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Community Gathers to Honor Veterans at Special Breakfast

New Millennium and Local Partners Host Annual Veterans’ Day Event in Fallon

By Victoria Crystal

On Tuesday, November 11, the Convention Center in Fallon was the site of a heartfelt gathering as New Millennium sponsored and the Fallon Chamber hosted a special Veterans Day Breakfast, drawing together veterans, their families, and community members in a show of gratitude for those who have served in the United States military.

The Fallon Chamber played an integral role in organizing the breakfast, with Chamber director Lucy Carnahan and her team of local volunteers assisting in coordinating the festivities. New Millennium is a renowned steel fabrication plant located just west of Fallon. They worked to ensure that local veterans felt honored and appreciated on this crucial day. This marks the second consecutive year that New Millennium has taken the lead in hosting this event, continuing its commitment to supporting the Fallon community and its veterans.

Kelly Robbins, General Manager of New Millennium, delivered the keynote address at breakfast.

A highlight of the morning was the presentation of the flag by local Boy Scout Troop 1776, an active group sponsored by the Fallon Rotary Club. The scouts led the assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance,



Jim Babb, US Army, 1966 to 1974, EOD 112 M Company 75th Rangers assigned 199 Red Catchers, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Lucy Carnahan, and Stu Cook, US Navy Riverboats, Brown Water Navy, Engine Man (River Rats), Rear 50 Caliber Gunman.



New Millennium, Front Row left to right: Kensey Sibley, Harmony Sibley, John Boger, AND Raelynn Rodarte. Back Row left to right: Jason Sibley, Nicole Hunt, Rusty Diaz, Kelly Robins, Richard Denis, and Kathrine Murray.

setting a reverent tone for the proceedings. Throughout the event, members of Troop 1776 assisted with various tasks, from serving breakfast to helping set up and clean up, demonstrating their dedication to both their community and the values of scouting. The troop is known for its involvement in numerous local service projects and events, as well as their flag placement program, further strengthening the bonds between generations in Fallon.

Carnahan said that plans are underway to host the event again next year with New Millennium. She is hoping to continue this tradition in the years to come, ensuring that Fallon’s veterans always feel honored and celebrated for their service.

Commission Moves Forward with County Compensation Study

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County commissioners heard detailed presentations from two consulting firms on Nov. 10 as they prepare to launch a full classification and compensation study for all county positions. After nearly 90 minutes of discussion, questions, and comparisons, the board voted unanimously to hire Baker Tilly to perform the work.

Assistant County Manager/HR Director and Former Chief Civil District Attorney Joe Sanford opened the item, noting that the county had narrowed its options to Baker Tilly and PayPoint HR after initial discussions. Both firms were invited to present their methodologies, timelines, and approaches to evaluating county pay structures.

Baker Tilly, which is headquartered in Chicago, has completed similar projects in the state for Douglas County and North Las Vegas. Representatives Sarah Towne and Jada Kent outlined a proposed five-phase process that includes data collection, job description review, market analysis, job evaluation using the firm’s SAFE point-factor system, and the development of updated pay structures.

Towne said the goal is to establish “a compensable, defensible system that understands where that position’s value is,” remarking that the study evaluates positions, not individuals. She also told commissioners that employees should be able to understand how their pay is determined. “It shouldn’t be a mystery how people are paid in the public sector,” she said.

Kent explained that the company’s experience with agencies across the country helps them anticipate issues unique to different regions. “We get to bring that experience to you where you might not have thought of maybe approaching it in this way, because you haven’t had to,” she said.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log
Picky Eaters

By Rachel Dahl

No one eats their own food around here.

I just came in from feeding the menagerie and had to watch out the window for a bit as Clio picked through the rocks and gravel with the peacocks, high-grading the cat food I fling out across the yard because the beautiful birds just love it.

Since when do Great Danes prefer cat food to the fancy, high-end, system-sensitive dog food she’s been getting since birth? But along that same line of thinking, why do the birds prefer cat food to the fancy, high-end game bird feed I tracked down and buy for them?

The chickens, too, love cat food, but they prefer Clio’s fancy dog food. And then Clio will sneak behind me when I’m feeding the chickens (who are across the yard, pecking in dog food bowls) their painfully mixed concoction of laying pellets, corn, and scientifically formulated flax supplements, dunk her head in the bin, and scarf away while I’m not looking.

The bunnies eat a delicately balanced mixture of high-protein alfalfa pellets, Quaker oats, and black sunflower seeds, which the chickens absolutely love. Denise and Sophia immediately jump into that bin as soon as it’s open, and I’ll turn around to a bucket full of chickens, unable to scoop portions for the rabbits without having to pluck hens out one by one.

And then the goats—the stereotypes exist for a reason. Those girls eat anything, because, well...

goats, I guess. They get a molasses-corn mixture and timothy hay, but I’m also trying to make them easy to handle, so I sit with them on a cinderblock in their pen, my pockets full of cut-up apples. They really don’t want to be my friends, but pocket apples turn them into silly, nudging, curious, and almost sweet little creatures. In addition to the apples, they also try to eat the paper plate, plastic bag, or jacket pocket, whatever receptacle I’ve used to transport the treats.

Thinking back on my child-rearing days, it’s not really a surprise we have this Boyer Bunny Ranch Banquet. I was the mom (short-order cook) who whipped up whatever the little darlings wanted at mealtime. Pancakes, waffles, omelets, you name it. It was not unheard of, after gathering everyone from basketball, wrestling, and piano practice, to hit three separate fast-food joints on the way home to accommodate everyone’s whims.

Just yesterday, I put in the Walmart delivery order at the shop and hollered across the office for what snacks everyone needed replenished. As I explained to our newest gal, “One of my favorite things in life is to cook for my people.” Nourish. Apparently, now that extends to my pets.

So, while we make room for another run to the feed store, we’ll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rach

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Baker Tilly proposed a fully virtual model but said they could provide in-person town halls if requested. Out-of-pocket travel costs would apply per visit. Their schedule anticipates project initiation in November, with market assessment and job evaluation occurring through early January, and recommendations ready in time for budget planning in the spring.

Commissioners asked about the county’s existing 93-grade, 13-step pay system. Towne acknowledged it presents challenges, saying the current method makes it unclear “why this position might be in a 57 versus a 58.” She told the board, “We’re giant data nerds,” and said the firm can build new structures if needed or adjust the existing ones to improve clarity and alignment with the market.

Sheriff Richard Hickox questioned how the firm would handle law enforcement positions, noting their sensitivity in the marketplace. Towne assured him, “Law enforcement tends to love me,” and said Baker Tilly routinely develops specific structures for public safety or integrates them into wider county plans.

Karen and Dr. Rick Campbell of PayPoint HR highlighted their customized approach and the firm’s focus exclusively on classification and compensation studies. Rick Campbell said PayPoint avoids “a cookie-cutter approach,” instead letting employee data, job questionnaires, and market analysis “drive the ship.”

PayPoint uses what it calls a “position vantage point” questionnaire, relying less on job descriptions and more on employee-provided details. Supervisors review employees’ responses for accuracy and completeness. The firm evaluates positions using compensable factor scoring and

conducts granular market comparisons, including 20-80 percentile ranges for each job title.

Campbell emphasized internal equity concerns, such as compression, noting that many counties now struggle to offer new hires pay rates close to or above those of longer-tenured staff. “If they came in with additional education or experience... that may make sense,” he said, but highlighted that other cases clearly reflect “some kind of problem with the system being maintained.”

The PayPoint team said they include one on-site visit at no additional cost. They also stressed long-term usability of their tools, which they deliver in standard formats such as Excel and Word. “Everything we give is in workable formats deliberately,” Campbell said.

Once both firms finished, the commissioners discussed their impressions. Commissioner Matt Hyde said Baker Tilly “might be easier to work with,” while Getto agreed and noted his initial preference leaned in the same direction.

Getto raised a question about Baker Tilly’s plan to benchmark roughly 100 positions, asking whether the remaining classifications would be overlooked. Commissioners and staff concluded those details could be addressed during the initial planning phase and expanded if necessary.

Hyde made the motion “to approve the approval of a compensation study to be performed by Baker Tilly,” which was seconded by Blakey. The motion passed unanimously.

The board clarified that one or two in-person visits could be included “as needed” without further action. With no public comment, the meeting adjourned.

Methodology

Project Overview

Position Review

- Title Review:** We will use existing job descriptions to review **all titles** and make recommendations for adjustments, as necessary.
- Job Evaluation:** We will conduct job evaluation using our point factor tool, called SAFE®. This process will establish a hierarchy of jobs within the organization that is reflective of internal equity.
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3. Level of Work	8. Impact of Actions
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FEATURES

The Honeycomb Project:

A Community Built One Hexagon at a Time

By Rachel Dahl

If you’ve lived in Fallon long enough, you know how often we find ourselves gathered around art, food, or a good excuse to get out of the house. The Churchill Arts Council is giving us all three this month with *The Honeycomb Project*, a sprawling, collaborative exhibition that feels about as “Fallon” as it gets, individual people bringing their art and building something bigger together.

The show opens November 22 at the Oats Park Art Center, with a community reception on Saturday, November 29, from 4–6 p.m. And if you’ve ever wondered what nearly a thousand pieces of artwork arranged into a honeycomb looks like, this is your moment.

The whole thing started with curator Candace Garlock and four other artists, Ashley Gottlieb, Bobbie Ann Howell, Robin Stark, and Tia Flores, working on a group show here in Fallon several years ago. Their theme back then was *Pollination: The Gift of Chance in the Desert*, and the idea stuck.

As Gottlieb wrote, ‘Similar to the artistic process, pollination is largely a game of chance. Pollinators might not fully grasp the impact of their actions; for instance, a bee gathers pollen and inadvertently transfers it to another flower, or a squirrel drops seeds while foraging. While artists aim for control over their creative journey,



the most thrilling aspect often emerges when they surrender that control, allowing instinct and spontaneity to guide them. The notion of chance, in both pollination and art, served as a vital reference point for us as we prepared for this exhibition.’

