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Veteran Fallon Officer and Local Grad Selected as New Police Chief

By Christy Lattin

Daniel Babiarz, an 18-year veteran of the Fallon Police Department, was sworn in as chief of police at a special City Council meeting on July 16. The council chambers were filled with Babiarz's family, extended family, and coworkers from the department and City Hall.

Mayor Ken Tedford appointed Babiarz, and the council voted unanimously to confirm the appointment. Tedford gave a brief recap of Babiarz's background, noting he was born in Chicago and moved to Fallon as a child in 1997. Tedford said he has known Babiarz since Babiarz was a 14-year-old student, starting with the police department's Explorer Program.

"He knew he wanted to dedicate himself to service," Tedford said. Babiarz started working for the Fallon Police Department in 2007 as a police support assistant, the same year he graduated from Churchill County High School. Two years later, he graduated from the Nevada Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) academy and was hired as a patrol officer in Fallon. He progressed through the ranks at the department and later served in the detective division, where he was promoted to sergeant in 2016 and then to captain in 2023. He also earned his Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, and Management POST certificates, holds an Advanced EMT certification, and has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration Management.

Tedford said he's grown to know Babiarz as an unassuming leader who isn't out for personal recognition.



Daniel Babiarz was sworn in as the Fallon Police Chief by Mayor Ken Tedford at the July 16 special City Council meeting. Photo courtesy City of Fallon.

"Daniel is a humble person who deflects accomplishments to those around him, rather than focusing on himself. He is thoughtful in his decision making, both in his personal life and his professional life. He is a critical thinker, which I really appreciate. He is of the finest character and morals. All the above will make him a great police chief, for the citizens of Fallon," Tedford said.

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Nevada Launches Mandatory Retirement Savings Plan for Eligible Employers



Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine speaking to small businesses in Fallon at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in the Fallon Convention Center. Photo By Christy Lattin.

By Riggin Stonebarger

Nevada Treasurer Zach Conine visited Fallon on July 16 to introduce local business owners to the Nevada Employee Savings Trust (NEST), a new statewide retirement savings program designed to help workers build financial security.

Speaking at the Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Conine explained how NEST, created by the Nevada State Treasury and signed into law through Senate Bill 305 in 2023, offers employees access to their own Roth IRAs through automatic payroll deductions. Unlike a 401(k), contributions are made after taxes, but withdrawals in retirement are tax-free.

The program is mandatory for employers with at least six employees who have been in business three years or more, are not already

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Captain's Log

We're having a party!

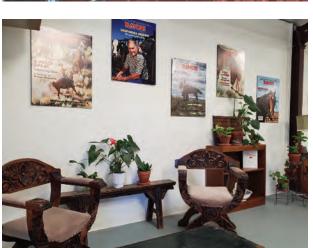
By Rachel Dahl

We have a permanent home and we're inviting you over. Please come to our new digs on August 8 anytime between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and see what we're doing, how we're growing, and all that your support has allowed us to do. We are so excited and hope you'll be there.

The new Fallon Media Co. home is at 169 East Center, in the beautiful part of downtown Fallon.







We hope that if you are a fan/subscriber/ supporter of *The Fallon Post*, *The Fernley* Reporter, The Pershing Post, Silver State Chronicle, and/or RANGE magazine, that you will swing by and check out our place, have some grub and hydrate, meet all the members of the Fallon Media family, and visit with us about all things rural publishing.

What a hoot this has been so far, and it's just going to get better and better. Thanks for being a part of making this happen. See you on the 8th – and while we get the place spiffied up for you, we'll be right here...

... Keeping you Posted.

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New Police Chief Daniel Babiarz is joined by the city council at his swearing in ceremony July 16. Pictured above, from left, are Mayor Ken Tedford, Councilwoman Karla Kent, Babiarz, Taviana Bariarz, children James and Kinsley, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, and Councilman Paul Harmon. Photo courtesy City of Fallon.

"I'm impressed with your record of service," Councilwoman Kelly Frost said as council members affirmed their support of Tedford's selection of Babiarz as chief. A member of his extended family spoke up, saying that Babiarz's parents, who had both passed away, would be very proud of him.

Former Police Chief Ron Wenger, who served in the role for three years, is retiring after a lengthy career in policing. He began his law enforcement career during his service in the U.S. Coast Guard at the Soda Lake Loran Station. During that time, he was accepted into the Fallon Police Reserve Program, and after completing his Coast Guard enlistment, was hired as a full-time Fallon patrol officer. Wenger left that position due to

a family illness but returned to Fallon six years later and rejoined the police department. He served as a corporal in the detective division, as a patrol sergeant, and was named captain in March 2023.

"I have had a great working relationship with Ron, not just for those three years, but for his entire 36 years of his outstanding police career," Tedford said. "He has been very professional and very loyal to his men and the City of Fallon. I will miss him, and I wish him and Katrena well. I am glad they will be members of our community in retirement."

Tedford said that since the City of Fallon's founding in 1908, all police chiefs have been promoted from within the department, with the exception of three chiefs.

