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County Plan Identifies Region’s Highest Disaster Risks

Staff Report

As another Nevada summer brings triple-digit temperatures and heightened wildfire concerns, a newly adopted hazard mitigation plan offers Churchill County’s most comprehensive look at the natural and human-caused disasters that could threaten the community and how local governments hope to lessen their impact.

The Churchill County Commission adopted the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan during its June 17 meeting. Developed by Churchill County, the City of Fallon and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, the plan identifies hazards that could affect the region, evaluates community vulnerability and establishes priorities intended to reduce future disaster losses while maintaining eligibility for federal mitigation funding.

While wildfire often dominates public attention during the summer, the plan evaluates a much broader range of hazards. Planning committee members assessed 18 natural- and human-caused threats. For Churchill County, drought, earthquakes, flooding, hazardous materials incidents and terrorism received the highest risk rankings, while wildfire was classified as a medium-risk hazard alongside extreme heat, hail and



thunderstorms, severe winter weather, windstorms and infestations.

The plan emphasizes reducing damage before disasters occur rather than focusing solely on emergency response. It recommends incorporating hazard planning into future land-use decisions, maintaining updated emergency plans, improving mapping and continuing projects designed to protect people, property and critical infrastructure.

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Orozco Outlines Priorities During Republican Sheriff Forum

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Churchill County Sheriff Lee Orozco outlined his priorities for the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office during a candidate forum hosted by the Churchill County Republican Central Committee on July 16, emphasizing leadership continuity, recruitment, training, and technology as the department prepares for the November election.

The forum, held after the committee’s monthly meeting at the Old Post Office, was intended to feature both candidates seeking election as sheriff this fall. Candidate Michael Davis was unable to attend because of a prior commitment.

Orozco, who was appointed sheriff by the Churchill County Commission on April 17



Churchill County Sheriff Lee Orozco addresses members of the Churchill County Republican Central Committee during a sheriff candidate forum July 16 at the Old Post Office.

following the death of Sheriff Richard Hickox, told attendees the department’s greatest challenge is maintaining experienced leadership while recruiting and preparing the next generation of deputies.

“After Hickox passed, that changed everything,” Orozco said. “My intention is to make sure we keep that leadership steady up top, that people have knowledge and experience, and to get training for those who are down below.”

A 30-year veteran of the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office, Orozco said recruiting and retaining qualified deputies remains one of the agency’s top priorities. He said the Sheriff’s Office has a young workforce with limited experience, making training and mentorship essential to preparing future leaders.

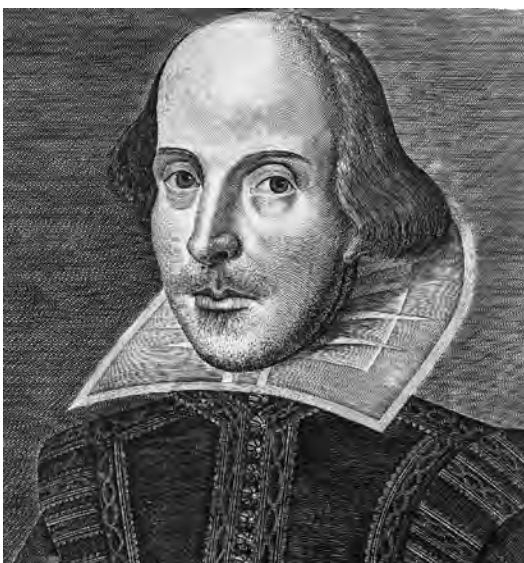
Orozco also discussed grant

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Young Shakes Brings Live Shakespeare to Fallon

Staff Report

Live Shakespeare is coming to Churchill County Library later this month as the Young Shakes touring company presents an adaptation of William Shakespeare’s “Macbeth.”



The free performance begins at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at Churchill County Library, 553 S. Maine St. Presented by the Young Shakes outreach program of the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, the hourlong production is designed for children, families, and anyone interested in experiencing Shakespeare for the first time.

Young Shakes tours libraries, schools, and community venues throughout the region, introducing audiences to Shakespeare through live performances by a professional acting company.

Although it was written more than 400 years ago, “Macbeth” continues to be performed around the world because its story of ambition, power, and the consequences of personal choices remains relevant to modern audiences.

The library performance offers local residents an opportunity to experience one of Shakespeare’s best-known works without leaving Fallon. Admission is free, and no reservations are required.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log:
Who comes after you and how hard is their job

By Rachel Dahl

There was a note in the “Idea Bin” that said, “Captain – make it easy for the next guy, facilitate the world.”

That is something CJ Hadley harped on last year as she was teaching me how to do all the RANGE magazine tasks. “Think about who was going to touch this piece of paper, file, or story next and what they were going to be faced with when they got ahold of it. Do everything you can to make what they have to do easier.”

Wouldn’t it be cool if everyone had just an inkling of that way of looking at the world in all our regular, everyday tasks? Think grocery carts, gas pump hoses, shirts on the rack at TJ Maxx. People. How about we think about leaving people better off for the next person who happens by them.

I suppose in my note-taking the thinking was something along the lines of, “If we all did that wouldn’t it be so much nicer as we move through the world.”

We certainly don’t want to be the person who makes it more difficult for whoever comes after us to get their job done.

When we’re newspapering, this is actually pretty easy; it just requires a little forethought and planning. Teaching everyone to think this way sometimes takes a minute. Everyone comes with a different version of training. That’s for sure.

When I was little, Joe Dahl was very specific about how we behaved and made our way through life. I remember him at different levels of my growing up giving some version of the lessons around paying attention. “You need to be watching all the time. When you’re around horses, you need to be watching and always be a half a step ahead of the horse, prepared for any sort of behavior. When you work for someone,



always be looking to see what needs to be done, always be anticipating what the boss may need.”

This advice has stood the test of time, but not everyone has had the same lessons. And now as I inherit those people in my office, it’s sometimes tricky to make the lessons stick and become more about who we are as a team rather than just something we DO. But some of our crew has got it DOWN. They were raised by similar people; their ability to see what’s going on and see what needs to happen next is almost instinctual.

And what a joy that makes the day. I love not having to worry someone won’t understand or get it done right. I love working with people you don’t have to explain things to; they just get it. We have some of those, and it makes all we’re doing just a thrill.

So while we coach up our new kids and get the ol’ veterans to demonstrate, write instruction manuals, schedule tasks, and do all the things it takes to get these newspapers out the door, we’ll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

[Orozco continued from page 1]

funding that has allowed the Sheriff’s Office to purchase equipment and expand training despite tight county budgets. He said those grants have supported active-assailant training and other initiatives that would have been difficult to fund through the county budget alone.

Among the projects underway, Orozco said the Sheriff’s Office is working to implement Rapid-SOS and Live911 technology. According to Orozco, the systems would allow dispatchers and deputies to receive emergency information more quickly, improving response times during critical incidents.

Orozco also addressed operations at the Churchill County Detention Center, describing the jail as one of the Sheriff’s Office’s highest-liability responsibilities. He said the Churchill County Commission has approved funding for two additional deputies and a jail sergeant beginning Oct. 1, a move he expects will reduce overtime, ease employee burnout, and help address staffing shortages.

During a question-and-answer session, audience members asked about reserve and explorer programs, license plate reader technology, deputy recruitment, and public safety.

Orozco said the Sheriff’s Office is rebuilding its reserve deputy program for adults interested in volunteering with the department. He also defended the department’s Motorola license plate reader system, saying it is controlled exclusively by the Sheriff’s Office, includes safeguards to prevent misuse, and has helped locate stolen vehicles, missing persons, and wanted suspects during investigations.

Responding to questions about recruitment, Orozco said the department is looking for people who want to build careers and raise families in Churchill County rather than using the agency as a stepping stone to larger law enforcement agencies.

The forum concluded following approximately one hour of discussion.

Editor’s note: Sheriff candidate Michael Davis was unable to attend the July 16 forum because of a prior commitment. The Churchill County Republican Central Committee has scheduled a separate candidate forum for Davis in August. The Fallon Post will cover that event to provide readers with comparable coverage of both sheriff candidates.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Jack: Your Very Own Night Fury in Training!

Looking for a loyal adventure buddy? Meet Jack, a 10-month-old pit mix with the heart of Toothless, the loyal dragon from “How to Train Your Dragon.” Like everyone’s favorite Night Fury, Jack is a little shy at first, but once you earn his trust, you’ll have a devoted best friend. Crate-trained and house-trained, Jack is smart, energetic, and eager to learn. He enjoys exercise, training, and mental challenges, though he may find his own “dragon remodeling” projects if left bored. Jack has done well with calm dogs, may chase cats to play, and would do best with older children. Car rides aren’t his favorite yet, but with patience, he’s sure to become the perfect adventure buddy.



Meet Nash

We’re honestly surprised that Nash and his brother, Stash, are still waiting for their forever family. These two orange and white boys are as sweet as they come!

Nash loves to cuddle, play, and spend time with his favorite people. He and Stash are both affectionate, fun-loving companions who are ready to fill a home with love and laughter.

Both boys are fixed, vaccinated, and microchipped. All they need now is a family to call their own.

If you’ve been thinking about adding a furry friend to your family, come meet Nash (and Stash). They just might be the perfect match you’ve been waiting for.



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FEATURES

365 Days of Planning

The People Behind the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival

Staff Report

By the time the last visitors leave the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival each summer, the board and volunteers behind the event are already thinking about next year.

Planning begins just two to four weeks after the festival ends, according to Executive Director Adrienne Snow. While festivalgoers remember three days of entertainment, food, exhibits, and community celebrations, organizers spend the remaining 362 days preparing for the next event.

The Fallon Festival Association is led by a six-member board consisting of Chairman Zip Upham, Vice Chairman Todd Moretto, Secretary Samantha Horning, Treasurer Angela Guthrie, Volunteer Coordinator Carrie Sheldon-Davis, and Marketing & Media Coordinator Shania Brown. Executive Director Adrienne Snow oversees the festival’s day-to-day operations.

