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## Fallon Celebrates America's 250th With Parade, Community Festivities



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By Amber Hardin

Fallon residents gathered July 4 for a full day of Independence Day festivities honoring the nation's 250th anniversary.

Hosted by the City of Fallon in partnership with the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Churchill Arts Council and Churchill County Parks and Recreation, the celebration included the Fourth of July Parade, Party in the Park at Oats Park and the annual fireworks display at Rattlesnake Hill.

This year's parade carried the theme "Celebrating America250 & Our Military," recognizing the nation's semi quincentennial and the service of military members who have contributed to the country and the Fallon community.

Following the parade, families gathered at Oats Park to enjoy live entertainment, free activities, complimentary hot dogs and access to the city's splash pad and pool. The festivities concluded with the traditional nighttime fireworks show.

The parade also recognized outstanding entries in several categories.



### AWARD WINNERS INCLUDED:

- Best Youth Group: Veritas Preparatory School
- Best Business Entry: Kent's Supply Center
- Best Mounted Group: Rosa's Performance Horses
- Best Agriculture Entry: Nevada Farm Bureau
- Best Automobile Group: Top Gun Dragstrip
- Best Individual Automobile: Dave Tilley
- Best Nonprofit: New Beginnings Church
- Best UTV Group: Spanish Springs SXS
- Best Costume: Jesse Coe
- Best Use of Theme: Walker Lake Disposal
- Most Patriotic: Fallon Theatre
- Chamber Choice Award: NVRC Dust Devils

Mayor Ken Tedford said the America250 celebration provided an opportunity to reflect on the nation's history while celebrating the traditions and community spirit that make Fallon a special place to call home.

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## CFEF Explains New Scholarship Program

By Sydney Trainor

A new scholarship program being developed by the Churchill Faith Education Fund (CFEF) could help local families pay for private Christian education through a new federal tax credit program, although the nonprofit must first meet federal requirements before awarding scholarships.

During a recent informational meeting at Oasis Community Church, CFEF President Caleb Szymanski explained that the nonprofit was created to help families afford private Christian education by participating in the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit program.

Under the program, eligible taxpayers may donate up to \$1,700 to CFEF and receive a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit equal to the amount they donate.

"How this works is you or any taxpayer can donate up to \$1,700 to us, the Churchill Faith Education Fund," Szymanski said. "And then when you file your taxes the following year, your tax liability can be reduced dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,700 according to the donation that you gave to the organization."

Although CFEF has received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, it must still qualify as a Scholarship Granting Organization before it can award scholarships through the program. To qualify, CFEF must keep administrative costs below 10%, award scholarships to at least 10 students attending multiple schools, and continue operating in a state that participates in the program.

Scholarship eligibility is based on household income. Szymanski said a family's annual income may not exceed 300% of the area's median income. For 2026, he said, that means a family of four may earn up to \$268,500 and still qualify.

Two schools currently qualify for CFEF funding: Logos Christian Academy and Veritas Preparatory School. Agape Christian School is awaiting guidance on whether homeschooled students participating in its tutoring-based program will qualify under the federal tax credit program.

Students must first be accepted to a participating school before applying for a scholarship through that school. Schools then submit scholarship applications and students' acceptance letters to CFEF. Students who are direct relatives of CFEF board members or children of major donors, as defined by Internal Revenue Service rules, are not eligible.

CFEF also explained that donations may be designated for a specific school, but not

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log

By Rachel Dahl

Down to the wire on a Tuesday with the Great Basin Sun added back into the stable and the only thing we're waiting for to hit send, is me finishing this column.

We have the statewide, rural paper put together today and printed for each community, as Section B of each local edition. And what an effort by this scrappy little team.

I've said it before when there were just two of us and I'll say it again as we've expanded and added to the "family..."

Never before had there been a batch of people so good and so willing to just make things work.

We thought we were ahead of the game and mostly done with the new section first thing this morning but then as we were proofing, someone said, "why do we have yadda yadda and not blah blah blah..."

It was then off to the races to correct and add because of course, everyone agreed. All hands-on deck working together to make it happen.

The whole thing makes me just a little emotional.

Part of me thinks everyone just thinks I'm crazy and sort of annoying like a demanding mom, but the other part of me is watching these group texts we have running – one for each paper – and I'm just amazed watching them all work. We have the designer and the person running production and a crew of proofreaders and the team writing the stories and from time to time one will cross over between papers with a story that fits or a photo



or help with a caption.

If you didn't know better, looking in, you would think it perfectly choreographed through the chaos. They have a way of making it look easy.

Which if you had been here a half hour ago watching, and remarked on the process, probably would have gotten you banished or kicked in the shin.

So, as we add one more paper and we continue to perfect our processes and we manage to somehow all keep speaking to each other, we'll also be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rachel

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for an individual student. The credit is available only to individual taxpayers, not businesses, and donations must be made in cash, such as by check or credit card. Because the credit is nonrefundable, donors must owe federal income tax to receive the full benefit, although unused credits may be carried forward for up to five years. Donations also may not be used to claim both a federal and state school-choice tax credit.

The organization is working toward a \$10,000 fundraising goal and has already raised \$5,100. Those funds will allow CFEF to award the scholarships required to qualify as a Scholarship

Granting Organization before the federal program begins. Donations made this year are tax-deductible, but the federal tax credit will not take effect until 2027.

Szymanski encouraged community members to help spread the word about the new organization and scholarship program.

"We need boots on the ground. We need people. We need word of mouth talking about this left and right and getting as many people involved as possible, not just this year, but off into the future as well," he said.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Scout

Scout is a 1 1/2-year-old Great Pyrenees with a gentle nature and a quiet personality. He may be a little reserved when meeting new people, but with a little patience, his affectionate side quickly shines through.



Scout gets along well with children, cats, livestock, and female dogs. He has spent much of his life as an outdoor dog and enjoys keeping a watchful eye on his surroundings. He walks well on a leash and will benefit from continued training. Scout is more selective with male dogs, so a meet-and-greet is recommended.

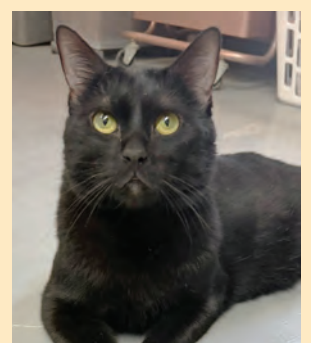
Visit the Fallon Animal Shelter to meet Scout and discover the loyal companion behind his quiet personality.

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

Mufasa is Available for Adoption

This handsome king is ready to claim his throne. Could it be in your home?

Mufasa is a cat with a big personality and an even bigger presence. He knows who he is and is looking for a kingdom where his voice is heard and his boundaries are respected. He will do best with patient, understanding people who are willing to take the time to earn his trust. Once you do, Mufasa forms a deep, loyal bond with his person. If you're looking for a cat with character, charm, and a heart that reveals itself over time, Mufasa could be your perfect match.



Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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

## FEATURES

## Premium Booklet Available for Cantaloupe Festival

By Sydney Trainor

Residents planning to enter exhibits at this year's Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair can now pick up the festival's premium booklet, which outlines contest rules, judging, and entry requirements.

According to the booklet, any amateur Nevada resident may enter exhibits created within the past year. Entries must be the exhibitor's own work, remain on display throughout the festival, and meet the requirements for their specific department. Youth exhibitors compete in Peewee, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions based on their age as of Aug. 1, while following the same exhibit rules and classes as adults.

Exhibits will be judged using the Danish Judging System, which evaluates each entry against a scorecard rather than against other entries. Blue-ribbon exhibits may receive rosettes at the judge's discretion, and



fairgoers will have an opportunity to vote for People's Choice Awards, with winners announced Sunday afternoon.

The booklet includes competitions in photography, quilting, crafts and hobbies, fine arts, knitting and crochet, needlework, sewing, home arts and furnishings, food preservation, fruits and vegetables, flowers, and other exhibit categories.

The Special Cantaloupe Growing Contest also returns this year, giving participants an opportunity to compete for the heaviest, roundest, most unique, ugliest, and largest Hearts of Gold cantaloupes. Participants can obtain free seeds from the festival, grow their own melons, bring them for judging, and earn raffle entries by sharing their progress on Facebook using the hashtag #TheColossalCantaloupe.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the premium booklet, visit the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair website.



### FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

The Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair also will feature:

- Agriculture Experience
- Cantaloupe 5K
- Farmers Market
- Cornhole Tournament
- Car Show
- Tractor Pull
- Tractor Display
- RC Cars
- Lil' Buckaroo Bounce Off
- Cutest Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest
- Additional family-friendly activities

## Screwworm Threat Prompts Warning for Local Animal Owners

By Rachel Dahl

Local livestock and pet owners are being urged to inspect their animals daily as federal and state officials respond to the return of New World screwworm in the United States.

Doug Busselman, executive vice president of the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation, discussed the threat during a recent Fallon Chamber of Commerce meeting. He said Farm Bureau organizations are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to combat the parasite and educate animal owners about prevention.



Screwworm fly by Getty Images.

The United States eradicated New World screwworm decades ago, but the parasite has moved north through Central America and Mexico. The USDA confirmed its first recent U.S. case in a calf in Zavala County, Texas, on June 3. Additional cases have since been identified in Texas and New Mexico.

USDA has closed livestock trade through southern ports of entry as animal health officials conduct surveillance, investigate confirmed cases and release sterile flies to prevent the pest from becoming established.

New World screwworm is not a worm, but the larval stage of an invasive fly. The female fly lays eggs in an animal's open wound. After hatching, the larvae burrow into and feed on living tissue.

The parasite can affect cattle, horses, sheep, goats, dogs, cats, wildlife and, in rare cases, people. Even a small wound caused by a tick bite, injection, ear tag, branding, castration or

minor injury can provide a place for the fly to lay its eggs.

Busselman said one concern is the large feral hog population in Texas and surrounding areas. Wild hogs can suffer frequent wounds and travel across large areas, potentially giving screwworm flies additional hosts if the parasite spreads.