CORGI LITTER WITH REGISTRATION PAPERS

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CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL

Cantaloupe Festival Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

By Nancy Chapman

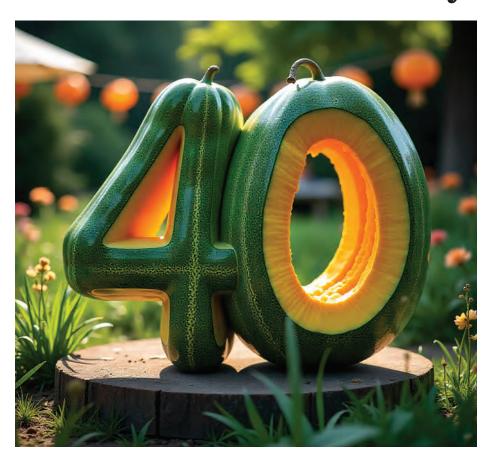
The Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & County Fair returns Aug. 22-24 at the Rafter 3C Complex. This year's theme is "A Traditional Agriculture Experience," and visitors can expect all the usual fair exhibits like pies, jams, bread, beautiful handmade quilts, photography and, of course, all things cantaloupe!

Interactive agriculture activities will include a tour through time by the Churchill County Museum, a robotic milk cow from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, various activities from The High Desert Jr. Grange, and a display of the Newlands Water Project from the Truckee Carson Irrigation District.

The Friday night concert features Jared Hovis at 9:30 p.m. Saturday's concert brings the Floyd tribute band at 9:30 p.m. This year, the concert is included in the general admission ticket price.

Saturday starts with the Cantaloupe Canter, a 5K Fun Run/Walk fundraiser for the Fallon Theatre. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m.

The Rustoration Garage will host a Car & Bike Show in the parking lot for local car enthusiasts. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. and the show begins at 9 a.m. Awards will be handed down at 1 p.m.





The ever-popular Truck and Tractor Pulls return to the Cantaloupe Festival Aug. 23. Photo courtesy MLM Motorsports.

Photo courtesy MLM Motorsports.

The 8th Annual Cornhole Classic also returns Saturday with competitive and backyard divisions. Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. and bags fly at 11 a.m.

Truck and Tractor Pulls hit the Outdoor Arena Saturday at

6 p.m. MLM Motorsports will host the event, which includes local and visiting competitors.

During the festival weekend, the 4-H and FFA animal barn will feature project animals as well as donkeys. Members will be available to answer any questions you may have about the project animals or about becoming a 4-H or FFA member.

Shopping will be fun and exciting as well, with many vendors on site. A general admission ticket provides access to all events throughout the weekend.

Pre-paid ticket prices are \$12 for adults (\$15 at the box office) and \$6 for children

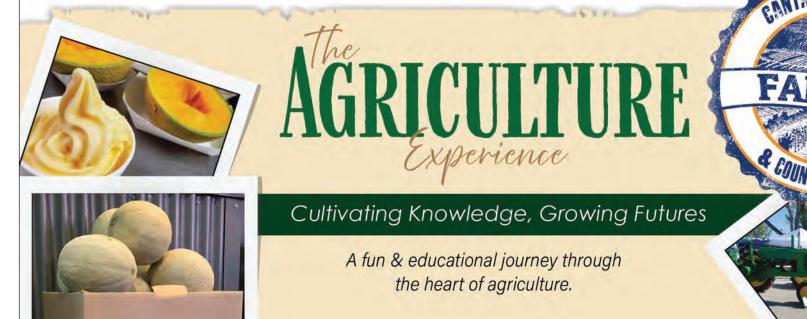
(\$8 at the box office). Pre-paid weekend passes are \$20 for adults (\$25 at the box office) and \$9 for children (\$12 at the box office). For more information or to purchase tickets for the entire

weekend, go to www.falloncantaloupefestival.com.



Cornhole - Cutest Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest - Kids Zone - Music Truck & Tractor Pulls • Turkey Races • Exhibits • Vendors • And more!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music, Movies, and More at the Fallon Theatre

By Kelli Perez

We've got another great weekend lined up at the Fallon Theatre featuring family favorites, historical drama, and a full slate of upcoming events that you won't want to miss.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., we're showing "Hotel Transylvania 2" (2015), a fun-filled sequel where Dracula and his monster friends try to bring out the vampire in his half-human grandson. It's rated PG and runs 1 hour and 29 minutes.

Prefer something more intense? Join us both days at 7 p.m. for "The Patriot" (2000), a gripping

Revolutionary War drama starring Mel Gibson and Heath Ledger. This powerful film is rated R and runs 2 hours and 45 minutes.

We're also excited to be part of Fallon's Community Reunion this August! Join us on Friday, Aug. 15 for a free live concert featuring the crowd-favorite Great Basin Band. They're back on our stage with their signature mix of pop, country, and rock hits from the '80s to the aughts. Then come back on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a special open house. Whether you're reliving memories or discovering the theatre for the first time, we'd love to give you a tour.

Lace up your sneakers for the Fallon Theatre's Cantaloupe Canter 5K Fun Run/Walk, happening Saturday, Aug. 23 as part of the Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair! The race starts at 8 a.m. at 333 Sheckler Road in front of the indoor pool, with check-in from 7:00-7:50 a.m. Early registration is just \$25 (\$30 day-of), and those who sign up by Aug. 13 are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Whether you're in it to win it or just want a morning stroll with a side of melon fun, join us for this family-friendly fundraiser benefiting the Fallon Theatre. Register today using the link on our website or pick up a form at Kent's Supply Center!

On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m., join us for "David Hayes - Master Showman," an entertaining evening packed with lively singing, dancing, skilled instrument playing, and clever comedy skits. This



clean, family-friendly performance showcases David's versatile talent and is sure to keep everyone smiling. Tickets are just \$15 for a night full of music, laughs, and fun for all ages.

Our annual fundraising Show 'N' Shine rolls into downtown on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free, familyfriendly event is a community favorite, featuring classic cars, live music, delicious food, and more. Want to show off your ride? Registration is now open at fallontheatre.com.