Garlock decided to run with that idea, quite literally, by asking each artist to make work on 8-inch wooden hexagons, those familiar honeycomb shapes. The plan was to tie their pieces together visually for marketing and for the entrance to Oats Park’s galleries.

But as we in Fallon know, good ideas have a way of growing legs around here.

What began as a call for five artists became a regional call for contributions from across the West, with Garlock aiming to collect at least 1,000 hexagon panels. The result is a geometric wall of color, texture, and stories. Ceramics, sculpture, pyrography, printmaking, and painting, all fitting together like a handmade community quilt, just with sharper corners.

Garlock says people tend to think a honeycomb is a simple form until they look closely. “Each cell works in harmony to create a cohesive whole... Similarly, individuals within a community unite, each bringing unique talents, skills, and roles,” she explains. In other words, no single artist could make a honeycomb alone. But together? Well, just look at it.

Visitors to the reception will be able to meet some of the contributing artists, see the complete installation up close, and take in the size of a project that grew far beyond its original seed idea.

And because Oats Park never misses a chance to wrap art into the life of the town, the reception lines up perfectly with Small Business Saturday. Beginning at noon, the ChArts store will be open with new gifts and locally made items; the Chamber’s Small Business Saturday raffle will take place between 3:30 and 4 p.m.; and the Art Bar will be open during the reception with seasonal cocktails.

If you’re looking for something to do on Thanksgiving weekend that doesn’t involve left-overs or refereeing whose turn it is with the remote, wandering through the Honeycomb Project might be just the thing. It’s a quiet but powerful reminder of what happens when people show up with their own little piece and let it become part of a whole.

- THE HONEYCOMB PROJECT**
- Exhibit: Nov. 22, 2025 – Jan. 5, 2026
 - Reception: Saturday, Nov. 29 | 4–6 p.m.
 - Location: Oats Park Art Center, Kirk Robertson Gallery, 151 E. Park St.
 - More info: honeycomb2025.blogspot.com or churchillarts.org

Walking in Two Worlds

Fallon Artist Shannon Christy Hooper Honors Native Traditions While Forging a Modern Path

By Christy Lattin

When Shannon Christy Hooper enters a room, she carries generations with her. A proud member of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone and Pyramid Lake Paiute tribes, Hooper blends ancestral wisdom with the creativity of a modern Native American artist. This year, she earned a Master’s in Fine Arts from the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

For Hooper, art bridges the past and future. For her MFA, she created thesis pieces honoring her family’s legacy of basket weaving, a skill passed down through generations of Paiute and Shoshone women.

“Weaving baskets is part of my family’s legacy, and I wanted to give back by continuing the tradition,” she said. “I’ve taken on a practice my family has done for generations.”

Her mother, Debra Christy Hooper, mentored her as she created five cone baskets with modern touches. Traditionally woven from willows, Hooper reimagined her baskets with contemporary flair — one woven from wire symbolizing Nevada’s barbed-wire fences, others decorated with colorful beads inspired by Pyramid Lake sunsets. Her creative blend of tradition and innovation has drawn attention across the Native American art world.

Raised in Fallon, Hooper discovered art early. At Churchill County High School, she excelled in drawing and painting and credits her teachers for expanding her artistic foundation. She also sang in choir, performances that helped her develop confidence for Native American royalty pageants.

After graduation, Hooper worked as an Indian Education liaison for the Churchill County School District. Her childhood goal was to become an art teacher, and she continues that pursuit through Early Childhood Education studies. But her passion for art drew her first to New Mexico to study Fine Arts and immerse herself in Indigenous creative traditions.

Her years at IAIA were an “amazing experience.” She found her voice as an artist and a community celebrating Indigenous craftsmanship. After earning two undergraduate degrees, she joined the MFA program. Unknown to her, her portfolio of traditional Native dresses had been submitted for a Ralph Lauren scholarship. They were “blown away” by her work and awarded her the scholarship.

Later, Hooper was a guest speaker for Ralph Lauren’s Native American Heritage Month event in 2024, discussing her customary and contemporary textiles designs. This connection led to her work being featured in the New York Times and Vogue.

Her art has also carried her abroad. In 2024, she joined fellow IAIA artists at the prestigious Venice Biennale in Italy, an annual cultural exhibition. She performed the Shoshone flag song and offered a prayer in Paiute at the opening ceremony of the IAIA’s exhibit. The school’s cohort also performed “The Kitchen Table” in the U.S. Pavilion.

Long before graduate school, Hooper served as a cultural ambassador through Native American pageantry. She began competing at age 11 and has since earned seven titles, including Miss Congeniality and Best Public Speaker, Miss Indian World Competition (2012); Miss Indian Nations (2012–13); and Miss American Indian Higher Education Consortium (2019–23).

Unlike conventional beauty contests, Native pageants celebrate cultural knowledge, leadership, and service. Contestants are judged on fluency in Native languages, traditions, and community involvement. Serving as Miss Indian Nations proved “life-changing,” she said. The title brought travel, school visits, and opportunities to share songs and stories from her heritage. Winning the Miss AIHEC title in 2019 brought larger audiences. She represented her community at national events, always ready to perform or speak about Native identity.

In August 2024, the Museum of Contemporary Native Art in Santa Fe



Shannon Hooper, left, is joined by her mother, Debra Christy Hooper, in front of her “Eagle Warrior” painting. She is holding a pencil portrait she drew of her mother. Photo by Christy Lattin.

hosted Hooper’s first solo show. She felt “thankful beyond words” to be recognized for highlighting Shoshone and Paiute traditions. Her pieces were also included in the Celebration for Native American Arts and Culture exhibit at Fallon’s Oats Park Art Center.

Because of her deep knowledge of tribal traditions, Hooper is often invited to speak or perform. This year, she sang, prayed, and gave opening remarks at IAIA’s scholarship night and modeled for designer Jennifer Benally during the Santa Fe Indian Market.

Hooper now serves as a pageant consultant but continues to give back locally. She works with the United Readers program in Fallon, helping elementary students strengthen their reading skills. She and her mother volunteer at Native events, sharing stories and skills with neighboring communities. Together, they sewed and donated ribbon skirts and vests for children at the Wadsworth Head Start program so they could participate in traditional dances.

Hooper credits her family’s unwavering support for her achievements; her grandfather is memorialized in a pencil drawing, and several of her pieces are dedicated to her mother.

Through her art, mentorship, and dedication, Shannon Christy Hooper walks in two worlds, carrying her ancestors’ legacy forward while inspiring the next generation to embrace their own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



At their last meeting the school board recognized students who will be participating in the 2025-2026 Northern Zone Nevada Music Educators Association (NZNMEA) High School Honor Band and Honor Choir. Students who were honored at the meeting include: CHOIR: Levia Coval, Theresa Mitchell, ArlieAnne Wood, Tristan Herrick, Zander Lewis, Matthew Liesch, Dusty Corry, Lucas Chappell, Xavier Fruzza. BAND: Allyssa Poutree, Theresa Mitchell, Livia Coval, Zaid Miller. Photo courtesy of Traci Scharmann Lewis.

Churchill County Sheriff’s Office Announces New K9 Handler

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Sheriff’s Office is beginning a new chapter in its K9 program as Deputy Kyndra Leary has been selected to serve as the department’s newest K9 handler.

This week, Leary and members of the K9 Unit plan to travel to Banning, California, to evaluate several dogs before choosing the department’s next K9 partner. The trip marks a significant milestone for the sheriff’s office, which has worked hard to strengthen and expand its K9 capabilities over the past few years.

Sheriff’s Office officials say the progress would not be possible without the support of local residents. Community donations have played a key role in funding training, equipment, and the acquisition of a new service dog.

Leary’s selection is being celebrated throughout the department as a well-earned opportunity. Members of the community have shared many congratulations. Once the new K9 is chosen and training is underway, the Sheriff’s Office plans to introduce the dog to the community.

The Churchill County Sheriff’s Office is applauding Leary’s achievement and looking ahead to the arrival of its newest four-legged team member.



Kyndra Leary, K9 Handler.

Fall Bazaar

FREE ADMISSION
Saturday, Nov. 22
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Hand Crafted Items
White Elephant
Baked Goods
Gift Basket Raffle & Prizes!**

Coffee & Breakfast Pastries

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
805 Churchill Street, Fallon 775-426-3551



Photo By Riffin Stonebarger.

On Tuesday, November 18, Fallon City employees got an early start on holiday preparations, stringing sparkling lights across the community Christmas tree. With cheerful expressions, the workers tackled their festive tasks like Santa’s own helpers. As the bucket truck soared overhead, those watching below could almost imagine Christmas carols drifting through the crisp air.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Say hello to C.J.

Previously returned through no fault of his own, this one-year-old border collie mix has a lot of enthusiasm—and sometimes that can be a bit much for toddlers. He wasn’t trying to be rough; he was just thrilled to have a family.



Meet Freya

Freya is a stunning grey beauty with a charming tuft of white on her chin and chest. She’s as sweet as she is cuddly, with a gentle personality that wins hearts instantly. Freya is hoping that someone will see her photo, fall in love, and hurry over to FAWG to make her part of their family.



Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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OBITUARIES

MARY ANN WANDVIK (GOMES)
Dec. 26, 1933 – Nov. 7, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to a native Nevadan and longtime Fallon resident, Mary Ann Wandvik (Gomes). Mary Ann’s life was marked by her faith-filled spirit, wisdom, and the joy she brought to the people around her. She passed away peacefully at home on November 7, 2025.

Mary Ann was born in Mina, Nevada, on December 26, 1933, to Lloyd Thomas and Aurel Bell Hutchison. At the age of six, she moved with her family to Fallon. She attended St. Clair school and graduated from Churchill County High School in 1951.