Dr. David Faught of Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic said local animal owners should be proactive rather than waiting until the parasite reaches Nevada.

"Like any disease, be proactive and do daily inspections of animals for any wounds," Faught said.

He recommended keeping stalls, kennels, corrals and other areas occupied by animals as clean as possible and using appropriate fly-control methods.

Owners should visually inspect their animals each day, paying particular attention to open wounds. Faught suggested photographing any wound when it is first discovered so changes can be documented rather than relying on memory.

Owners should watch for wounds that are not healing normally, appear to be growing, produce an unusual odor or contain eggs or maggots. Other warning signs can include swelling, irritation, head shaking, licking or chewing at a wound, reduced movement and unusual behavior.

The USDA advises anyone who suspects New World screwworm to contact a veterinarian promptly. Suspected cases are reportable because early detection is critical to preventing the fly from becoming established.

Faught suggested Scarlet Oil spray for minor open wounds on horses, cattle, dogs, cats and other animals. Owners should speak with their veterinarian about proper wound care and whether a product is appropriate for a particular animal, especially if a wound appears infected or contains larvae.

The parasite's return has also raised broader concerns about livestock movement and border security.

During a recent presentation to R-CALF USA, Dr. Lora Bledsoe, a veterinarian with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Health

Security, described how illegal cattle movement can undermine animal health safeguards.

Bledsoe said cattle are sometimes smuggled from Central America into Mexico using fraudulent identification and veterinary records before being mixed into legal herds. Animals moved outside established inspection systems can carry diseases and parasites without detection.

She also described "narco ranching," in which criminal organizations use cattle operations to launder money, control trafficking routes or conceal the movement of drugs, weapons, currency and people.

Federal authorities have not said illegal cattle movement caused the confirmed U.S. screwworm cases. Investigators are examining animal movement, wildlife and other possible pathways. However, Bledsoe said unlawful livestock movement creates gaps in disease surveillance and increases the risk that infected animals will cross borders undetected.

The primary tool for controlling screwworm is the release of sterile male flies. Female screwworm flies generally mate only once. When they mate with sterile males, their eggs do not hatch, gradually reducing the wild population.

USDA is expanding sterile fly production with the goal of approaching 500 million flies per week, roughly the level used during the original eradication campaign.

For Lahontan Valley livestock and pet owners, the immediate message is straightforward: control flies, keep animal areas clean, inspect wounds daily and call a veterinarian when something does not look right.

Additional information and current case updates are available through the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

**Even a small wound caused by a tick bite, injection, ear tag, branding, castration or minor injury can provide a place for the fly to lay its eggs.**

## ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

### Community Activities, Parks, Fairgrounds and Rafter 3C

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County's Community Activities Department oversees many of the public programs and facilities residents use throughout the year, including recreation programming, the Aquatic Center, the Churchill County Cemetery, facilities and grounds maintenance, and administrative support for those operations.

County officials recently reorganized the department by separating Parks, Fairgrounds and Rafter 3C into its own department. The new department now manages Oats Regional Park, Liberty Pond, the outdoor fairgrounds, and the Rafter 3C Arena complex.

During the county's recent budget workshops, officials outlined several priorities for the Community Activities Department. Proposed requests include converting an intern position into a 29-hour-per-week recreation leader, funding fuel, utilities, and copier expenses, and moving a planned \$6,000 fencing project from the recreation budget to the county's maintenance plan.



At the Aquatic Center, officials requested additional funding for contracted instructors, building maintenance, electricity, and replacement of the one-meter diving board. The proposed budget also includes funding to survey and grid a new burial section at the Churchill County Cemetery, along with increased landfill and utility costs and the purchase of a replacement mower.

Budget requests for Parks, Fairgrounds and Rafter 3C focus on maintenance, equipment, and staffing. Requests include additional funding for electricity, natural gas, fuel, landfill services, and stall cleaning. Officials also proposed converting a seasonal parks position into a full-time swing-shift maintenance position to help reduce overtime during events.

Additional equipment requests include a 72-inch zero-turn mower, an \$11,000 arena drag, and additional livestock panels.

Officials also proposed increasing the county-sponsored events budget from \$8,000 to about \$300,000, saying the change would align the budget with the county's actual annual spending on sponsored events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Museum Releases “In Focus” Volume 25



Staff Report

The Churchill County Museum has released “In Focus” Volume 25, its annual journal featuring articles on Churchill County history, archaeology, folklore, natural history, Native culture, historic photographs, and poetry.

First published in 1987, the journal was produced annually through 2009 before going on hiatus. Publication resumed in 2025, and Volume 25 continues the tradition of preserving and sharing Churchill County’s history through original research and local stories.

Museum members receive one complimentary copy. Copies are also available to the public for \$15 at the Churchill County Museum, 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon.



## June Marriages

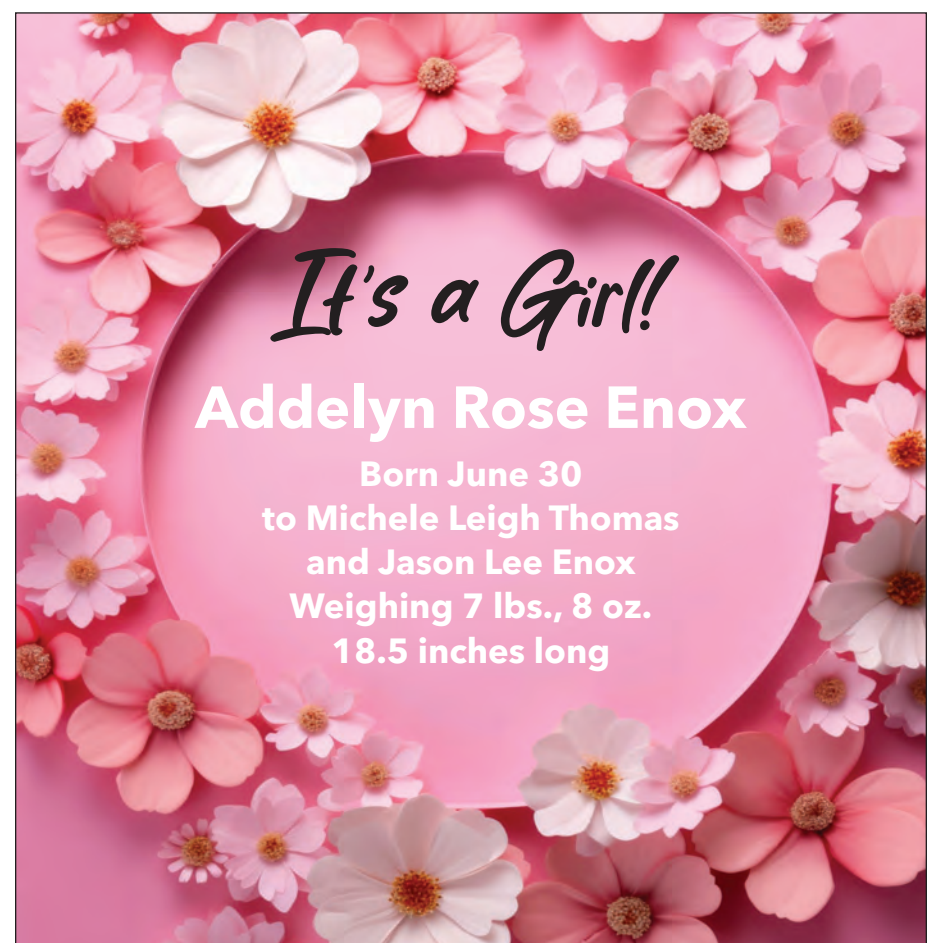
- 6/1/2026 Patrick Paul Block, 32, to Erinn Lynn Logan, 25, both of Fallon
- 6/1/2026 Lillie Anne Wohle, 27, to Jordan Andrew Boothe, 26, both of Fallon
- 6/2/2026 William James Bear, 23, to Alexis Rose Chapman, 20, both of Fallon
- 6/2/2026 Amanda Paige Barbato, 30, of Westminster, Western Australia, to Gerard Sylvester Janes, 29, of Fallon
- 6/3/2026 Timothy Bret Shuman, 59, to Holidae Beth Caulfield, 62, both of Fallon
- 6/10/2026 Isaac Manuel Garcia, 22, to Alyson Nokoma Castro, 21, both of Fallon
- 6/12/2026 Cassandra Reyes Reyes, 25, to Dyllon Mykal Renfro, 25, both of Fallon
- 6/16/2026 Tia Ronee Mitchell, 41, to Jacob Bruce Taylor, 44, both of Fallon
- 6/16/2026 Brandi Ann Lawrence, 42, to Arthur Casares, 65, both of Fallon
- 6/22/2026 Kassidi Katherine Ward, 33, to Reid Cameron Orozco, 35, both of Bakersfield, California
- 6/23/2026 Robert Bryan Kaster, 41, to Arielle Dawn Gamble, 35, both of Fallon
- 6/25/2026 Alyssa Marie Duncan, 25, to Blake John Laughter, 25, both of Fallon
- 6/26/2026 Ashley Rose Kelley, 28, to Anthony Joseph Pavone, 34, both of Dayton, Nevada
- 6/26/2026 Shelby Lynn Hern, 21, to Jarret Joshua Rank, 22, both of Fallon



# Happy 69th Anniversary



Happy 69th Anniversary to Rick and Dee Baer, long-time residents of Fallon who recently travelled back to Nevada to celebrate with their family. Pictured l to r: Buddy Segura, Marc Baer, Andrea Segura, Kasey Barnes (in back), Dee Baer, Rick Baer, Sherri Barnes, and Julie Winkel.



### 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.

<p><b>Monday, July 13</b> Vegetable Beef Soup Egg Salad Sandwich WW Bread Mixed green Salad Fruit Cocktail Crackers</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, July 14</b> Chicken Noodle Casserole Zucchini &amp; Tomatoes Cornbread Smart Balance Fresh Apple</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, July 15</b> Birthday Lunch Teriyaki Meatballs w/Pineapple Rice &amp; Black beans Capri Blend Veg. Diced Pears</p>	<p><b>Thursday, July 16</b> Lasagna Chopped Spinach Salad LFLS Italian Dressing WW Garlic Bread Fresh Orange</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 17</b> Chicken Tenders BBQ Sauce Cowboy Beans Comstock Corn WW Bread Apple Sauce</p>
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### FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESERALDA AVE., FALLON NV | 775-423-4714  
Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m. All meals are subject to change. All are welcome.