Set sail with us Oct. 3 and 4 for a "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the

Black Pearl" 4D weekend, sponsored by Huck Salt. Our 6 p.m. screenings feature immersive effects like mist, scent, vibrations, and flashing lights, plus live character interactions, themed treats, and more. If you prefer a traditional viewing, the 7 p.m. showings will play without any added effects. This swashbuckling adventure is one weekend only, so reserve your seats today. A small reservation fee applies and you can find the link on our website.

And save the date, as laughter returns to the Fallon Theatre on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. with comedian Lee Hardin. Hailing from Nashville and seen on NBC, DryBar Comedy, and Nateland Live, Lee brings his smart, clean humor and wildly relatable stories back to our stage. Last year's show sold out, so don't wait. Tickets are just \$20 for a night of guaranteed laughs.

On Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., catch the River Rogue band live at the Fallon Theatre. This dynamic cover band with members from Schurz, Fallon, and Carson City brings a high-energy mix of country, rock, and blues favorites. Admission is free, but the band will be playing for tips, so come ready to enjoy great music and show your

As always, movie screenings at the Fallon Theatre are free to attend, and the concession stand is stocked with goodies! To rent an auditorium or schedule a Marquee Message, contact us at 775-423-6210 or the fall on the atre@gmail.com.

County Road Chip Seal Project Underway

Staff Report

The Churchill County Road Department began chip sealing projects on several county roads starting July 21

Projects include Allen Road from W. Corkill to Lone Tree, Casey Road from Sheckler to the cattle guard at the 26-foot drop, and Lewis Lane and Country River Drive.

Drivers are asked to plan ahead, slow down and use caution when encountering crews working, or to plan an alternate route.





















Meet Ducky! (D-570)

Ducky is a lively 6-month-old Border Collie mix with a big personality and a love for adventure! This playful pup is great with other



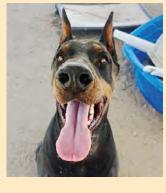
dogs and would make a fantastic companion for an active family. True to his name, Ducky absolutely LOVES the water—whether it's splashing, swimming, or just cooling off on a hot day. He's full of energy, eager to learn, and ready

to bring joy to your home. While he gets along well with dogs, chickens aren't his favorite, so a poultry-free home is best.

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

PETS OF THE WEEK

Is Rex Your Ride-or-Die?



Rex is a handsome, neutered male Doberman (born March 14, 2021) with brains, brawn, and a big heart! This superfriendly guy has completed training with Connected K9 and Wags K9 Train-

ing, so he knows his stuff and is eager to please. Rex loves people and gets along great with other dogs, making him a perfect fit for an active home where he can stay mentally and physically engaged. He came to CAPS when his previous family couldn't provide the time and structure he needed, but now he's ready for his second chance. Could Rex be your loyal companion?

Visit capsnevada.org/dog/rex-and-blu to learn more.

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Helping Animals

FAWG has plenty of adorable cats waiting for their forever homes! Right now, we have five playful kittens and seven sweet adult cats ready to adopt, with nine more kittens arriving soon. Whether you're looking for a snuggly lap cat or

a curious little adventurer, FAWG has the perfect match for you. Our cats are healthy, cared for, and ready to bring love and laughter into your home. Adoption helps give these cats a second chanceand opens space for more rescues in need.



Stop by FAWG or call us today to meet your new best friend!

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada. Questions? Call 775-217-4745 or, for barn cats, call Pat at 775-217-7248.

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OBITUARIES

DENNIS KAY RECHEL August 2, 1946 – July 15, 2025



Dennis Kay Rechel passed away at home on July 15, 2025. He was born August 2, 1946, in Fallon to Walter "Pal" Edward Rechel and Helen LaRae Morgan Rechel Miller. Dennis was the middle child between Darrel and Darlene.

He lived in Fallon and graduated from Churchill County High School in 1965. He moved to Yerington in 1998.

Dennis married Violet Casey-Miller, and they had five children together. Throughout his life, Dennis embarked on many career adventures. He worked as a meat cutter, buckaroo, carpenter, trapper, and hunting guide. Dennis was an avid athlete, playing many years of softball and basketball. He loved the outdoors and was an excellent hunter and guide. He coached Little League baseball and was a fan of anything his children did.

He was preceded in death by his parents and great-granddaughter Marlie Grace. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; brother Darrel (Carrie) Rechel; sister Darlene (John) Short; sons Dennis (Kim) Rechel, Jeff (Jodi) Rechel, Tim Rechel; daughters Kimi (Jesse) Melendy, Michelle Rechel; 14 grandchildren, 13 greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In 1998, Dennis guided a long-time archery friend, Lucy Snyder, on an archery cow elk

hunt. It was the beginning of a long and happy relationship. They were married on Dec. 29, 2000, and honeymooned in Arizona hunting javelina and Coues deer. Their life revolved around family, Rotary, archery, and hunting. Hunting was one of the strongest loves shared by Dennis and Lucy. He taught her much, and they enjoyed elk, sheep, deer, javelina and antelope hunts together as well as making three safaris to Africa.

Dennis was a leader, especially when it involved his passions — archery, hunting and trapping. He served in leadership roles for Fallon Bowmen, Walker River Bowmen, Nevada Bowhunters Association, Nevada Trappers Association and the Guides Association. His voice of reason and compromise was respected by his fellow sportsmen and hunters. He was always ready to put his back into these organizations. Whether it was setting up an archery shoot, guiding the Nevada Hero's donation hunt, hosting the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited dinner, or Nevada Fur Sale, he was always one of the first to arrive and the last to leave, bringing tools, know-how and enthusiasm. He mentored his own sons and other young aspiring guides.