In January 1952, Mary Ann married John Gomes, and together they raised three children: Mary Lou, Marjorie, and Joseph. Mary Ann, along with her husband John Gomes, spent their lives as ranchers and dairymen, a testament to their love for the land and the animals they tended. She was renowned for her culinary talents, particularly during haying season when she would prepare feasts for the day workers, ensuring that no one ever left hungry. Her holiday rolls and linguica pizza were legendary, and her kitchen was a hub of warmth and delicious aromas.

Anchored by her Catholic faith, Mary Ann was an active and beloved member of St. Patrick’s Church, where she contributed tirelessly to the

community. Her work in the church office, especially on the weekly bulletin, was a testament to her faith.

Beyond her life on the ranch, Mary Ann had a zest for life’s many pleasures. She was an avid square dancer and a member of the Arsenic Swingers Dance Club, where her spirited nature shone brightly. Her passion for history and tradition was reflected in her membership of the Antique Car Club, and she delighted in driving their vintage cars in the local Fourth of July and Labor Day parades. Mary Ann’s love for adventure and exploration took her and her special friends on memorable trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, and the Holy Land. These travels were a source of cherished memories and stories that she would share with her family and friends.

After the loss of her beloved John in 2008, Mary Ann found love again and married Hal Wandvik in January 2015. Hal was a kind and loving companion until his passing in 2019, and their time together was marked by mutual respect and affection. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, her husband John of 56 years, her second husband Hal, and many lifelong friends.



Mary Ann’s legacy is carried on by her devoted children: Mary Lou Lehman (Ernie Pontius), Marjorie Jean Ellis (Don), and Joseph Lloyd Gomes (Lori); grandchildren: Brad Dolan, Kenny Dolan, Jodi Tucker, Bridget Christie, Thayne Gomes, Lance Gomes, and Nick Gomes; as well as 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, each of whom brought immense happiness to her life.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to her loving caregivers: Staley Kent, Evelyn Pietri, and Summer Coyne, for their kindness and care.

As we honor her memory, we celebrate a life well-lived and the countless ways she touched our hearts. Mary Ann Wandvik’s story is one of unwavering faith, boundless love, and the enduring power of a life dedicated to family, friends, and community. A memorial service will be held Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Churchill County Cemetery at a later date. A luncheon will take place immediately after at The Twisted Branch.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pennington Life Center (Senior Center) in Mary Ann’s memory.



ROBERT “BOB” BAKER
Feb. 11, 1945 – Oct. 13, 2025

Robert “Bob” Baker passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 13th at The Homestead in Fallon, Nevada. He was born in St Louis, Missouri, on February 11th, 1945. He joined the US Marines in August 1963 as a Ground Radio Technician and was stationed in Da Nang, Viet-Nam until he got out in October 1966. In 1968, he married Beth-Marie and had three children. He loved his family and always made time to watch his children and grandchildren play various sports. He is survived by his sister, Marsha, his children, Heather, John, and Robert, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Veta, his sister Roberta, the love of his life, Beth-Marie, and his great-grandson Winston. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

MEETINGS

November 15 – 21, 2025

Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

155 N Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

Central NV Health District

155 N Taylor Street

Next meeting: Dec. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners

155 N. Taylor St

Next Meeting: Dec. 4 at 8:15 a.m.

Library Board of Trustees

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

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

CC Communications

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

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Dec. 4 at 11 a.m.

Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine Street

Next Meeting: Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Nov. 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	61,480 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	347 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	265 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	253 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	89.3 cfs

Nov. 4, 2024	Nov. 4, 2023	Nov. 4, 2022
121,847 acre feet	204,747 acre feet	17,616 acre feet

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

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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

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

Monday, Nov. 24

Smothered Chicken Breast

Mushroom & Onion Gravy

Potato Wedges

Lima Beans & Peas

Oatmeal Cookie

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Sheperd's Pie

Buttered Corn

Fruit Cup

9-Grain Bread

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Roast Turkey

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Mixed Vegetables

Stuffing

Ambrosia

Pumpkin Pie

Thursday, Nov. 27

– Center Closed for Thanksgiving –

Friday, Nov. 28

– Center Closed for Family Day –

FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey & Much More

Thursday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Day

Take out only from 5-6 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 1

Turkey Casserole

Salad & Desert

Thursday, Dec. 4

Rotary Night

Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Call for information.

COMMUNITY

Rotary Club of Fallon Distributes Dictionaries to 3rd Graders at Veritas School

By Sydney Trainor

On Wednesday, November 12th, the Rotary Club of Fallon personally delivered dictionaries to 3rd graders at the Veritas Preparatory School. The Rotary Club does this every year to give back to the community. This event is special because each kid gets their own dictionary to take home and keep. Priscilla Baker, Zip Upham, Daniel Babiarz, and Steve Ranson all participated in making this event possible.

To start, Priscilla explained to the students what the Rotary Club of Fallon is and what it does. She explained that the little club in Fallon is part of a large worldwide organization, Rotary International. The international club works on significant issues, such as eradicating polio and vaccinating people against it, and providing water to people in need. The Rotary Club of Fallon is a service organization that helps the community. They have built benches, installed a shade awning at the cottage school for the Parks and Rec programs, and completed many other projects. Zip Upham then gave a short presentation to the 3rd graders and walked the kids through their new dictionaries. He explained that a dictionary is used to look up words and find out what they mean. He also noted that you can find the



pronunciation of words in the dictionary as well. To practice, the students looked up the word “facetious.” They started with the first letter, then the second, and sounded out the spelling until one student found the word. He read off the definition, “Joking, sportive, not serious.” Upham mentioned that when looking up difficult words like this one, it’s ok to ask someone for help. Students then turned to the back of the dictionary to find other information. In the very back of the book, there were two pages displaying American Sign Language and Braille. Upham explained to these students that Braille is a language for people who are blind; it is an alphabet made up of little bumps, and you read it with your fingertips. Students then looked through

the back of the book and found pages that interested them. They pointed out pages displaying countries, states, planets, roman numerals, and more. The most notable of these to the third graders was the page with a multiplication table. Upham emphasized to students the usefulness of this dictionary by saying, “The whole back of this book is designed to be a reference library in case you have to answer questions.” The Rotary Club of Fallon noted the importance of learning to read and stated, “Bringing the book home will enable the student to learn more quickly because their education won’t be confined to the classroom.” Priscilla noted how much fun the students have looking through these books, saying, “They all light up.”

NJROTC AMI and Excusal Brings in Community Support

By Riffin Stonebarger

On Thursday, Nov. 25, at 9:00 a.m., the Churchill County High School NJROTC program held its annual military inspection, bringing in strong community and administrative support for one of the unit’s most important evaluations of the year. The ceremony began with a presentation from Commanding Officer Ren Thompson and Executive Officer Claire Hahn, who explained their roles and the responsibilities they carry out within the program.



After the presentation, cadets assembled for their personnel inspection with Inspecting Officer Cmdr. (Ret.) Dan Walters, who traveled to Fallon to evaluate the unit. Cadets were evaluated on uniform standards, bearing, and knowledge before moving into the drill portion of the ceremony. Each platoon showcased the skills they had practiced throughout the semester while instructor Leif Steinbaugh observed. The AMI is typically held early in the second semester, giving cadets time in the fall to prepare. Seniors assisted underclassmen throughout the event, guiding first-timers. Despite nerves, cadets performed confidently, supported by instructor Leif Steinbaugh, who spent weeks preparing them for the inspection. The ceremony concluded with remarks from Cmdr. (Ret.) Dan Walters, who praised the unit’s discipline and teamwork before officially excusing the battalion. The successful inspection reflected the cadets’ hard work and commitment to the program. The official party included Assistant Superintendent Mike Walker, Principal Tim Spencer, Vice Principals Reema Pulsifer and Rachel Knight, and Dr. Sue Segura. The Area Manager for NJROTC Area 22, Mr. Ken Ballard, was unable to travel to the AMI due to the government shutdown. The command brief was given by the Churchill Company Commander, Ren Thompson, and Churchill Company Executive Officer, Claire Hahn.

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BUSINESS

Nevada Marks National Rural Health Day

Local Leaders Push for Stronger Frontier Healthcare

By Leanna Lehman

Nevada’s rural communities will join the national observance of National Rural Health Day on Thursday, Nov. 20, to recognize both the work being done and the challenges that still shape healthcare in one of the most rural states in the country. Created in 2011 by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, the observance highlights the needs of the nearly 61 million Americans living outside major metropolitan areas, including residents in Nevada’s mining towns, farming regions, and frontier counties.

Access to care remains a pressing issue in many of these communities. Long drives to medical offices, limited provider availability, and strained local resources affect how residents seek and receive care. Routine medical needs often require a drive to Fallon or Fernley for those in outlying communities, and specialty care often means trips to Reno, Las Vegas, or into California. Winter weather, aging populations, heavy work demands in agriculture and mining, and a lack of transportation add to these challenges.

One of the most significant developments in recent years has been the creation of the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), headquartered in Fallon and serving Churchill, Mineral, Pershing, and Eureka counties. These counties partnered to develop a local public health structure designed around the state’s vast geography, limited services, and the need for decisions to be made close to home.

CNDH District Health Officer, Dr. Tedd McDonald, was recognized by the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med) State Office of Rural Health, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NRHP), and the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV as the 2025 Community Star Recipient at Nevada’s National Rural Health Day event in Reno on Nov. 20. He brings more than 27 years of medical experience to this work and has long been part of rural Nevada’s healthcare landscape. “I served as Churchill County Health Officer for 13 years before becoming District Health Officer,” McDonald said.

In Fallon, McDonald practiced as an optometrist for 12 years and as an obstetrician-gynecologist. He also served as chief medical officer and medical director for Banner Churchill Hospital and Banner Rural Clinics. He later worked as chief medical officer and Community Health Officer for a Federally Qualified Health Center in rural Oregon.