The board is supported by committee volunteers who oversee many of the festival’s largest operations. Snow identified Annabelle Forshee, Pageant Coordinator; Tarin Jones of the Volunteer Committee; Michelle Rogers, Sponsorship Coordinator and a member of the Agriculture Experience Committee; Joe Frey of the Agriculture Experience Committee; Samantha Brocklesby of the Vendor Committee; Jessica Diaz of the Gift Shop Committee; and Cody Robinson, Logistics Coordinator for the festival, as key volunteers who help keep the festival running year-round.

One of the first tasks after each festival is evaluating what worked well and identifying areas for improvement. From there, planning shifts almost immediately to mapping vendor spaces and preparing registration for the following year. Snow said organizers work to have vendor registration ready by March 1 so businesses and exhibitors have plenty of time to

reserve their spaces.

Today, the festival features more than 150 vendors, making vendor placement one of the earliest and most important planning responsibilities. Once vendor registration opens, attention turns to entertainment, sponsorships, logistics, marketing, exhibits, volunteer recruitment, and dozens of other details that must come together before opening day.

Keeping the festival affordable while continuing to improve it each year remains one of the organization’s biggest challenges.

Behind the scenes, organizers budget for nationally touring entertainers, sound and lighting production, facility rentals, insurance, sanitation, security, internet service, equipment rentals, and many of the expenses visitors never see. Those costs are offset through sponsorships, grants, vendor fees, ticket sales, and community partnerships.

Weather is another factor that can never be controlled. A weekend of pleasant weather can bring large crowds, while high winds or rain can affect attendance and festival revenue. Even with months of preparation, organizers know every festival presents new challenges.

Snow said one of the organization’s proudest accomplishments over the past decade has been purchasing its portable stage.

Before acquiring the stage, organizers never knew whether one large enough for headline entertainment would be available. Today, the stage is used not only during the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival, but also by Churchill County, Douglas County, Artown, the Atlantis, and other organizations throughout Northern Nevada. Snow said only two stages of its kind are available in Northern Nevada.

Another ongoing challenge is the fairgrounds’ aging electrical infrastructure. Snow said power interruptions are among the most common issues during the festival. When breakers trip or internet service is interrupted, festival volunteers and county staff work quickly behind the scenes to restore service and minimize disruptions for vendors and visitors.

For Brown, the long hours are about giving back to the community. “I enjoy helping be part of something for the community, and something that has been around for as many years as the festival has,” Brown said. “Bringing my skill set and being able to contribute to such a large event is huge to me.”

Brown said one of her favorite moments each year is watching families enjoy everything the festival has to offer.

“There’s something for everyone,” she said. “I love seeing families enjoy all the different aspects of the festival. Plus, I love getting the cantaloupe-flavored ice cream.”

Brown said the festival depends on hundreds of volunteers who devote countless hours behind the scenes to make the event possible.

“The people behind the festival put their hearts and souls into everything that goes on in the background,” she said. “We do this for the community, and we want to continue growing the festival, but it takes hundreds of volunteers and strong community support. People don’t always see everything that goes into making the festival happen.”

Asked how many volunteer hours go into producing the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival each year, Snow laughed.

“A bazillion and three.”

It may not be an official number, but it captures the countless hours contributed by board members, committee volunteers, sponsors, county staff, and community supporters who spend nearly an entire year preparing for one weekend that has become one of Churchill County’s signature traditions.



Members of the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival Board of Directors volunteer throughout the year to plan and organize the annual festival, one of Churchill County's signature community events. Photo courtesy of the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival Board. 365 Days of Planning: The People Behind the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival

Banner Churchill Marks 30 Years of Caring for Community

Staff Report

Banner Churchill Community Hospital marked its 30th anniversary July 2, celebrating three decades of providing health care to Fallon and surrounding communities.

The hospital opened in 1996 and has grown from a community hospital into a regional health care provider serving Churchill County and neighboring areas. Today, the 25-bed hospital employs more than 300 people and includes more than 40 physicians and allied health professionals. Services include emergency care, ambulance coverage, primary and specialty care, surgery, imaging, laboratory services, and rehabilitation.

In a social media post recognizing the milestone, Banner Churchill thanked employees, providers, volunteers, and the community for supporting the hospital throughout the past 30 years.

“For 30 years, Banner Churchill Community Hospital has been proud to serve Fallon and the surrounding communities with compassionate, high-quality care,” the hospital wrote.

The hospital continues to expand health care services for residents of Churchill County and the surrounding region while remaining one of the area’s largest employers.



ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

More Than Fighting Fires

By Sydney Trainor

Whether responding to a structure fire, medical emergency, vehicle crash, or water rescue, the Churchill County Fire Department provides a broad range of emergency services to protect the lives and property of Churchill County residents.

The department responds to fires, medical emergencies, rescue incidents, and hazardous situations across the county. In addition to emergency response, firefighters conduct fire investigations, inspect commercial buildings, provide fire prevention education, maintain a specialized dive team, and train both career and volunteer firefighters.

During Churchill County’s February budget hearings, Fire Chief Jared Dooley outlined the department’s proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, highlighting proposed investments in personnel, training, equipment, and emergency response capabilities.

Dooley requested an overall budget increase of \$60,900 over the previous year. The proposal included additional funding for merit raises, cost-of-living adjustments, overtime, Medicaid costs, contracted services, training, firefighting supplies, maintenance, and replacement personal protective equipment.



Among the operational requests was continued funding for the department’s “I Am Responding” emergency notification system and ESO records management software. The proposal also included funding for firefighting foam, repairs to two boats donated by Nevada State Parks for the dive team, hydrostatic testing of self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders and dive bottles, repairs to aircraft rescue and firefighting truck tires and boats, firefighter training, and replacement turnout gear, brush coats, helmets, and other safety equipment.

The department also requested approximately \$1.1 million to construct a new maintenance shop, along with \$62,100 for a replacement duty vehicle and funding for two trailers to support the county’s rural water shuttle system.

Commissioners also discussed the department’s long-term apparatus replacement plan. Dooley said the fire equipment fund contained approximately \$1.3 million during the February hearings. Rather than purchasing another Type 1 engine immediately, the department and the Fire Board were considering continuing to save for replacement of the county’s aerial ladder truck, which was expected to cost approximately \$2 million.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon Graduate Serves at Naval Air Station Fallon



Petty Officer 2nd Class Alaura O'Brien, a 2021 Churchill County High School graduate from Fallon, serves as a culinary specialist at Naval Air Station Fallon. Courtesy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Mitch Meppelink.

By Ensign Andrew Hanchar
Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Churchill County High School graduate is serving at Naval Air Station Fallon, where she is building a career in the U.S. Navy. Petty Officer 2nd Class Alaura O'Brien, a 2021 Churchill County High School graduate, serves as a culinary specialist at Naval Air Station Fallon. She said her four years in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) helped prepare her for military service. "During my four years of high school, I was in the Junior ROTC program. It prepared me for the Navy by teaching me the lingo, ranks, rates and helped advance me from an E-1 to E-3," O'Brien said. O'Brien said she joined the Navy to begin her career and develop skills that would help prepare her for adulthood. "The Navy has amazing benefits and helps teach young adults coping skills during stressful situations and how to have a good work ethic," she said. Naval Air Station Fallon is home to the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development

Center, including the Navy's TOPGUN program, where U.S. and allied aviation units train in advanced tactical operations. O'Brien said one of her proudest accomplishments has been advancing to the rank of petty officer second class early in her career. "I grew up with a passion to cook and was fortunate to have more knowledge than the average sailor due to taking cooking classes throughout high school," she said. She said serving in the Navy is a way to protect the people and freedoms she values. "Serving in the Navy means protecting the people I love," O'Brien said. "We as Americans get to have a lot more freedom and rights than a lot of people around the world and it is important to me to defend those rights and freedoms." O'Brien credited her family with supporting her throughout her military career. "I would like to thank my whole family for being my support system no matter where the Navy sends me," she said. "Having a family back home makes this job that much more important and gets you through the hard days."

Silver State Cheer Opens Mid-Season Registration

By Amber Hardin

Families interested in competitive cheer now have until Aug. 2 to register for Silver State Cheer & Dance Studio's 2026-27 mid-season competitive cheer program. The Fallon-based program welcomes athletes ages 5 to 18, from beginners to experienced cheerleaders. Practices begin the week of Aug. 3, and the season runs through February 2027, ending with JAMZ Nationals in Las Vegas. The studio, which opened in February, recently competed in two Los Angeles-area competitions and earned the Overall Master Champion title at both events. Organizers said two additional JAMZ competitions are planned during the upcoming season. Silver State Cheer & Dance Studio operates

as a Youth Cheer and Dance Alliance (YCADA) non-affiliated performance recreational competition gym, where athletes train for competitive cheer events rather than sideline cheer. The program focuses on skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and performance. The studio also offers tumbling classes every Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for children ages 10 and younger and from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for ages 11 and older. Organizers said the classes are open to children interested in developing or improving tumbling skills, with discounted rates available for cheer athletes. Registration remains open through Aug. 2. Additional information and registration are available at silverstatecheer.com or on the organization's Facebook page.



Silver State Cheer & Dance Studio athletes celebrate after earning the Overall Master Champion title at a recent competition. Photo courtesy of Silver State Cheer & Dance Studio.

Youth Tennis Camp Returns
July 27-28

Young athletes interested in learning the game of tennis can take part in the annual Youth Tennis Camp on July 27-28 at the Churchill County High School tennis courts. Churchill County Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Churchill County High School Tennis Team, will host the two-day camp from 8 to 10 a.m. each day at the courts, 1 Greenwave Circle. Designed for students who were in fourth through eighth grade during the 2025-26 school year, the camp will introduce participants to the fundamentals of tennis through drills and lessons led by members of the Churchill County High School Tennis Team. Organizers said campers will develop basic skills while enjoying a fun learning environment. The registration fee is \$35 per child, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Churchill County High School Tennis Program.