Dennis continued to work during the nonhunting season with his son, Jeffrey, in Rechel and Sons Construction for many years. He tired of the hour-long commute to and from job sites and joined Lucy as head of Snyder Livestock's construction and maintenance department, installing water troughs, doing concrete and construction work, welding fences, and, as his ability to do physical work waned, he became the parts runner and made dozens of trips to Reno.

Dennis worked until Parkinson's disease and chronic back and knee pain forced him to retire. In retirement, Dennis continued to grow a beautiful garden, sharing the bounty with family and friends.

In the last two years, as Parkinson's robbed Dennis of the activities he loved and forced him to a recliner, then a bed, Dennis maintained a keen interest in the things he loved. He was incredibly knowledgeable about Nevada hunting and always willing to share his expertise with other hunters. He hunted as long as he was able, taking a bull elk and a beautiful mule deer with a crossbow in 2023 and an antelope buck with a rifle last fall.

We remember Dennis for his quick wit and dry sense of humor, his impatience with sloppy work or lazy shortcuts, and his pride in his children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. He loved his dogs and spoiled them as most people spoil grandchildren.

Lucy will greatly miss Dennis. He was her husband, best friend, guide, archery addict and hunting partner.

Please help us celebrate the life of this great hunter on July 25 at 10 a.m. at the Catholic Center in Yerington, 311 Virginia Street. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Fallon NBU, P.O. Box 217, Yerington, NV 89447. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to bring food, please bring a

Be aware that it is Night in the Country weekend. If you are traveling, traffic may be bad, especially on Alternate 95A. There are no available motel rooms in Yerington.

TERRY LEE YOHEY July 1, 1952 – July 12, 2025



Terry Lee Yohey of Fallon, Nevada, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on July 12, 2025, at Renown Hospital after a short battle with cancer.

She was born in Reno, Nevada, on 1 July 1952 to Joseph and Margaret Norcross. A graduate from Reno High School, Terry spent her life living and serving the people of Fallon. Terry's first and only job was at Raley's,

where she spent 31 years, retiring in 2009.

Terry was an adventurer who loved to travel. Terry's highlight was the three-and-a-half-month trip around the world. During that time, she visited Europe, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico visiting ancient historical sites. Terry loved Ireland and had visited four times. Terry had a passion for deep sea fishing, reeling in marlin and tuna in Europe, Mexico and New Zealand. Don't ever interrupt her during NASCAR racing or soap operas, or she would give you the eye roll and "shh." Her favorite time was in the kitchen cooking for loved ones on any occasion.

Terry was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter Courtney. She is survived by her husband of 55 years Mike, and her two daughters, Yvonne (Troy) Shores and Jenny (Robert) Morton; and her nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Service will be held at Oasis Community Church, 1520 South Main Street, Fallon, NV, on 23 Aug. 2025 at 1 p.m. by Pastor Caleb Szymanski. There will be a meal served immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, please donate to Oasis Community Church in the name of Terry Yohey.



Photo by Christy Lattin.

Miss Margie Gifts Funds to the Churchill Arts Council

The Churchill Arts Council received a generous donation of \$12,000 from Miss Margie on July 18. Pictured above, from left, are Churchill Arts Council Board Members Ron Fritcher, Zip Upham, Theresa Guillen, Miss Margie, Tedd McDonald, and CAC Director Robyn Jordan. Miss Margie, who attended Oats Park school in her youth, has made donations to the sheriff's department, the VFW, and American Legion in recent years.

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Monday, July 28

BBQ Chicken Breast Sandwich WW Bun **Onion Rings Baked Beans** Broccoli Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks

Tuesday, July 29

Italian Beef & Rice Tossed Salad **Buttered Carrots** Spiced Applesauce Dinner Roll

Wednesday, July 30

Meatloaf **Mashed Potatoes** Spinach WW Bread **Chantilly Fruit Cup** Thursday, July 31

Hawaiian Chicken Meatballs Chunky Pineapple Fluffy White Rice Asian Blend Veggies WW Bread Fresh Apple

Friday, August 1 Fried Rice with **Almonds** Mini Chicken Egg Roll Cran Apple Dessert Orange Spinach Salad

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Monday, July 28 **Buffet Night**

Thursday, July 31 Hot Dog Bar

Monday, Augst 4 Chef's Salad Bar **Fruit**

Thursday, August 7 Spaghetti Salad & Bread

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

COMMUNITY

At 90, Local Watercolor Artist Proves Age is Just a Number

By Christy Lattin

Reid Sewell has enjoyed many hobbies during his 90 years of life, but his latest endeavor is bringing him new accolades, and his own showing at the Oats Park Arts Center. The show, "Reid Sewell: A Journey in Art," will be featured in the Kirk Robertson Gallery until Aug. 18.

Sewell, who started painting less than ten years ago, sat down for an artist's talk at the Oats Park Arts Center earlier this month and walked listeners through his artistic journey, sharing the stories behind several of his paintings. His interest in creating art began in high school when the art teacher asked her students to bring in a piece they had created, and Sewell delivered a pencil drawing of a shirtless muscle man.

"She got very excited," he said. "She could see potential." Unfortunately, Sewell was too distracted with "sports, parties and girls" to focus on art as a student and moved into the business world following college graduation.