<p><b>Monday, July 13</b> Ham, Cheese &amp; Broccoli Pasta Salad &amp; Bread</p>	<p><b>Thursday, July 16</b> White Chicken Chili Cornbread &amp; Dessert</p>	<p><b>Monday, July 20</b> Meatloaf Potatoes &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>Thursday, July 23</b> Cheese Stuffed Frankfurters Pasta Salad &amp; Fruit</p>	<p><b>Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.</b></p>
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## OBITUARIES

**RAYMOND KENNETH OSBORNE**

Sept. 14, 1942 – June 30, 2026

Raymond Kenneth Osborne, affectionately known as Sonny by family and friends, peacefully passed away at Monument Health Hospital in Sturgis, South Dakota on Tuesday June 30, 2026 at the age of 83.

Sonny was born in Belle Fourche on September 14, 1942, to Vernon and Iscle "Babe" Osborne. As a young boy, he attended school at Belle Fourche Elementary and High Schools. On June 8, 1964, he married Shirley Jeannette Holman. Together they had three children, Vernon, Doug and Melanie.

Sonny was a cowboy through and through and spent the majority of his younger years working on ranches in South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Nevada doing everything from care and feeding of cattle and horses to maintenance of buildings, fences, corrals and machinery. For about 10 years, he owned and operated his own contracting company building fences, sheds, barns and corrals, to include the corrals at the St. Onge Stockyards. Inevitably, Sonny was pulled back to what he loved doing most; working with horses. He focused on training, conditioning and showing horses for several ranches in Nevada. He took lots of pride in his work and for good reason; he was amazing at it.



His knowledge, expertise, strong work ethic and dedication earned him numerous ribbons and trophies at local and National/World Horse Shows. When it came time to retire in 2011, he moved back to Belle Fourche where he lived out his remaining days until moving into long-term care in Sturgis in January of 2025.

Sonny's wishes were to be cremated and laid to rest alongside his family members at the Pine Slope Cemetery, 200 SD-34, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

An Open House/Visitation is scheduled for Monday July 13, 2026 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel, 838 State Street in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Burial will immediately follow the Open House.

Sonny is survived by his sister, Rosalie Schulz of Elko Nevada, his sons Vernon (Annie) Osborne of Bellevue, NE and Doug (Ada) Osborne of Crescent Valley, NV his daughter Melanie Osborne of Rapid City, SD and their mother Shirley Huff of Spearfish SD, 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews that called him Uncle Sonny.

Any cards, or donations to help cover costs can be brought to the Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche during the Open House on July 13, or mailed to his daughter: Melanie Osborne at 308 College Lane Apt 2, Rapid City SD 57701.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)

**YUMI ILA NEEFE**

Jan. 29, 1951 – June 22, 2026

Yumi Ila Neefe, age 75, of Fallon, Nevada, sadly left us on June 22, 2026.

She was born on January 29, 1951, to Edward and Hiroko McGarvey. She married her husband, Charles Neefe, on July 14, 1973, who she was married to for 50 years before his passing in 2023.

She is survived by her son, Charles Edward Neefe, daughter Maile Lin Munoz, and grandchildren, Adelynn, Charles, and Chad.

Please join her family in remembrance and to honor her on July 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon, Nevada. In honor of Yumi, guests are invited to wear her favorite color purple or your favorite Hawaiian shirt. Flowers are welcome as our mom was a lover of beautiful flowers.

**WALLACE CLARK DUMMAR, JR.**

Oct. 17, 1951 – July 1, 2026



Wallace (Wally) Clark Dumar Jr., age 74, of Winnemucca, Nevada, passed away on July 1, 2026, at Renown Hospital in Reno. Born on October 17, 1951, in Hawthorne, Nevada, Wally was the beloved son of Wallace and Patty

Dummar. On July 1, 1971, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Susan Eugene Sims, beginning partnership that lasted 55 beautiful years.

Wally graduated high school in 1970 and enlisted in the United States Air Force that same year. He proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1978. Following his military service, Wally built a remarkable 38-year career in mining, working at Basic in Gabbs, FMC Gold in Gabbs, Coeur Rochester in Lovelock, and Marigold Mine in Valmy. His work ethic, loyalty, and dedication earned him the respect of coworkers and lifelong friends across Nevada's mining community.

Family was the center of Wally's world. He is survived by his devoted wife Susan; daughter Linda Sue (Cary) Hilton; sons Christopher (Alena) Dummar, Daniel (Kori) Dummar; and adopted children Sam (Brian) Christy, David (Kayla) LeFevre, and Steven LeFevre. Wally was blessed with 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought him immense joy. He is also survived by two brothers: Steven (Kitty) Dummar, David (Goni) Dummar and two sisters; Brenda (Andy) Stinson, Zelma (Steve) Sparling, and countless nieces, nephews and many friends who cherished his humor, kindness, and steady presence.

Wally loved the outdoors and found peace in Nevada's wide-open spaces. He spent countless days hunting, fishing, and sharing adventures with family and friends. He also enjoyed evenings at the casino, playing cards, laughing, and making memories with the people he loved.

Wally lived a life defined by loyalty, hard work, and deep love for his family. His legacy will continue through the stories shared, the traditions passed down, and the many lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

**BILLIE ROE "BILI" HARRIS**

Nov. 2, 1936 – June 4, 2026

Billie Roe Harris, known to most as Bill and to his beloved wife, Rosalie, as "Willy," passed away peacefully June 4, 2026, in Fallon, Nevada, at the age of 89.

Bill was born Nov. 2, 1936, in Wright County, Missouri, to Troy and Phoebe Elizabeth (Wagner) Harris. He grew up primarily in Mountain Grove, Missouri, alongside his twin sister, Mary Jo Fry. As a young man, he loved football, adventure, and making memories that would later become some of his favorite stories to tell.

Bill graduated from Mountain Grove High School in 1955. On Oct. 5, 1957, he married the love of his life, Rosalie Pasley, in Winnemucca, Nevada. Family members fondly recalled the story of the young couple waiting in Winnemucca for permission to marry because of age restrictions before their wedding could take place. It became one of those family stories that was shared with laughter and retold for generations. Following their marriage, Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army and was honorably discharged.

Their love story spanned nearly 69 years of marriage. Together, Bill and Rosalie built a life centered on faith, family, hard work, and enduring love. Through every season of life, they remained devoted to one another and created a legacy that continues through the generations of family they cherished.

After working as a manager for a Payless drug store in Hayward, California, Bill moved to Fallon, Nevada, in 1975 to help his father with the family business, Payless Tire. Following the passing of his father, Bill took over management of the business and later became owner after the passing of his mother. Through hard work, dedication, and a commitment to serving the community, Bill became a familiar and respected figure to generations of Fallon residents. He remained involved with Payless Tire until its sale in 2021.

Bill was a devoted Jehovah's Witness who loved Jehovah, his congregation, and the friendships he built through his faith. He studied the Bible with the Wallace family and was later baptized in Reno, beginning a lifelong commitment to his faith.

Bill was a natural storyteller with a love for adventure. Family gatherings often included stories from his Army years, race cars, mining adventures, and the colorful characters he met

throughout his life. He loved making people laugh, sharing memories, and passing along pieces of family history to younger generations. Whether every detail improved with time was often debated, but his stories were always worth hearing.

Above all else, Bill loved his family. He was always there when his family needed him and took great pride in watching it grow through the generations. Some of his happiest moments were spent making memories with those he loved — cheering on Lisa and Troy at Rattlesnake Raceway, mining with Lisa, gathering around a campfire at family weenie roasts, exploring on four-wheeling adventures, or simply enjoying a Costco hot dog together. He loved sharing laughter and time with his family, and those moments are now treasured memories that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him best.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Rosalie Harris; his twin sister, Mary Jo (Ron) Fry; his children, Lori Connors, Leslie Wait, and Troy Harris (Sylvia); and his grandchildren, Dawn (Ray), Amanda (Krystal), and Zach (Ashley); Melissa and Michael (Danica); Crystal (Bryce), Mandee (Jeff), Lee (Monica), and Courtnee (Tim); and Brittney, Kevin (Kayli), Shawn, Steven, and Brandon. He is also survived by 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, including a great-great-granddaughter expected later this year, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Leanne Baum; his son-in-law, Nick Pacheco; his parents, Troy and Phoebe Elizabeth Harris; and other loved ones who welcomed him home.

Bill will be remembered for his strong work ethic, devotion to family, enduring love for Rosalie, and the countless stories that brought people together. If you knew Willy, you knew a man who valued faith, family, and friendship, and never missed an opportunity to share a story or a laugh.

His family finds comfort in Jehovah's promise of a future Paradise and the hope of the resurrection when they look forward to seeing Bill again. Until that day, the memories he created and the love he shared will continue to bring smiles for generations to come.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. at 1055 McLean Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406. Family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate Bill's life and legacy.





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OBITUARIES

**SHIRLEY DOYLE JENSEN**

March 26, 1935 – June 30, 2026



Shirley Doyle Jensen passed away peacefully on June 30, 2026, surrounded by her loved ones.

Born in Talent, Oregon, on March 26, 1935, Shirley was the only child of George (“Scorpy”) and Gertrude Doyle.

In 1958, Shirley moved to Fallon after selling the Frontier Pack Station in June Lake, California, to raise her two children. She proudly called Fallon home for the next 68 years.

Shirley had a lifelong love of the outdoors. She enjoyed barrel racing, hunting, fishing, camping, birdwatching, and caring for her animals. Above all, she enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Vada Palm (Eric Palm); her daughter-in-law, Sheree Jensen; her grandchildren, Jennifer Shelton, John Shelton III, Shayna Byrd (Brian Byrd), and Clint Jensen (Katerina Jensen); and her great-grandchildren, Cody, Troy, Brittany, Braylon, Madelyn, Dixie, Quincy, and Lila. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, James Dean Jensen.