For more information or to register, visit the Churchill County Parks and Recreation registration website or call 775-423-7733.

CCHS Cheer to Host
Community Cheer Clinic
Aug. 3-6

By Amber Hardin

Churchill County High School's Greenwave Cheer team will host its annual Community Cheer Clinic Aug. 3-6 for children ages 5 through those entering eighth grade. The clinic will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each evening. Participants will learn cheers, dances, and basic cheerleading skills from members of the Greenwave Cheer team. The registration fee is \$60. Participants will receive a cheer bow or wrist sweatbands. Participants also will learn a cheer and dance routine to perform during halftime of the Greenwave football team's first home game of the season Sept. 4. Registration forms, waiver forms, and electronic payment options are available through the Churchill County High School Cheer Facebook page. Cash and check payments also will be accepted on the first day of the clinic.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, July 27 Cincinnati Chili Cheddar Cheese & Onion Colorful Salad Apple Sauce Cornbread Oatmeal Cookie	Tuesday, July 28 Chicken Pasta Primavera Green Salad WW Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Tropical Fruit	Wednesday, July 29 Baked Cajun Cod Creamed Corn Seasoned New Potatoes Spinach Salad Fruit Cup	Thursday, July 30 Chicken Pot Pie Mixed Green Salad Orange Mango Cup WW Roll	Friday, July 31 Clam Chowder Turkey Sandwich WW Bread 4 Bean Salad Mixed Fruit Cookie
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

Monday, July 27 Chili Mac Salad & Dessert	Thursday, July 30 Beta Sigma Phi	Monday, Aug. 3 Hot Turkey Sandwiches Salad & Dessert	Thursday, Aug. 6 Taco Night	Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WNC to Host Homeschool Support Information Night

Staff Report

Parents of homeschooled high school students are invited to attend a Homeschool Support Information Night from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Western Nevada College’s Fallon campus. The session will be held in Room 304 of Virgil Getto Hall, 160 Campus Way. College staff will explain how Western Nevada College supports home-schooled students who are interested in taking college classes, including dual-enrollment opportunities. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn about resources available to homeschooling families. For more information, contact Rebecca Bevans at rebecca.bevans@wnc.edu.

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In addition to evaluating hazards, the document inventories critical facilities throughout Churchill County, including government buildings, schools, transportation infrastructure and utilities that could be affected during future disasters. It also incorporates existing planning efforts, including the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Emergency Operations Plan and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The report notes that Churchill County’s geography presents unique planning challenges. Approximately 85 percent of the county is publicly managed land, while about 13 percent is privately owned. The county’s reliance on the Carson River and the Newlands Project irrigation system also makes water infrastructure and flood planning continuing priorities. The updated plan was developed during 2023 and 2024 by representatives from Churchill County, the City of Fallon, the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the Local Emergency Planning Committee with assistance from engineering consultant DOWL. Federal regulations require participating jurisdictions to update hazard mitigation plans every five years to remain eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation grant programs.

Churchill County Hazard Rankings

High risk	Infestations
Drought	Low risk
Earthquake	Epidemic
Flood	Landslides
Hazardous materials incidents	Expansive soils
Terrorism	Ground failure
Medium risk	Tsunami/seiche
Wildfire	Volcano
Extreme heat	Tornado
Hail and thunderstorms	
Severe winter weather	
Windstorms	

Churchill County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Free Creative Aging Program to Begin at Pennington Life Center

Staff report

Churchill County will launch a free creative aging residency program later this month at the Pennington Life Center, giving local residents an opportunity to explore photography, writing and music while creating a multimedia community project. The program begins July 30 and is open to anyone interested. Participants may attend as many sessions as they like, and no registration is required. Sessions will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Pennington Life Center, 952 S. Maine St. The residency will be led by photographer and author Mark Vollmer and singer-songwriter Jim Eaglesmith. Through photography, guided journaling, storytelling and songwriting, participants will develop creative skills while contributing to an original multimedia community song titled “One Community.” According to Carlie Cushing, senior and disabilities manager at the Life Center, participants may use any type of camera, including a cellphone, tablet, digital SLR or film camera.



THE PUBLISHED SCHEDULE LISTS:	
July 30	Seeing the Light
Aug. 3	The Wonder of Landscapes
Aug. 6	The Magic of Macros
Aug. 10	The Essence of People and Pets
Aug. 17	Unusual Angles & Illusions
Aug. 20	Storytelling Photography
Aug. 27	Culminating Performance

Participants should bring a camera, paper, and a pen to each session. The program will conclude with a public multimedia presentation featuring participants’ photographs and music. The residency is presented in partnership with the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Participants should bring a camera, paper, and a pen to each session.

MEETINGS

July 29 – August 27, 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: Aug. 18 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: Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken July 20 at 5:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	164,800 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	794 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	115 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	95.2 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	4.19 cfs

July 20, 2024	July 20, 2023	July 20, 2022
245,775 acre feet	297,636 acre feet	102,921 acre feet

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

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day

Coalition for Senior Citizens

The Fallon Theatre

Every third Friday at 1 p.m.

Local Author Series with Megan Russ

Churchill County Library

553 S. Maine St.

July 28 at 6 p.m.

Artistic Foundations with Adrienne

Churchill Arts Council

Oats Park Art School

Every Tuesday in August from 9 to 10 a.m.

Free Concert in the Park

Churchill Arts Council

Oats Park

Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Fallon Community Market

Nevada Community Alliance

E.C. Best Elementary School

July 24 from noon to 6 p.m. and July 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ty’s Let’M Buck Rodeo

City of Fallon America 250

Nevada State Fairgrounds

Aug. 1. Slack at 8 a.m.

Evening performance at 6 p.m.

Books, Bites & Beverages

Churchill Library Association

Churchill County Library

Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair

Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair

Rafter 3C Event Complex

Aug. 28 through 30

Divine Feminine & Divine Masculine Energies

Sound Vibing Soul Sisters

1676 W. Williams Ave.

July 25 from 10 a.m. to noon

Second Annual Junior Golf Fundraiser

Fallon Golf Course

2655 Country Club Dr.

Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

Dust Devil Sprint Triathlon

America 250 Fallon

Churchill County Aquatic Center

Aug. 8 at 7:30 a.m.

Beauty and the Beast Rough Stock Rodeo and Concert

De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash

Churchill County Fairgrounds

Aug. 15. Gates open at 3 p.m. Rodeo at 6 p.m.

Oil Pastel Basics with Adrienne

Churchill Arts Council

Oats Park Art School

July 27 through 30 from 1 to 2 p.m.

National Night Out

America 250 Fallon

Oats Park

Aug. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Fastest Gun Alive Draws Record Field to Fallon



Overall champions Whitlock, of California, left, and Dead-Eye Daisy, of Michigan, display their awards after winning overall titles at the 2026 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship in Fallon. Courtesy of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association.



Competitors and organizers gather for dinner at The Grid in Fallon before the start of the 2026 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship. Photo by Nancy Chapman.



Top youth competitors pose with their awards during the 2026 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship in Fallon. Courtesy of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association.



The Magnificent Seven men's finalists pose with their awards during the 2026 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship in Fallon. Courtesy of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association.



The Magnificent Seven women's finalists pose with their awards during the 2026 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship in Fallon. Courtesy of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association.

By Nancy Chapman

More than 200 competitors gathered at Rafter 3C in Fallon this month for the 2026 Fastest Gun Alive World Championship, making it the largest championship in the event’s history.

Competitors traveled from across the country to compete for world championship titles while reconnecting with friends and fellow shooters during the weeklong event.

Alotta Lead, also known as Dinah Eilrich, Cowboy Fast Draw Association operations, clubs, and events director, said the event attracted both long-time competitors and newcomers. “With many returning competitors, new Fastest Gun Alive participants, and first-time event members, there were more than 200 entries,” she said. “Making 2026 the biggest Fastest Gun Alive in history while celebrating America’s 250th anniversary.”

With match headquarters at the Holiday Inn Express, along with six other motels, the 906 House bed-and-breakfast, Airbnbs, and RV spaces

at the Churchill County Fairgrounds, the championship brought visitors to Fallon throughout the week, providing a boost to local businesses.

The event also featured returning and new vendors, Sissy’s BBQ, and a Classic Cruisers car show, giving competitors, their families, and local residents activities beyond the shooting competition.

Championship titles went to “Sniper” in the youth division, “Dead-Eye Daisy” in the women’s division with a winning time of .0414, and “Whitlock” in the men’s division with a winning time of .0314.

For many competitors, the championship is as much about fellowship as it is about competition. Local restaurants, hotels, campgrounds, and businesses welcomed visitors throughout the week, while volunteers helped make Fallon a destination for Cowboy Fast Draw enthusiasts from across the country.

The Cowboy Fast Draw Association plans to return to Rafter 3C in 2027 for another Fastest Gun Alive World Championship.



Exploring the people, places, and stories that shaped Churchill County

The Women Behind Fallon’s Historic Postcards

Staff Report

Step through the front door of Black & Ferguson’s bookstore in early Fallon and you could accomplish several errands without ever leaving the building.

You could browse books and magazines, pick up school supplies, purchase a postcard featuring a familiar Fallon scene, and, for a time, even mail a letter through the adjoining post office. The busy downtown business, operated by Mary Hook Black and Callie Smart Ferguson, became a familiar gathering place where neighbors shopped, visited and caught up on local news.

One of the store’s most enduring legacies was the postcards that still bear the Black & Ferguson name. The women published and sold cards featuring Fallon streets, businesses and landmarks, giving residents an easy way to share a glimpse of home with family and friends. Although the postcards are often associated with Black & Ferguson, the business published the images rather than photographing them. Many of the photographers who captured those early scenes remain unknown.

