during its 2025 zoning overhaul, when the county replaced one industrial district with three: I-1 Commercial Industrial, I-2 Industrial, and I-3 Heavy Industrial. Before those changes, data centers would have fallen under “Warehouse Storage and Distribution” and could have been allowed through a zoning review. The 2025 changes created a separate use for data storage and processing facilities, limited

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State Tests Put Churchill Student Performance in Focus

By Lori Kaiser

About one in five Churchill County students in grades three through eight met state standards in mathematics last school year. Fewer than three in 10 met the standards in English language arts, according to newly released state test results.

Churchill County's math proficiency rate was 21%, compared with 36.2% statewide. The local English language arts rate was 28.6%, compared with 45.2% statewide.

Students are counted as proficient when their test scores show they met or exceeded the standard for their grade.

The results included 1,281 Churchill County students enrolled during the testing period. A total of 1,263 took each test, giving the district a participation rate above 95%.

State Superintendent Steve Canavero Wakefield said Nevada's math scores increased slightly among students in grades three through eight. English language arts scores declined slightly, while science results were mixed.

“The most important headline from this data,

though, is that the majority of Nevada students aren't yet meeting grade-level expectations,” Wakefield said during a Nevada Department of Education media briefing.

Local results differed by school and subject. Churchill County High School reported an English language arts proficiency rate of 48.9% and received a three-star rating. Numa Elementary School and Churchill County Middle School received one-star ratings.

E. C. Best Elementary School and Lahontan Elementary School did not receive star ratings in the report provided. Lahontan had an index score of 82.5, the highest among the five district schools listed, but the report did not include its proficiency rates.

The districtwide report also showed an 85.9% graduation rate. Nearly one-third of students were chronically absent. The state defines chronic absenteeism as missing at least 10% of the school year.

Test scores show how students performed on state assessments, but they do not explain why

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log: *Limits*

By Rachel Dahl

I have too many ideas.
Not necessarily good ideas — let’s not get carried away. But I have a lot of them.
I can walk from one end of the office to the other and, somewhere between the front door and the coffee pot, come up with a new publication, a podcast, a special section, a community event, a new revenue stream, and possibly an acquisition. Or four.
For about 20 minutes, every single one of them seems brilliant.
That’s my problem — ideas are a dime a dozen. Execution is not.
Every idea comes with a hidden invoice attached to it. Somebody has to build it. Somebody has to sell it. Somebody has to write it, edit it, print it, post it, invoice it, promote it, answer questions about it, and then, God help us, maintain it.
This is the part people like me tend to skip over. Everything looks good when you’re wearing these rose-colored glasses, and you can see the thing in its finished state.
What I neglect to consider very often is the living from Tuesday to Tuesday, slogging through all the implementations. Tuesdays are where ideas live or die.
It is one thing to say, “We should do a weekly video.”
But I can feel my team rolling their eyes at me — “Oh, great, there she goes again. Great.”
Who is filming it? Who is editing it? Who writes the script? Who posts it? Who watches the numbers? Who sells the sponsorship? Who makes sure we are still doing it six months from now when everybody is tired of it?
Suddenly the cute little idea has employees, and they’re still noodling that LAST great idea I had.
I like to think that I am learning — slowly, painfully, and probably several years later than I should have — that having ideas is not really the valuable part.
The valuable part is deciding which ones deserve to live. Grow legs, so to speak. And that, for me, is a much harder job.
Bad ideas are easy; we can skip over those fairly quickly, but the good ideas are my “El Guapo.” (Movie line if you can name it!)
What I’ve learned is a good idea can still be the wrong idea right now. A good idea can take money away from a better idea, pull a good



employee away from something that actually matters, and become one more half-built thing sitting around demanding attention.
And maybe worst of all, a good idea can make you feel productive while distracting you from the boring thing that actually needs to get finished.
Which stings a little.
So I have been trying to get better at asking harder questions before I chase the next shiny object. Does this make what we already do stronger? Does it solve a real problem? Will anybody pay for it? Does it help us serve people better? Does it build trust?
And the big one:
Who, exactly, is going to do it?
And that gets a pause because I am also learning that leadership is not the same thing as personally dragging every interesting idea across the finish line; sometimes it’s just saying no.
To your very own self.
After all, a girl’s gotta know her limitations. (Another movie line if you can name it!)
So, while I practice adulting and learning (admitting) that there are limitations, we’ll always be right here...
... Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

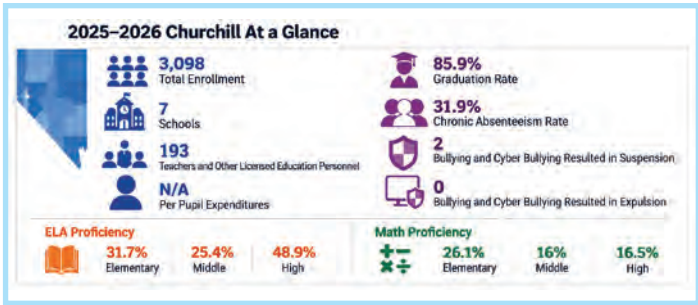
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the results occurred. Attendance, staffing, classroom materials, student needs, academic programs, and available support may affect learning and require closer examination.

Asked what Nevada must do to improve student achievement, Wakefield said, “There are no shortcuts.” He described better teaching and learning as a long-term effort that requires strong classroom materials, teacher training, and tests that help schools identify students who need additional help.

Nevada also introduced a new system for rating school districts and charter school sponsors. The District Performance Framework looks at school results, staffing, classroom materials, advanced courses, and financial stability.

The district ratings are separate from the star ratings assigned to individual schools. This year’s



The Nevada Report Card's 2025-26 Churchill County At a Glance graphic summarized district enrollment, staffing, graduation, attendance, discipline, and proficiency figures. Graphic courtesy of the Nevada Department of Education.

ratings create a starting point and carry no formal penalties.

The Fallon Post will seek comment from Churchill County School District officials after they have had time to review the newly released information. Follow-up coverage will examine areas of strength, areas in which students may need more support, and the district’s plans for the coming school year.

PETS OF THE WEEK

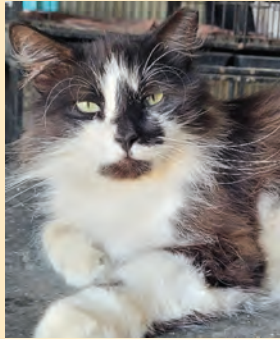
Rainbow is Ready for a Family

Rainbow is a 3 1/2-year-old female bull terrier looking for a dependable family. This affectionate, playful dog enjoys car rides and spending time with her people. Rainbow is house-trained, crate-trained, comfortable indoors and outdoors, and good with children of all ages. She is moderately active but pulls on the leash, so continued training will help her thrive. Rainbow can be dominant and experiences separation anxiety. Her ideal family will provide companionship, consistency, structure, and plenty of time together. Rainbow is spayed and weighs about 50 pounds.



Meet Chewy

Chewy is a big, handsome black-and-white longhaired cat ready to find a home. About 5 years old, he is neutered, vaccinated, and prepared to join a family. Chewy came through the Fallon Animal Welfare Group's barn cat program, which is why his ear is tipped. He loves being held, having conversations, and following his people like a shadow. Anyone searching for a loving, sociable companion may find that Chewy is the cat they have been waiting for.



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

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

FEATURES

Fall Traditions Return to Lattin Farms

By Sydney Trainor

For nearly three decades, fall at Lattin Farms has meant corn mazes, hay wagon rides, and pumpkin picking. The Fallon tradition returns Sept. 26 with familiar favorites and a new lineup of activities. The festival will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31. The additions join familiar festival traditions, including the farm’s more than 5-acre corn maze, pumpkin patch, hay wagon rides, Cow Train, Critterville, Kids Corner, and Saturday crafters fair.

New attractions this year include zip lines, a giant jump pad, a straw bale maze, a bubble station, lawn games, corn boxes, swings, and campfire areas. The farm has also added a Wild West-themed area with tug-of-war, stick pony racing, and cattle roping. Lattin Farms has held the festival since 1998, but the farm’s history stretches back more than 100 years. Between activities, visitors can see its fields, animals, historic equipment, wagons, tractors, and bakery. Admission includes unlimited access to the corn maze, hay wagon rides, Cow Train, zip lines,

jump pad, playground, Critterville, Kids Corner, games, and other attractions. Tickets cost \$15 online or \$18 at the gate. This year’s all-inclusive admission price matches last year’s combination pass, with the new activities included. Admission does not include pumpkins, food, beverages, concessions, or campfire areas. Visitors may select and purchase pumpkins from the farm’s pumpkin patch, and campfire areas are available by reservation. For tickets and information, visit lattinfarms.com/fall-festival.



Photo courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.



Photo courtesy of Logos Christian Academy.



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I Was Arrested. Now What?