At Shirley’s request, there will be no local services. A private celebration of her life will be held at a later date in Northern Nevada.

Shirley will be remembered for her independent spirit, her love of nature and animals, and the deep love she had for her family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

**MARILYN J. “SIS” BANOVICH**

Marilyn Jean “Sis” Banovich of Fallon, 73, passed away June 21, 2026.

Sis, as she was known to everyone, was born and raised in Fallon, Nevada. In her younger years, Sis enjoyed horseback riding, the outdoors, and living on a dairy ranch. As she grew up, she continued to enjoy camping, fishing, crafting, toll painting, playing cards with her pals, making baby blankets for family and friends, but mostly she loved laughing and spending time with family and friends.

One of her favorite places to spend time was Kingston, Nevada. She was notorious for having a good little joke or harmless prank on someone whenever she could.

Sis served the Fallon and Fernley communities for more than 20 years as a banker for several banking institutions. She made a multitude of friends throughout her life in Fallon, as Sis had a knack for making friends everywhere she went. Her full-of-life personality was infectious, and she will forever be missed by her family and friends.

Sis is survived by her daughter, Marla Wood (Rowdy); brother, Bill Allyn (Debbie); sisters-in-law, Renee Banovich and Tanya Banovich; brother-in-law, Putt Banovich; grandchildren, Mikaela (Tim), Chance Wood, and Averie Larum (Dalton); great-grandchildren, Markus, Dean, and Willa Mae Jean; three stepchildren with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Banovich Jr.; mother, Violet Garaventa Allyn; father, Edmond Allyn; and stepmother, Margaret Allyn.

The family would like to sincerely thank all the staff at Churchill Banner Hospital who were so caring and attentive to Sis and her family during their difficult time. A heartfelt thank you also goes to all the staff who cared for and loved Sis at Highland Manor of Fallon and The Homestead of Fallon.

A celebration of life for Sis will be held Friday, July 10, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada.



COMMUNITY

**Food Donations Reach Fallon Pantries Through National America250 Initiative**

By Amber Hardin

Two Fallon organizations that provide food assistance received donations this week after volunteers distributed food from a nationwide America250 campaign that delivered a truckload of supplies to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada in Sparks.

The shipment, carried on a JustServe/America250-branded truck, included up to 40,000 pounds of shelf-stable food. It is one of 250 truckloads being distributed to communities in all 50 states through a partnership among America250, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and local food banks.

After the truck arrived in Sparks on Thursday, volunteers delivered five pallets of nonperishable food to pantries serving Fallon, Fernley, Silver Springs, and Yerington. In Fallon, donations were delivered to Out of Egypt Food Pantry and New Frontier Treatment Center, which operates a 24/7 emergency food pantry.

The food drive is part of America Gives, an initiative encouraging volunteer service during the nation’s semiquincentennial celebration marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is supporting the effort through its JustServe platform, which connects volunteers with local service opportunities and provides humanitarian assistance to communities across the country.

Mary Sorensen, communications director for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fallon and Fernley, said serving others remains central to the church’s mission.

“Serving others is at the heart of our faith,” Sorensen said. “We’re thrilled to donate food to local pantries because caring for those who are hungry is one way we can follow the example of Jesus Christ right here in Northern Nevada.”

Organizers said the 250 truckloads are expected to provide millions of meals to families facing food insecurity while encouraging volunteer service in communities across the country.

Residents interested in volunteering through the America Gives initiative can find local service opportunities through the JustServe platform or by contacting a local congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Dog Races Raise Funds for Fallon Animal Shelter**

By Kayla Norcutt

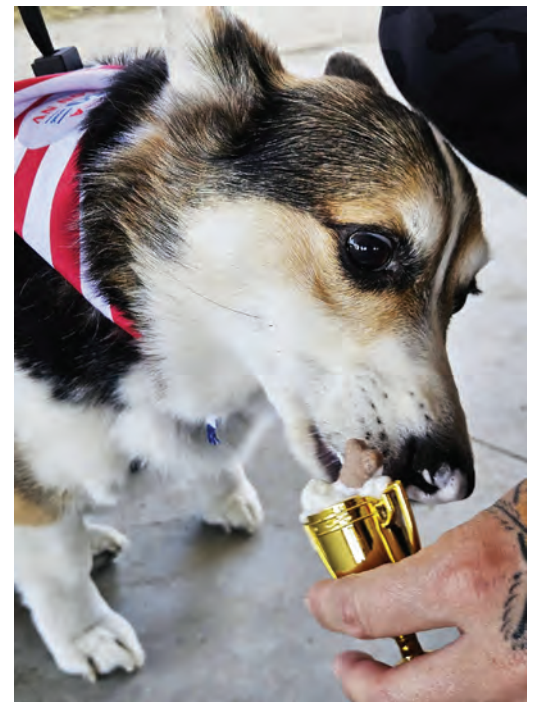
More than 50 corgis and dachshunds sprinted down the course, entertained spectators, and helped raise \$2,185 for the City of Fallon Animal Shelter during the Corgi and Dachshund Races on June 27.

The fundraiser attracted 53 dogs, including 21 dachshunds and 32 corgis. Local businesses also donated approximately \$5,200 in prizes for participants and winners.

After the races, many of the dogs enjoyed pup cups — miniature trophy cups filled with whipped cream and Milk-Bone treats — sponsored by Grouchies Barber Shop.

One of the day’s biggest crowd favorites was the special-needs and geriatric dachshund race, according to the City of Fallon Animal Shelter. The race featured a 17-year-old dachshund, a 16-year-old dachshund that was deaf and blind, and a 15-year-old dachshund that competed using a wheelchair.

The annual fundraiser benefits the City of Fallon Animal Shelter while giving local dog owners and spectators an opportunity to enjoy a lighthearted day while supporting the shelter.



A corgi enjoys a whipped-cream pup cup served in a miniature trophy after competing in the City of Fallon Animal Shelter’s Corgi and Dachshund Races on June 27. Photo courtesy of the City of Fallon Animal Shelter.

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Movie Day**

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

**Sips & Succulents Party**

Stargazer Blossoms  
Rush & Rhythm  
July 12 at 2 p.m.

**Fastest Gun Alive World Championship**

Cowboy Fast Draw Association  
Churchill County Fairgrounds  
July 15-19

**Divine Feminine & Divine Masculine Energies**

Sound Vibing Soul Sisters  
1676 W. Williams Ave.  
July 25 from 10 a.m. to noon

**Tin Casting Demonstration**

Churchill Arts Council  
Oats Park Art School  
July 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Sewing Camp with Katy Loop**

Churchill Arts Council  
Oats Park Art School  
July 13 through 17, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

**Ventura Highway, A Tribute to the Band America**

Skyrocket Productions  
The Fallon Theatre  
July 18 at 8 p.m.

**Oil Pastel Basics with Adrienne**

Churchill Arts Council  
Oats Park Art School  
July 27 through 30, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**The Singing Mormons Concert**

American Footworks  
High School Auditorium off Sheckler Road  
July 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Women’s Circle**

Heart 2 Heart  
1676 W. Williams Ave.  
July 15 at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

**Battle of the Badges**

The Ladies Behind The Badge  
Fallon Convention Center  
July 21-22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



FALLON CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250TH



Photo courtesy of the Fallon Chamber.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# City Council Augments Fiscal-Year Budget

By Riggan Stonebarger

During a special meeting June 30, the Fallon City Council voted to increase the city's fiscal-year budget by nearly \$5 million, using unanticipated grants, tax revenue and available cash to raise spending authority across several city funds.

The council adopted the increases through two resolutions under a state law that allows local governments to augment their budgets when actual resources exceed earlier estimates.

The larger measure, Resolution No. 26-06-01, adds \$2.97 million to the general fund, with most of the increase coming from a larger-than-expected opening fund balance.

The resolution also adds \$800,000 in federal grant funding to the airport fund, \$316,150 to the Convention and Tourism Authority Fund from occupancy tax revenue, state grants and other income, \$15,000 to the Convention Center Fund and \$15,430 to the Mayor's Youth Fund.

The changes increase the general fund's total

budgeted resources from \$16.04 million to \$19.01 million for fiscal year 2025-26, according to the resolution.

The second measure, Resolution No. 26-06-03, adds \$877,000 across seven enterprise and internal-service funds used for city utilities and administrative operations.

The resolution adds \$234,000 to the Electric Fund, \$169,000 each to the Sanitation and Land-fill funds, \$100,000 to the Water Treatment Reserve Fund, \$95,000 to the Public Works Internal Service Fund, \$80,000 to the Water Fund and \$30,000 to the Data Processing Internal Service Fund.

Council members Kelly Frost and Karla Kent approved Resolution No. 26-06-03 unanimously. Councilman Paul Harmon and Mayor Ken Tedford were absent from the special meeting.

City Clerk-Treasurer Michael O'Neill presented both resolutions to the council. He also gave a discussion-only report on transfers made between departments and programs within

several funds.

Unlike the budget augmentations, the transfers do not change the total amount budgeted within a fund. The city may make those transfers during the year without a council vote, but they must still be reported to the council under state law.

The report included a \$170,000 reduction in the general fund support normally transferred to the Electric Fund, offset by increases elsewhere in the utility's budget.

Smaller transfers were also made among the police, fire, parks and other city departments. Those changes did not alter the general fund's total budget of \$14.33 million.

City staff said the resolutions and transfer report will be forwarded to the Nevada Department of Taxation as required.

Fallon City Council meets the first and third Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Fallon City Hall. For more information and meeting agendas, visit [fallon-nv.municodemeetings.com](http://fallon-nv.municodemeetings.com).

# County Honors Employees for Years of Service



Sherry David, center, receives a five-year service award from the Churchill County Commissioners during the June 17 commission meeting.