Following a successful business career, he sought hobbies to keep his mind and hands busy in retirement. He tinkered on old cars – proudly listing a 1941 Graham Hollywood, a 1969 El Camino, and a 1971 Plymouth Road Runner among cars he's restored. He also spent his time hitting the links, which factored into his and his wife, Diane's, decision to purchase a home on the golf course in Fernley. But the art bug still fluttered inside him.



Watercolor artist Reid Sewell holds a card featuring his painting "The Observers," which he calls his best work to date. Photo by Christy Lattin.

When Sewell took a watercolor painting class in 2000, at age 65, his style was critiqued, and, grumpily, he set his brushes aside for several more years. Then at age 81, he was captivated by a sunset photo taken in Lovelock and told his wife, "I can paint that. Do you still have my paints?"

Diane said he told her a few years ago that he was giving up golf. Then he came in one night and told her he "got out from under a car for the last time," an unfortunate milestone for a car guy. So, he picked up his brushes again and began to paint in earnest from then on.



Ninety-year-old artist Reid Sewell laughs while describing his painting of a Lake Tahoe scene. Photo by Christy Lattin.

Sewell's paintings are surprisingly detailed and intricate for watercolor paintings ... and a 90-year-old artist. Diane said people assume he uses pen and ink to provide details, but she assured the small crowd at the artist's talk that he only uses watercolors and paint-brushes, sometimes using a three-hair brush to achieve those minuscule details.

Pointing to the painting of two wolves, "The Observers," he called it the best work he's done. Sewell said he attempted to emulate an artist he admires with his painting, but noted that he only achieved about two-thirds of the quality.

Sewell not only captures the complex details of his subjects – he's fascinated with trains – but he also learns their history. When the Union Pacific's legendary Big Boy steam locomotive stopped in Hazen last summer, Sewell snapped a dozen pictures to paint it later. He explained that the locomotive was immediately followed by a 70,000-gallon water tender, as railroads no longer had water towers every 60 miles to service steam locomotives.

Another one of his train paintings, "Cab Forward-Sparks," features a Sierra Pacific freight engine that crossed the Sierras and won Best of Show in the Sierra Watercolor Society's 2020 Juried Art Show. The painting "Industrial Revolution" features an elaborate steel trestle sitting high above a canyon; the eye is so drawn to the detailed trestle, punched with background color, that you almost miss a train speeding along a platform tucked beneath the trestle. This piece earned him a first-place prize in the WASH Sacramento Art Watercolor Show.

His most popular piece is the "Legacy Tool Chest," an itemized glimpse into a master

woodworker's collection of more than 300 small tools, masterfully arranged in a custom-built cabinet featuring mother-of-pearl inlays. Again, the exacting details found in the reproduction of chisels, planers, and augers are astounding considering it's a watercolor painting without any pen or ink. Sewell laughed that although the "Legacy Tool Chest" is his most popular painting, it never won an award.

Sewell and his wife are regulars at the weekly gathering of the High Desert Artists group that meets in the basement of the arts center. The small group of artists from Fallon and Fernley was established in 2017 by Diane and Lori Bishop, allowing the artists to share, create, and critique in a welcoming environment.

"He is a fountain of wisdom," said Bishop, an accomplished Fallon artist. "He is fun and has a lot to say and has taught me some watercolor techniques I wasn't familiar with."

She noted his artistic skill is remarkable given his age and lack of formal training. "He's taken a few workshops here and there, but he knows what he wants to do. He's very discerning in what he spends his time doing."

"Everything came to me relatively easy," he said without any guilt. While Sewell admits it's nice to be known as an artist, he just hopes people enjoy his art and that he serves as an example to try new things.

"Everybody has the ability to paint," he said. "Once you try, don't be disappointed in your first try because it will improve."

Sewell's art can be viewed at the Oats Park Arts Center until Aug. 18. The Oats Park Arts Center is open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Fallon.

PACC Announces Auditions for "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr."



Staff Report

The Performing Arts of Churchill County (PACC) will hold auditions for its youth musical production of "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.," based on the classic Emmy-winning cartoon series featuring songs like "Conjunction Junction" and "Just A Bill."

AUDITION SCHEDULE:

- **Pre-Auditions:** Aug. 19, 20 & 21, 5–6:15 p.m.
- Final Audition: Aug. 23, 9 a.m.–Noon
- Location: Numa Elementary Multipurpose Room
- Who: Students entering grades 4–8

Students need to attend one Pre-Audition date and the Final Audition. Applications will be available at www.paccnv.org starting Aug. 1 and must be submitted by 9 a.m. Aug. 19.

No experience is necessary—all levels of talent are encouraged to audition. For more details, visit pacenv.org or follow PACC on Facebook.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Commission Denies Waste Container Business, Greenlights Other Special Permits

By Christy Lattin

The Churchill County Planning Commission denied a special use permit for a proposed home-based business but approved several others during its July 9 meeting. Only four of seven planning commissioners attended the meeting.

The special use permit was requested by Taggart Garland for a waste container rental and pickup business at his home on St. Clair Road. Garland proposed storing two containers on his property behind trees, with periodic overnight stays, before hauling contents to the transfer station. Three nearby residents stated their opposition to the business. The staff report stated that the current A-5 zoning allows home-based businesses and recommended approval.

Commissioner Scott Nelson recused himself from the vote, leaving only three commissioners to vote. Victor Ansotegui and Joe Frey both voted for approval, while Mark Hyde was opposed. Because Garland did not receive a majority vote, his application was denied.