CNHD, the first health district established in what is considered a frontier region of the state, was founded on the belief that local leaders best



National Rural Health Day Graphic.

understood their residents’ needs. McDonald explained that the district received waivers from state service assessments, and member communities developed a work plan for environmental, epidemiological, clinical, and emergency planning services. The Nevada State Board of Health approved the plan in December 2022, and by July 2023, the district began delivering services directly to the public. “Its success has relied on open conversation, patience, and meeting people where they live and work,” McDonald said.

An integral part of the district’s long-term strategy is addressing the chronic shortage of primary-care physicians and specialists across rural Nevada. McDonald described a major collaborative effort

to create a Rural Training Track family medicine residency program in Fallon. Renown Health, the University of Nevada School of Medicine’s Department of Rural Education, Banner Churchill Community Hospital, and Banner Rural Health Clinics all agreed to serve as educational sponsors, each bringing experience in rural medical education. Consultants assessed the financial model, teaching capacity, and resources needed to sustain the program. A Fallon Rural Family Medicine Residency Development Steering Committee was formed, and the program’s first cohort is expected in 2026. McDonald said the residency represents a significant step toward building long-term, sustainable healthcare solutions for small communities.

The focus on rural healthcare comes as the state pursues support for its remote regions. On Nov. 3, Governor Joe Lombardo and the Nevada Health Authority submitted the state’s application for up to \$200 million a year in federal funding through the Rural Health Transformation Program, a \$50 billion national initiative created under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. If awarded, the funds would support projects such as improving chronic disease management, modernizing clinics and hospitals, expanding the use of technology, and strengthening the rural healthcare workforce, beginning in 2026.

Together, the state’s application and the work underway in districts such as CNHD reflect a broader effort to improve care across rural Nevada. Access to reliable, local healthcare remains central to economic stability and quality of life. National Rural Health Day recognizes both the challenges and the ongoing work of local health teams, public health officials, and community partners committed to serving rural Nevadans.

National Rural Health Day offers a moment to recognize the work underway and the challenges that remain. More information is available at PowerOfRural.org.

Why Safe Work Practices and Professional Credentials Matter in Tree Care

By Marco DiGiacinto, MD Tree Surgery

Safe work practices and professional credentials are not luxuries in tree care, but necessities.

Fallon residents and commercial property owners face unique environmental conditions: high-desert winds, aging cottonwoods and elms, and a mix of rural and urban landscapes. These factors make proper tree work potentially dangerous. That’s why hiring trained, certified, and insured professionals is essential. Without the right qualifications, untrained or uncertified individuals put not only themselves at risk but also their property, their neighbors, and their liability as a home or business owner.

Professional tree service companies that invest in rigorous training and safety protocols provide far more than basic labor; they provide protection, expertise, and long-term value. For example, MD Tree Surgery employs multiple ISA Certified Arborists, a Qualified Power Line Clearance Arborist, and a Certified Treecare Safety Professional candidate, ensuring that every job, from pruning to hazardous removals near utilities, is handled with advanced skill and strict adherence to safety standards, specifically ANSI Z133. Their team also holds First Aid/CPR, aerial rescue, traffic flagging, and aerial lift operator certifications, demonstrating a commitment to safety that goes far beyond minimum requirements.

For local residents, this means peace of mind knowing tree risk assessments, precise pruning, and aesthetic shaping are performed with scientific knowledge and technical precision. For business owners, it means safeguarding customers, employees, and structures while maintaining a clean, professional appearance that directly supports property value. Whether you’re dealing with storm-damaged branches, dying trees, or the need for long-term maintenance planning, certified experts reduce risks and deliver higher-quality results.

A reputable, credentialed company like MD Tree Surgery can help Fallon homeowners and commercial property managers address hazardous removals, manage tree health, and enhance curb appeal—while ensuring every crew member on site is trained to protect your property and the surrounding community. Choosing professionals who prioritize safety ultimately saves money, prevents accidents, and preserves the beauty and longevity of the trees that define our landscape.

In a place where strong winds, mature trees, and diverse property layouts present constant challenges, isn’t it worth asking yourself whether the people you trust with your trees are truly qualified?



Fallon Rotary Annual Christmas Drive for Local Homebound Senior’s

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Approves Preliminary Sand Creek Map, CAPS Funds, Addresses Staffing

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County Commissioners worked through a full agenda at their Nov. 10 meeting, including subdivision planning, CAPS shelter repairs, and staffing needs in the District Attorney’s and Public Defender’s offices.

SAND CREEK SUBDIVISION APPROVED, REPLACES EARLIER STONE RANCH PLAN

Commissioners approved a new tentative subdivision map for the Sand Creek project on Casey Road, clearing the way for 180 single-family lots on 47.37 acres and formally voiding the previously approved Old Stone Ranch Planned Unit Development. Public Works Director Randy Hines told commissioners the project shifted away from the earlier plan for roughly 500 multifamily units because “the applicant determined that this project is too difficult to market and develop.” The updated layout reconfigures the north portion of the former Stone Ranch PUD into a lower-density subdivision that more closely resembles the original Sand Creek concept designed in the early 2000s.

Road and infrastructure improvements are a key part of the approval. Phase 1 requires upgrades to Casey Road, including a turning pocket at the subdivision entrance, while Phase 5 will extend Wildcat Parkway to Birch Lane to create a second access point. The developer must establish a long-term funding mechanism for road, stormwater, street lighting, and power costs, which could include a homeowners’ association or similar structure.

Hines also noted that older Sand Creek plans used 50-foot street rights-of-way, but the current county code requires 60 feet to allow the project to transition between the two standards. When Commissioner Eric Blakey asked whether manufactured homes would be permitted in the R-1 zoning, Hines said he would need to confirm the code specifics but added that “the intent of the project is to get this to a final map stage and have a developer develop stick-built houses for the project.”

CAPS DETAILS SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS, SEEKS TO USE REMAINING FUNDS

Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS) Board President Kendra Flower reported substantial progress on shelter upgrades, thanking commissioners for last year’s funding that enabled new flooring throughout the building and in the indoor kennels.

Volunteers have completed substantial extra work, including repainting the interior, repairing door frames, and clearing out years of accumulated debris. “We partnered with Love Fallon,” Flower said, describing a recent cleanup effort that removed a large volume of weeds and materials from the property.

Commissioners approved the organization’s annual \$17,000 support request after staff confirmed the amount was already budgeted for this

fiscal year. Board members noted future contributions may be evaluated more closely after the county’s compensation study is finished.

The board also approved using the remaining balance from last year’s \$106,010 allocation to fix drainage issues between the indoor and outdoor kennels. Flower added that the work may come in below the initial estimate, and any small remaining funds could support additional repairs. Commissioners authorized CAPS to use any remaining balance for necessary maintenance, provided final accounting is submitted.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE SENIOR DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the District Attorney’s request to hire a new chief deputy at grade 83, step 12. District Attorney Lane Mills and Chief Deputy DA Arthur Mallory said the office has struggled to recruit attorneys and continues to face a heavy civil workload. Mallory noted that insufficient staffing can increase litigation exposure and slow legal guidance to county departments and advisory boards.

Commissioners Matt Hyde and Eric Blakey questioned whether approving a top-tier placement ahead of the compensation study could set a precedent. Chairman Myles Getto pointed out that civil staffing shortages have stretched the office for months. After extended discussion, the board unanimously approved the advanced step placement.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ADDS SENIOR-LEVEL POSITION

Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked commissioners to establish a Senior Deputy Public Defender classification at grade 79 to expand recruitment options. Sommer said the office has three attorney vacancies and has received interest from more experienced candidates who exceed current entry-level listings. He said the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense has confirmed the new position would be reimbursable. Commissioners approved the request unanimously.

- Recommended Fallon resident Monty Morrison to the governor as a rural representative on the Nevada Clean Energy Fund board.
- Revoked outdated or superseded official oaths to maintain accurate county records.
- Appointed County Manager Chris Spross to the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC), with Assistant County Manager Joe Sanford as alternate.
- Appointed Sanford to replace Spross on the Fallon Golf Course Board.
- Ratified advanced placement for former CART drivers hired as county transportation specialists.
- Updated FY26 job titles and pay tables.
- Approved the consent agenda and heard routine departmental reports.

School Board Gives Superintendent Parsons Positive Annual Evaluation

By Rachel Dahl

At their November 12 meeting, the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees conducted the annual performance evaluation for Superintendent Derild Parsons, who has served in his role for just over two years.

The Board approved Parsons’ assessment with an overall score of 2.93 on Part I and 2.31 on Part 2, out of a total of 4. (The evaluation rating scale ranges from Highly Effective - 4, Effective - 3, Developing - 2, and Ineffective - 1. Notably, Parsons did not receive any “ineffective” ratings in any area of the evaluation, indicating that the Board found his performance met expectations across all measured standards.

The evaluation tool is a three-part process. Part I of the evaluation rates the superintendent on professional performance standards – including areas of establishing a clear vision for the district, operations, board governance and policy, communication and community relations, and ethical leadership. Part II includes the objective of graduation rate, attendance, absenteeism, CTE program, proficiency targets, and reading achievement. Superintendent Parsons also completed a detailed self assessment and provided supporting evidence of the district’s progress under his leadership. By Nevada law, the Board must discuss the superintendent’s performance in a public meeting, so the evaluation results and feedback were reviewed in open session, allowing transparency for the community.

During the Board’s discussion, trustees praised Superintendent Parsons’ overall performance while also reflecting on the evaluation process itself. Several Board members stressed that the annual evaluation should encompass the superintendent’s entire year of work, cautioning against placing too much weight on any single incident or recent issue. “We need to be mindful that this is a year-long evaluation, and it is not wise to take one example to judge a whole year,” Trustee Kathryn Whitaker said, urging a fair, big-picture perspective.

Trustees also discussed aligning evaluation criteria with the superintendent’s responsibilities and the timing of new initiatives. Whitaker pointed out that one of the evaluation items was actually a Board responsibility, not the superintendent’s, and thus “should never be happening” as part of the superintendent’s review. She raised concerns about evaluating progress on a very recent policy change. “To judge the superintendent on something that was approved two months ago is unfortunate,” referring to a new curriculum pacing policy the Board adopted in September. The consensus was that it would be unfair to criticize the superintendent for not fully implementing a brand-new directive in such a short time. Board President Gregg Malkovich (who led the evaluation discussion) agreed that the evaluation instrument may need refinement so that targets are realistic and within the superintendent’s control.