Chris Rueda, center, receives a five-year service award from the Churchill County Commissioners during the June 17 commission meeting.



Sarah Williamson, center, receives a five-year service award from the Churchill County Commissioners during the June 17 commission meeting.



LaKrisha Ernst, center, receives a 15-year service award from the Churchill County Commissioners during the June 17 commission meeting.



Lisa Nordman, center, receives a 15-year service award from the Churchill County Commissioners during the June 17 commission meeting.



Churchill County Sheriff Lee Orozco, center, receives a 30-year service award from the Churchill County Commissioners during the June 17 commission meeting.

Staff Report

Churchill County commissioners recognized nine employees for a combined 100 years of service during their June 17 meeting. The employees received plaques and lapel pins in recognition of their years of county service.

Employees recognized included:

**FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Sherry David, Justice Court
- Chris Rueda, Community Activities/Facilities
- Grace Hatfield, Comptroller's Office
- Shannon Foster, Juvenile Probation
- Sarah Williamson, Clerk/Treasurer's Office

**15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- LaKrisha Ernst, Community Activities/Parks & Recreation
- Lisa Nordman, District Attorney's Office
- Jessica Gulley, Juvenile Probation

**30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Lee Orozco, Sheriff's Office

# Churchill Commissioners Approve Land Divisions, Table Manager Search

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County commissioners approved several land-use applications, adopted annual tax resolutions, and tabled selection of a county manager recruitment firm during their July 2 meeting.

The board approved a request to divide a 221.21-acre parcel on Cadet Road into four parcels of more than 40 acres each. Commission Chair Myles Getto abstained because the applicant is his grandfather.

Board members also approved a parcel map for a previously approved cluster development on Lima Lane, creating 15 new parcels while recording a conservation easement on the remaining agricultural parcel. They also approved a request to divide a 16.23-acre parcel on McLean Road into two 5-acre parcels with one remaining 6.23-acre parcel.

The board heard an appeal from George Pomeroy of GP Global LLC after the Planning Commission denied his request for variances that would allow five billboard signs along one railroad corridor parcel and two signs along another near U.S. Highway 50.

Pomeroy argued the unusual shape of the parcels created practical difficulty under county

code and that a series of evenly spaced signs would be more visually appealing than one billboard or several smaller signs. Board members questioned whether the request met the legal standard for a variance, citing concerns about traffic safety, nearby property owners, utility easements, and setting a precedent for future billboard requests.

Attorney John Gezelin, representing neighboring property owner Michael Casey, urged the board during public comment to uphold the Planning Commission's decision.

No action was taken, leaving the Planning Commission's denial in place.

The board also ratified the annual interlocal agreement between Churchill County Social Services and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for the Energy Assistance Program. Under the agreement, the county will receive a \$15 reimbursement for each completed application submitted to the state, up to \$4,300 annually.

Board members adopted two annual budget resolutions required under Nevada law. One certified Churchill County's property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 as approved during the budget process. The second approved an

additional 1-cent ad valorem tax levy for Cooperative Extension, bringing the total levy to 2 cents.

The board postponed selecting a county manager recruitment firm until its first meeting in August to allow more time to compare proposals.

The board also received an update from Ormat Technologies Inc., which operates several geothermal power plants in Churchill County. Scott Nichols said the company is exploring seven additional geothermal projects throughout the county and that developing a new geothermal resource typically takes three to five years. The presentation was informational only, and no action was taken.

During staff reports, District Attorney Arthur Mallory said his office has received no applications for its vacant attorney position and is exploring additional recruitment strategies.

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Rothery reported that about 13,000 property tax bills will be mailed next week and are already available online.

Sheriff Lee Orozco reported that the Sheriff's Office is preparing for Fourth of July events, plans to swear in two new deputies this month, and is nearly fully staffed until additional positions are added in October.

The board will meet again Aug. 6.

GOVERNMENT

# Churchill County Presses for Promised Benefits as Navy Expansion Progresses

By Rachel Dahl

County Commissioner Eric Blakey gave a report to the Nevada Legislature Interim Public Lands Committee last week in Fernley, outlining the status of the Navy expansion, related land transfers, power infrastructure, grazing and mining concerns, and wild horse management.

Blakey said implementation of the Fallon Range Training Complex modernization has been one of the county's most significant public-lands issues since work began nearly a decade ago.

Congress authorized the expansion through the fiscal year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act after years of environmental review and negotiations involving Churchill County, the Navy and other affected counties.

The expansion significantly increased the size of several military training areas across Northern Nevada.

The Dixie Valley Training Area was enlarged but remains open for most public access and traditional uses. Bravo 16, southwest of Fallon and extending into Lyon County, roughly doubled in size and is expected to become the first range closed under the expansion.

Blakey said Bravo 16 is used for Navy SEAL training and is considered critical to the military mission at Naval Air Station Fallon.

Bravo 17 to the north and Bravo 20, east of Fallon, were also expanded. Those areas will move from multiple-use public land to primarily military use, with limited exceptions that may include escorted access and controlled big-game hunting.

Blakey said the county understands the importance of the training mission but wants the commitments made alongside the expansion to be carried out as intended.

The county's concern is that all parties should move through the implementation process together rather than allowing range closures to move ahead while related mitigation projects fall behind.

One of those commitments is the reconstruction of Lone Tree Road, which will continue to be used by both the Navy and local residents.

"The commitments made in the NDAA need to be honored by the Navy, and those commitments are key mitigation measures for both the county and the citizens," Blakey told the committee.

The federal legislation also included land provisions intended to help offset the effects of the military expansion.

Churchill County resolved its remaining wilderness study areas through the legislation,

although Blakey said the county has not yet seen completed management plans for those areas.

The county is also working with the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management and the Navy on land conveyances, exchanges and public-purpose transfers around Fallon.

Those parcels are expected to support community expansion and economic development, but Blakey said the county has been frustrated by the pace of implementation.

"We have a bit of frustration by the slow pace of the implementation of these aspects of the lands bill, but we are remaining fully engaged and involved at every measure," he said.

Churchill County is also reviewing a long-term process to address checkerboard land ownership in the northwestern portion of the county.

The checkerboard pattern alternates federal and private ownership, often in 640-acre sections. The county continues to work with the BLM to identify where federal parcels would be more useful in private ownership and where private parcels might make more sense under federal management.

Power availability has also emerged as one of the county's sharpest concerns.

Blakey said Churchill County needs additional electrical capacity to support residents and economic development but has been frustrated by the lack of local upgrades from NV Energy.

The county has worked with BLM and NV Energy on minor alignment changes to the Greenlink North transmission project. However, Blakey said the county sees no clear way to connect to the major transmission line as it crosses Churchill County.

The concern is that a large power line will run through the county without providing local access for new businesses, industrial projects or residents.

Blakey said the lack of available power is already limiting economic growth.

Sen. Ira Hansen said lawmakers may need to ask NV Energy to explain what is preventing greater coordination with the county.

Blakey welcomed the help.

"I truly do believe that the power issue that we have is preventing economic development," he said.

The county is also tracking several proposed mining projects near lands affected by the Navy expansion.

Blakey said a significant number of mining claims were affected by the military withdrawal and that Churchill County has advocated for

fair compensation for claim holders.

He also discussed the federal listing of the Dixie Valley toad and the effect of that decision on Ormat's Dixie Meadows geothermal project.

On greater sage grouse, Blakey said the county wants Nevada to retain management authority and avoid a federal listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Wild horse management remains another concern.

Blakey said nearly all Churchill County herd management areas overlap with Navy operations, sage grouse habitat or both.

The county supports maintaining horse populations at appropriate levels for the health of the animals and to reduce conflicts with other public-land uses.

When asked how the Navy manages wild horses on military-controlled land, Blakey said he did not have an immediate answer and would need to follow up.

Churchill County remains supportive of Naval Air Station Fallon and the military's role in the local economy. During the discussion, Blakey agreed with an estimate that the base accounts for roughly one-third of Churchill County's economic activity.

The county's message to lawmakers was not opposition to the Navy mission, but a call to complete the commitments that accompanied the expansion.

The county accepted the loss of access to large areas of public land in exchange for transportation improvements, land transfers and other mitigation measures. County officials now want those local benefits to keep pace with the military expansion.

***"The commitments made in the NDAA need to be honored by the Navy, and those commitments are key mitigation measures for both the county and the citizens," Blakey told the committee.***

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## June Divorces

6/1/2026	Markowski, Michael Charles & Markowski, Wendy Christine	Decree of Divorce
6/2/2026	Leroy, Kristina A & Leroy III, Gerald F	Decree of Divorce
6/3/2026	Joshua, Godwin & Joshua, Queen Shaa Corinna	Decree of Divorce
6/3/2026	Singh, Akshaydeep & Cordova, Monica Brenda	Decree of Divorce
6/4/2026	Aguillon, Osiris Nicole Martinez & Mejia, Oscar Daniel Osorio	Decree of Divorce
6/9/2026	Zavala, Valeria & Zavala, Ernesto J	Decree of Divorce
6/9/2026	Singh, Sukhwinder & Kaur, Sehajpreet	Decree of Divorce
6/10/2026	Scanlan, Raymond Joseph & Scanlan, Vanessa Ordone	Decree of Divorce
6/11/2026	Helt, Tamara & Helt, James	Decree of Divorce
6/11/2026	Smith, Stacey Renee v. Smith, Timothy Frederick	Decree of Divorce - Default
6/12/2026	Garcia, Rene Marie Moore v. Garcia, Jesus	Decree of Annulment - Default
6/15/2026	Bock, Bryan v. Bock, Anna	Decree of Divorce - Default
6/17/2026	Heuston, Brenda Jo & Heuston, Lawrence Alan	Decree of Divorce
6/17/2026	Keenan, Jeffery Arthur & Keenan, Alesandria Le Ann	Decree of Divorce
6/17/2026	Rana, Bahadur Singh & Kaur, Amanjit	Decree of Divorce
6/17/2026	Adderley, Dajah Ann & Adderley, Du'Kawn William	Decree of Divorce
6/23/2026	Mitchell, Laura Diane & Lewis, David Christopher	Decree of Divorce
6/23/2026	Haupt, Bryan Judson v. Buerer, Geneva Christine	Decree of Annulment - Default
6/25/2026	Artadi, David & Artadi, Kelsie	Decree of Divorce
6/26/2026	Buenconsejo, Josephine Leonardo & Buenconsejo, Ritchie Dimaranan	Decree of Divorce



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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

LOCAL FARMER BRINGS THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE TO OASIS ACADEMY FFA STUDENTS

Middle-school students in the Oasis Academy FFA program recently had the opportunity to experience firsthand how technology is transforming modern agriculture thanks to a visit from local Fallon farmer Billy Sorensen.