The Planning Commission also acted on the following items:
• Reviewed a special use permit (SUP) granted to Northern Nevada Research Co. one year ago for expansion of an explosion combustion testing facility in Hazen. Randy Hines, director of Public Works, Planning & Building, said all items in the SUP have been completed except for construction of the testing building, which

should be completed by the end of the year. Commissioners voted to no longer require an annual review of the SUP as long as final conditions are met within one year.

- Reviewed an SUP granted to NV Energy for the Sierra Solar facility off Interstate 80. Hines said this is year one of a three-year project, and some permits have been obtained for road construction. This permit will be reviewed in another year.
- Carolyne Bolt was granted an SUP to operate a nail salon from a building at her home on Clover Drive.
- Veritas Preparatory School, represented by Amanda Hammond and David Ernst, was granted an SUP to set up three modular buildings at Grace Bible Church on Sheckler Road. The buildings will be in the same location as modulars previously placed there when Logos School operated from this site.
- Crystal and Nicholas Taliaferro were granted an SUP to add a 2'x5' sign to their 911 Water business on McLean Road.
- Nathan Koyoma was granted an SUP to operate a wild game processing business at his Howard Place home. Commissioners discussed limiting customer hours but did not restrict Koyoma's operational hours.
- Hines briefed commissioners on the proposed industrial zoning changes.
- LA Perks Petroleum Specialists was granted an SUP to reduce the road setback to install a canopy above the fuel island at Skip's Market on Reno Highway. The canopy reduces the setback to about four feet.

School Board Shares Potential Strategies Gained at National Conference

By Riggin Stonebarger

At a special meeting on June 23, Churchill County School Board trustees reviewed ideas and strategies they had brought back from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, in April.

The event supports school leadership nationwide. All seven CCSD trustees and Superintendent Derild Parsons attended at a total cost of about \$11,000. The event offered workshops that focused on student achievement, teacher support, and programs other districts are using to boost student success, and strengthen community engagement.

Trustee Julie Guerrero-Goetsch shared a lighthearted example that stuck with her: "All it takes is a bag of potato chips," she said, noting that small gestures can encourage students and help them feel seen. "Sometimes, just knowing someone sees you and believes in your effort is all a kid needs to keep pushing."

After attending sessions focused on building parent engagement, Guerrero-Goetsch suggested ideas such as hosting coffee conversations with the superintendent, utilizing an app for school updates, and even creating an "Adulting 101" class to teach high school juniors life skills, including budgeting and resume writing. Furthermore, she discussed the importance of honest conversations and building connections.

Trustee Wendy Bullock spoke about re-engaging students who have been away from school for a period of time. She noted some students take up to two weeks to get back on track after breaks. Workshops she attended covered the importance of positive reinforcement, such as rewarding students who attend class at least 90% of the time. Bullock also participated in sessions on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in the classroom, focusing on lesson planning, tutoring, and scheduling.

Trustee Joe McFadden raised concerns about the impact of social media on youth mental health. He said one suggestion from the conference was a voluntary "60-day cleanse" to help students take a break from online platforms and see how it affects their well-being. The idea sparked questions about how such programs could work locally.

Board President Gregg Malkovich and Trustee Kathryn Whitaker brought up consistency in district policies and the need to instill good habits early. "Education strategies need to start in kindergarten, not when the kids are going into high school," Whitaker said.

In addition to discussing the conference, Board President Gregg Malkovich reported that the Governance Team will begin reviewing Board of Trustees Policy 8000.0. The review may include discussions on board authority, member integrity, self-evaluation, and compensation, as well as the district's vision and priorities. It will also cover student achievement, curriculum, fiscal issues, facilities, technology, professional development, operations, governance, personnel, the district's strategic plan, and other areas.

COURT

Probation Revoked, Prison Ordered in Case Involving Battery on Officer

By Teresa Moon

Amber Lynn Krenzxavier, in custody, appeared for sentencing before Judge Thomas Stockard on July 13 in the Tenth Judicial District Court on three matters: Battery by a Probationer, Parolee, or Prisoner in Lawful Custody, a Category B Felony; Injuring or Tampering with a Vehicle Causing \$250–\$5,000 Damage, a Gross Misdemeanor; and Disposition on a Non-Technical Probation Violation.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Lane Mills said the new offenses occurred while Krenzxavier was on probation "for, frankly, making other people's lives miserable. And what does she do? She goes out and makes new people's lives miserable. And when the officer comes to try and figure out what's going on, she bites him."

Mills described her as "not worthy of probation," citing a criminal history dating back to 2008, including possession of a stolen vehicle, battery on an officer, and other violent and property offenses. He stated, "The public needs to be protected from her. She's had every opportunity to address her mental health issues; she's either unwilling or unable to do it. At some point we have to protect our officers and the general public from her." Mills requested prison time for the felony, revocation of probation, consecutive sentences, and \$2,944.09 in restitution. "Enough is enough," he concluded.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer argued that trauma and mental health challenges contributed to Krenzxavier's actions, saying, "Prison is not going to address those issues. It simply kicks the can down the road." Sommer asked for probation with specialty court conditions, noting, "She does not intend to make problems... She does want to take care of herself, and she's trying."

Krenzxavier apologized to the court and said she respects its decision.