Remarks also touched on the district’s long-term goals, which the Board set earlier this year. For example, the district has a strategic goal to raise its four-year graduation rate from 84% (in 2024) to 90% by 2027. Because such goals

span multiple years, Board members acknowledged that measurable progress will take time. They indicated that future evaluations should account for the timeline of these goals – tracking incremental improvements without expecting the 2027 targets to be met immediately. Overall, trustees expressed confidence that Parsons is moving the district in the right direction toward these objectives, even if some metrics (like higher graduation and proficiency rates) will require sustained effort over several years.

Superintendent Parsons thanked the Board for their feedback and the constructive discussion. He noted that undergoing a public evaluation is challenging but valuable. Parsons reaffirmed his commitment to the district’s mission, stating that he is dedicated to improving student outcomes, supporting staff, and achieving the Board’s long-range goals. He highlighted some of the accomplishments of the past year, including initiatives in curriculum and staff development, and acknowledged areas identified for growth.

The Board evaluation and comments of support appear to signal a strong working relationship between the trustees and Superintendent Parsons. Board members voiced their continued support, with Whitaker stating that they “fully support Mr. Parsons in his work as superintendent and look forward to working with him...so that we can continue to see progress” in the coming years. Both the superintendent and the Board indicated optimism that, by collaborating on the established goals and addressing any concerns raised, the district will continue to improve.

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Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, Nov. 4 Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding - Part II

By Teresa Moon

Timothy J. Fast, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon on Nov. 4 before Judge Thomas Stockard. On Oct. 7, Fast pleaded guilty to Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, Second Offense, a Category B Felony punishable by 3-15 years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Priscilla Baker summarized the facts of the case. She said a Churchill County deputy stopped Fast for no license plate and no registration. During the traffic stop, a canine unit alerted, and officers found 67 grams of methamphetamine in rock form and .338 grams in liquid form.

According to Baker, at the time of Fast’s arrest, he was on probation in Lyon County for selling both real and fake narcotics in 2024. The Third Judicial District Court granted him probation for possession of a controlled substance related to an arrest that yielded nine pills containing acetaminophen, aspirin, caffeine, and methamphetamine, and 21 pills containing no controlled substances. After multiple Court Services violations and another possession arrest last July, Lyon County sentenced Fast to 19-48 months in prison on Oct. 27.

Baker argued, “This defendant clearly has a drug problem. But it’s more than just a drug problem. He is a known seller of narcotics ... repeated possession, sales, trafficking, prison sentences, repeated revocations and parole revocations. This is a drug dealer that uses.” She said Fast “continues to sell controlled substances over, and over, and over.”

The state asked for a sentence of 36-120 months in prison. Baker said, “We need to send a message to our community that we’re not going to tolerate trafficking or sales of narcotics in our community.” She noted this was a second offense and that under Nevada law, the defendant shall not be granted probation without mitigating circumstances.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel, who asked the court to consider probation and an inpatient substance abuse program, argued that a substance abuse problem is a mitigating circumstance. He noted three mitigating circumstances in this case: 1) Fast has had a consistent and prolonged struggle with methamphetamine use; 2) he has struggled to get off methamphetamine; and 3) He did not have the intent to distribute the drugs.

Noel read from the police report, which noted officers “observed Mr. Fast engaging with a known narcotics distributor.” Noel said his client was purchasing drugs for personal use when “he observed an undercover police officer across the street, and he mentioned that to the dealer.” When Fast was pulled over immediately afterward, Noel said he was surprised by the amount



of drugs in the car. He argued that the dealer, “knowing she was being tailed, dumped the drugs on him.”

Fast apologized, telling the court, “I know that I messed up. I’m just asking for your help to help myself.” He said he has been to prison four times, and it has not helped. “I’m owning up to my charges ... I’ve never asked for help; I’ve been too prideful. I want to change.”

Stockard said that while he found Fast eligible for probation, that “is different from whether I’m going to grant you that privilege given the record before me. And you’re right, prison hasn’t worked, but probation hasn’t worked either.” Upon considering all arguments and records before the court, Stockard denied probation and sentenced Fast to 24-72 months in prison, which will run concurrently to the Lyon County sentence.

Stockard encouraged Fast to work the programs in prison and remanded him to the custody of the Churchill County Jail for imposition of sentence.

Bradley Nelson Rogne, in custody, admitted to the Non-Technical Sentencing Violation of absconding from supervision.

Defense counsel for Rogne, Charles Woodman, told the court that when he first received the case, he had a long conversation with his client while in jail. Rogne told him, “I’ve had an out-of-control drug habit for too long.”

Woodman explained that the court had previously granted him the privilege of probation, and he took off. “As much as he loved his freedom ... he needed drugs more than he needed anything else at that point ... we’ve learned over time how powerful addiction is, and how people will end up literally killing themselves because of their need for drugs.”

Woodman told the judge they were working to secure a bed date for rehabilitation. He said that while “obviously he blew off his probation,” one option would be to send him to prison, but

another would be to delay a decision to allow time for treatment placement.

In asking for that option, Woodman said, “I know this young man needs help ... He just does not fit the criminal type and profile of so many of the folks who come through this courtroom. Outside of his drug issue, he doesn’t have any problems with the legal system.”

Rogne told the court, “I take full responsibility for my actions, for what I have done.”

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Lane Mills began the state’s argument by clarifying that “this is not a young man. Compared to Mr. Woodman and I he might appear young; but he’s 37 years old.” Mills said, “This is not a defendant that we need to infantilize and spoon feed what he really needs. He’s an adult man.”

Mills said Rogne was involved in a hit-and-run where someone was injured. From the victim impact statement, he read, “I hope he decides to change his ways before it’s too late for him, or worse, someone else.”

The state argued that the defendant “got an opportunity from the state and from the victim to do what was right.” Mills said, “And what did he do? Did he pay a penny of restitution? No, not one penny. He couldn’t even bother to pay a penny. Did he even bother to check in with his probation officer? Nope. Couldn’t be bothered.”

Mills added, “At some point, defendants are responsible for themselves ... this defendant made his choice.” He said the state concurred with the Division of Parole and Probation in asking that Rogne’s probation be revoked.

Judge Stockard revoked Rogne’s probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 72-180 months on the Category B Felony of Duty to Stop at the Scene of a Crash Causing Death or Personal Injury. Rogne was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Jail for imposition of sentence.

Man Serving 40+ Years for Sexual Assault in Carson City Enters Plea to Fallon Charges

By Leanna Lehman

Brian Keith DeWitt, 47, appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court in Fallon on Nov. 4 before Judge Thomas Stockard on charges of Attempt to Commit Sexual Assault on a Child Under the Age of 14, a Category B Felony, which carries a mandatory prison sentence of 2-20 years.

In District Court, DeWitt pleaded guilty pursuant to an Alford plea. In an Alford Plea, defendants do not admit guilt; however, the plea acknowledges that the prosecution is likely to have sufficient evidence to secure a conviction, and they accept all penalties associated with a guilty plea.

According to documents filed in District Court on Oct. 3, the state alleges that between Sept. 3 and Sept. 7, 2020, DeWitt did attempt to subject another person to a sexual act against their will, or under conditions in which he knew or should have known that the victim was incapable of resisting or understanding the nature of his conduct.

The original filing in Justice Court listed two counts of Sexual Assault on a Child Under the Age of 14, a Category A Felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15 years, and Lewdness with a



Brian Keith DeWitt. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

Child Under Age 14, a First Offense, which is a Category A Felony punishable by life in prison with parole eligibility after 10 years.

DeWitt is currently in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections on charges out of Carson City for Aggravated Sexual Assault and Lewdness with a Minor. He is currently serving two consecutive life sentences with the possibility of parole after 20 years. As the sexual assault charge was an aggravated offense, he is also serving an additional 20-year enhancement term. Aggravated offenses include what Nevada law describes as “aggravating factors,” like the use of a deadly weapon, serious bodily injury, and victim vulnerability. According to the NDOC, the third term will commence no sooner than 2077.

If convicted, the term of imprisonment will likely not begin until DeWitt completes his current sentence with the Nevada Department of Corrections. DeWitt will also have to register as a sex offender and will be subject to lifetime supervision by the Division of Parole and Probation. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set sentencing for Jan. 13, 2026.

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By Angela Viera



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OASIS ACADEMY STUDENT COUNCIL BUILDS LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT DISNEYLAND RETREAT

Members of the Oasis Academy High School Student Council recently returned from a three-day leadership retreat that combined fun, teamwork, and valuable leadership lessons. The retreat allowed students to step outside their comfort zones, collaborate with new people, and strengthen their leadership skills.

Throughout the two-day program at Disneyland, students participated in interactive leadership sessions and activities designed to build communication, planning, and problem-solving skills. One of the highlights was a scavenger hunt inside Disneyland, where students worked together to complete challenges that required strategic thinking, teamwork, and creativity. The winners received Disneyland’s famous churros as a reward.

“Our Disneyland leadership retreat reminded us that leadership isn’t just about directing others, it’s about listening, collaborating, and finding creative solutions together,” said Isabella Hockenberry-Grimes, Student Body President. “Between the lessons, laughter, and churros, we learned that the best leaders know how to make teamwork feel like magic.

The retreat focused on leadership principles such as cooperation, time management, and adaptability—skills the council plans to bring back and use while organizing school events and representing the student body. One skill students honed was to appreciate different perspectives within a team.

“From this retreat, I learned important life skills, one of which was how to plan with others,” said Neel Bhakta, Freshmen Class President. “Many groups would meet up and create a plan to go on rides with each other. This created a sense of teamwork among all of us, which will help us in the future as we plan events for the school.”