Sorensen shared how drones are becoming an increasingly valuable tool for today’s farmers, particularly in the application of crop treatments. Students learned how drone spraying can improve efficiency, reduce waste, and allow producers to access areas that may be difficult or unsafe for traditional equipment. The presentation highlighted the many ways precision

agriculture helps farmers make informed decisions while conserving time and resources.

Sorensen also brought a large agricultural spraying drone to show the students. Students were able to get an up-close look at the impressive piece of equipment, ask questions about its capabilities, and gain a better understanding of the technology being used in fields today.

“As agriculture continues to evolve, it’s important for our students to see how innovation is shaping the industry,” said Jenna Whitaker, middle school FFA teacher. “Experiences like this connect what students are learning in the classroom to real-world careers and demonstrate the exciting opportunities available in agriculture.”

Agricultural drones are quickly becoming an

important part of precision farming, helping producers apply fertilizers and crop protection products more accurately while reducing labor and environmental impact.

By introducing students to these emerging technologies, Oasis Academy FFA continues to prepare the next generation of agricultural leaders with knowledge of both traditional farming practices and cutting-edge innovations.

OASIS ACADEMY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM BUILDS SKILLS AND TEAM CHEMISTRY AT SUMMER CAMP

The Oasis Academy boys basketball team recently traveled to Jessup College in Rocklin, California, for an exciting summer basketball camp, where players spent several days developing their skills while preparing for the upcoming season.

During the camp, the team competed in several games against other teams. The games gave players time to develop their skills such as shooting, ball handling, defense, teamwork, and game strategy.

In addition to the time spent on the court, the team stayed in the college dormitories, allowing players to experience campus life while strengthening relationships with one another. Living together throughout the camp helped build trust, communication, and camaraderie—qualities that are just as important as athletic ability when it comes to team success.

Summer camps like this provide student-athletes with more than just basketball instruction. They encourage personal growth, responsibility, and teamwork while giving players the chance to challenge themselves both on and off the court.

The boys Bighorn basketball team is led by varsity head coach David Springfield, assistant coach Chris Knight, and junior varsity coach Dalton Kaady.



Billy Sorensen shows an agricultural spraying drone to Oasis Academy FFA students.



The Oasis Academy boys basketball team attended a summer camp at Jessup College in Rocklin, California. Pictured are, from left, Jose Montalvo, Tyler Clark, Dallin Sorensen, Jackson Snow, Elijah Jones, Quinn Chandler, Kellan Openshaw, and head coach David Springfield.

Sorensen shared how drones are becoming an increasingly valuable tool for today’s farmers, particularly in the application of crop treatments.

Veritas Preparatory School  
Classical and Christian

By David Ernst

VERITAS CELEBRATES 250!

Veritas Preparatory School was proud to honor our country and community by participating in this year’s Fourth of July parade, joining hundreds of community members in celebrating the nation’s 250th anniversary of independence. Students, families and faculty gathered to represent the school and share in the patriotic festivities.

Community events such as the Independence Day parade remind students that citizenship is about more than learning history in the classroom. They provide opportunities to participate in community life, show gratitude for the blessings of our nation and honor those who have sacrificed to preserve our freedoms.

Veritas is thankful to the students, parents and staff members who volunteered their time to represent the school. Their enthusiasm and school spirit made the parade a memorable way to celebrate Independence Day and conclude a wonderful season together as a school community.



Students and teachers on the 4th of July parade float. Courtesy Veritas.

Prepared Meals	
<p><b>William Pennington Life Center</b> Monday through Friday (hot lunch), 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 952 S. Maine St. Free over 60</p>	<p><b>Fallon NAZ</b> Wednesdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 1520 Grimes St.</p>
<p><b>Wolf Center (Fallon Daily Bread)</b> Mondays and Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 457 Esmeralda St.</p>	<p><b>Back Porch next to Wolf Center</b> Wednesdays and Saturdays (sack lunches) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 280 E. Stillwater Ave.</p>
<p><b>Oasis Community Church</b> Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m. 1520 S. Maine St.</p>	<p><b>Christian Life Center</b> Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 1435 Kaiser St.</p>
Food and Commodity Pantries	
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<p><b>New Frontier Food Pantry</b> Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1490 Grimes St. Available 24 hours by phone, 775-442-1686</p>	<p><b>Commodities, William Pennington Life Center</b> Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 952 S. Maine St.</p>
<p><b>Out of Egypt Food Pantry</b> Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. 1075 Taylor Place</p>	<p><b>Fallon Cares (formerly Karma Box)</b> Food and hygiene products – two per visit Front porch of Chamber of Commerce, 290 W. Williams Ave. Lobby of Churchill County Sheriff’s Office, 180 W. A St. West entrance (outside), Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St. Donations appreciated</p>
<p><b>Commodities, New Frontier Food Pantry</b> Second Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1490 Grimes St.</p>	



Parents and volunteers are all smiles on the Veritas float.

## SPORTS

## Triumph over Tragedy

By Nancy Chapman

Losing the horse she had ridden for six years could have ended 14-year-old Chloe Kent's dream of winning a world championship.

Instead, the Fallon rodeo athlete overcame heartbreak just weeks before the biggest competition of her young career to capture the goat-tying title at the 2026 Junior High School National Finals Rodeo in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Kent's victory came less than a month after Starlight, the horse that had carried her through years of competition, suffered a catastrophic leg injury during practice. Forced to learn a new horse in less than two weeks, Kent relied on determination, countless hours of practice, and the support of family, friends, and coaches to accomplish the goal she had set after winning the Nevada State Junior High and High School Rodeo Finals.

On the drive home from Winnemucca in May, Kent told her mother, Rachel, that she was going to nationals and win the goat-tying.

Rachel believed her daughter was capable, but she also knew the challenge ahead. Nearly 180 girls from across the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Australia would compete for the world title in goat-tying alone.

Three weeks before Kent and her father, Matt, were scheduled to leave for Oklahoma, tragedy struck.

Starlight broke the pastern bone and the coffin bone in a hind leg during a practice run.

The injury was catastrophic.

Kent had ridden Starlight for six years, and together they had built the consistency that made them one of Nevada's top goat-tying teams. They regularly finished first, second, or third at rodeos throughout the state.

Kent said Starlight was never simply the horse she competed on.

She was her best friend.

Together they had spent thousands of hours practicing, learning, winning, and overcoming challenges.

In the blink of an eye, that partnership was gone.

Coach and mentor Kylie Ann Behrendt stepped in when Kent needed her most.

She offered Kent the use of Little Man, an experienced goat-tying horse that had already carried several riders to national championships.

The opportunity gave Kent a chance to compete, but it also presented another challenge.

With less than two weeks before the Junior High School National Finals Rodeo, Kent had to build trust with an unfamiliar horse and learn an entirely different rhythm.

She said one of the biggest adjustments was learning when to step off Little Man while keeping pace with him as her feet hit the ground.

"I hit the ground hard more than once in that first week of practice," Kent said with a laugh.

Losing a horse under those circumstances could have rattled even the most experienced rodeo competitor.

Kent's parents told her the decision to compete was hers alone.

If she believed she was ready, they would make the trip to Oklahoma.

If she felt she was not, they would withdraw from the competition.

Kent never considered giving up.

Instead, she spent every available hour practicing with Little Man and working alongside Behrendt to develop the timing needed to compete at the highest level.

Her parents, Matt and Rachel Kent, had previously decided to homeschool Chloe, allowing her additional flexibility to train and travel for rodeo. Those extra hours became even more valuable after Starlight's injury.

Years before, Kent had devoted the same commitment to gymnastics.

Her parents regularly drove her to Reno several times each week for practices, often balancing work schedules with long evenings on the road.

"There were many times I would drive to Reno for work, spend the day in my office, come home, pick Chloe up and drive back to Reno for gymnastics practice before heading home again," Matt Kent said.

Eventually, Chloe chose to focus entirely on rodeo, but she credits gymnastics for developing the strength, balance, and body control that now help her dismount at full speed, stay in rhythm with her horse, and reach the goat with precision.

Practice became the constant that carried her through one of the most difficult periods of her young career.

The weeks leading up to the Junior High School National Finals Rodeo tested Kent in more ways than one.

Before the loss of Starlight, she had already made the difficult decision to step away from a personal friendship she felt was becoming unhealthy. Her parents said it was not an easy choice for a 14-year-old, but one they believed was important for her well-being.

Heading to Guthrie, Oklahoma, could have been overwhelming with everything she had experienced in such a short time.

Instead, Kent developed a routine that helped her stay focused.

She practiced with earbuds, listening to calm music while training and more energetic music while waiting for her turn to compete.

"I get in my zone," she said.

The routine allowed her to tune out the noise around her, including the crowd, other competitors, and even, at times, her coach and parents.

Although the Junior High School National Finals Rodeo was the biggest event of the year, it was not Kent's first experience competing on a national stage.

In 2025, she qualified for the National Junior High Finals Rodeo in Des Moines, Iowa. She had also competed for four consecutive years in the Toughest Cowboy-Cowgirl competition during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Those experiences helped prepare her for the bright lights, loud crowds, and pressure that come with championship competition.

Kent admitted she missed Starlight throughout the week, but she also realized that Little Man's calm demeanor proved an advantage.

She said Starlight would likely have struggled in the crowded alleyway where competitors waited before entering the arena, while Little Man remained steady amid the noise and activity.