By Leanna Lehman

Arrested and standing in handcuffs is not generally a place we see ourselves. The hours that follow an arrest can be scary, particularly if it is a first arrest and you are unfamiliar with the criminal justice process. While this article is not legal advice, it can offer some basic information about what happens next. At the time of arrest, you may ask officers why you are being arrested. Keep in mind that the charges ultimately filed may change as law enforcement investigates and prosecutors review the case. Law enforcement officers also offer some simple advice: Stay calm and be respectful. Resisting arrest can be dangerous to both you and the

arresting officer, and becoming combative can turn a relatively routine arrest into a much more serious matter with additional charges. Being arrested is only the beginning of the process and does not mean you are guilty or have been convicted. It means you have been taken into custody based on legal authority and probable cause, which requires more than a hunch or suspicion but far less than the proof needed to convict. Following an arrest, officers will transport you to jail for booking, where detention staff will also assess whether you have medical or other special needs. And just like in the movies, you are allowed phone calls. Nevada law gives you the right to make a reasonable number of completed calls, including calls to family, an attorney, or a bail agent. There is a catch: The law does not guarantee access to your cellphone, which will ordinarily be secured with your other property. Whether staff allows you to retrieve a number from it depends on the facility. So, while it may seem drastically outdated, memorizing at least one important phone number can suddenly become very useful. If you remain in custody, detention facilities generally provide ways to communicate with family and friends, although the systems and costs vary. These may include paid phone calls, messaging, or video visitation. Family and friends may also be able to deposit money into an inmate account for commissary and other available services. An initial bail amount can sometimes be set before you appear before a judge. In many cases, once bail is posted, you can be released, although exceptions apply, including in some domestic battery and DUI cases. If you cannot post bail, Nevada law generally requires a pretrial release hearing within 48 hours. Weekends count; legal holidays do not. At that hearing, the judge is not deciding whether you are guilty. The judge is deciding whether you will remain in custody or be released and, if released, under what conditions. Under the Nevada Supreme Court’s Valdez-Jimenez decision, courts must make an individualized determination, considering factors such as your ability to pay and whether less restrictive conditions can reasonably ensure your return to court and community safety. Depending on the timing and circumstances, an arraignment may also occur – which you must attend even if you posted bail. This is when you are formally advised of the charges and called upon to enter a plea, but you do not have to enter one at that time. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may also qualify for appointed counsel. What happens from there depends on the case and may include additional hearings, negotiations, a preliminary hearing, trial, or sentencing. Those are topics for another Civics 101. For now, remember: An arrest begins the criminal justice process; it does not end it. You remain presumed innocent unless and until guilt is established.

Prepared Meals

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food and Commodity Pantries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jordan World Circus Plans Fallon Performance

Staff Report

The Jordan World Circus is scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Rafter 3C Outdoor Arena, 227 Sheckler Road.

The traveling circus advertises a 90-minute show featuring performing dogs, the Globe of Steel, high-wire artists, a quick-change act, and clowning and juggling. Programs and attractions are subject to change.

The first 100 general-admission tickets are \$9.88 online. A family five-pack, covering two adults and up to three children, is \$34.99 and available only online. Regular admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3 to 12. Children 2 and younger are admitted free. Taxes and fees apply.

Tickets may be purchased at jordancircus.com or at the arena box office beginning one hour before the performance. For help purchasing tickets, call 941-870-7444.

CCSD to Host PJammin for Kids With Cancer



By Nancy Chapman

Churchill County School District will host PJammin for Kids with Cancer on Thursday, Sept. 24, and Friday, Sept. 25.

Northside Early Learning Center students and students in kindergarten and first grade are encouraged to wear pajamas on Thursday. Students in grades 2-12 are encouraged to participate Friday.

The event raises awareness of children undergoing cancer treatment, who often spend extended periods in their pajamas. Students wear pajamas to show support for those children.

Students are encouraged to wear pajamas and donate to support children affected by cancer. Donations of any amount will be accepted and will benefit the Northern Nevada Children’s Cancer Foundation.

Fallon Youth Club Dinner and Auction Set for Sept. 19

Staff Report

The Fallon Youth Club will hold its 2026 Annual Dinner and Auction from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the club, 324 Pennington Circle.

The fundraiser will feature dinner, drinks, and an auction. Proceeds will support the club and its services for local children.

Tickets may be purchased through fallonyouthclub.com. For information or ticket availability, call 775-423-6926.

Open Mic Storytelling Takes the Stage Sept. 18

Staff Report

The Churchill Arts Council will host a Moth-inspired open-mic storytelling event at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in the Barkley Theatre at Oats Park Art Center, 151 E. Park St.

Participants may place their names in a drawing for a chance to tell a five-minute story based on the theme “First Time for Everything.” Stories must be true, on theme, told within the time limit, and the storyteller’s own to share.

Steven Christie will host the event. Byron Sorensen will perform in the Art Bar from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and an introductory Fallon Film Society meeting will begin there at 6 p.m.

The event is for adults 18 and older. Admission is \$5 at the door. To RSVP or obtain information, visit churchillarts.org or call 775-423-1440.

Gabbs Library Plans Bingo Fundraiser for Local Family

Staff Report

The Gabbs Community Library will host “Junk Food Bingo for the Kids” at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the library, 530 E. Ave.

All proceeds from the bingo night will benefit Derrick Chiaratti and his daughter following an accident.

Donations may be dropped off at the library from 9 a.m. to noon Friday or Saturday.

For more information, contact Connie Stinson at 775-481-8085.

Adult Chautauqua Takes the Stage Sept. 26

Staff Report

The Churchill County Museum’s Adult Chautauqua returns at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine St.

This year’s “America 250” living-history program features Glen Perazzo as John Flood, Connie Heath as Minnie Blair, Ernie Schank as Joseph Frey Jr., Connie Thomas as Georgie Sicking, and Pam Duarte as Margaret “Peg” Wheat.

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

Tickets are available at the Churchill County Museum, 1050 S. Maine St. For information, call 775-423-3677.

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, Sept. 21	Tuesday, Sept. 22	Wednesday, Sept. 23	Thursday, Sept. 24	Friday, Sept. 25
All Beef Hotdog WW Bun Grilled Onions Mixed Veggies Tater Tots	Sloppy Joes WW Bun Baked Beans Glazed Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Minestrone Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich WW Bread Vanilla Pudding Carrot & Celery Stix	Chicken Fajitas Cowboy Beans Spanish Rice Colorful Salad Pineapple Tidbits	Beer Battered Fish Sandwich WW Bun Tartar Sauce Capri Veggie Tater Tots Diced Pears

FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESMERALDA AVE., FALLON, NV | 775-423-4714

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

Monday, Sept. 21	Thursday, Sept. 24	Monday, Sept. 28	Thursday, Oct. 1	Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.
Meat Loaf Veggies & Dessert	Enchilada Casserole Salad & Fruit	Lasagna Salad & Bread	Breakfast for Dinner	

OBITUARIES

MARGARET ANN JONES LEON
August 16, 1945 – August 22, 2026



Margaret Ann Jones Leon, age 81, of Fallon, Nevada, finished her life's journey peacefully in the arms of Jesus on August 22, 2026. She was born on August 16, 1945, in Hawthorne, Nevada, in the little pink hospital up on the hill. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin Calvin and Arlie Juanita Lehman Jones of Fallon, Nevada.

She attended elementary school in Hawthorne, Nevada, and graduated from Mineral County High School. As a teenager, she enjoyed learning and working at the sewing factory as a seamstress. She enjoyed sewing for others, making

clothing and blankets, crocheting baby blankets for those in need, making ceramic vases and other beautiful items, and crafting all kinds of neat things to sell at craft fairs. In her spare time, she enjoyed events focused on dancing, especially ballroom dancing, which she began learning at an early age. After working as a seamstress, she worked for many years as a bomb assembler at the Hawthorne ammunition facility, now known as Hawthorne Army Depot. She worked many years at Naval Air Station Fallon as a civil service worker until retirement.

Margaret married Ron Leon on March 16, 1976, in Fallon, Nevada. They celebrated their 50th anniversary this year, March 16, 2026. She centered all of her life on caring for her family, especially her daughter Michelle, who was born with cerebral palsy, showing great resilience and strength through very hard times. On March 29, 2026, Ron had a massive heart attack and passed away. With her forever love no longer walking this life with her, she continued her journey, remaining strong no matter

what came her way, until Jesus called her home to be reunited with her forever love and daughter.

She is survived by her sister Joyce Reynolds; daughter Wanda (Andrew) Smith; son Bobby (Eileen) Fish; son Jon (Lara) Leon; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and her great, faithful companion, Neptune, her dog.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years, Ron; daughter Michelle Leon; brother Edward (Eddie) Jones; baby sister Beverly Jones; nephew Ronnie Jones; and niece Tammy Jones.

While our hearts are heavy, we are choosing to celebrate the life of a woman who was deeply loved by all. Her enduring legacy will have a lasting and positive impact on those who knew her.

You answered the call and gained your wings to fly among the angels. You are gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. Always and forever, we love you, Mom!

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

DARLEEN JOY BIRDMAN, NÉE REAFS
November 13, 1945 – August 10, 2026



With great sadness in our hearts, we announce the passing of Darleen Joy Birdman, née Reafs, on August 10, 2026. Born at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi on November 13, 1945, Darleen was raised in Fallon, Nevada. Darleen was a lifelong schoolteacher and taught for many years in Clark County. She was a beautiful, generous, and thoughtful woman who loved people, pets, and the outdoors.