At the start of the retreat, the group spent an afternoon at Huntington Beach, bonding as a team by swimming in the ocean, playing volleyball, or looking for shells. The day by the sea provided a chance to unwind and connect.

Overall, the experience was both educational and inspiring, and provided many firsts for some students.

“I found the trip extremely beneficial and enjoyable in many ways, from making new memories to learning more about myself through Student Council,” closed Stevie Hiskett, Sophomore Class President.

The Oasis Academy Student Council returned motivated and ready to apply their new skills to make a positive impact on their school community.

OASIS ACADEMY TO HOST FIRST-EVER HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Oasis Academy is celebrating the magic of the holiday season with its first-ever Holiday Extravaganza on December 2 at the Fallon Convention Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event promises an evening full of festive performances, creativity, and community spirit.

The celebration will showcase the incredible talents of Oasis Academy kindergarten through eighth-grade students across multiple departments. The choirs and music classes will fill the evening with classic and contemporary holiday tunes, while the drama class takes the stage with a special seasonal performance. The video production class will also assist, offering a glimpse into the hard work and imagination happening behind the scenes.

In addition to the performances, the art classes will have their artwork proudly displayed throughout the event, turning the convention center into a festive gallery of student creativity.

Families can also enjoy a visit with Santa Claus, complete with photos by Taryn Lenon. While pictures are complimentary, donations will be accepted to support Grad Nite and help Oasis Academy’s seniors celebrate their upcoming graduation.

“I am very excited by this opportunity to bring our community together to celebrate our students’ talents and share goodwill as we head into the winter holidays,” said Dane Nott, K-12 School Leader. “The integration of art and music benefits student learning by boosting cognitive, social, and emotional skills, confidence, and teamwork, leading to improved academic performance. I firmly believe that these community engagement opportunities foster a greater sense of belonging and pride for families and students alike. This will be an amazing evening.”

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian
Counting Our Blessings: Veritas Gives Thanks for a Season of Growth

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst, with photos courtesy of Veritas

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Veritas Preparatory School community is reflecting with gratitude on a season filled with blessings, growth, and God’s continued faithfulness. From new families and teachers to facility improvements and community support, there is much to be thankful for at Veritas this year.

Over the summer, Veritas said goodbye to several beloved military families who received new assignments - but the fall semester brought an abundance of new faces. The school community has welcomed many new families, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to classrooms and events.

“We miss our friends who moved away, like J.J., but we enjoy making new friends too!” said 4th grader Kolby Cota.

The school’s increased enrollment has not only filled classrooms with eager learners but also opened the door to exciting opportunities for growth. Veritas was able to hire a new teacher and expand its curriculum to include music classes for K4 through 2nd grade, enriching the school’s classical education with joyful songs and creativity.

“I like the Five Fat Turkeys song!” said 1st grader Mila Martinez. “I like the game we play with that song.”

Teachers and staff are also thankful for expanded preparatory and administrative time, giving them greater opportunity to plan lessons, collaborate, and support students more effectively.

“Our staff is incredibly dedicated,” said Headmaster Jill Rosario.

“These changes allow them the space and time to do what they do best - teach with excellence and care.”

Veritas has also made significant strides in improving its facilities. This fall saw the installation of a new perimeter fence, new security cameras and monitors, and playground additions, creating a safer and more inviting environment for students to learn and play.

Beyond these upgrades, the school is grateful for its strong financial position, which has made possible the addition of a new building to the campus. This expansion will provide more classroom space and further accommodate the school’s growing student body.

Perhaps most meaningful of all is the continued support of local churches and pastors, who remain strong partners in Veritas’ mission to provide Christ-centered, classical education. “We are blessed to have a community of faith that believes in what we’re doing,” Rosario said. “Their encouragement and prayers sustain us.”

As a 5th grader, Clara put it, “I’m thankful that we get to learn about God every day and that so many people help make our school awesome.”

From classrooms filled with new songs to playgrounds filled with laughter, Veritas has much to celebrate this Thanksgiving. The year’s growth and blessings stand as a reminder that God continues to provide abundantly for the school’s mission, its teachers, and its students.

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CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Churchill County High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets and instructors pose after their annual inspection.

CCHS

Churchill County High School’s Navy Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (NJROTC) held their Annual Navy Inspection (AMI) on November 13, showcasing the students’ dedication and precision during a pass and review drill in the main gym. “Congrats to our ROTC program and students. This AMI was one of the best we have seen,” Vice Principal Reema Pulsifer said. “This program continues to impress us with the hard work of its students and instructors. Thank you to the classes, faculty, families, and community members who were able to make it to support these amazing students.”

CCMS

Students in Jennifer Olsen’s eighth-grade math class got creative last week while learning to graph linear equations. Students worked together to graph lines and design pumpkins, combining math skills with a festive twist. The activity encouraged teamwork and hands-on learning, and was a fun way for students to practice important math concepts.



Jennifer Olsen's eighth grade math class working on and showing off the pumpkins they made by graphing lines.

NUMA

Students in Heidi Emke’s class have been exploring all things Nevada. They learned about state symbols and how Nevada became a state. Last month, the class visited Fort Churchill to discover the fort’s history and the Pony Express’s role in Nevada. Finally, students studied the state’s landscape and created clay maps to illustrate the state’s human and physical features.



Heidi Emke's class at Fort Churchill.

E.C. BEST

Students in Rosa Sanchez’s class have been focusing on their personal narratives over the past several weeks. Last week, students were in the publishing stage of their writing process. They each had to type their final narratives in Google Docs, which allowed them to refine their work and share their stories digitally.



Students in Rosa Sanchez's class typing their final narratives in Google Docs.

LAHONTAN

Students in Victoria Potter’s class learned all about Veterans’ Day. They watched videos, made crowns, read books, and made thank-you cards to put out for the veterans’ breakfast. Students also learned about the military branch and American symbols. They read a story specifically about the American flag, what it stands for, as well as how to treat it with respect. Students ended the week by listening to the National Anthem and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Logos Hosts Heartwarming Grandparents’ Day Celebration

Students and Teachers Honor Grandparents and Veterans with Music, Memories, and Crafts



7th/8th-grade students performing the folding of the flag ceremony.

On November 13th, Logos School held its annual Grandparents’ Day celebration, a cherished tradition dedicated to honoring the invaluable role of grandparents and veterans in the community.

The event brought together students, teachers, grandparents, and veterans for a memorable day filled with learning, laughter, and appreciation. Teachers and students collaborated on a special program that offered guests a glimpse into the classroom experience, highlighting what a typical school day at Logos looks like.

One of the highlights of the event was a moving musical performance, with students singing heartfelt songs dedicated to their grandparents and the veterans in attendance. The program also included the sharing of significant historical moments, further connecting generations through stories of the past.

The celebration concluded with students spending quality time with their grandparents, engaging in creative crafting activities. The hands-on session allowed families to bond and create lasting memories together.

Logos School’s Grandparents’ Day continues to be a beloved tradition, fostering gratitude, respect, and intergenerational connections within the school community.



5th/6th-grade class reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



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SPORTS

Fallon Barracuda Shine at State Championships in Henderson

By Sydney Trainor

The Fallon Barracuda Swim Team made the long trip to Henderson for the Nevada State Swimming Championships on November 8-11 — a four-day meet packed with early mornings, late nights, and some seriously impressive swims.

Four local swimmers, Reagan Morris, Charlie Morris, Dom Mora, and Ben Bryan, qualified for the meet, which only accepts athletes who have already reached the required times in their events. The competition ran from 6:30 a.m. warmups to finals that sometimes stretched until 8:30 or 9 p.m., but the Fallon swimmers handled the grind like pros.

All four athletes improved their times from previous meets, with Reagan Morris taking 2nd place in the 25-yard backstroke, one of the most exciting Barracuda finishes of the weekend.

Swim coach Bree says that in a sport where athletes race the clock as much as they race each other, improvement is the real measure of success.



Coach Kate, Coach Ember, Thea Schneider, Kage Oyler, Dom Mora, Coach Gerik, Coach Bree. Front Row – Reagan Morris, Charlie Morris, Ben Bryan.

“Because swimming is such an individual sport, we encourage the kids to focus on beating their own best times,” Bree explained. “When they work toward their own personal records, they get faster, stronger, and more confident. That’s where the real growth happens.”

The Fallon Barracudas are a nonprofit, club-style team staffed by volunteer coaches, which keeps fees manageable and opens the door for kids who might not otherwise have access to competitive sports. The team draws swimmers ages 7 to 16, including homeschooled students and kids whose schools don’t offer athletic programs for their age group.

“Kids just love being with each other,” Bree said. “You have to teach the love of swimming first... then they just soar.”

For many of the swimmers, State wasn’t just about competition — it was about being part of something. From hours on the road to cheering each other through heats, the Barracudas showed up not only as athletes but as a tight-knit group who genuinely enjoy the sport and the community around it.

All four swimmers who competed at State shaved time off their previous races — a strong finish to a long weekend and an encouraging sign for the season ahead.

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SPORTS

Greenwave Earns Shot at State Title



Fallon football players respond jubilantly as coach Calvin Connors congratulates them on winning the state semifinal game over Virgin Valley last Saturday. Photo by Robert Perea.

By Robert Perea

One year after coming oh so close to the state championship game, losing to SLAM Academy in double-overtime in a state semifinal matchup, the Fallon Greenwave made sure history didn't repeat itself.

The Greenwave beat Virgin Valley 31-19 last Saturday in Mesquite, punctuating the effort with several big plays, including two on their final drive that put the game away.

"Explosive plays are something that not a lot of people talk about, but it's the most important thing," Fallon coach Calvin Connors said. "You throw a deep shot to (Wyatt) Peek, Calin (Anderson), Maxton (Richardson), whoever it is, they come down with it."

The play everyone's going to talk about came late, with the Greenwave holding a 24-19 lead and facing third-and-27 from their own 30-yard line and just over two minutes left in the game. Conventional wisdom might have led some coaches to run the ball and force Virgin Valley to either use a timeout or let the clock run down below a minute and a half, then punt and let the defense try to hold the lead.