That confidence allowed Kent to focus on the only thing she could control when the gate opened — making the best run she could.



Chloe Kent displays the championship buckle she earned after winning the goat-tying world title. Photo courtesy of Rachel Kent.

At the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, the goat-tying run measured 84 feet from the starting point to where competitors dismounted at full speed before sprinting to the goat and completing the tie.

The distance was shorter than the 100-foot run used in the Nevada junior rodeo competition, requiring competitors to adjust their timing.

For Kent, everything she had practiced came together.

Her fastest run of the week was 6.6 seconds.

"It felt like it was in slow motion," she said.

When she left the arena, Kent worried the run had not been fast enough.

By the end of the competition, her three-run combined time of 22.25 seconds had secured the goat-tying world championship.

Paige Trujillo finished second with a combined time of 24.43 seconds, giving Kent a winning margin of 2.18 seconds.

Kent also competed in barrel racing and pole bending after qualifying in multiple events at the Nevada State Junior High and High School Rodeo Finals, where she was the reserve champion in pole bending.

Winning the world title earned Kent more than \$10,000 in scholarships, prize money, and awards, including a \$3,000 college scholarship, three championship buckles, a saddle, boots, clothing, a Yeti cooler, a Turtle Box sound system, and the breast collar plate recognizing the fastest run of the rodeo.

Looking back, Kent said her focus never changed. She simply wanted every run to be smooth, fast, and clean while avoiding mistakes with her string.

Whether Kent is the first Nevadan to win the Junior High School National Finals Rodeo goat-tying title is still being researched, but her championship has already earned her a place among Fallon's outstanding young athletes.

When Kent and her father returned home, officers from the Fallon Police Department and other emergency vehicles escorted them through town with lights and sirens, giving family, friends, and residents an opportunity to celebrate her accomplishment.

For Kent, the celebration marked the end of a journey that began with a goal on the drive home from Winnemucca, survived the heartbreaking loss of her horse, and ended with a world championship buckle.

## Fallon Wrestlers Bring Home Eight Top-Six Finishes in Pocatello

Staff Report

Young Fallon wrestlers brought home eight top-six finishes from the USA Wrestling Western States Championships, competing against nearly 900 athletes during the four-day regional tournament June 24-27 in Pocatello, Idaho.

The tournament, held at Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus, featured Greco-Roman, freestyle, and folkstyle competition for boys and girls from across the western United States. Event organizers reported 891 wrestlers participated.

Madelyn Johnson led the local contingent with a championship in Greco-Roman, a runner-up finish in freestyle, and a third-place finish in folkstyle.

Colt Johnson also earned a Greco-Roman championship while adding fourth place in freestyle and fifth place in folkstyle.

Anakin Ross placed sixth in Greco-Roman competition, while Hunter Romero finished fifth in freestyle.

Syress Ross also persevered through the tournament, continuing to compete despite not earning a placing.

The Western States Championships is one of the West Region's largest youth wrestling events, bringing together athletes from multiple states for competition in all three wrestling styles.

Madelyn Johnson, right, and Colt Johnson display their medals after competing at the USA Wrestling Western States Championships in Pocatello, Idaho. Madelyn won a Greco-Roman title, while Colt captured the Greco-Roman championship in his division. Photo courtesy of Wendy Johnson.



## COLUMNS

*What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen***Tall Ships, Long Memory**

This Fourth of July, my social media feeds — and, for once, television broadcasts too — were filled with tall ships.

This wasn't an ordinary maritime festival. Sail4th 250, the maritime centerpiece of America's 250th birthday celebration, was billed as the largest peacetime maritime gathering in American history. The Italian Navy's Amerigo Vespucci arrived in New York after a multiyear circumnavigation of the globe. Four of the five surviving sister ships of the famed Gorch Fock class, including the USCGC Eagle, reunited for the Five Sisters Cup race from New York to Boston. The Dutch barque Europa, legendary in the tall ship world for her ocean and polar voyages, made the crossing as well.

And, just as they did during America's Bicentennial in 1976, the tall ships stole the show.

All day, my phone filled with videos from friends and family because everyone in my life knows that if there are tall ships involved, I want to know about it. The funny thing is that my active life in tall ships lasted only about three years.

But I became a tall ship person much earlier than that.

I was a fourth-grade student at Taft Elementary School in Orange, California, when I first boarded the brig Pilgrim at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point. The overnight living history program was the culmination of weeks spent studying California history, maritime trade and Richard Henry Dana Jr.'s "Two Years Before the Mast."

We learned knots and sea shanties and were split into crews. In hindsight, it should come as no surprise that I was assigned to the galley crew.

We learned about hardtack, salt beef and scurvy. We made stew because somebody had to feed the crew, and that "somebody" was a group of 10-year-olds. Looking back after a career spent thinking about food systems, agriculture and food security, I have to admit that perhaps my professional trajectory was set in motion aboard a 19th-century merchant brig.

More than 30 years later, I can say with complete confidence that it was the most impactful field trip of my entire K-12 education.

Then I forgot about tall ships until, years later and by complete happenstance, I met several Ocean Institute staff members at a street festival. They invited me to a tall ship festival in Dana Point the following weekend. I spent the day photographing tall ships under sail during a mock cannon battle.

I was hooked.

I started as a tall ship fangirl. Soon I was volunteering aboard Californian, the official tall ship of California. Eventually, I found myself back aboard Pilgrim, this time teaching the same programs that had captivated me as a child.

Along the way, I worked as a boat cook and yacht chef, crossed an ocean, sang more sea shanties than any reasonable person should know and eventually designed and built the galley aboard Californian after she was donated to the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

The remarkable thing about the tall ship community is how small it is. It has been more than 20 years since I last served on a crew, and I would still bet that I know someone aboard at least one of the ships participating



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in Sail4th 250. If not, I certainly know someone who knows them.

Perhaps all of this has resonated more deeply because, later this month, I'll return to California for my 30th high school reunion. Like many people approaching a milestone reunion, I've found myself thinking about the experiences that shaped the person I became.

As I watched the tall ships sail into New York Harbor, I realized that if someone asked me where my adult life really began, I might have to answer: in fourth grade, aboard the brig Pilgrim, sometime around dinner, when I was assigned to galley duty.

Some of the most important parts of our lives are not always the longest chapters.

Perhaps that's why the tall ships will always steal the show for me. I may have hung up my rigging belt years ago, but I never really left the experience or the community behind. Once you've been a tall ship person, you're always a tall ship person.

No recipe this week because no one in their right mind needs a recipe for salt beef or hardtack.

### Allison's Book Report: "Porcupines" by Fran Fabriczki

By Allison Diegel

They say you can't judge a book by its cover, but we all do it sometimes, don't we? Sometimes a book turns out to be something totally different from what we were expecting, and this week's pick was one of those for me. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but Fran Fabriczki's debut novel, "Porcupines," turned out to be a completely delightful, sharp and heartwarming read.

Set across Budapest, Washington, D.C., and sunny Los Angeles, this beautiful story explores the complicated but incredibly loving relationship between a fiercely independent single mother, Sonia, and her wildly curious 11-year-old daughter, Mila.

Sonia is a Hungarian immigrant who has spent years building a carefully constructed life in early 2000s Los Angeles. She is warm but undeniably prickly, keeping her past locked away behind a wall of silence. She refuses to share details about her childhood or, most importantly, the identity of Mila's father.

Sonia believes their close bond, fueled by drive-through dinners and plenty of exasperated affection, is enough. But Mila is growing up and beginning to push back against her mother's strict rule of secrecy.

The story kicks into high gear when Mila discovers hidden emails between her mother and a mysterious man she has never met. Convinced he is her father, Mila orchestrates a clever "Parent Trap"-style scheme, using an upcoming school orchestra trip to San Francisco to force her reluctant mother to chaperone.

From there, the narrative beautifully moves back and forth in time, contrasting Mila's quest for the truth with Sonia's own backstory. We learn about Sonia arriving in California as an 18-year-old in 1989, just as communism is collapsing back home.

She struggles to understand her sister Rina's sudden embrace of Orthodox Judaism, which clashes with their family's secular identity and history as Holocaust survivors. As Sonia navigates her complicated past and fears surrounding her uncertain immigration status, Mila's scheme forces both of them to confront everything they have been avoiding.

Fabriczki does a wonderful job showing how these two characters are like the porcupines of the title — spiky and defensive on the outside, but incredibly soft and vulnerable underneath. It is a funny, brilliant and deeply moving exploration of what it means to be an immigrant, how generational trauma shapes us and how difficult it can be to truly feel at home.

By the end of this wonderful adventure, Sonia is forced to realize that keeping secrets might protect you for a while, but eventually you have to lower your quills and let the people you love truly see you.

I hope you find this book to be the same pleasant surprise I did. Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram, @allison.the.reader, for more book recommendations and book talk!

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



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COLUMNS

# Postcards: From Korea to Fallon

- Part 1 -

By Michon Mackedon

I enjoy thinking about our local history in terms of years and eras. What captured the hearts and minds of our local community 50, 75 or 100 years ago? With that question in mind, I turned to the “Fallon Standard” newspapers of 1951—75 years ago.

Reading the first edition of the new year, dated January 3, 1951, I found that both our hearts and minds were focused on Korea, where things were not going well for the United States.

On June 25, 1950, the North Korean People’s Army launched an invasion of South Korea across the 38th parallel, a dividing line between North Korea and South Korea established by the United Nations Security Council because of ongoing hostilities between the north and the south. The North Korean forces captured Seoul. President Truman asked the United Nations and the United States to act to end the conflict.

Between November 27 and December 13, a battle took place close to the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir in present-day North Korea. It was a rout for the United States. The People’s Republic of China sent a force of 120,000 troops to engage the United States and UN troops, overwhelming them and managing to surround our forces. “In the ensuing 17-day battle in freezing weather that followed, the UN forces were able to break out of the encirclement and withdraw to the port of Hungnam in what U.S. historians described as the ‘greatest evacuation movement by sea in U.S. military history’” (Wikipedia, “Korean War”). History still calls the survivors of that battle the “Chosin Few.”