Today, those same postcards provide a record of a Fallon that has largely disappeared. Buildings have changed, businesses have come and gone, and familiar streets have taken on a different look. Yet the images preserved through Black & Ferguson continue to help historians and residents



Customers gather inside the Black & Ferguson bookstore in early Fallon as Callie Smart Ferguson stands behind the postcard display. The store sold books, stationery, gifts and locally published postcards, and for a time operated alongside the Fallon post office, whose boxes are visible at right. Photo courtesy of the Churchill County Museum, Fallon, Nevada.

recognize places that shaped the community’s earliest years.

The interior photograph offers a rare glimpse into everyday life more than a century ago. Behind the postcard display stands Callie Smart Ferguson, while customers gather inside the store and the post office boxes line the wall at right. More than a century later, the photograph still captures an ordinary day in a Fallon business that quietly helped preserve the community’s history one postcard at a time.

Adult Chautauqua Registration Opens at Churchill County Museum

By Sydney Trainor

Registration is open for the Churchill County Museum’s Adult Chautauqua Theater Program, a free opportunity for adults to bring local history to life through first-person portrayals as part of the museum’s America250 celebration. The program is open to adults 18 and older, and no previous acting experience is required.

The first rehearsal is scheduled for Aug. 5. Rehearsals will continue on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the museum, where participants will portray local historical figures in costume while

sharing stories from the past through the Chautauqua tradition. Adults interested in history, theater, or learning something new are encouraged to participate.

Founded in 1874, the Chautauqua movement grew from a teacher-training program into a nationwide series of educational gatherings and traveling performances. Today, Chautauqua programs continue to preserve history through first-person presentations that educate and entertain audiences.

Churchill County Museum launched its adult Chautauqua series in 2023 with “Shades of

Yesteryear,” followed by “Nevada’s Pioneering Spirits” in 2024. Last year’s sold-out production, “Agriculture,” featured six local performers portraying influential figures from Nevada’s farming and ranching history.

Retired theater teacher Glen Perazzo and Pam Duarte will serve as instructors for this year’s program.

Those interested in participating may register by calling the Churchill County Museum at 775-423-3677, visiting the museum’s front desk, or emailing Education Curator Leticia Webb at Leticia.webb@churchillcountynv.gov.

BUSINESS

Ryze Print and Design Celebrates Grand Opening



Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Family, friends and community members gathered July 18 as the Fallon Chamber of Commerce welcomed Ryze Print and Design to the local business community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating owner Shay Flick’s new business.

Fallon Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lucy Carnahan hosted the ceremony, recognizing the opening of the print shop, which offers a wide range of printing services for businesses, organizations and individuals.

Ryze Print and Design produces business cards, flyers, invitations, greeting cards, raffle tickets, banners, posters, booklets, brochures, blue-prints, large-format prints, programs, fine art prints, NCR (no-carbon-required) forms, custom stamps, and other printed materials. Flick said her goal is to provide customers with quality products and quick service.

Among Flick’s favorite projects was transforming an 8-by-10 wedding photograph into a life-sized cardboard cutout that was presented to the couple as a gift.

The business’s phoenix logo reflects Flick’s personal journey. She said the symbol represents overcoming life’s challenges and starting anew. Remodeling the building from the ground up tested her resolve, and there were times she considered giving up. Today, she said she is proud of what she has accomplished and excited to welcome customers to Ryze Print and Design.

Ryze Print and Design owner Shay Flick celebrates the grand opening of her business during a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Fallon Chamber of Commerce on July 18.



Tyler Crystal on his hinney, Festus. Photo by Eva Rivers.

Crystal Family Launches Ty’s Let’m Buck Rodeo Co.

By Leanna Lehman

If you know Shawn and Victoria Crystal, then you probably know they have strong ties to the community, are longtime supporters of local nonprofit organizations, and are one busy family. What you might not know is that this year they set off to create something special — Ty’s Let’m Buck Rodeo Co.

Last September, the Crystals tragically lost their 15-year-old son, Tyler Crystal, who was fatally injured in a ranch bronc accident in Mineral County. Devastated by the loss, Shawn and Victoria — along with the entire family — were determined to find a way to honor Tyler.

“Before we lost Tyler, he had been pestering us to produce our rodeo,” said Victoria. “We always said it was too expensive. So, we decided the best way to honor him was to go ahead and do it — and bring something good out of something heartbreaking.”

If you knew Tyler, you would know he would have rolled his eyes at all the fuss. But the fuss is exactly what has helped the Crystal family through the first 10 months without him. As plans for the rodeo came together, Shawn and Victoria realized they could do more than produce a rodeo. The couple, as part of Ty’s Let’m Buck Rodeo, has been helping young athletes get to rodeos and purchase essential protective gear like helmets and vests.

It wasn’t long before the Crystal family decided that one rodeo wasn’t going to be enough. Why not produce more rodeos across the state and raise even more money for rodeo kids? Victoria, who has volunteered with Fallon Junior Rodeo for the past eight years and was well aware of the time and work it takes to gain sponsors and advertisers, enlisted Shawn’s help, as well as that of her adult son, Maverick. In fact, the whole family — Jesse, 11; Colt, 6; and Eva, 15 — has a role to play and is helping, and hoping, to make this first event a success. Friends and other family members have also jumped on board, ready to help in any capacity they can by volunteering their time and effort.

Even before the rodeo, which takes place Aug. 1 in Reno at the Nevada State Fairgrounds, formerly the Reno Livestock Events Center, the project has brought the family together.

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Momma’s Meat Company Reminds Hunters of Wild Game Processing Guidelines



Two mule deer stand in brush as Nevada’s hunting season begins. Momma’s Meat Company is reminding hunters to properly cool and prepare harvested game before bringing it in for processing. Photo courtesy of Shelbe Seay.

By Amber Hardin

As Nevada’s hunting seasons begin, Momma’s Meat Company is reminding hunters how proper field care can help ensure their game is accepted for processing.

Owner Shelbe Seay said proper handling in the field helps ensure meat can be accepted for processing while maintaining meat quality.

Hunters are encouraged to cool harvested animals as quickly as possible, keeping the meat below 40 degrees, and to avoid soaking meat in ice by using frozen water bottles or similar methods that keep meat cold without soaking it.

To maintain a clean and safe processing facility, animals brought to the shop should arrive without the head, hooves, hide, or entrails. Animals that have not been adequately cooled or that arrive with excessive dirt, hair, or flies may be declined.

“We know it’s disappointing when we have to turn someone away,” Seay said in a previous message to customers. “Having a clean, safe facility where you know your product is taken care of is our No. 1 goal.”

Momma’s Meat Company processes a variety of wild game, including deer, elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep, and offers custom cutting and freezer-ready packaging.

Hunters are encouraged to contact Momma’s Meat Company to schedule a drop-off or ask questions about preparing their harvest before arrival.

The company can be reached at 775-423-2241. After-hours contact information is available through the business’s voicemail. Current updates are available on the company’s Facebook page.

Hunters are encouraged to cool harvested animals as quickly as possible, keeping the meat below 40 degrees, and to avoid soaking meat in ice by using frozen water bottles or similar methods that keep meat cold without soaking it.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Council Approves Nearly \$2.8 Million for Airport, Park, and Water Projects

By Riffin Stonebarger

The Fallon City Council approved nearly \$2.8 million in contracts Tuesday for airport, park, and water infrastructure projects expected to begin later this year.

The council awarded a \$1.165 million contract to Fallon-based A&K Earthmovers to construct a new taxi lane and extend an existing taxi lane at Fallon Municipal Airport.

Public Works Director Brian Byrd said A&K submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid, coming in 5.4% below the engineer’s estimate and 21% below the next lowest bid.

The Federal Aviation Administration will reimburse 95% of the construction cost, leaving the city’s share at \$58,250. Byrd said the city expects the remaining local match to be reimbursed through the Nevada Aviation Transportation Advisory Committee.

Councilman Casey Harmon praised the bid, noting it came in below the engineer’s estimate. Construction is expected to begin later this summer and continue into the fall.

The council approved a \$221,374 agreement with J-U-B Engineers to provide construction administration and inspection services for the airport project. The FAA will reimburse 95% of that cost.

Council members awarded an \$815,798.81 contract to Ernst Earthworks to replace approximately three-quarters of a mile of deteriorating asphalt walking paths at Laura Mills Park with fiber-reinforced concrete.

The Laura Mills Park project includes wider walkways, drainage

improvements, and accessibility upgrades. While Ernst Earthworks completes the concrete work, city crews will install a new irrigation system in the center of the park, and previously approved playground equipment will be installed during construction.

Byrd said the city hopes to complete the walking paths, irrigation work, and playground installation before Oct. 1. Portions of the park will close temporarily while construction is underway.

Harmon said the city should continue informing residents about the project so they understand the improvements being made and the reason for temporary closures.

The council approved a \$616,550 change order for the Rattlesnake Hill Water Tank Demolition Project. The change order follows soil testing that found additional site preparation was needed before a new welded steel water tank can be constructed.

Byrd said the additional work will leave the site ready once funding becomes available for the replacement tank and that the overall project remains under budget.

The final major action approved Tuesday was a maintenance agreement with Churchill County for future softball fields and related facilities funded through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. The agreement establishes the long-term maintenance responsibilities required under the grant. Churchill County commissioners approved the agreement June 17.

Following Tuesday’s regular meeting, the council convened Wednesday as the Board of Adjustment to consider zoning matters.

School Board Seeks Proposals for Legal Counsel

Staff Report

The Churchill County School District Board of Trustees voted during a June 29 special meeting to seek proposals for general legal counsel after unanimously approving a request for proposals outlining the district’s legal service needs.

Before approving the request, trustees amended the scope of services to require attendance at 10 board meetings, replacing language that stated meetings would be attended “as requested.”