Instead, Connors took another tack. It was bold, it was calculated, and it worked. Quarterback Matt Bird lofted a pass deep down the left sideline, and Calin Anderson went up over Virgin Valley defender Ellian Pinto to bring it in for a 34-yard gain. On the next play, Carson Melendy ran 36 yards for the clinching touchdown.

"We could have run the ball, had them waste a timeout, but then you're punting into the wind, so we took our matchup with Calin on (Pinto)," Connors said. "(Pinto) was cramping up throughout the game, he was starting to limp a little bit, and so we just took our dude over their dude and told Calin to go up and get it."

Big plays either accounted for or set up every Fallon score. Leading 17-13 at the half, the Greenwave extended the margin to 24-13 on a 71-yard run by Melendy. But Virgin Valley cut the



Fallon's Wyatt Dixon pressures Virgin Valley quarterback Koby Perry during last Saturday's state semifinal game in Mesquite. Photo by Robert Perea



Fallon's Maxton Richardson dives as Virgin Valley's Elian Pinto is tackling him during last Saturday's state semifinal game in Mesquite. Photo by Robert Perea.

margin to 24-19 with 6:12 left in the game when Harvey Hurtado scooped up a fumble by Melendy and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown.

"These are high school kids, they're human beings, they're going to make mistakes, but we believe in our guys and they're going to get the play back," Connors said. "We told Carson, you fumbled the ball, it's okay, just go score now. Make up for it. And he did."

The game started slow offensively for the Greenwave, with punts on both of their first two possessions. Virgin Valley also punted the first two times it had the ball, but on the third try, the Bulldogs drove 64 yards in nine plays to score first, on a 25-yard pass from Koby Perry to Pinto with 8:54 left in the second quarter.

The third offensive possession was the charm to Fallon, too. On the fourth play of the drive, quarterback Matthew Bird hit Maxton Richardson on a 61-yard pass down to the Virgin Valley 4-yard line. Two plays later, Camden Richardson scored on a 1-yard run to tie the game.

After that, the Greenwave seemed to get a big play every time they got the ball.

"That's energy away from their defense and giving it to our offense, and then we take that into special teams, and that carries over to the defense, and vice versa," Connors said.

Bird and Maxton Richardson hooked up on a 66-yard touchdown pass on the next possession,



Fallon football coach Calvin Connors encourages his players one by one before the start of last Saturday's state semifinal game against Virgin Valley. Photo by Robert Perea.

to take a 14-17 lead with 4:32 left in the second quarter.

Virgin Valley answered with an 80-yard touchdown pass from Perry to Pinto, but the Greenwave blocked the extra point to maintain the lead at 14-13.

A 36-yard pass from Bird to Anderson got the Greenwave to the Virgin Valley 6-yard line on the next drive and set up a 23-yard field goal by Bird on the last play of the half to make it 17-13.

The Greenwave made a couple of big defensive plays in the second half to keep the lead.

After Melendy's 71-yard run in the third quarter made it 24-13, the Bulldogs were threatening, but on fourth-and-11 from the Fallon 37, Joseph Romero tackled Perry two yards short of a first down after a 9-yard scramble. Melendy then thwarted Virgin Valley's next drive by intercepting a pass by Perry at the Fallon 3-yard line. Virgin Valley's next drive ended with a fumble on fourth-and-goal from the Fallon 2 that Alijah Juarez recovered.

Then, following the big plays by Anderson and Melendy for the final touchdown, Camden Richardson put a seal on things with an interception, and the Greenwave was able to take a knee to end the game.

"We believe in our players and instill them with confidence to play the game at a high level and play fast," Connors said. "We try not to overwhelm them, but it's a fine line. They're good athletes, they're smart kids, and they execute very well, and they don't give up."

Now the Greenwave will face Moapa Valley in the state championship game at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mackay Stadium in Reno. Connors said he wants his team to enjoy everything about this week leading up to the game.

"(It's) our final week of this season, no matter what, so we're just going to be where our feet are. Enjoy the sunsets, enjoy the lights at practice, enjoy each other's company," Connors said. "Take it day by day and make sure we have a good week of practice. These kids are hungry for a state title, and they're not going to let this moment pass them by."

COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen – Apple Cobbler & Honey Oven-Roasted Carrots

By Billy Peterson, in for Kelli Kelly

Hi everyone! I’m Billy Peterson, a Senior at Churchill County High School and a fourth-year student in the culinary arts class. Ever since I was little, I have loved cooking for my family. Whenever my aunt came over to cook, I would always ask to help and watch her magic in the kitchen. And once I got older, she showed me more things in the kitchen. Then, in my freshman year, I wanted to compete in the culinary division at our school, and she let me use her fantastic knives for my competition. This memory has made me love the culinary arts, giving cooking a lifelong memory to cherish.

This summer, I went to France for three weeks to take a culinary program, where I learned about the French culinary world and discovered French culinary classics. Also, during my high school culinary journey, I have competed



on the state level for culinary arts through SkillsUSA. I am also competing again this year, and I am so excited!

I am sure everyone is excited about Thanksgiving, so I have some fantastic, budget-friendly recipes.

This recipe will use up all your apples that you might not have used, creating a delicious dessert:

Ingredients for Filling:

- 6-8 Apples (any type, but I use Honey Crisp), sliced into wedges and peeled
- 1/2 Lemon, squeezed
- 1/2 cup Brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. Maple syrup
- 2 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 tbsp. Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Apple pie spice
- Pinch Salt

Ingredients for Crust:

- 1 cup All-Purpose flour
- 3/4 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp Baking powder
- Pinch Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 Egg
- 1 stick Melted butter

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees, peel and cut up the apples into wedges, and squeeze half a lemon over them.
- Mix brown sugar, maple syrup, vanilla, cinnamon and apple pie spice, and salt into the apple lemon mixture.
- Then put in an oven-safe baking dish and bake for about 15 minutes.
- While that is baking, make the crust. Add the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, vanilla, egg, and butter, and mix until it all comes together
- Once the 15 minutes have passed, take the baking dish out and carefully put the crust over the apple mixture. Before putting it into the oven, change the oven to 350 degrees.



- Then cook for 40 minutes or until golden brown. Once you take the excellent apple cobbler out and let it cool for 10 minutes, you can enjoy it!

Want a quick, easy, and delicious vegetable for dinner? Then, this carrot recipe is perfect for you:

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. Carrots, cut into about 1/2 inch slices
- 1 tbsp. Olive oil
- 2 tbsp. Honey (if you like it sweet, then add more)
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp. Pepper
- Parsley for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine the cut carrots with olive oil, honey, salt, and pepper in a bowl, then mix until thoroughly combined.
- Put the mixture on a baking sheet
- Bake for 30-40 minutes (if you like them softer, cook them longer)
- Cool for 10 minutes, then enjoy!

Allison’s Book Report:

“Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (Full-Cast Edition)”

by J.K. Rowling

By Allison Diegel



Anyone who knows me for more than a day knows that I’m a Harry Potter nerd to my core. I have opened many a conversation by asking about Hogwarts houses (I am a Ravenclaw, naturally) or by quoting from the books or movies. If you’re looking for the perfect entry point into the Wizarding World – or want to revisit the place where the magic began – you absolutely must check out the Full-Cast Edition of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone. This isn’t just someone reading the book; it’s a full-blown audio movie, and it is glorious.

For anyone who somehow missed it (or needs a quick refresher), this is where we first meet poor Harry, stuck under the

cupboard stairs with the awful Dursleys. His life is pretty miserable until, in a flurry of flying letters, Harry finds out that he’s a wizard. The rest of the book is a whirlwind as he gets whisked off to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, the most incredible place ever. He makes fast friends with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, learns about Quidditch, takes classes in Potions and Charms, and generally starts living the life he was meant for. However, everything is quickly overshadowed by a growing mystery surrounding a precious object and a shadowy plot linked to the dark wizard who gave Harry his famous scar. It’s a fantastic, foundational story of friendship, bravery, and discovering where you truly belong.

Now, let’s talk about the new audio experience itself, because that’s the real star here. This “Full-Cast” approach completely transforms the book. Instead of one narrator doing all the voices, you have a whole team of talented actors bringing dozens of characters to life. When Hagrid booms, he actually booms; when Snape sneers, he sounds like he’s sneering. The production is also layered with amazing sound effects. You can hear the train whistle blowing as the Hogwarts Express pulls away from Platform 9 3/4, the rustle of robes in the corridors, the flapping of wings, and the frantic, echoing sounds of the castle’s secret chambers.