She brought much happiness to those around her. She is survived by her daughter, Jodie, and brother, Ron. She will be laid to rest on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 8:40 a.m. at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada, with her husband, Murray, who preceded her in death. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Three Square.



LAWRENCE DAVID MATZEN

Lawrence David Matzen, affectionately known to everyone as Dave, was called home peacefully on August 29, 2026, at the age of 69.

Born in Petaluma, California, Dave moved to Fallon, Nevada, at an early age, where he truly planted his roots. He spent many years in Fallon doing what he loved most—driving equipment, cruising around in his truck, and playing sports. He later moved to Wyoming and then back to Nevada with his family, working all over rural Nevada and in places like Australia. His final years were spent back in the place where he grew up, Fallon.

Dave dedicated much of his life to his career as a miner. He earned a reputation for his exceptional work ethic, toughness, and unwavering dedication to the trade. Outside of work, Dave was happiest spending an early morning on the golf course or sitting in the stands cheering on his grandchildren. He was undeniably their biggest fan—always ready for a loud cheer from the sidelines and a bit of heartfelt coaching advice afterward. Above all, Dave will be remembered for his infectious laugh and his ability to light up any room he walked into.

Dave is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Nancy Matzen; his son, David Matzen; his daughter, Channon Toles (Chris Toles); grandchildren Bryson, Braelen, and Deja; his siblings, Maureen Weishaupt, Mike Matzen (Amy Matzen), and Kathy Hansen (Dave Hansen); and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A celebration of life will be held November 7, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fallon Golf Course. Family and friends are invited to gather, share stories, and celebrate Dave's life on what would have been his 70th birthday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society or to a local youth sports program of your choice.

Sawyer–Bryan Dinner Brings Community Together for Reflection and Rural Issues

Story and photo by Lori Kaiser

The Churchill County Democratic Central Committee hosted its annual Sawyer–Bryan Dinner on Sept. 12, drawing a full room for an evening centered on community traditions, regional concerns, and remarks from local and statewide figures.

Chair Edith Isidoro-Mills opened the program, followed by an invocation from Pastor Dawn Blundell of Epworth United Methodist Church. Blundell reflected on the recent passing of several public figures, including writer Wendell Berry, and read from Berry’s poem “The Mad Farmer’s Liberation Front.” She encouraged attendees to consider themes of stewardship, humility, and perseverance as they work within their communities.

A land acknowledgment delivered by committee treasurer Ellen Johnson recognized the Northern Paiute, Western Shoshone, Southern Paiute, and Washoe peoples, whose ancestral lands encompass much of the Great Basin. Kimberly Johnson then performed the Shoshone Flag Song, a tribute to Native veterans and tribal communities. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, and Isidoro-Mills introduced county chairs and committee officers from across the region.

The first speaker of the evening, Lynn Ballatore, chair of the Lyon County Democrats and candidate for Senate District 17, outlined priorities for the district, which spans 20,000 square miles across six counties. Ballatore discussed affordability, transportation, healthcare access, and communications infrastructure as ongoing concerns for rural residents.

“We’re losing our healthcare. We don’t have transportation,” she said. “There’s too much that’s going to make the next generation leave.”

Ballatore, who previously worked for the Legislative Counsel Bureau, said she hopes to direct more state resources toward rural counties. She also noted that counties often lack the staffing and funding needed to oversee large-scale development projects. Ballatore briefly referenced public concerns about data center development raised in recent community meetings, framing the issue as part of a broader need for rural counties to have adequate regulatory support.

She also discussed mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer contracts, citing cases in which residents lost the ability to pursue legal remedies. Ballatore said her 103-year-old aunt, a retired judge, has long raised concerns about arbitration provisions and their impact on consumers.

Dinner was served following Ballatore’s remarks.

A prerecorded message from Sen. Jacky Rosen was played after the meal. Rosen thanked attendees for their community involvement and discussed federal policy debates, healthcare access, and the importance of civic participation. The message was recorded earlier in the year, before the dinner was postponed in May.

The evening’s raffle and silent auction winners were then announced, with prizes including books, jewelry, local spirits, and art collections.

The program continued with presentations from Desert Research Institute researchers Dan Saftner and Erik Henzl, who were invited to provide context on questions raised in recent public meetings. Saftner, an assistant research scientist, spoke first, outlining current work related to groundwater behavior, water availability, and long-term planning considerations in areas experiencing development pressure. Henzl, a senior research scientist, followed with information on electrical demand modeling and infrastructure impacts associated with large-scale data center proposals. Their remarks offered a broad overview of how major projects intersect with rural water supplies, electrical capacity, and regional planning.



Devan Doan, chair of the Nevada Democratic Party’s Rural Caucus; Senate District 17 candidate and Lyon County Democratic Central Committee Chair Lynn Ballatore; Churchill County Democratic Central Committee Chair Edith Isidoro-Mills; Treasurer Ellen Johnson; Vice Chair Chuck Kaiser; and Secretary Mattie Melrose gather during the Sawyer–Bryan Dinner on Sept. 12.

Renamed several years ago to honor former Gov. Grant Sawyer and former Sen. Richard Bryan, the Sawyer–Bryan Dinner remains one of Churchill County’s longstanding political traditions. This year’s event combined ceremonial elements, policy discussions, and community recognition, offering attendees an opportunity to reflect on local issues and regional priorities.

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COMMUNITY

Lions Club Names Labor Day Parade Winners

Staff Report

The Fallon Lions Club announced the winners of its 2026 Labor Day Parade, which celebrated Churchill County educators.

- **Civic Award:** Holy Trinity Church
- **Automobile:** Weekend Only Car Club
- **Business:** Likety Split Car Wash
- **Mounted Horse Group:** Fallon Horsemen's Association
- **Youth Group:** FYFL Pop Warner Greenwave Cheer Squad
- **Antique Farm Implement:** Combine featuring candidate Amber Getto
- **President's Award:** Churchill County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
- **Most Creative:** Churchill County Transportation
- **Best Use of Theme:** Fallon Dental Studio

The winning entrants will be invited to receive their awards and have their photographs taken during the Fallon Lions Club's first meeting in October.

EDUCATORS RECOGNIZED AS GRAND MARSHALS

Four Churchill County School District educators served as grand marshals:

- Stacey Manning, Lahontan Elementary School
- Monica Fairbanks, Churchill County High School
- Keith Sluyter, Churchill County High School
- Jaime Sammons, Churchill County High School

Lyon County educator Octavia Merritt also joined them.



Fallon Dental Studio's educator-themed entry travels along the parade route during the 2026 Fallon Lions Labor Day Parade. The entry received the Best Use of Theme award. Photo courtesy of John Baker.

MUSEUM FALL LECTURE SERIES

Curtis Finds Northern Nevada History in Personal Stories

Story and photo by Lori Kaiser

A long bicycle ride to school, a photograph borrowed without a mother’s permission, and a retired Radio City Rockette kicking her way down California Avenue are among the memories Mark Curtis believes belong in Northern Nevada’s history.

Curtis opened the Churchill County Museum’s “Layers of Nevada” fall lecture series Sept. 8 with stories from “One of a Kind: The People and Places That Make Reno the Biggest Little City in the World,” his two-volume collection of personal essays and images.

The books bring together stories by prominent Nevadans, people known mainly within their own communities, and others whose names may be unfamiliar to most readers. Together, their memories offer a picture of Northern Nevada through its art, athletics, businesses, families, schools, and civic life.

Curtis said he did not want to write a conventional history in a single voice. Instead, he wanted people to tell the stories that mattered to them.

“I don’t consider myself the writer of these two,” Curtis said. “I consider myself the publisher of these two.”

Finding those stories meant looking beyond the people he already knew.

“You’ve got to get out of your own circle of family and friends,” Curtis said. “You’ve got to cast a wider net.”

Curtis credited his three co-publishers, contributors, and friends with introducing him to people throughout the region. Former Nevada Poet Laureate Gailmarie Pahmeier helped connect him with two Fallon contributors: writer Everett George and poet and tribal historian nila northSun.

The books took about 2½ years each to assemble. Some prospective contributors declined, some struggled to settle on a story, and others could not find the right image.

For Curtis, the image was essential.

“I’m not going to take a story that doesn’t have an interesting photograph,” he said.

That requirement nearly kept the late Tom Dolan out of the second volume. Curtis had a story but could not find an image with the candid quality he wanted. After nearly a year, a Dolan Auto Group marketing director produced a

photograph of Dolan riding on a stagecoach at the rodeo and waving to the crowd.

Curtis also recalled visiting the late Rusty Crook, an athlete and founder of This Is It Day Camp. While looking around Crook’s crowded office, Curtis noticed an old military photograph pinned to a corkboard. The picture showed Crook doing a handstand on a Jeep while serving in the Army. It became the final photograph in the first volume.

Another contributor, Jennifer Capel, wanted to write about her father, a runner, coach, and attorney. A promising photograph was hanging in her mother’s home, but her mother was leaving on vacation. Capel proposed temporarily taking it so Curtis could photograph it and return it before her mother came home.

Curtis said the resulting image and story made it into the book.

Another story centers on Ashley Parisi of Truckee and a local tradition among graduating seniors. Parisi jumped from a rock into the frigid water of Lake Tahoe in February, and a family photograph captured the moment.