The January 3 “Standard” brought news of Chosin to Fallon in a very personal way: “Mrs. Byron Miller has received word from 1st Lt. Miller who had gotten to a transport off Hungnam after the 17th regiment combat team had gotten through from Hyesanjin on the Yalu. Lt. Miller was a member of the demolition team that followed the RCT out and

blew up everything that couldn’t be moved.” The newspaper quoted a letter written by Lt. Miller to his mother: “They refer to this deal here as another Dunkirk. I don’t know as I wasn’t present at the other one, but one thing I do know is---anything but being killed is better than this. ... Once you get wet you are a sheet of ice. They come aboard frozen and so cold they can’t even talk. Many of the troops have suffered loss of arms and legs due to freezing without proper aid in time. ...Rumor has from the States we made an orderly withdrawal—tell them for me and a few thousand others we got the HELL knocked out of us with probably more to come if we don’t get help.”

Another touching and horrifying account of the battle came from a January 3 “Standard” report that “Pfc Donald Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mooney of Hawthorne...was the only one of his group left after the siege of the Chosin Reservoir in Korea.” That made him one of the “Chosin Few.”

With the draft in place, the “Standard” began to run a column titled “Our Boys in Military Service.” By May 1951, the list had grown to over one hundred names.

It seems that the war was on everyone’s mind. In a weekly news column about the events at Churchill County High School, the “Standard” informed readers that “To prepare themselves for college entrance, Miss Jenny Johnson’s English 111 classes are doing research papers on various subjects.” Among the subjects were “The Geography of Korea,” “The Atom Bomb,” and “Whether or not the atom bomb should be used in Korea.”

Please send your stories and ideas for stories to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto:mackedon@phonewave.net).

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## Fallon Theatre Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

A brand-new weekend is just around the corner, and the Fallon Theatre is ready to keep the summer fun rolling with a fantastic lineup of animated magic and nostalgic adventure. We have two incredible films lined up for you this week, ranging from a brand-new, laugh-out-loud family favorite to a timeless dark fantasy masterpiece.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, grab the kids and get ready for some hilariously heroic fun with “Dog Man” (2025). Based on the wildly popular, worldwide best-selling graphic novel series by Dav Pilkey, this highly anticipated animated feature brings everyone’s favorite canine cop to life on the big screen. When a faithful police dog and his human partner are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery creates a brand-new hero with the head of a dog and the body of a human. It is a heartwarming, action-packed adventure that audiences of all ages will love. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 29 minutes.

Please note a special change to our schedule this weekend. On Friday night at 7 p.m., the Fallon Theatre will be closed to the general public for a private event. Our 6 p.m. screening of “Dog Man” will still run as scheduled that evening, but there will be no later evening movie on Friday. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming everyone back for our full schedule on Saturday.

Then, at 7 p.m. on Saturday night, prepare to be swept away by an unforgettable cinematic treasure with a special screening of “The Secret of NIMH” (1982). Directed by the legendary Don Bluth, this beautifully handcrafted, dark fantasy masterpiece follows Mrs. Brisby, a timid field mouse who must move her family’s home before the farmer’s plow destroys it. To save her sick son, she seeks the aid of a colony of hyper-intelligent rats who escaped from a mysterious



laboratory known as NIMH. A deeply moving story of a mother’s courage, it is a rare treat to experience this timeless 1980s classic back on the big screen. Rated G, it runs 1 hour and 22 minutes.

We’re gearing up to celebrate the weekend after next in style with Ventura Highway - The Music of America taking to our stage on Saturday, July 18, at 8 p.m. for what promises to be a spectacular evening. This concert experience brings together the rich harmonies and beloved classics of the legendary band, America, delivering a timeless sound that audiences love. It’s the perfect way to indulge in the sunny season, and with tickets at just \$10, we can’t wait to share these golden memories with all of you.

We’ve got lots of good stuff on the horizon as well, including hosting the kick-off concert and

theatre tours for the 12th Annual Community Wide Reunion on Aug. 14 and 15, the Cantaloupe Canter 5K on Aug. 29, our 10th Annual Show-N-Shine on Sept. 26, and Lee Hardin returning for live stand-up comedy on Nov. 20. You can keep up with all the community fun either on Facebook or our website, [fallontheatre.com](http://fallontheatre.com).

And as always, we are incredibly proud to serve as your community hub for film and live performances. Be sure to visit our concession stand for fresh popcorn and your favorite treats to complete your free moviegoing experience. If you are interested in renting the theater for a private event or seeing your name in lights on our marquee, please don’t hesitate to reach out. You can call us at 775-423-6210 or email [thefallontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:thefallontheatre@gmail.com) for more details. We can’t wait to see you this weekend.

### MEETINGS

#### July 10 – 23, 2026

**Board of County Commissioners**  
Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month  
155 N. Taylor Street  
Next Meeting: July 29 at 8:15 a.m.

**CC Communications**  
Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.  
155 N. Taylor Street  
Next Meeting: Aug. 6 at 11 a.m.

**Churchill County School Board**  
690 S. Maine St.  
Next Meeting:  
July 21 at 5:30 p.m.

**Library Board of Trustees**  
Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.  
155 N. Taylor Street  
Next Meeting: July 23 at 3 p.m.



### WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken July 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	188,200 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	783 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	143 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	90.5 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	10.1 cfs

July 3, 2024	July 3, 2023	July 3, 2022
276,621 acre feet	287,555 acre feet	129,339 acre feet

*Cfs - Cubic Feet per Second | Af - Acre Feet | [TCID.org](http://TCID.org) & [WaterData.USGS.gov](http://WaterData.USGS.gov)*

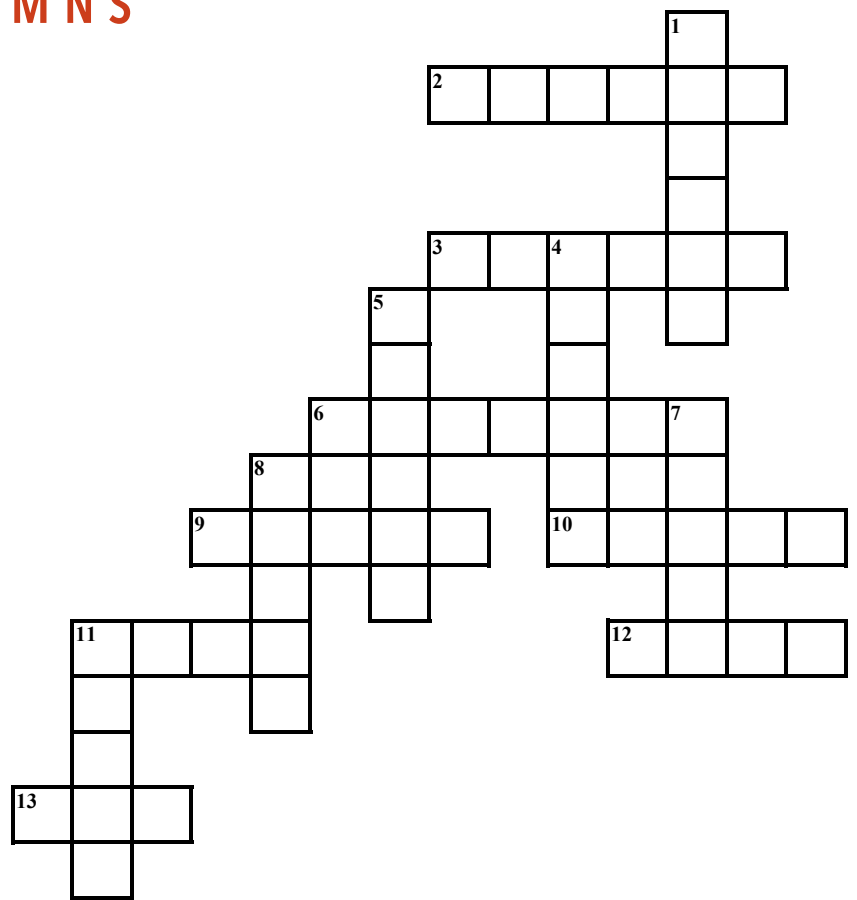
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By Peanut



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Across

- 2. Black
- 3. Churned cream
- 6. Fresh herb
- 9. Fresh herb
- 10. Yellow, white
- 11. The S in S&P
- 12. Green pepper
- 13. Aromatic leaf

Down

- 1. Red flakes
- 4. Nightshade fruit
- 5. Cloves
- 7. Virgin oil
- 8. Thick tomatoes
- 11. Granulated

LEGAL NOTICES

**CHURCHILL COUNTY MOSQUITO, VECTOR, AND NOXIOUS WEED ABATEMENT DISTRICT**

**Publication of Annual Fiscal Report**

In accordance with NAC 354.561, the Churchill County Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District hereby publishes notice of the Annual Fiscal year 2026-2027:

**Annual Fiscal Report for Fiscal year 2026-2027 General Fund:**

	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR END 6/30/2025	ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR END 6/30/2026	FINAL APPROVED BUDGET YEAR END 6/30/2027
Total Available Revenues	1,525,034	1,590,000	1,647,219
Total Expenditures	1,725,000	1,800,000	1,976,865

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**CHURCHILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**690 S. MAINE ST. FALLON, NV 89406**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Churchill County School District is requesting proposals for Legal Counsel.

Individuals/Firms wishing to respond to this RFP must obtain RFP documents from the District's website ([www.churchillcsd.com](http://www.churchillcsd.com)). All responses to this RFP must meet all the qualifications listed in the RFP documents and must be submitted to the Superintendent's Office by 5 p.m. on July 15, 2026.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AUSTIN, Deceased.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the above-entitled Court on the 9th day of June, 2026, as the Personal Representative of the estate of Virginia Elizabeth Austin, Deceased.

All creditors having claims against the estate are required to file claims with the Clerk of the Court within sixty (60) days after the mailing or the first publication, as the case may be, of this notice.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2026.

Rusty D. Jardine, Esq.  
Attorney for Paul R. Young,  
Personal Representative  
Nevada Bar No. 4296

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