Under the approved timeline, proposals were due by 5 p.m. July 15. Trustees said they expect to interview qualified applicants during their

July 21 meeting. If additional proposals are received, the board may schedule another meeting to complete the interview process. Applicants also will have the option of interviewing remotely through Zoom.

The request for proposals includes weighted evaluation criteria that trustees will use to review submissions before selecting legal counsel.

Also during the meeting, trustees unanimously approved Resolution 26-01, adopting the district’s fiscal year 2026 augmented budget.

An augmented budget is a routine revision required under Nevada law after the close of the fiscal year. It updates the original budget to re-

flect actual revenues and expenditures rather than the estimates used when the budget was first adopted.

Business Services Director Amanda Hammond said the budget was revised to include AB 398 hard-to-fill incentive funds received from the state. She also reported revenue in several funds exceeded earlier projections.

Hammond said the district continues to project a slight decline in student enrollment, a factor incorporated into the district’s budget planning.

Both action items were approved unanimously without public comment.



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Children enrolled in Northside Early Learning Center's Pre-K program until the end of the year will automatically be enrolled in Kindergarten at Churchill County School District.

Kindergarten Welcome Visits: Week of Aug 24

Parents/guardians will receive communication from their child's teacher to schedule a date and time for their Kindergarten Welcome Visit, which will take place during the week of August 24. Students will meet their teacher, see their classroom, participate in a few kindergarten readiness activities, and families will receive important information and paperwork.

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City Council Extends Saddlehorn Subdivision Map

By Riffin Stonebarger

The Fallon City Council unanimously approved a one-year extension of the tentative subdivision map for the proposed Saddlehorn Subdivision during a special meeting July 16, giving the developer additional time to submit a final subdivision map.

The extension moves the tentative map’s expiration date from July 19, 2026, to July 19, 2027. The tentative map was originally approved July 19, 2022.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe said Nevada law requires a subdivider to submit a final subdivision map within four years of tentative map approval unless the governing body grants an extension.

According to the staff report, the developer consented to the extension and continues preparing the final subdivision map. City staff recommended approval to allow additional time for the map to be completed and presented to the council.

The extension preserves the tentative subdivision map while the project continues through the approval process. It does not constitute final approval of the subdivision.

The extension was the only action item on the special meeting agenda.

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“This has helped us cope,” the Crystals said. “Jesse handles the TikTok posting, Eva manages the Instagram account, Shawn, Maverick and Victoria all produce content. Maverick has taken over all things technical. It’s a full family operation.”

To start raising money for the rodeo, Victoria and Shawn also launched “Ty Merch.” Putting together a product line of sweatshirts, T-shirts, ball caps, wild rags, ladies’ western tops, and other rodeo-western merchandise, the family has been going to rodeos and other events in the region, promoting their own event and directing the earnings to the rodeo.

The Crystals had hoped to host the event at Fallon’s Rafter 3C Events Complex, but scheduling proved difficult, as 3C is often booked a year in advance. So, they went with the next best venue — the outdoor arena, home of the Reno Rodeo.

Beginning at 8 a.m., spectators can enjoy a free early performance that includes barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping. The top 10 competitors in each daytime event will compete in the evening performance. As an open rodeo, competitors of any age or skill level can participate. Evening events include mutton busting, mini bulls for youth riders, breakaway roping, team roping, ranch bronc riding, barrel racing and bull riding.

The inaugural rodeo offers the public an opportunity to honor Tyler, support a Fallon family that has given extensively to the community, and help keep young roughstock riders as safe as possible in the arena.

Bring your kids! Children 15 and under enter free with family. Adult tickets are \$28 at the gate. Get your tickets locally at Fallon Les Schwab and Hoof Beats Gates & Corrals, or online at www.TysRodeo.com and www.RenoRodeo.com. The Crystals want to caution purchasers against buying from other sites to avoid scams. For more information on the rodeo, call 775-294-9229.

Gates for the evening performance open at 4 p.m.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, July 14 with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Felipe Antonio Rodriguez-Martinez pleaded not guilty to the following seven counts: Count I - Lewdness with a child under the age of fourteen, a Category A Felony which carries a potential penalty of life with the possibility of parole after ten years, and a fine of not more than \$10,000; Counts II through VII - Lewdness with a minor under the age of 16, Category B Felonies. Each Count carries a potential penalty of one to ten years in prison and a fine of not more than \$10,000.

If Rodriguez-Martinez is found guilty of any of the seven counts, he will have to register as a sex offender, and he will be under lifetime supervision by the Division.

Rodriguez-Martinez waived his right to a speedy trial, and a trial was set for December 7-11.

The defendant was put on Court Services for weekly check-in only; he was also ordered to have no contact with any of the victims.

Jarrod Anthony Rains was not present for his scheduled arraignment.

Brenda Ingram, Director of Court Services, said a violation report for failure to report for testing was filed on July 1. She said since then, Rains has failed to appear for testing three more times.

A \$25,000 cash only bench warrant was issued.

Danielle Lorraine Hunt pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to commit burglary of a business, a Gross Misdemeanor which has a potential penalty of 364 days in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,000.

According to Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel, Hunt did conspire with others to commit a burglary within Walmart.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford explained the State has no objection to continuing the case for six months to allow the defendant to pay reimbursement of \$863 in full.

Judge Stockard continued the case to January 12, 2027.

Susan Gladys Belle pleaded not guilty to the Category B Felony of Exploitation of the elderly over \$5,000, which carries a potential penalty of 2 to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000.

A trial was set for February 24-26, 2027. A Settlement Conference was set for December 18. Belle was ordered to make weekly contact with her attorney.

Janet Diane Stanonis Brown appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Abuse of an older person or a vulnerable person.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford began by explaining that the State's argument reflects a conversation with the main victim and what she wants. Sanford asked for a suspended sentence of 18 to 60 months in prison; that Brown be placed on probation, and in addition to the standard conditions of probation, that the defendant be placed in a drug treatment program and have no contact with the victim.

Sanford stated, "Looking at the totality of this case, regarding the family dynamics that brought them together for a granddaughter's birthday party. It reinforces my position that trusts are played upon in our society." She explained that due to the defendant's substance abuse issues, her children are being raised by her mother. There was a fight which escalated, and the defendant and her mother fell down the stairs; they got up, and she hit her mother. Sanford said it is up to the defendant now to choose to break the cycle or continue to live in it.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel began the Defense argument, "The State is correct in acknowledging the complicated family dynamics here." He said his client has taken responsibility for her actions, and more importantly, she has taken steps to deal with her issues. She is enrolled in Victory Homes International (Victory House), and has been there approximately six months and will be there for six to eight more months; he added that Brown is doing very well in the program.

The Defense asked for probation to allow Brown to continue with her program at Victory House.

Brown apologized for her actions, and added: "I know an apology is not enough." She told the Court she has been clean for eight and a half months, has dedicated her life to God, has been baptized, and is thankful God has come into her life

Fees and assessments were imposed. A suspended sentence of 24-60 months in prison was delivered by Judge Stockard. In addition to the standard conditions of probation, Brown was ordered to successfully complete the Victory Homes International Program she is currently attending, follow the recommendations of her substance abuse evaluation, and to have no contact with the victim.

Shane Michael Krogg's sentencing was continued to July 28 to allow the defendant time to complete his substance abuse evaluation.

Elijah Raimon Davis, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation involving intoxicants; Davis was arrested for DUI; that case is



pending in Justice Court.

Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker reminded the Court that Davis was sentenced in December on this Possession charge. She then said that by March 8 he committed this new offense; he was intoxicated (blood alcohol of .192) and caused an accident. Baker stated that this defendant is not a candidate for probation; "he can't even stay sober for four months." The State asked that the underlying sentence of 19 to 48 be imposed.

Defender Charles Woodman argued there is a silver lining here. Woodman explained, "He [Davis] admitted to the Division that "yeh, I was driving drunk and I hit a fence." The Defense explained this was the accident the State spoke of; "there was no other car

involved, no injuries." Woodman said that in May his client was stopped in Walmart, he then went to the Division and let them know he was stopped from stealing a pair of boots.

June 25, Davis called the Division of Parole and Probation and let them know he had heard there was a warrant for the DUI, and he turned himself in the next day. Woodman admitted the defendant did "a couple of dumb things; drinking and driving, especially when you're on probation, extremely poor judgment." He added, "When you look at the fact that he is an addict, I guess it's not surprising. It's still disappointing, but it's not a shock." Woodman stated, "The irony is that I think the report reflects a man who is absolutely supervisable. He sits down, and he's absolutely frank and earnest with the Division when he's done dumb ... while he has absolutely screwed up in ways we wish he hadn't outside of those screw-ups, he is absolutely supervisable."

The Defense, in asking for reinstatement, said the defendant does have to pay consequences for his behavior.

Davis told Judge Stockard, "I really apologize for what happened; my decision-making was not very good." He said he has since done a 45-day inpatient program, has been keeping a journal, attends counseling twice a week, and has been going to church up to four times a week. "I have been proactive in my issues ... I hope you will take that into consideration."

Stockard stated, "When I look at your criminal history, it is not the most extensive I've ever seen, but it's close. Twenty-seven misdemeanors, four felonies." He then read a list of the defendant's charges/convictions, including, but not limited to, burglary, possession, DUI, causing bodily injury, assault with a deadly weapon, battery, and grand larceny.

Judge Stockard revoked the defendant's probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 19 to 48 months in prison for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Davis was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.





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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, Photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.



Sarah Perry will join the Oasis Academy high school staff as a science, math, and agriculture teacher for the 2026-27 school year.

SARAH PERRY JOINS HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Students will be welcomed by a familiar face in their high school classrooms for the 2026-27 school year. Although this will be her first official year as a full-time teacher, Ms. Sarah Perry is already a well-known member of the Bighorn family after completing her student teaching at Oasis last fall.