The collection also includes a contribution from “Pickles” creator Brian Crane, who once worked at Curtis’ advertising agency. Crane wrote about bringing his reluctant wife to Reno and joked that, years later, she would be equally reluctant to leave.

Three-time Tour de France winner Greg LeMond contributed a memory from his school days. LeMond lived in Washoe Valley and rode his bicycle roughly 26 miles to Wooster High School. One day, he added a detour to the trip and arrived late to physical education class, where football coach Joe Sellers was waiting.

Curtis offered just enough of each anecdote to tempt the audience, frequently stopping before the ending and encouraging listeners to read the books.

The collection also includes a story by Suzy Darling, a former Radio City Rockette who worked at Curtis’ wife’s restaurant. When business was slow, Darling sometimes stepped onto California Avenue and performed Rockette-style kicks to attract customers. Curtis said the effort never brought in much business, but it made a memorable story.

Other contributors include former Nevada attorney general Frankie Sue Del Papa; former



Mark Curtis shared stories from his two-volume “One of a Kind” collection during the opening program of the Churchill County Museum’s “Layers of Nevada” fall lecture series Sept. 8.

Seattle Seahawks linebacker Dave Wyman; professional golfer Patty Sheehan; Mark Twain impressionist McAvoy Layne; speed skier Franz Weber; and Warren Lerude, former publisher of the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Curtis said the best contributions were personal rather than career summaries. Weber, a six-time world champion speed skier, ultimately wrote about what he considered the greatest moment of his career — an encounter with race car driver Jackie Stewart that had nothing to do with skiing.

Curtis has published three books, but considers himself the author of only one: “Reno: A Fabled City Finds Its Soul.” That book explores Reno’s transformation around the founding of Artown in 1996 and the festival’s role in drawing people downtown and back to the Truckee River.

Curtis, who spent about 35 years as an advertising agency principal, creative director, and writer, was a founding member of Reno’s first arts commission and conceived and co-founded Artown.

He closed with a saying that captured the change he saw taking place in Reno during that period.

“Reno always knew it had water running through town,” Curtis said, “but it never knew it had a river.”

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fallon Community Calendar Movie Day Coalition for Senior Citizens The Fallon Theatre The third Friday of each month at 1 p.m.	Jim Regan Memorial Golf Tournament Fallon Golf Course 2655 Country Club Drive Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.	10th Annual Show-N-Shine The Fallon Theatre Historic Fallon Theatre Sept. 26 at 9 a.m.	A Guiding Light Fundraiser to End Family Violence Domestic Violence Intervention Inc. Fallon Eagles Hall Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m. This Community Calendar is sponsored by Range Media Co. An Oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert. If you would like to sponsor the Community Calendar, please contact The Fallon Post at 775-423-4545.
“The Layers of Nevada” Fall Lecture Series Churchill County Museum 1050 S. Maine St. Tuesdays, Sept. 22 and 29, at 6 p.m.	Agape Church School Car Show, Cornhole, and Craft Fair Agape Church School Rafter 3C Arena, 325 Sheckler Road Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Adult Chautauqua Presentations: America 250 Churchill County Museum Historic Fallon Theatre Sept. 26 at 3 p.m.	
Open Mic Storytelling Churchill Arts Council The Barkley Theatre Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.	Crafternoon Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m.	Fall Festival Lattin Farms 1955 McLean Road Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.	
Fall Into Aquasize Churchill County Aquatic Center 333 Sheckler Road Sept. 19 from 8:45 to 10 a.m.	Battle of the Badges Top Gun Dragstrip 15550 Schurz Highway Sept. 26 at noon	Ales for Arts Churchill Arts Council Lariat Courtyard Oct. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.	



COMMUNITY

Fallon Junior Rodeo Results



Shayla Roukey headed while Logan Marshall heeled. Photo courtesy of John Baker.



Ackley Goings competed in barrel racing. Photo courtesy of John Baker.

By Rachel Kent

PEE WEE ALL-AROUND
Lennon Kretschmer

PEE WEE RESERVE ALL-AROUND BOY
Quade Kretschmer

PEE WEE RESERVE ALL-AROUND GIRL
Kingsley Armstrong

6-9 ALL-AROUND BOY
Bryton Barton

6-9 RESERVE ALL-AROUND BOY
Wyatt Barton

6-9 ALL-AROUND GIRL
Mylee Macedo

6-9 RESERVE ALL-AROUND GIRL
Ackley Goings

10-13 ALL-AROUND BOY
Hayes Allegre

10-13 RESERVE ALL-AROUND BOY
Damon Edgemon

10-13 ALL-AROUND GIRL
Addison Allegre

10-13 RESERVE ALL-AROUND GIRL
Macie Collins

SENIOR ALL-AROUND BOY
Clayton Hiibel

SENIOR RESERVE ALL-AROUND BOY
Logan Marshall

SENIOR ALL-AROUND GIRL
Kashlynn Hill

SENIOR RESERVE ALL-AROUND GIRL
Shayla Roukey

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Ribbon Cutting



Deputy Refuge Manager Bethany Chagnon, center, with refuge staff and volunteers during the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge ribbon cutting.

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge celebrated a ribbon cutting for its headquarters at 3175 Freeman Lane on Sept. 12. Lucy Carnahan, executive director of the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, hosted the event. Deputy Refuge Manager Bethany Chagnon and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer K. Kasper greeted attendees during the daylong activities. Kasper, a Federal Wildlife Officer, explained his duties and responsibilities to the refuge.

As part of the refuge’s restoration work, Chagnon is testing hardy, fast-growing, wildlife-friendly plants that may be suitable for replanting severely burned areas and reducing soil erosion after fires. She said the plants were originally started two years ago by Jaime Sammons’ Plant Science Class at Churchill County High School, a project now helping support the refuge’s restoration work.

The event also featured arts and crafts for children, live music by Steven Blais, fine art exhibits by local artists, and snacks and drinks.







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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Casey Road Commercial Development Moves Forward in Early Review

By Leanna Lehman

A proposed mixed-use development on Casey Road returned to the Churchill County Planning Commission Sept. 9 with revisions aimed at addressing concerns raised during an earlier workshop.

Silver Spur Village, proposed by Silver Sage Development LLC on nearly 16 acres immediately west of Walmart, would include 70 attached townhomes, a four-story hotel with up to 137 rooms, and commercial development, including retail space, a sit-down restaurant, and several drive-through restaurant sites.

The Sept. 9 conceptual hearing followed an Aug. 25 Planning Commission workshop. Both meetings were informational only, and Commissioners have not been asked to approve the development. A formal Planned Unit Development application, additional map review, and other permits would still be required for the project to be preliminarily approved.

The property sits where commercial development, open land, and established residential neighborhoods meet. Much of the site remains undeveloped, although portions are already zoned R-2 Multifamily Residential and C-1 General Commercial. The Churchill County Master Plan designates the area as Urbanizing, identifying it for increased development as the community grows.

Karen Downs with RvI Planning, representing Silver Sage Development LLC, said Silver Spur Village is intended as infill and to provide “a transition from the existing commercial development that’s there to the residential.”

Following the August workshop, revisions included increased setbacks and landscaping near existing homes, a gated emergency-access route to Casey Road, improved pedestrian access, and simplified internal intersections.

Commissioner Jeff Goings, who previously raised concerns about emergency access, asked how the proposed route would be kept from becoming a regular entrance. Downs said it would be gated, which Goings said was much better than the initial plan.

Traffic remains one of the larger variables. According to Downs, a traffic study has been prepared and will accompany the formal PUD application.

Commissioner Mark Hyde said he supported the proposed use but questioned whether the study could ultimately require significant changes.

“I couldn’t be more thrilled about the proposed use in that area. I think it’s wonderful for our community,” Hyde said. But he asked, “Could that study ultimately require substantial changes to the plan that we’re actually looking at tonight?”

Hyde also asked who would be responsible if the study determines Casey Road needs “widening, turn lanes, you know, signals, sidewalks, lighting or other improvements” — the developer or the county. Downs said that discussion would occur if the study identifies those improvements.

Commissioner Dennis Mills asked whether the traffic study would



Part of the development area along Casey Road to be included in Silver Spur Village. The Delgado property, located inside the white fence, would be surrounded by a solid sound wall if the project is approved. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

examine the Casey Road corridor rather than concentrating on the development entrance.

“They don’t just look at that one intersection going into the site,” Public Works, Planning & Building Department Director Randy Hines said. “They’re going to look at more.”

Hyde also described the conceptual plan as “very vehicle-oriented” and questioned how residents could safely walk from the townhomes to commercial areas. Downs said the formal submission will include a pedestrian circulation plan showing sidewalks, pathways, and crosswalk locations.

Commissioners have also questioned Truckee-Carson Irrigation District easements, Bureau of Reclamation easements, emergency access, and existing irrigation and drainage ditches. Senior Planner Dan Cahalane explained that some ditches could be abandoned or drainage easements rerouted as the project advances.

Regarding water and sewer, Hines said that services would come through existing Churchill County infrastructure already stubbed into the former Casey Road mobile home park parcel.

Resident Michelle Anderson raised many of the same infrastructure concerns while continuing to view the development positively.

“I think Silver Sage could be a really positive addition to Churchill County,” Anderson said. “My concern isn’t whether we should have the development. My concern is making sure we plan for it responsibly.”