Judge Stockard revoked probation, modifying the underlying sentence to 298 days in jail with credit for time served. On the Gross Misdemeanor, he imposed 364 days and \$2,944.09 restitution. On the felony, he sentenced Krenzxavier to 19–60 months in prison. The jail and prison terms will run concurrently. "I have considered probation in this case, and I'm not going to grant you that privilege," Stockard said, remanding her to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, July 13, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

By Teresa Moon

Dominic Jesse Hatch pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Sale, First Offense, and to Illegal Transfer of a Firearm Without a Background Check, a Gross Misdemeanor. The felony is punishable by 1–4 years in the Nevada State Prison and a fine up to \$5,000; the gross misdemeanor is punishable by up to 364 days in the Churchill County Jail and a fine up to \$2,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for September 16.

Lauren Nichole Gilmore pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, First or Second Offense, punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Sentencing was set for September 16.

Jonathan Scott English pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of Housebreaking, punishable by up to 364 days in the Churchill County Jail and a fine up to \$2,000. The factual basis stated that English unlawfully entered an uninhabited or vacant dwelling. Judge Stockard suspended proceedings and placed English on probation with conditions that he comply with his substance abuse evaluation and complete the Western Regional Drug Court Program.

Cassandra Gail Davis pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor of False Imprisonment, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000. The factual basis stated that Davis used force against her mother, holding her down against her will.

Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Priscilla Baker told the court Davis had granted guardianship of her children to her mother and went to visit them while intoxicated. Believing her mother "had the devil in her," Davis pushed her down and restrained her to pray for deliverance. Law enforcement was called to intervene. Baker said the victim wants her daughter to receive treatment, noting Davis has completed a 30-day inpatient program and has remained sober since. The State requested a suspended sentence of 364 days.

Judge Stockard imposed fees and assessments, suspended the 364-day sentence, and placed Davis on 12 months of probation with conditions, including completion of a substance abuse evaluation and compliance with its recommendations.

Joshua Vernon Patrick Feddern-Wiles failed to appear for a scheduled status hearing. Court records indicate that he was outside the courthouse when the bailiff attempted to retrieve him, but the defendant left the premises.

Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Lane Mills told the court there has been "a flurry of Court Services violations," noting Feddern-Wiles was removed from the drug court program and failed to provide a required test sample that morning, reportedly indicating he would test positive. Judge Stockard issued a \$100,000 cash-only bench warrant.

Joshua Gordon, in custody, appeared for arraignment. Defense Attorney Charles Woodman advised that, pursuant to negotiations, there was no objection to Gordon's release on his own recognizance (OR) with the condition that he enter Drug Court.

Judge Stockard granted OR release under conditions that Gordon check in daily with Court Services, submit to random drug testing, abstain from alcohol and illegal substances, and commit no new criminal violations. Gordon was provisionally placed into the Western Regional Drug Court Program.

Megan Ann Blakeley, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Possessing a Credit Card or Debit Card Without Consent, punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000.

Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for September 16.

Benjamin Ronald Wilson, in custody, admitted to a Technical Sentencing Violation on the underlying Gross Misdemeanor of Conspiracy to Commit Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm.

Judge Stockard revoked probation and sentenced Wilson to 30 days in jail with credit for 31 days served.

Magdaleno Ramirez-Ruiz, in custody, pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. The case dates back to 2002.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Lane Mills recommended a suspended sentence of 12-48 months with seven days in jail as a condition of probation. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer agreed the proposal was reasonable and requested probation.

Ramirez-Ruiz apologized, saying, "During the days of your youth, you don't think of the

Fees and assessments were imposed. Judge Stockard suspended a 12–36-month prison sentence and placed Ramirez-Ruiz on probation for 18 months with conditions: serve seven days in jail, comply with federal immigration requirements, and complete a substance abuse evaluation and any recommended treatment.

Bradley Nelson Rogne, in custody, appeared for sentencing on three counts to which he pled guilty in May: Count I – Duty to Stop at the Scene of a Crash Causing Death or Personal Injury, a Category B Felony; Count II - No Proof of Insurance, a Misdemeanor; and Count III -Failure to Yield for a Vehicle Approaching or Entering an Intersection, a Misdemeanor.

CDDA Lane Mills noted the victim impact statements, saying, "This has had a tremendous impact on her life." Mills requested \$3,013 restitution and emphasized the victim wants Rogne to enter rehab "before he does this to somebody else." He added, "Victims are not fakes. There's no interest-free loans for victims. We expect restitution to be paid in a proper, orderly manner." Mills requested restitution in full within six months and a substantial sentence, suspended. Driving without insurance, Mills said, was "an aggravator as far as the state's concerned."

Defense Attorney Charles Woodman said, "The best argument I have for this client is his years of experience working for Welsco as a well driller." Woodman stated Rogne earns \$25 an hour, works 60-70 hours a week, and can pay restitution within six months.

Rogne apologized "to everybody involved" and promised to pay restitution.

Judge Stockard said, "As I reviewed this case ... this is a case that there would be a high likelihood I would send you to prison. Both counsel have asked for probation, and I have learned to trust counsel when they come together and ask that."

Rogne was sentenced to: Count I - 72-180months in prison and \$5,000 fine, both suspended; probation for 36 months with conditions: restitution paid in full within eight months, substance abuse evaluation and compliance, and no good-time credit unless payments (minimum \$377/month) remain current; Count II - \$600 fine and 90 days in jail, suspended on the condition Rogne obtain liability insurance before driving; and Count III – \$500 fine, with all terms to run concurrently.

Jason Dakota Brown's status hearings were continued to July 22.