“This is my first official year in education, and I’m thrilled to be stepping into the classroom as a full-time science, math, and agricultural teacher,” she said. “Last fall, I completed my student teaching at Oasis under Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz, which gave me a solid foundation in both hands-on and classroom leadership. Now, I’m excited to begin my professional journey and continue growing as an educator.”

Along with ninth-grade algebra and tenth-grade physics, Perry will also teach seventh-grade agriculture and serve as assistant advisor for Oasis’ growing FFA chapter.

“As a first-year teacher, I’m feeling some nerves—especially with subjects that are newer to me—but I’m equally excited. Supporting learners across such a wide range of content areas feels like an incredible opportunity, and I’m eager to help them grow in both STEM and agriculture while I continue to grow right alongside them,” Perry said.

Her path to education was inspired by a lifelong love of agriculture and a desire to help others succeed.

“I’ve always known I wanted a career connected to agriculture because of my deep passion for the industry,” she said. “As I grew older and stepped into leadership roles, I realized how much I enjoyed teaching, mentoring, and helping others grow. That combination of agricultural passion and the joy I found in guiding others led me to education.”

Returning to Oasis as a full-time teacher is especially meaningful after the positive experience she had during her student teaching placement.

“I’m most looking forward to continuing my growth as a Bighorn,” she said. “During my student teaching experience with Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz, I enjoyed my time at Oasis and felt connected to the school’s community. Coming back as a full-time educator is something I hoped for, but never fully expected to happen, so it feels incredibly meaningful. I’m excited to reconnect with the students, build new relationships, and expand my knowledge in STEM as I continue growing both personally and professionally. Go Bighorns.”

Outside the classroom, Perry enjoys spending time outdoors and embracing the agricultural



Pilarski, Hernandez, and the Nevada National History Day Students at the United States Capitol.

lifestyle she loves.

“I enjoy spending my free time at rodeos and livestock events as well as being surrounded by friends,” she said. “I feel most myself outdoors—whether I’m fishing, hunting or simply enjoying the quiet simplicity of nature. Recently I also have been getting back into reading, which has been a refreshing change of pace.”

PILARSKI AND HERNANDEZ REPRESENT RURAL NEVADA AT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY NATIONAL CONTEST

Two Oasis Academy students, Jacob Pilarski and Abel Hernandez, recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National History Day (NHD) National Contest, earning the opportunity to represent both rural Nevada and Oasis Academy on one of the largest stages for student historical research.

The National History Day National Contest is held each year on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. This year’s National History Day program featured more than 500,000 student projects from around the world. After advancing through regional and state competitions, approximately 2,900 students and 1,500 projects across nine competition categories and numerous special awards qualified to compete at the national event.

“We were incredibly proud to represent rural Nevada and Oasis Academy,” said National History Day advisor Kelly Nott. “Just qualifying for the national competition is an outstanding accomplishment, and our students represented our school with professionalism, enthusiasm, and a genuine love of history.”

During the week-long event, students stayed in the university residence halls, giving them a true college experience. For student Abel Hernandez, the trip included several unforgettable firsts. Traveling to Washington, D.C., marked his very first airplane flight. Both Pilarski and Hernandez also attended their first Major League Baseball game when the group watched the Washington Nationals play.

Beyond the competition, the experience provided countless educational opportunities. Hernandez, Pilarski, and their parents walked nearly 45 miles during their stay while learning to navigate the area’s rail system as they explored the nation’s capital.

The group visited many of the country’s most significant historical landmarks, including George Washington’s Mount Vernon, where they enjoyed a special guided tour and luncheon. They also toured the United States Capitol, viewing the historic chambers of the Senate, House of Representatives, and Supreme Court, met with and responded to questions from Nevada’s U.S.



Oasis Academy FFA members attending the Nevada FFA Summer Leadership Camp at Lake Tahoe are, from left, John Dunkin, Avery Laca, Bailey Peixoto, Neel Bhakta, Emily Dunkin, Faith Torres May, Bailey Beebe, Lora Siebecker, Reese Laca, Jen Beebe, Kinsley Viera, and Taylor Sowersby.

senators, visited the National Archives to see America’s founding documents, and explored the Library of Congress.

Their itinerary also included the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and several Smithsonian museums, including the National Museum of Natural History and both National Air and Space Museum locations. They enjoyed dinner at Union Station and spent time exploring the National Mall. They visited the Washington Monument and the World War II, Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Franklin D. Roosevelt memorials during both the day and evening.

Throughout the week, the students met fellow NHD competitors from across the world and participated in the popular tradition of exchanging commemorative state buttons.

National History Day encourages students to conduct extensive historical research using primary and secondary sources while developing critical thinking, writing, and presentation skills. Reaching the national contest represents months of dedication and places students among the top young historians in the nation.

FFA STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP

By Avery Laca

Oasis Academy FFA joined approximately 150 FFA members from chapters across Northern Nevada at the annual FFA summer leadership camp, held June 15-18 at Lake Tahoe. Twelve Oasis Academy students attended camp to build leadership skills, connect with other chapters, and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Throughout the four-day camp, members participated in activities such as Tahoe Extreme, interactive workshops, recreational activities, and a formal banquet. These events gave students the opportunity to challenge themselves while learning valuable teamwork and communication skills.

The camp also helped this year’s FFA officers gain a better understanding of their positions and responsibilities. Members also networked with students from different chapters, creating friendships and connections that will benefit them throughout their FFA careers.

“Summer Leadership Camp has been so much fun for the past two years that I have gone because I’ve gotten to meet new people. It has helped me get out of my comfort zone, and I would recommend future students to come to Summer Leadership Camp,” said Bailey Peixoto.

Oasis Academy members returned home with new leadership skills, stronger friendships, and a better understanding of their officer roles. This experience prepared the officers for the upcoming year while helping members grow as leaders.

Unite: Building a Stronger Community at Veritas Preparatory School

At Veritas Preparatory School, we believe that a successful education is built on a partnership between families, teachers, and students. One of the greatest expressions of that partnership is Unite, our parent organization dedicated to strengthening the Veritas community through service, fellowship, and support.

Unite is far more than a volunteer group. It is an essential part of school life. Throughout the year, parents work behind the scenes to encourage teachers and staff, organize special events, welcome new families, and create activities and recognition for students. Whether coordinating teacher appreciation activities, planning seasonal celebrations, or helping with campus events, Unite plays a vital role in making Veritas a place where students and families feel known, valued, and connected.

The name Unite reflects the organization’s mission: to bring families together in support of the school’s classical Christian vision while modeling servant leadership for the next generation. Through their joyful service and commitment, Unite members help cultivate the strong sense of



Teachers celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week during a Unite-sponsored appreciation event at Veritas Preparatory School.

community that has become a hallmark of Veritas Preparatory School.

Unite also serves as a driving force behind many of the school’s fundraising efforts. This past spring, the group played a leading role in organizing the school’s first Walkathon at the Churchill County High School track. From creative planning and event logistics to coordinating volunteers and supporting countless student activities throughout the year, Unite’s contributions have a lasting impact on the school.

Recently, Unite parents gathered to organize a float for the Fourth of July parade where Veritas took first place for People’s Choice.

Veritas Preparatory School is deeply grateful for the time, talent, and generosity of every Unite volunteer. Their faithful service exemplifies the spirit of Christian community and reminds us that we accomplish far more when we work together.

Parents interested in becoming involved are invited to attend the next Unite meeting on Monday, Aug. 31, at 6:30 p.m., or contact the school office for more information.

SPORTS

Visalia Blue Wins Cal Ripken 11U Pacific Southwest Regional



Visalia Blue players celebrate after winning the Cal Ripken 11U Pacific Southwest Regional championship in Fallon.

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Visalia Blue defeated Elk Grove to win the Cal Ripken 11U Pacific Southwest Regional championship Saturday in Fallon, earning a berth in the Cal Ripken 11U World Series in Crown Point, Indiana.

The regional tournament was held July 13-18 at Oats Park and featured 10 teams representing Nevada, Hawaii, Arizona, Utah, Northern California, Central California, and Southern California. Teams competed in pool play before advancing to a single-elimination championship bracket.

Fallon hosted the Pacific Southwest Regional for the fifth consecutive year, welcoming hundreds of players and their families to the community during the weeklong tournament. The event brings visitors to local hotels, restaurants, and businesses while showcasing Fallon’s baseball facilities and the volunteers who make the tournament possible. Admission to all games was free, drawing local fans throughout the week.

Visalia Blue will represent the Pacific Southwest Region at the Cal Ripken 11U World Series, scheduled for Aug. 6-15 in Crown Point, Indiana.

Dust Devil Sprint Triathlon Returns Aug. 8

By Sydney Trainor

Whether they’re tackling their first triathlon or returning as seasoned competitors, athletes are invited to compete when the Dust Devil Sprint Triathlon returns to Fallon on Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Churchill County Aquatic Center. Hosted by Churchill County Parks and Recreation, the event has been a staple in the Northern Nevada multisport community since 2008.

The sprint triathlon features a 525-yard swim, a 14.5-mile bike ride, and a 5K run. The swim will take place in the Aquatic Center’s 25-yard indoor pool, while the cycling course follows rural Churchill County roads and the run course remains on paved streets in Fallon. No wetsuit is required, and participants who preregister by July 31 will receive lunch and event swag.

The first wave begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by additional starts at 7:50 and 8:10 a.m. Athletes will compete in age divisions of 16-34, 35-49, 50-64, and 65 and older. Individual registration is \$80, while three-person teams may register for \$160.

This year’s race is sanctioned by USA Triathlon, meaning it meets the organization’s



national standards for safety and competition. As part of Fallon’s America250 celebration, participants and spectators are encouraged to wear patriotic attire inspired by 1776.

For more information or to register, visit churchillcountyrecreation.org.