For Eddie Delgado, whose Casey Road home would be bordered by the development on three sides, those questions are personal.

Delgado has lived on the property for 26 years, where he raised his son and is still raising his 15-year-old daughter. He also operates his business, R.L. Hyde Carpet Cleaning, from there. The revised concept calls for an 8-foot solid sound wall around Delgado’s property, together with an 8-foot landscaped buffer.

In a later interview, Delgado said he understands Silver Spur Village remains early in the planning process. His primary concerns include traffic and access, irrigation and drainage, and the deer, wild turkeys, and smaller wildlife he regularly sees on and around his property.

Delgado said he and his family do not want to move, even if surrounded by the development and an 8-foot wall. “That location for me is perfect to run a small business,” Delgado said, adding, “there’s a lot of history in there.”

Delgado was careful not to characterize his concerns as opposition to the development and expressed confidence in those reviewing it.

“I trust the county commissioners,” Delgado said, “because they’re good people and they’re professionals.” He wants to know how the county and developer will address the current concerns.

Silver Spur Village remains conceptual. More detailed traffic, access, engineering, and infrastructure plans will be reviewed before the county is asked to approve the development.



Tentative project map, with Walmart located on the far right. Image courtesy of RvI Planning and Silver Sage Development LLC.



Fallon Mayor Kenneth Tedford, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, and Councilwoman Karla Kent placed flowers at the memorial.



Dylan Tedford received the Nevada Medal of Merit for his service to Nevada and the Nevada National Guard.

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integrated into the 9/11 memorial in the City courtyard behind City Hall. The memorial, designed by architect Frank Woodliff III, was officially dedicated Sept. 11, 2002.

Mayor Tedford, Waters, Councilwomen Kelly Frost and Karla Kent, and Councilman Paul Harmon laid flowers at the memorial in remembrance of those who were killed and those who helped save lives. First responders from Fallon, Churchill County, and Naval Air Station Fallon also paid their respects. The public was then invited to lay flowers at the memorial.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 terrorists associated with al-Qaida, the terrorist organization led by Osama bin Laden, hijacked four commercial passenger planes in a coordinated attack against the United States. The hijackers flew two planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. Passengers and crew members aboard the fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, fought back before it crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, Sept. 8, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Aubrie Elizabeth Steelmon appeared for arraignment. Judge Stockard noted Steelmon had missed two drug tests and asked what a test would show that day. Steelmon said she had taken prescribed medication but had not taken anything else. Stockard ordered her tested.

Court Services reported Steelmon tested positive for alcohol. Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the Court he believed his client was clear-minded and able to proceed with the arraignment.

Steelmon pleaded guilty to Burglary of a Building, a Category D felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. The factual basis given was that Steelmon broke the window of a residence and attempted to enter.

She also pleaded guilty to Harassment, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. The factual basis given was that Steelmon confronted an individual and made a verbal threat.

Judge Stockard ordered a presentence investigation and set sentencing for Nov. 10.

Stockard then addressed Steelmon’s Court Services violations, including missed tests on Aug. 31 and Sept. 3, and the positive alcohol test that day. Steelmon said she missed testing Aug. 31 because she had been hit by a car while riding her bicycle the previous day. She said she missed the Sept. 3 test because she had again been hit by a car on Sept. 2.

Steelmon said she drank the previous day because she was in pain. She told the Court she was taking the case and Court Services seriously, “but I hurt.”

Sommer said the incidents involved a domestic situation and that someone Steelmon lives or had lived with was the person who struck her both times.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford asked the Court to revoke Steelmon’s release on her own recognizance.

Sommer said there were extenuating circumstances that did not excuse Steelmon’s violations but provided context. He said they were also trying to get Steelmon into Mental Health Court. Sommer said his client understood the seriousness of the situation and that the Court could jail her. The defense asked for “one last chance.”

Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported Steelmon had also missed testing July 21, when Steelmon said she was “gone camping,” and Aug. 18, when she said she was ill. Ingram said Steelmon had also not consistently called in as required.

Stockard verified Steelmon had a working phone and warned that another missed check-in or test would result in a warrant and jail time.

Stockard reinstated Steelmon on Court Services supervision.

Kevin Jay Chico, in custody, refused to appear for his arraignment, as he has done for several scheduled hearings.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford requested the case be trailed to the end of the day’s docket and that Judge Stockard order the Sheriff’s Office to use the least amount of force necessary to bring Chico before the Court, either in person or via Zoom from the jail.

Chico, Public Defender Jacob Sommer, and Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford later



appeared via Zoom from the jail.

Stockard arraigned Chico on two counts: Battery by a Probationer, Parolee, or a Prisoner, a Category B felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison; and Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category C felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Chico refused to engage in the proceedings or enter pleas. Stockard entered not guilty pleas on his behalf and set trial for Oct. 7-9.

Christy Hinch failed to appear for a sentencing violation hearing. Her probation officer told the Court that Hinch’s spouse said she left their home following a discussion with her attorney a few days earlier, and he has not heard from her since.

Judge Stockard issued a \$10,000 bondable warrant.

Georgina Lynn Brown failed to appear for her scheduled status hearing; the hearing was continued to Sept. 22.

April Ann Gilliland’s arraignment was continued to Sept. 15.

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Several residents attended the Sept. 9 Planning Commission meeting to learn more about the potential for data centers in the Lahontan Valley and share their concerns. Photo by Lori Kaiser.

them to industrial districts, and increased permitting requirements. In recent months, county officials have been taking another look at those standards. During a June 17 workshop, then-interim County Manager Joe Sanford said the technology, type, and scale of data centers had changed significantly. Water consumption, environmental effects, on-site and off-site power, and eventual reclamation of facilities were among the issues identified for further consideration.

At the time, Sanford said the county had no active data center applications. He also discussed a zone change request submitted by Basin and Range Investments LLC, describing it as “a company that works on data related functions,” but said the county had not received an application for an actual use on those properties.

The proposal reviewed Sept. 9 would further divide data storage and processing facilities according to electrical demand: less than 10 megawatts, 10–100 megawatts, and 100 megawatts or more. Permit requirements would depend on both electrical demand and the industrial zoning district.

Under the proposal, data centers in I-1 would require Planning Commission approval and would be limited to facilities using less than 100 megawatts. In I-2, facilities under 100 megawatts could be approved administratively, while those using 100 megawatts or more would require Planning Commission approval. Data centers of any size could be approved administratively in I-3.

Public Works Director Randy Hines explained that the proposed standards also address power supply, water consumption, cooling systems, backup generators, noise, traffic, and visual impacts. Applicants would have to demonstrate sufficient power through a power purchase agreement or plans for on-site generation, often called “behind-the-meter,” in which a facility produces electricity at or near the site rather than relying entirely on the public utility grid.

Water provisions include metering and annual reporting, proof of sufficient water rights, and closed-loop chiller cooling unless a less water-intensive alternative is approved. Closed-loop systems recirculate cooling fluid rather than continually consuming water through evaporative cooling.

Although much of the discussion has focused on data centers, Hines explained that the county is considering standards for industrial development generally, not just data centers, and said the goal is not to make development more difficult. “We’re not trying to make it strict or hard,” Hines said. “We’re just trying to have clarity within our code.”

Whether those standards provide clarity or create additional barriers became a point of discussion for the commissioners.

Commissioner Joe Frey said the county worked extensively last year to become more inviting to industrial development. “I think this undoes 95% of what we worked for last year,” he said. “I don’t want to go back there. I want to keep inviting economic development to our community.”

Commissioner Mark Hyde expressed similar concerns and suggested the county “hit a pause button” before adding requirements.

Planning Commission Chair Tami Edgmon questioned whether large data centers should be eligible for administrative approval without a public hearing. She said the county had less information about data centers when the industrial zoning changes were made last year and suggested the level of public review should be reconsidered.

The meeting also raised questions about the current level of data center interest in Churchill County. Hines said there were no current data center applications, while Senior Planner Dan Cahalane said an earlier application had been withdrawn.

Hines later clarified to The Fallon Post that an application had been submitted for a small, self-contained data center powered by solar. The applicant withdrew it and plans to submit a new application encompassing what Hines described as all 10 phases of the project. That application has not yet been submitted.

During the meeting, Commissioner Mark Hyde referred to what he called “the elephant in the room.”

“We do have a potential project,” Hyde said, describing a company that would provide its own energy and has its own water rights. He added that he wanted to ensure the county was not “putting up unnecessary barriers and discouraging them to be here.”

Hyde did not identify the company or say an application had been submitted.

During public comment, Cory Hunt, a partner with Tolles Development, discussed the Churchill Hazen Industrial Park (CHIP) on Great Basin Parkway in Hazen. County Commissioners rezoned six parcels associated with the industrial park earlier this year for potential uses that included power generation, data storage, and data processing. Hunt encouraged the county to regulate measurable impacts, including water and power demands, rather than particular industries.

“I think there’s a lot of opportunities here, and we want to work with you to make that a reality,” Hunt said.

Several residents spoke in opposition to data center development in Churchill County, raising concerns about water and power use, agriculture, the county’s rural character, wildlife, infrastructure, and the protection of Native American sacred sites, cultural artifacts, and potential remains.