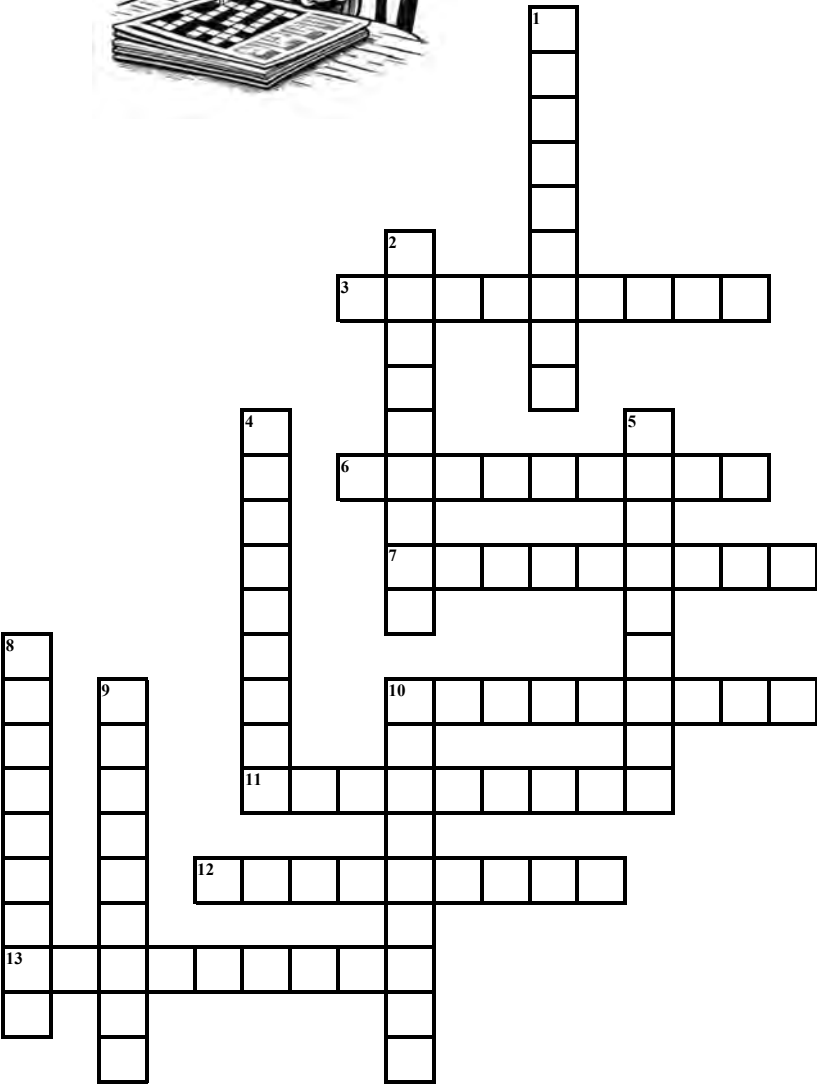
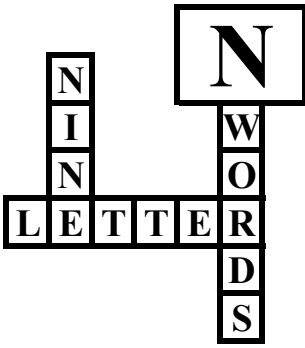
Whether you’re introducing the series to someone new or you’ve read the books a dozen times and want a fresh, theatrical way to enjoy them, this edition is a total winner. It captures the joy, the suspense, and the sheer wonder of Harry’s first year better than any other audio format. Grab your headphones, find a comfy spot, and get ready for a magical ride—you won’t regret it!

I plan to listen to (and review) the following six books in this format, too – one will be released every month for the next six months, and I can’t wait. In the meantime, check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more talk about the Wizarding World!

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

- 3. Daffodil, jonquil cousin
- 6. Outhouse, privy
- 7. MA resort island
- 10. Country Music Hall of Fame city
- 11. Storytellers
- 12. Mr. Roger’s friends
- 13. Scarlet Letter’s Hawthorne

Down

- 1. Egyptian queen
- 2. French pastries?
- 4. Omaha native
- 5. DEA concern
- 8. Fuzz-free peach
- 9. Magellan, Polo or Henry
- 10. Arctic dwelling whales

[Crossword answers found on page 15]

COLUMNS

Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

Hello Fallon friends, and thanks to everyone who came out this past weekend to support the Lee Hardin comedy show and the River Rogue concert. Your laughter, energy, and enthusiasm made the theatre feel extra warm and lively. We love seeing our community fill seats, cheer on visiting artists, and make memories together. Your support helps keep these kinds of events alive on Maine Street, and we’re grateful for every single one of you.

This coming weekend, we’ve got a wonderful pair of films ready to welcome you back again! At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, we’ll be showing *The Black Stallion* (1979), a beautifully crafted story about the bond between a young boy and a wild Arabian horse after they survive a shipwreck together. Filled with stunning imagery and heartfelt moments, it’s a perfect choice for families and anyone who loves classic storytelling. Rated G, this movie runs for 1 hour and 58 minutes.

Or, at 7 p.m., settle in for *Some Like It Hot* (1959), the iconic comedy starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon. With sharp humor, unforgettable performances, and a fast-moving storyline that still charms audiences today, it’s an ideal pick for movie lovers looking for something truly timeless. This film runs for 2 hours.

We’re also happy to share that the Coalition for Senior Citizens is hosting a free 1 p.m. matinee at the Fallon Theatre on the third Friday of every month. These screenings are open to everyone in the community, but seniors



who attend will also receive a free small popcorn and drink as a special treat. This month’s film is *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (1987). Rated R and running 1 hour and 33 minutes, it’s a heartwarming and hilarious holiday classic that’s sure to bring plenty of laughs. Join us on Friday, November 21st, at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, Lindsay would be happy to help at 619-971-9045.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Pursuant to NRS 164.025, notice is hereby given that MICHAEL R. O’SHAUGHNESSY and JULIE ELSBREE are duly appointed and qualified co-Trustees of The L & T O’SHAUGHNESSY FAMILY TRUST. The L & T O’SHAUGHNESSY FAMILY TRUST was created on August 8, 1997, by Larry and Trinidad O’Shaughnessy as Trustors and Grantors. Grantor, Larry O’Shaughnessy, died on June 27, 2023, and Grantor, Trinidad O’Shaughnessy, died on September 24, 2025. A creditor having a claim against the Grantors and/or against the trust estate must file a claim with the undersigned at the address given below within 90 days after the first publication of this notice.

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-vs-
JASON COLE IRWIN,
Defendant.

SUMMONS
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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
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OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE
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In the Matter of the Estate of
CAROL MARIE HALL
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NOTICE OF HEARING:
PETITION TO CONFIRM SALE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHIRLEY GILPIN filed a PETITION TO CONFIRM SALE OF REAL PROPERTY at 1480 River View Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for \$365,000.00 and has set the matter for hearing on the requests in the Petition for Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the Probate Court of the Second Judicial District Court, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV 89501. The matter will be approved subject to possible overbids without further hearing unless an objection is filed. You do not need to appear unless you wish to object.

This hearing will be conducted by conference call only. Any person who wishes to be heard on this matter shall obtain the public dial-in number and Meeting ID by visiting <https://www.washoecourts.com/> Probate, or by calling 775-328-3100 at least two (2) days in advance of the hearing.

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| NARWHALES | NEFERTITI |
| NASHVILLE | NEIGHBORS |

COLUMNS

PostCards: A Woman’s View, part 2

By Michon Mackedon

Last week, I included excerpts from the diary of Delia Thompson Brown, who, with her husband, John, was one of the Lahontan Valley’s earliest settlers, having arrived here in 1866. She and John developed a large parcel of land in Old River where they farmed, raised stock, and prospered financially. John apparently excelled socially and politically as well, serving as Justice of the Peace of Stillwater Township and Sheriff of Churchill County. Apparently, Delia did not take to the pioneer life as much as her husband did. One of the threads running through her diary is that of loneliness. John was almost never at home, leaving Delia to raise the children and perform an endless series of chores which defined the frontier existence.

Delia was faithful to her diary but many of the entries are brief and despairing. One gets the sense that the marriage was not a very happy one and that Delia felt overworked and undervalued.

Feb. 14, 1881. Twenty-seven years today since we were married. How many things have occurred in that time. Well, no need to rhapsodize or moralize—cannot change things. Washed today and a pleasant day, but chilly.

Aug. 1, 1882. Ironed this forenoon and done the mending this afternoon.

Aug. 2, 1882. Worked butter. Cleaned the cellar. Swept the chamber and got dinner. After that sewed.

Aug. 3, 1882. Still very warm. Cleaned the dining room and got dinner. Afternoon sewed.

Jan. 2, 1883. Jasper started for Reno and John for Virginia City this morning. I wanted to go to Reno, but, as usual, had to wait. Washed today—had a large washing.

Her children were, of course, a comfort, especially a daughter named Stella, born in 1868. Stella, even before her teens, worked almost as hard as her mother—raking hay in the summer, washing clothes the winter.

Stella and her young friends appear in many of the diary entries, and interestingly, for that early time, the entries suggest that there were youth activities available to Stella on the banks of the lower Carson. Mention is made of “spelling school” as an almost nightly activity; Stella frequently spends the night with her friends, and vice versa. One entry describes Stella attending a lecture by “Mister Pike, the lawyer,” at Stillwater. Another has her making visits to friends on New Year’s Day. In 1883, Stella is apparently sent away to boarding school.

Even the comfort Delia finds in Stella is continually clouded by memories of the deaths of two other children. In 1861, while Delia and John were living near the Comstock mines, she gave birth to a little girl, who survived only a short time, and, in March 1866, she gave birth to a son, Arthur, who died of fever in November 1867.

April 5, 1868. How I miss the darling boy and listen in vain for the patter of little feet I shall never hear. God help me to bear this and other trials aright.

March 28, 1884. Our little girl’s birthday if she were living.

March 29, 1884. This would be Arthur’s 18th birthday if he were with us. Nearly 16 years since her was taken and we felt of how much of hope and how much of joy was buried up with a darling boy.

March 29, 1887. Our Arthur would be 21 today if living but God was good to him and took him while yet innocent and pure to dwell with him. I hope we may form an unbroken family by and by.

Delia’s losses were not uncommon on the American frontier. In 1865, one of three children died before the age of 5.

Another son, Willie, born in 1863 and lived to adulthood. I will write about Delia’s relationship with him next week and of Stella’s marriage and return to Lahontan Valley.

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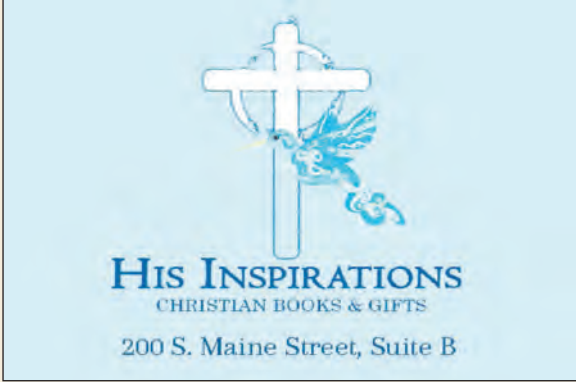
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