SPORTS SHORTS

Staff report

Drake Back at National Finals

Fallon bull rider Beau Drake Jr. is back at the National High School Finals Rodeo this week in Lincoln, Nebraska, after earning Nevada reserve champion bull rider honors. Competition continues through Saturday as Drake represents Nevada against the nation’s top high school rodeo athletes. The appearance marks Drake’s second trip to the National High School Finals Rodeo after battling back from a broken femur in 2025 and a broken ankle earlier this year.



Fallon bull rider Beau Drake Jr. competes during a recent rodeo. Drake is representing Nevada this week at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Lincoln, Nebraska, after qualifying as the state’s reserve champion bull rider. Photo by John Baker.

Top Gun Racing Continues This Weekend

Race fans still have time to catch the action this weekend as NHRA-sanctioned racing continues Friday and Saturday at Top Gun Dragstrip south of Fallon. Drivers are competing in Summit ET Series points racing, Junior Drag Racing, motorcycle competition and other sportsman classes as they battle for season championship points. Spectators are encouraged to check Top Gun Dragstrip’s official Facebook page for the latest event schedule before attending.



Greenwave Athletic Registration Underway

Churchill County High School has opened athletic registration for students planning to participate in Greenwave sports during the 2026-27 school year. Student-athletes must complete registration and meet eligibility requirements before participating in fall practices. Registration information and required forms are available through Churchill County High School Athletics.



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C O L U M N S

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen

Tomatoes

By Kelli Kelly

Every July, tomatoes begin appearing the way only truly seasonal foods do, at farmers markets, roadside stands, church gatherings, office break rooms, and on front porches. They arrive in paper bags, cardboard flats, and baskets tucked into your hands by friends with gardens who have suddenly found themselves with more tomatoes than they know what to do with.

They’re just beginning to arrive. The first tomatoes, still warm from the Nevada sun, are finding their way into farmers market baskets, onto roadside stands, and into kitchens across the valley. In another week or two, we’ll all be wondering what to do with them.

Pick one up, and you’ll understand why the season inspires such devotion. There is a particular weight to a ripe tomato. It settles into your palm with quiet confidence, yielding just enough beneath your fingertips. The stem still carries that unmistakable green fragrance of the vine that sticks to your fingers. Before you slice it, it perfumes the kitchen. After you slice it, the cutting board glistens with seeds and juice that seem determined to escape in every direction.

We give tomatoes all the credit, but they are really ambassadors for everything that came before them: healthy soil, clean water, busy bees, long July days, cool desert nights, and a gardener patient enough to stake the vines, pull the weeds, and wait until the fruit was truly ready. Every bite is a reminder that extraordinary flavor begins long before we step into the kitchen.

For most of the year, cooking is an act of transformation. We braise, roast, caramelize, season, and layer flavors until ordinary ingredients become extraordinary. But a truly exceptional tomato asks something entirely different of us.

It asks for restraint.

The highest form of cooking isn’t transformation. It’s recognizing when there’s nothing left to improve.

A thick slice on toasted sourdough with mayonnaise, flaky salt, and black pepper. Fresh mozzarella with basil, olive oil, and ripe tomatoes. Hot pasta tossed with garlic, basil, Parmesan, and chopped tomatoes just long enough to warm them through. Even a BLT is, at its heart, an excuse to eat a great tomato.

If you find yourself with more tomatoes than you can eat, roast them low and slow with olive oil, salt, pepper, and a few sprigs of thyme until they become sweet and jammy. Freeze them in small portions, and you’ll have a taste of July waiting for you this winter.

Otherwise, don’t overthink it.

Slice one onto a plate. Sprinkle it with flaky salt. Add a drizzle of your best olive oil if you’re feeling extravagant. Then take a bite while it’s still warm from the day.

Maybe that’s the lesson tomatoes offer each summer. We spend so much of our lives believing that more ingredients, more effort, and more complexity must lead to a better result. Yet nature occasionally hands us something that asks only to be appreciated.

Sometimes the kindest thing a cook can do is step aside.

Summer has already done the hard part.



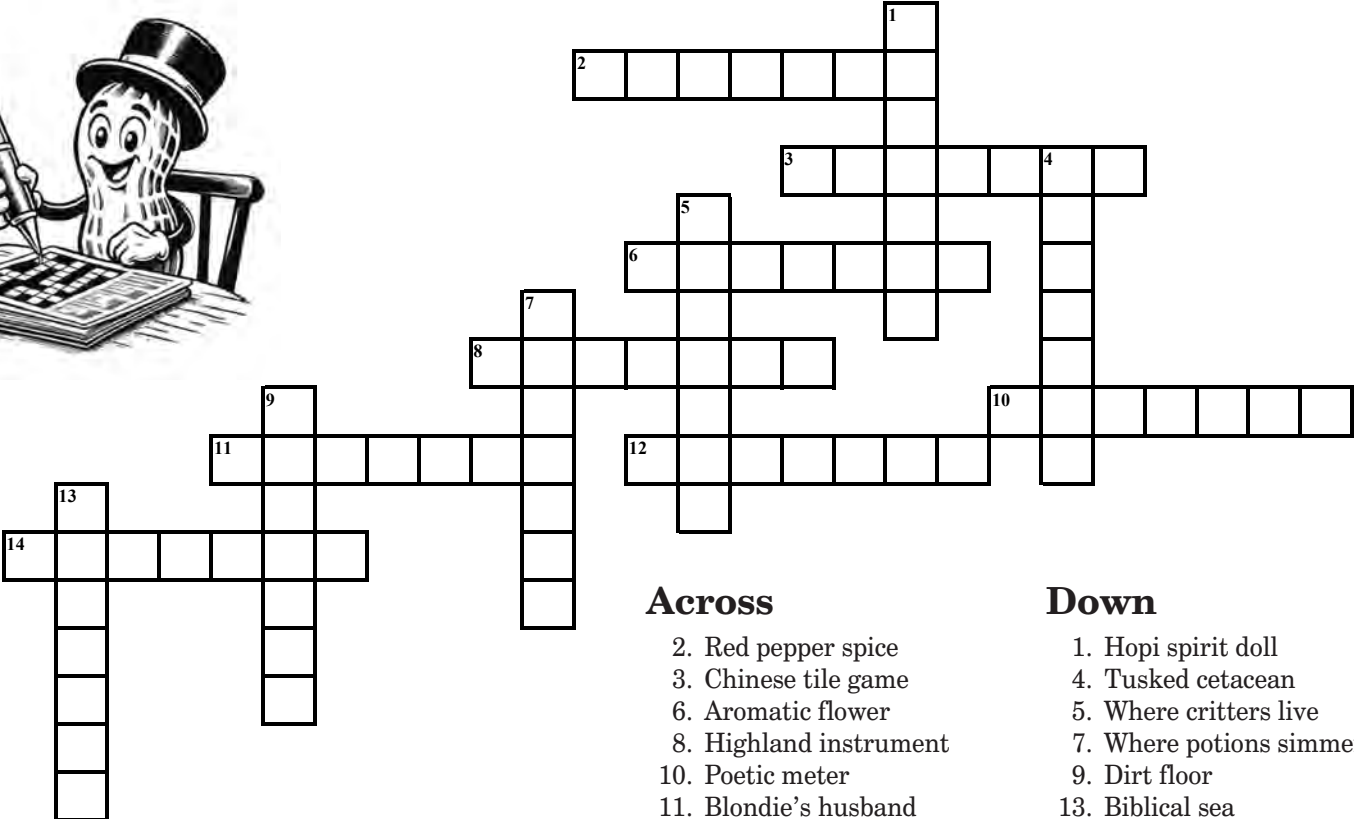
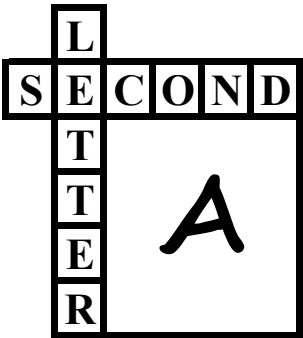
Kelli Kelly, Slinger of Produce. Slurper of Dumplings.
Person of the Bean.

**“I waited so long for love
and suddenly, here it is
standing in the garden,
hands full of heirlooms
hot from the sun.
Soon, we’ll make a supper of them.
Salted slabs between slices of bread.
Your beard silvers.
My hips ripen.
The mail piles up.
Phone calls go unanswered.
Forgive us.
Our mouths are full of tomatoes.
We are so busy
being small and hungry and alive.”
— Joy Sullivan,
Instructions for Traveling West (2024)**



Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 2. Red pepper spice
- 3. Chinese tile game
- 6. Aromatic flower
- 8. Highland instrument
- 10. Poetic meter
- 11. Blondie’s husband
- 12. Spotted beetle
- 14. Teaching staff

Down

- 1. Hopi spirit doll
- 4. Tusked cetacean
- 5. Where critters live
- 7. Where potions simmer
- 9. Dirt floor
- 13. Biblical sea

Crossword answers found on page 14

C O L U M N S

Postcards:
Shadows and Sunshine: Fallon 1951
- Part 3 -

By Michon Mackedon

The year 1951—seventy-five years ago—was filled with dark news from Korea and astonishing images of atomic bomb testing in Nevada. Yet, everyday life in Fallon followed a pattern that, like the war and the bomb, became associated with the era—women in the ‘50s were meant to be happy homemakers.

The definitive TV family shows of the times were “I Love Lucy,” “Leave It to Beaver,” and “The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet.” Only “I Love Lucy” had hit the airwaves by 1951, but local versions of the characters and the plots of all three shows were already firmly in place by then.

The dominant message was that the woman’s job was to keep an attractive house, cook picture-perfect meals, and, above all, raise beautiful, obedient, and successful children. She should wear nice clothes (but not too expensive) and keep herself entertained during the day with domestic duties, arts and crafts (which beautified the home), and the company of other women. The timely joke was that the degree a wise woman should seek was an M.R.S.