Pam Hucke, a local rancher and farmer, questioned what resources would be consumed and who would ultimately benefit. “Rural does not mean empty,” Hucke said. “There are working ranches, farms, watershed, wildlife habitat, family homes, and community built by generations of Nevadans.”

With the proposed standards still under review and a data center application expected, the county has yet to settle where large data centers should be allowed and how much public review they should receive.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie, photo(s) courtesy of CCSD.



Numa students display their “sunglass vision” self-portrait projects created to share their summer experiences.



Lahontan students observe a classroom science demonstration while learning about sound and light.



The Library Llamas reading corner at E.C. Best Elementary features plush llamas and books for early-year literacy activities.

CCHS
Seniors Connect with Community at Senior Service Fair

By Salome Dawson, CCHS 12th-grade student

On Friday, September 4, Churchill County High School held its Senior Service Fair, welcoming nine guest speakers who introduced seniors to different ways they can volunteer with local organizations. After the presentations, students explored the booths, asked questions, and learned more about where they might want to complete their service. CCHS teacher Monica Fairbanks organizes the fair as part of the Senior Service Project, a required project for seniors in her class. “The Senior Service Fair brings local organizations to the high school to interact with our students, inform them of volunteering opportunities, and provide them with a chance to become involved in their local community,” Fairbanks said. For the Senior Service Project, students complete eight hours of volunteer service along with related research and narrative projects. Those eight hours also fulfill the volunteer requirement for the Nevada Promise Scholarship, allowing students to complete that requirement while gaining firsthand experience serving their community.

CCMS
Week three brought another busy week of learning, moving, and growing at Churchill County Middle School, with students engaged in a variety of lessons and activities across campus. LaResa Darrington’s students put their skills to the test while learning about liquid measurements. In PE, students learned the rules and skills of pickleball before putting what they learned into action on the court. In Justin Chambers’ health class, students focused on the importance of healthy habits and the choices that contribute to overall wellness. Other students spent time building their reading skills and diving into their books. From liquid measurements and pickleball to healthy habits and reading, students across CCMS continue to learn, grow, and show what they can do.

NUMA
Students in Lisa Solinski’s class have spent the past several weeks working on a creative project that helped them share a little about themselves with their new classmates. Students created self-portraits that included a “sunglass vision” of their summer, using the lenses of their sunglasses to visually represent their summer experiences. After putting the finishing touches on their portraits, students presented them to the class last week

and shared what they chose to include. The project was a great way for students to get to know one another at the start of the school year and gave each student a chance to share a visual representation of themselves and their summer with the class.

E.C. BEST
Jennifer Sanches and the Library Llamas are back in the swing of things for a new school year. During the first week, students were assigned Chromebooks so they would be ready to get to work. By the second week, it was time to start regular library activities. Second graders read “Goldilocks and the Three Librarians” by Jackie Mims Hopkins and learned about finding their “just right” books. Third graders read “The Library Dragon” by Carmen Agra Deedy and learned about the Library Dragon guarding the books. During Labor Day week, students read “This Very Tree” by Sean Rubin, bringing a message of hope into discussions about the 25th anniversary of September 11. With the library now fully in the swing of things, students and families can look forward to the Fall Book Fair October 5–9. The week will also include a family literacy night and chili cook-off, so families can pull out their favorite chili recipes and compete to see whose chili is the best.

LAHONTAN
Over the last two weeks, students in Stacey Manning’s first-grade class have been exploring sound and light. Students learned that sound is made by vibrations and explored concepts such as volume and pitch. They made cup guitars using rubber bands and cups, used xylophones to observe vibrations, and worked with a tone generator. Students built their vocabulary with terms including sound source, sound receiver, volume, and pitch. The class also learned that light is a form of energy and explored different light sources, including the sun, fire, and electricity. Using flashlights, students experimented with opaque, translucent, and transparent objects and observed how light interacted with each one. They also investigated shadows using flashlights inside the classroom and sunlight outside. Their light vocabulary included light source, light detector, opaque, translucent, transparent, reflect, refract, and communication. Finally, students discovered how both light and sound can be used for communication in everyday life, including stoplights, fire alarms, fire engines, police cars, and televisions. Manning’s first graders had a fun two weeks exploring light and sound while putting the concepts they learned to the test.

Weekly Highlights at Logos Christian Academy
PJammin Day at Logos Christian Academy

By Angie Christian, photo(s) courtesy of Logos Christian Academy.



Logos Christian Academy staff members wore pajamas for PJammin Day, a fundraiser supporting a local Fallon teen battling cancer.



Logos Christian Academy students traded their school uniforms for pajamas during PJammin Day on Sept. 10.

On Thursday, Sept. 10, students and staff at Logos Christian Academy traded their school uniforms for pajamas as part of PJammin Day, a fundraiser with a meaningful purpose. Students made a donation for the opportunity to wear pajamas to school and bring a favorite stuffed animal along for the day. The fundraiser

was organized to support a local Fallon teen who is battling cancer. Through the generosity of Logos students and their families, \$450 was raised to help with medical expenses and other costs associated with this difficult season. The fundraiser also provided an opportunity for students to learn that serving

others can take many forms, including helping people they may not know personally. Galatians 5:13 reminds us to “serve one another humbly in love.” PJammin Day allowed the students to put that message into action by showing compassion and generosity to a family in their own community.

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Bighorn Bulletin

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:
JOHN SCHOENMEIER JR.



Oasis Academy Senior John Schoenmeier Jr.

After joining Oasis Academy in eighth grade, senior John Schoenmeier Jr. has made the most of his time at the school while preparing for an exciting future in computer science and cybersecurity. Following graduation in May with both his high school diploma and an associate degree from Western Nevada College, Schoenmeier plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno to complete his bachelor’s degree in computer science. After completing his bachelor’s degree, he hopes to join the Navy and pursue a career in cybersecurity. During his time at Oasis, Schoenmeier has appreciated the support he has received from both teachers and classmates. “The teachers have been great. They have been there to help if I needed it, and my classmates have been helpful,” he said.

One teacher who has made a particular impact is Mr. Evan Brandt, who taught him math and coached him in wrestling. Brandt’s math class was also his favorite class at Oasis. “I like math, and Mr. Brandt is a really good teacher and made class enjoyable,” he said. Schoenmeier has been successful in the classroom. He was named to the Western Nevada College Dean’s List for the Spring of 2026. Outside the classroom, Schoenmeier has been involved in both football and lacrosse. One of his proudest athletic memories came during football, when the team won the 2025 state championship. Schoenmeier has been playing football since freshman year as a defensive lineman on JV and moving to center offensive lineman for the

Varsity Churchill County High School Green-wave Football team. In his junior year he was named Honorary Offensive Lineman. He also looks back fondly on traveling with FFA to the state convention and competing in the Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event since his eighth-grade year. The poultry team won third place in his sophomore year, and he won second place in poultry individual his junior year. The experience has been one of his favorite memories from his time at Oasis. As he prepares to graduate and begin the next chapter of his life, Schoenmeier offers some simple advice to his fellow students. “Don’t worry about what people think. Find your people and just have fun,” he closed.

FIRST GRADERS LEARN THE POWER OF KIND WORDS
First-grade students recently explored the importance of kindness and the impact our words and actions can have on others while reading “Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henkes.

Through the story, students learned that teasing and unkind words can hurt, while encouragement, acceptance, and kindness can help others feel valued and confident. The class discussed how everyone is unique and why it is important to treat others with respect, even when someone may be different from us. To bring the lesson to life, students participated in an activity using a paper heart. The heart represented a person’s feelings. As students heard examples of mean words or hurtful actions,

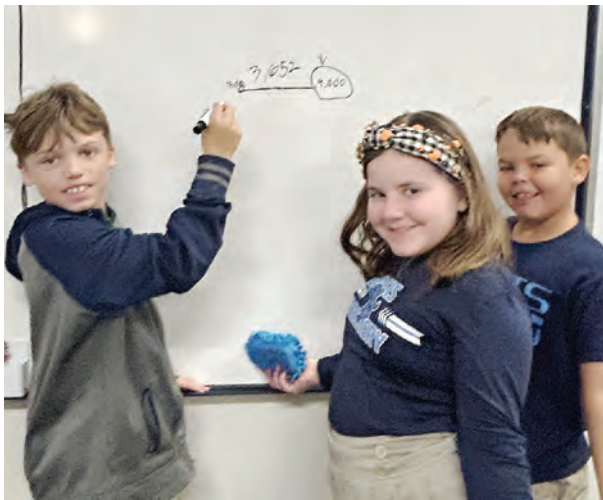
they were instructed to wrinkle the heart. Students then tried to smooth the heart back out after hearing kind words and positive actions. The activity helped students see that, while kind words and apologies can help, the wrinkles do not completely disappear. The lesson gave students a visual reminder that hurtful words and actions can leave lasting marks, making it especially important to think before we speak or act. The first graders walked away with an important message: Use honesty, empathy, and respect from the Herd Matrix to treat others with kindness and help keep each other’s hearts from getting wrinkled.

FOURTH GRADERS PUT ROUNDING SKILLS TO THE TEST
Oasis Academy fourth graders recently took their math learning off the page and onto the number line as they practiced rounding numbers to the thousands place.

Working in small groups, students received a variety of numbers and were challenged to place each one correctly on a number line. Once they positioned their numbers, students determined which direction to round and identified the nearest thousand. The activity gave students a chance to practice an important math skill while working together, discussing their thinking, and explaining their reasoning to classmates. By visualizing where numbers fall on a number line, students could see how rounding works rather than simply memorizing a rule.



Valentin Palacios smooths out a paper heart during a kindness lesson inspired by the book “Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henkes.



Eli Beadle, Zoe Preston and Landon Haffner work together on a number-line rounding activity in fourth grade.

Veritas Preparatory School
Classical and Christian

Creativity for the Glory of God: Veritas Expands Fine Arts and Music

By David Ernst, photo(s) courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.



Mrs. Cota’s Fine Arts class. (From left front to back: Elias Draper, Hallie Hallisey, Brooks Draper).



Kitana Ramirez, left, and Addie Munoz practiced guitar.

This school year, Veritas Preparatory School students in K4 through fourth grade have a new opportunity to discover, create, and appreciate beauty through the school’s new fine arts class, taught by Mrs. Kayla Holtmeyer. The addition of fine arts reflects an important part of a classical Christian education: teaching children not only to recognize what is true and good, but also to appreciate and create what is beautiful. Through age-appropriate experiences in the arts, students have opportunities to develop creativity, strengthen new skills, and learn to use their God-given abilities with care and purpose. Veritas Preparatory School students in fifth through eighth grades also have a new opportunity to develop their artistic talents with the addition of guitar instruction, taught by Mr. Ernst.

The new class expands the role of music in the Veritas curriculum and gives older students the opportunity to learn an instrument while developing an appreciation for music. Students will build foundational guitar skills as they learn the discipline, patience, and practice necessary to grow as musicians. Music has long held an important place in classical Christian education. Through the study and performance of music, students encounter order, harmony, beauty, and creativity while developing skills that can last a lifetime. Learning an instrument also provides students with another avenue to use their individual gifts in service to others and for the glory of God. Veritas is excited to add fine arts and guitar to its curriculum and to continue its tradition of an exceptional classical Christian education for all students.

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COLUMNS



A Summer at Stillwater Opens New Possibilities

By Aiden Dockery

When I was first offered a summer job with the Youth Conservation Corps at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, I had no clue what to expect. The summer that followed was a welcome surprise.

Over the next few months, I learned about native wildlife, different refuges, and the history of the land. I was introduced to a variety of conservation and wildlife jobs within and outside the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Some of the opportunities amazed me and made me excited about what jobs may come next.

I also loved being able to help with the native plant gardens and seed projects. The beauty you miss in a simple flower along a rocky roadside is constantly overlooked. During my job, I was shown the value of every little part of the ecosystem we rely on and live in.

From learning how Indigenous people used native plants to survive to receiving an award from the Navy for our work in Dixie Valley, I learned a lot.

Some of my favorite moments on the job were also the hardest: digging canals for tui chub in water up to my stomach while being stabbed by Russian olives, falling into creeks while planting

trees, and building a dam while wearing a hot pair of waders. Those experiences made me appreciate how much work it takes simply to keep our public lands healthy.

After my time working there, I was able to return and help the Northwest Nevada Bird Alliance conduct shorebird surveys at the refuge.

The species I learned about amazed me and helped further my love for the native birds that fill our state.

Black-necked stilts, phalaropes, and yellowlegs are commonly seen in our local waters but are often overlooked. The experience taught me to always keep an eye and an ear out because you never know what you may see or hear.

Our public lands will forever be important to me, along with the people who led me down this path. Thank you to the YCC crew and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff at Stillwater. You will always be my second family.

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Aiden Dockery held a duck while helping band ducks at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Cassandra Hooper.

Allison’s Book Report:
“After the Fall” by Edward Ashton

By Allison Diegel

This week’s book is actually something I bought for my husband, who loves nothing more than talking about, thinking about, and reading about aliens. He is still knee-deep in Matt Dinniman’s “Dungeon Crawler Carl” series, so he hasn’t read this week’s pick just yet. However, I was browsing through his to-be-read stack, looking for something a little bit different from my usual reads, and let me tell you, this sci-fi invasion story and buddy comedy did not disappoint!

“After the Fall” by Edward Ashton takes a delightfully weird look at life a century after alien “grays” step in to save the remnants of humanity from total collapse. Instead of treating survivors as equal partners, however, the aliens decide that humans make far better pets. Enter John, a compliant, genetically modified human who has spent his entire life following three basic rules: Stay quiet, stay obedient, and stay good. John is bonded to Martok, a tall, bumbling gray who is broke, wildly eccentric, and slightly erratic. Despite being John’s technical master, Martok treats him more like a trusted companion than a household animal, making John’s life surprisingly comfortable compared with the tragic fate of most surviving humans.

The real trouble begins when Martok’s get-rich-quick ambitions get out of hand. Hoping to turn an abandoned cabin in the deep woods into a lucrative resort for wealthy aliens, Martok takes out a massive loan and uses



John’s ownership contract as collateral. John suddenly finds himself with 60 days to help his well-meaning but utterly incompetent owner turn a profit or risk being sold to far less friendly buyers. To make matters even more chaotic, their DIY retreat venture brings a fiery young human woman into their lives who was raised in the wild. She holds nothing but pure contempt for domesticated “pets” like John and challenges every belief he holds about his place in the universe.

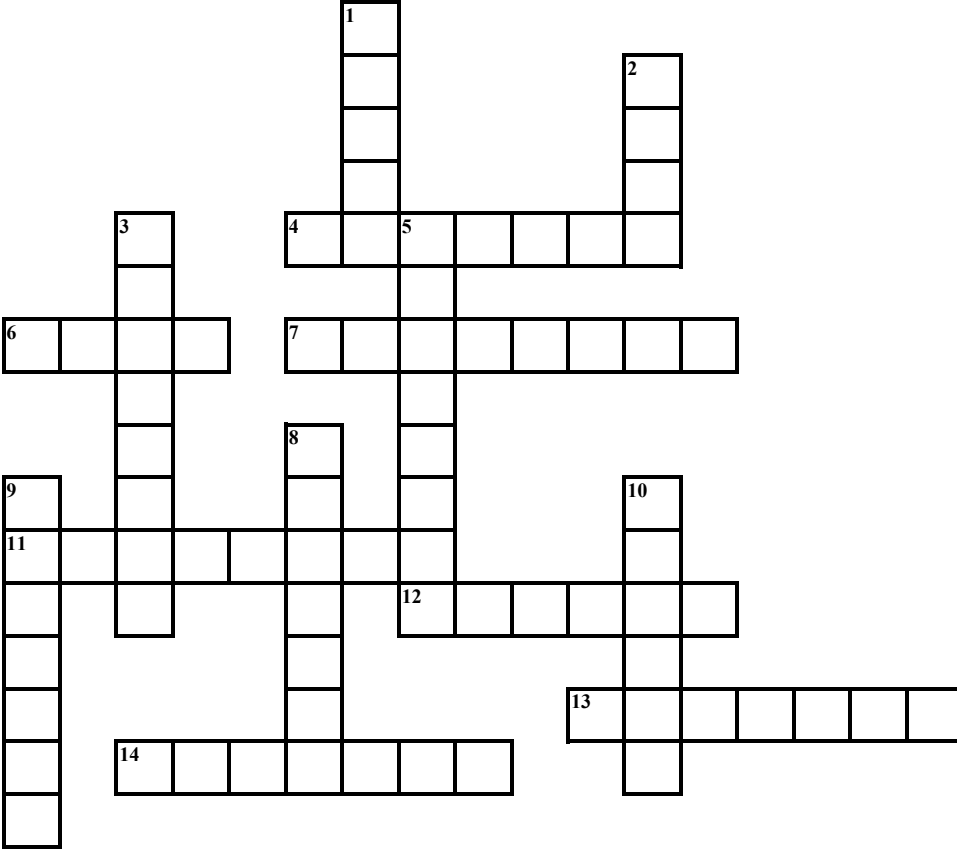
As the deadline ticks down, John has to balance building a business with dodging dangerous local crime bosses and investigating mysterious, violent attacks in the nearby forest. Instead of creating a typical bleak dystopia, Ashton turns this wild setup into a hilarious, heartfelt buddy comedy packed with workplace satire and unexpected alliances. John has to rely on his wits, quiet resourcefulness, and deep patience to keep Martok’s schemes afloat and earn back his freedom. It is a lighthearted, fast-paced sci-fi adventure that manages to stay genuinely funny while asking big questions about friendship, loyalty, and what it really means to be human in a universe full of giant gray overlords.

I hope you enjoy this fun read, and don’t forget to check out my Instagram, @allison.the.reader, for more book recommendations and book talk!

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

- 4. Perplex
- 6. Gross
- 7. Betrayer
- 11. Supreme
- 12. Portly
- 13. Mystify
- 14. Sparkle

Down

- 1. Angora rabbits
- 2. Roentgenogram
- 3. Locale
- 5. Con artist
- 8. Applause
- 9. Center
- 10. Exhausted

C O L U M N S

Postcards: Battle Born

By Michon Mackedon

In the early Fallon newspapers, there are constant reminders that some things remain the same over many years. For example, a driving political force, then and now, was the pocketbook.