Early on in our history, most of the rural districts had formed neighborhood women’s clubs, which thrived during this time. The Jan. 20, 1951, “Fallon Eagle” printed the yearly plans for each neighborhood club, outlining what was in store for their members during the coming year. Old River Neighbors had booked programs in punch needlework, lamp making, and glass painting. The Island Circle Club members could look forward to demonstrations on zippers, bound buttonholes, knitting, and textile painting. The Stillwater Friendly Club had scheduled lessons in knitting, beadwork, ceramics, sewing, and leathercraft.

When they weren’t doing punch needlework or making lamps, the ladies whiled away the hours playing bridge, 500, pinochle, or canasta. It seems that a women’s card club had sprung up in every neighborhood, rural and urban. The January newspapers reported on meetings held by the Bridge Club “hosted by Mrs. Harold Fitz”; the Monday 500 Club; the Pastime 500 Club; the Funsters; the Monday Evening Bridge Club; the



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A1 Bridge Club “hosted by Mrs. Roy Coverston”; the Los Amigas Club “hosted by Mrs. S.E. Downs”; and the Hi-Lo Club, “hosted by Mrs. Bud Berney.” The 30-20 Anns, a ladies’ counterpart to the local 20-30 all-male club, “met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Louis Venturacci as hostess and with Mrs. Lawrence Moiola as assistant hostess. Canasta and bridge were played.” A long list of “Mesdames” were in attendance, i.e. “Mesdames Tom Kent, Stephen Maffi, Robert Getto, Charles Beach...” These women had no given names. They were not identified by anything other than their husbands’ names, and no single woman or divorcee was in sight.

The news, overall, painted a portrait of an ideal community for the times. We learn that the Future Homemakers of America held a slumber party in the Home Economics classroom at CCHS. “Twenty-five girls met for a Coke at the Sugar Bowl and then went to the Fallon Theatre to take in a late show after which they returned to the school to slumber.”

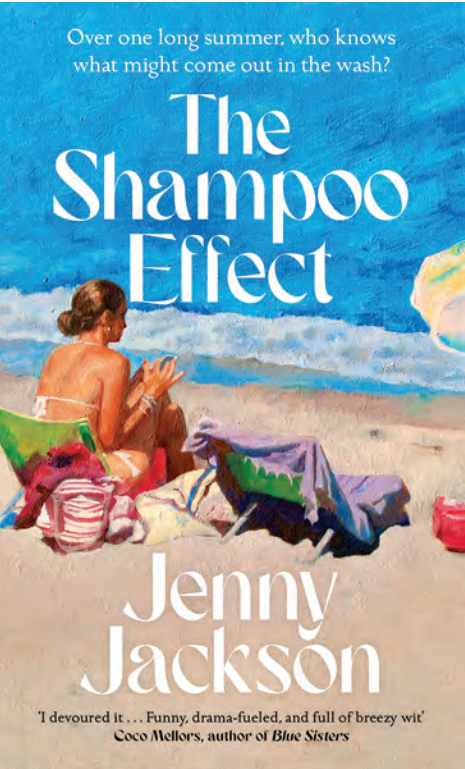
There was a pillow fight. It was all very wholesome since “Each girl who attended the party had to have a signed statement from the parents ensuring that the girl would have to stay with the group from beginning to end.”

The smallest details helped define the moment. The high school majorettes acquired lighted batons. A new bakery opened. The Community Theater put on “Petticoat Fever.” Miniature iron lungs, replicas of real iron lungs, were distributed to local stores by the Rainbow Girls for the collection of coins for the March of Dimes. Identical quadruplet Hereford calves were born on the Dana Coffee ranch. Even the statistics were given a cheerful spin. The “Fallon Eagle” bragged that there were “Few Divorces In January, More Marriages.”

Please send your stories and ideas for stories to mackedon@phonewave.net.

Michon Mackedon is a native of Fallon and a retired professor of English and Humanities (WNC). She loves her family, her home, her dog, reading, writing, making good food, and sipping a glass of fine white wine. Beyond that, she refuses to be categorized.

Allison’s Book Report:
“The Shampoo Effect” by Jenny Jackson



By Allison Diegel

The weather is definitely heating up and we’re at the halfway point of summer.

This week I have a fun and “potato chippy” book to get you through—whether you are outside soaking up the sun or hiding indoors soaking up the air conditioning, Jenny Jackson’s “The Shampoo Effect” is the perfect fit.

Following her hit debut “Pineapple Street,” Jackson trades the wealthy neighborhoods of Brooklyn for Greenhead, a picturesque seaside town in Massachusetts. The story centers on Caroline Lash, a twenty-eight-year-old aspiring writer and daughter of a famous thriller author, who arrives in town on a writing fellowship. Hoping for a fresh start, Caroline quickly falls for Van Whittaker, a floppy-haired, nature-loving local. The catch is that Van is deeply embedded in a fiercely tight-knit circle of childhood friends, including the beautiful Bailey, the snobbish Augusta, and the cynical Fran. The book’s clever title comes from a bit of the group’s old drinking lore: the idea that a second application of shampoo lathers up incredibly fast because the first one never truly rinsed away. This serves as a brilliant metaphor for the characters’ lives, where decades of shared history, old flings, and buried resentments mean that nothing is ever truly wiped clean.

The main catalyst for the drama occurs when Van drops a massive bombshell: his ex-girlfriend Bailey is

pregnant with his child after a brief rekindling right before Caroline entered the picture. This sudden revelation completely disrupts the delicate balance of the friend group, and Caroline quickly finds herself cast out of the inner circle. Swept up in a potent mix of heartbreak and fury, Caroline reacts in a way that exposes long-held secrets, working the entire town of Greenhead into an absolute lather. Written in a breezy, witty, and deeply observant tone, the novel shifts between multiple female perspectives to capture the dawn of midlife, the chaos of young parenthood, and the exhausting effort of maintaining a polished image. Jackson perfectly balances the juicy, late-night party energy with authentic vulnerabilities, exploring how terrifying yet necessary it is to break old, destructive patterns. Ultimately, it is a funny and insightful look at millennial adulting, showing that sometimes you have to wash away old expectations to finally grow up.

Whether you throw this week’s book into your beach bag to be consumed all at once or into your work bag to sneak a chapter in at lunchtime, I hope you love “The Shampoo Effect.” Don’t forget to check out my Instagram [@allison.the.reader](https://www.instagram.com/allison.the.reader) for more book recommendations and book-related fun.

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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Summer is in full swing, and the Fallon Theatre is ready to help you beat the heat with another weekend of entertainment. Relax in our historic, air-conditioned auditorium and enjoy two great movies this weekend, thanks to a generous community sponsor. Whether you’re bringing the family or planning a night out with friends, there’s something for everyone on the big screen.

At 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, enjoy the timeless animated favorite “Shrek” (2001). The lovable ogre’s unforgettable adventure is packed with laughs, heart, and memorable characters that continue to delight audiences of all ages. It remains one of the most popular family films ever made. Rated PG. Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

Then at 7 p.m. both nights, the acclaimed 2010 version of “True Grit” follows determined 14-year-old Mattie Ross as she joins U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn, portrayed by Jeff Bridges, in search of the outlaw who killed her father. This gripping western earned widespread critical praise for its performances and storytelling. Sponsored by Churchill County Social Services. Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes.

Looking ahead, the 12th Annual Community Wide Reunion returns on Aug. 14-15. Festivities begin with a 7 p.m. Friday concert by Kat & Dave, followed Saturday by guided tours of the historic Fallon Theatre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It’s a chance for alumni, teachers, and friends to reconnect, share memories, and celebrate the community that has brought generations together. Registration is underway for the annual Cantaloupe



Canter 5K on Aug. 29. The family-friendly fundraiser benefits the Fallon Theatre. Early registration is \$25 through Aug. 7, or \$30 on race day. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. at the indoor pool on Sheckler Road before the 8 a.m. start. Runners and walkers of all experience levels are welcome.

Cruise into fall with the 10th Annual Show-N-Shine on Sept. 26. Classic cars, food, music, and a new perpetual Best of Show trophy highlight the event. Registration is \$45 for the first vehicle and \$30 for each additional vehicle, while admission for the public is free thanks to sponsors Cheek Construction and The Nugget.

October brings another immersive 4D movie weekend featuring “A Bug’s Life” on Oct. 2-3.

Reservations are encouraged for the popular 4D screenings, which have sold out every year. Traditional screenings will also be available, and reservation fees help restore the Fallon Theatre’s historic facade. It’s a unique movie experience that has become a favorite with local families.

Family-friendly stand-up comedy returns Nov. 20 when Nashville comedian Lee Hardin takes the Fallon Theatre stage at 7 p.m. Fans may recognize him from DryBar Comedy and “The Mike Huckabee Show.” Expect an evening of clean, relatable humor suitable for audiences of all ages.

The Fallon Theatre remains proud to serve as a community gathering place for movies and live performances. For information about events, rentals, or the marquee, call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at the theatre soon.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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- BAGPIPE
- CALDRON
- DAGWOOD
- EARTHEN
- FACULTY
- GALILEE
- HABITAT
- IAMBIC
- JASMINE
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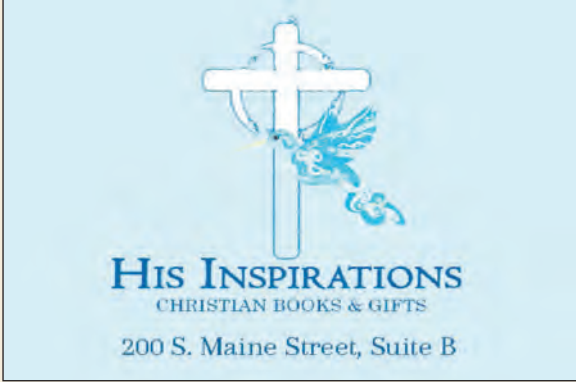
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