Fallon was incorporated as a city in December 1908, but not without great internal dissent. We were, like our state of Nevada, “Battle Born.”

The division was not red versus blue but rather “knockers” versus “boosters.” So, what was that all about? It was about taxes.

The “boosters”—those who favored incorporation—rallied in early 1905. A Feb. 25 Churchill Standard article noted that some enterprising citizens of Fallon had started “the wheels a-rolling” for municipal government. Local businessmen and professionals banded together to form the Commercial Club, whose members were dedicated to the tasks of recruiting new citizens and businesses to the community. They cheered the formation of a Fallon Brass Band and a Fallon Literary and Music Society, whose organizational meeting attracted 30 people—a feat that might be difficult to pull off today. The paper also reported in sweeping detail the balls, parades, masquerades, and card parties of an energetic town, claiming that “The people of Fallon are always up and hustling and are boosters at all times.”

The downside of all this growth and energy was the perceived unfairness of the distribution of Churchill County taxes. The Standard lamented in October 1907 that “The county board, which is likewise the town board, under existing conditions, is neglecting discipline in conduct of town affairs.”

In short, Fallon businesses clamored for more services, especially sewer and water. The campaign for incorporation was closely linked to the need for both. The Standard, always a booster, pleaded for incorporation, using the dramatic and overwrought style typical of the era: “The main consideration is health. ...It is the greatest blessing known to humanity. Who can tell how deaths of those dear ones sleeping beneath the sod in the cemetery of the hill are directly attributable to the unhealthy conditions extant in Fallon? A sewer and water system will remedy this evil.”



Image by Lori Kaiser, via ChatGPT.

But sewer and water would cost money, hence raise taxes. Those who opposed incorporation were labeled, at least by the newspapers, “knockers.” The Standard began using the phrase as early as 1906, remarking that it was important to keep newcomers away from knockers: “Some knock because they’re born that way; others because they don’t know they’re doing it.”

For a while, the knockers were winning the battle. A special election was held to endorse incorporation in May 1906, but solid opposition to it had grown, and the nays won. If anything, though, the disappointing election spurred on the boosters. The Standard called the county sanitation system “crude and unbusinesslike.” The County Commissioners conceded that the conditions were intolerable and suggested the use of disinfectants, further infuriating the business sector.

Fallon’s second newspaper, The Churchill Eagle, on Oct. 4, 1907, upheld the boosters and defended incorporation: “While the proposal of incorporating Fallon is being contested there is little doubt that the people of the town are very favorably inclined toward the scheme. The only opposition developed has as a basis the supposition that exorbitant taxes will be imposed.”

Meanwhile, the knockers went to court, challenging the constitutionality of Nevada’s

General Incorporation Act, which had been drawn up by Churchill County Senator Robert Douglass to clarify the process of incorporation. After more bitter words had been exchanged and several petitions circulated, both pro and con, a final election on the issue was held on Sept. 29, 1908, and, this time, the boosters prevailed. On their election slate were Fallon’s first mayor, J.C. Jones, and councilmen I.H. Kent, C.W. Foote, and M.L. Wildes.

The newly elected City of Fallon officials went to work at once. Ordinance 1 set fees for business licenses. Ordinance 2 fixed the time for meetings of the city council on the first Tuesday of each month, and Ordinance 3 tackled, in part and at long last, the sanitation issue by requiring that urine and offal be contained in a box or other receptacle and made it unlawful for humans to eliminate waste on the streets of Fallon. Three steps forward.

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

As the September mornings turn crisp and cool, autumn is officially announcing its arrival in Fallon, and there is no better season to gather with friends and neighbors. On the horizon is one of our absolute favorite community traditions of the year: our 10th Annual Show-N-Shine on Saturday, Sept. 26. We can’t wait to bring out the polished chrome and celebrate a decade of classic cars, great music, and hometown pride right outside our doors. In the meantime, our auditorium is ready for another fantastic weekend of big-screen entertainment.

In addition to our regular evening showtimes, don’t forget to join us this Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. for our monthly Third Friday Matinee, featuring a special daytime screening of “Dave.” Proudly sponsored by The Coalition for Senior Citizens, everyone is welcome, but all moviegoers aged 60 and older receive a free small popcorn and small soda at the concession stand.

Then at 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, bring the whole family for the nostalgic, heartwarming coming-of-age favorite “Now and Then” (1995). Starring Christina Ricci, Demi Moore, Rosie O’Donnell, and Melanie Griffith, the film follows four childhood best friends who reunite as adults in their hometown and reminisce about the unforgettable summer of 1970 that shaped their lives forever. Featuring a fantastic classic soundtrack, it is a timeless celebration of friendship across the generations. Rated PG-13, it runs 1 hour and 42 minutes.

Or, at 7 p.m. both nights, take your seat for the sharp and delightful political comedy “Dave” (1993). Kevin Kline stars as Dave Kovic, an affable temp agency owner who happens to be an exact look-alike for the

President of the United States. When a sudden crisis requires a secret double, Dave is thrust into the Oval Office and surprisingly begins using his position to make real, positive changes for the country. Also starring Sigourney Weaver, it’s a funny, feel-good classic about doing the right thing. Rated PG-13, it runs 1 hour and 50 minutes, and is generously sponsored by The City of Fallon.

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

In October, step with us into the world of bugs with Flik and friends for a fully immersive, one-weekend-only 4D movie experience with “A Bug’s Life” on Oct. 2 and 3. This family-friendly event features a fully decorated theater, themed treats, and sensory special effects, with interactive 4D screenings on Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (evening doors open at 5 p.m.). Tickets are already halfway sold out, and since these 4D events always sell out completely, reserve your seats now through the link on our website or Facebook page. Your \$5 reservation fee goes directly toward restoring our historic front facade. Prefer the traditional movie? Standard screenings (no special effects or reservations required) run Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Extra special thanks go out to the Huck Salt family, who plan, prepare, sponsor, and host these epic 4D events for the community to enjoy. They put in a massive amount of time and effort into making these showings immersive and memorable, and we appreciate every bit of it.

In November, gear up for a night of pure laughter on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. as clean, family-friendly stand-up comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre. We are thrilled to welcome Nashville-based comedian Lee Hardin (DryBar Comedy, The Mike Huckabee Show) back to our stage for an evening of warm, relatable humor the whole family can enjoy. Grab your seats early and join us for a great night out right here in your favorite historic theater.

Want to support your favorite historic theater while scoring delicious perks every time you visit? Since most of our movies are completely free to attend, becoming a Sustaining Member is the ultimate win-win. You can sign up with convenient recurring monthly payments or join for a full year to get one month free, unlocking comped concession treats every single time you come to a movie or event. Choose the Individual Membership (\$20/month or \$220/year) for a medium soda and medium popcorn per visit (an \$11 value), the Couple’s Membership (\$25/month or \$275/year) for two medium sodas and a large popcorn per visit (a \$16 value), or the Family Membership (\$30/month or \$330/year) for four medium sodas and a large popcorn per visit (a \$22 value). If you join us for a movie more than once a month, your membership pays for itself.

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**DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA**
CASE NO: 26-10DC-0917, DEPT: 1
In the Matter of the Application of:
JOHN PROCTOR ATZINGER

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change applicant’s name from JOHN PROCTOR ATZINGER to JOHN PROCTOR MCFARLAND.

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

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

Dated this 4th of September, 2026
//s// John Proctor Atzinger

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the above-entitled court on the 8th day of September, 2026, as Administrator of the Estate of KATHLEEN SUSAN RODEGEB, deceased.

ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to file the same with the proper vouchers attached, with the clerk of the court within SIXTY (60) days after the first publication of this Notice and serve a copy upon the undersigned.

DATED: This September 8, 2026.
/s/ Melissa Dyer, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, on the proposed Ordinance:

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE
ADDING NEW PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES TO TITLE 16.

SUMMARY: THIS ORDINANCE CHANGES TITLE 16 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE TO ADDRESS DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES. THE PROPOSED CHANGES REPLACE THE EXISTING “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES” USE IN THE USE TABLE WITH THREE NEW USES TITLED: “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, <10MW,” “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, 10MW-100MW,” AND “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, 100+MW;” PROVIDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE USE TABLE; AND CREATES A NEW CHAPTER PROVIDING STANDARDS TO MITIGATE IMPACTS FROM POWER CONSUMPTION AND BACKUP POWER PROVISION, CONSERVE WATER IN THE COUNTY, REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF NOISE ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES, ADDRESS TRAFFIC IMPACTS, AND REGULATE VISUAL IMPACTS AND SCALE OF THE USE. CHANGES ARE ALSO MADE TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF “DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES” AND ADD THE TERM “RESIDENTIAL USE” TO CHAPTER 24.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2026. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer’s Office. A scanned copy of the ordinance will be posted on November 12, 2026 with the Agenda Packet on the county’s website at <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes>.

Dated: September 2, 2026.
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer
Prepared by: Tara Adams,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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MEETINGS
Sept. 21–25, 2026

Fallon City Council
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Truckee Canal at Hazen	23.7 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	0.41 cfs

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Crossword found on page 12

MYSTIFY	WOOLY
NUCLEUS	XRAY
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