Three Sexual Assault Arrests Reported in Two Days

Justice Court Hearings July 24

By Leanna Lehman

Three individuals were charged with sexual assault-related offenses last weekend. All three defendants were scheduled to appear in New River Township Justice Court on Thursday, July 24, before Justice Pro Tem Anthony Tisdale.



John Herrera. Photo courtesy of CHSO.



Juan Perez-Santillan. Photo courtesy of CHSO.

The Fallon Police Department arrested Jordan Gilbert on a warrant. He is charged with one count of Lewdness with a Child Under 14, a Category A felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years and a fine up to \$10,000. The criminal complaint filed by the Churchill County District Attorney's Office alleges that on Jan. 19, 2025, Gilbert inappropriately touched an 8-year-old child. His arrest was reported on July 19.

John Herrera was arrested by the Fallon Police Department on charges of Sexual Assault, a Category A felony punishable by life with parole eligibility after 10 years if no substantial bodily harm occurs, and Administering a Drug to Aid in a Felony, a Category B felony punishable by 1–10 years in prison. His arrest was reported on July 20.

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office arrested Juan Perez-Santillan on charges of Sexual Assault, which carries the same penalty as above, and Domestic Battery, which varies based on severity. Perez-Santillan, whose arrest was reported on July 19, is also subject to an ICE hold (also called an immigration detainer). This is a request from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to a local jail or law enforcement agency to hold an individual in custody for up to 48 hours beyond their scheduled release date. This occurs when ICE believes the person is removable under immigration law. An ICE hold is a civil action, not a criminal charge, but prevents release on bail.

Booking reports are submitted within 24 hours of the defendant's arrest.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Competency Rulings Key in Ongoing Fernley Homicide Cases

By Robert Perea

Two high-profile Lyon County murder cases are moving forward after recent court actions addressing competency, a standard evaluation in major felony cases.

Adam Elijah Miller, accused of killing his father and attacking his mother, has been ruled competent to stand trial. Third Judicial District Court Judge John Schlegelmilch accepted reports from two doctors and remanded the case to Canal Township Justice Court for further proceedings. Miller, 19 at the time of the December 18 attack, faces charges of Open Murder with the Use of a Deadly Weapon, Attempted Murder, and Battery with a Deadly Weapon Causing Substantial Bodily Harm to a Victim Age 60 or Older. Prosecutors say he fatally stabbed his father, 73-year-old Lance Miller, and seriously injured his mother, Elizabeth, at their Fernley home. He was arrested after a two-day manhunt.

In a separate case, Judge Leon Aberasturi has ordered a competency evaluation for Robert Richards, charged with murdering 25-year-old Sara Filiatraut. Her remains were discovered on May 23, 2024, in a remote desert pit east of Fallon. Richards, who was working in Fernley at the time of Filiatraut's disappearance, was arrested following a multistate manhunt and remains held without bail. Proceedings are paused pending competency determination.

Read the full stories on Adam Miller and Robert Richards online at www.thefallonpost.org

BUSINESS

Homicidal Cakes Brings You Delicious Cakes to Kill For

By Christy Lattin

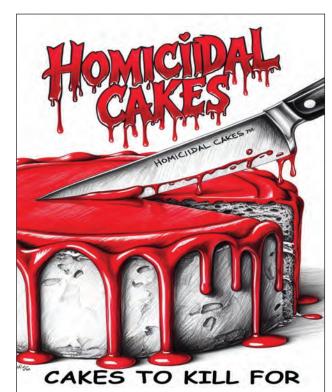
As a young girl in Grimes, Iowa, Schey Brown loved to bake cookies and cakes with her grandmother and has now turned that favorite childhood activity into a business.

She recently launched Homicidal Cakes (Cakes To Kill For) as a home-based business. Her cottage food license is based in Fernley, but she delivers to surrounding areas, including Fallon, Silver Springs, and Dayton. She specializes in high-end cakes, cupcakes, macarons, and gourmet cookies.

Brown is an executive pastry chef and earned her baking and pastry degree from the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts. Although it was an online program, she described the exacting and thorough steps she went through for each lesson. Lessons began with a picture of "mise en place," the culinary practice of preparing and organizing all the ingredients and equipment before cooking. From there, she photographed every step — showing how her meringue had stiff peaks, proving her macaron feet and shells were perfected, and plating the final display.

She said the master chef instructors taught students to develop their palate by having them describe the texture, flavor, and aroma of each dish — skills they could later use for menu building.

Before she was a chef, Brown served her country. She said her grandmother supported her decision to join the military after high school, and she went on to serve ten years in the Navy as an aircrew survival equipmentman, formerly known as a parachute rigger. She excitedly described



Homicidal Cakes logo.

the survival gear she packed into the seats of pilots for P-3 Orions, P-8 Poseidons, and F/A-18E/F Hornets. Her co-workers at NAS Fallon often reaped the rewards of her "stress baking." As she looked to her future after the Navy, her grandmother once again provided guidance and urged her to make baking her profession.

She served in Florida and Hawaii before arriving at NAS Fallon. Brown utilized the tuition assistance program available to sailors and completed her culinary studies before she was medically retired from the Navy.

Brown guarantees freshness and says her goods are all baked within one day of pickup.



Executive Pastry Chef Schey Brown holds a tiered cake she baked and decorated. Photos courtesy Schey Brown.

She focuses on round cakes, sheet cakes, cupcakes, macarons, gourmet cookies, sourdough bread, and sourdough muffins and bagels. She can also fulfill specialty requests. Her lead time is three days' notice, and she requires a deposit up front and full payment before delivery to ensure customers don't back out and leave her with a cake she can't sell. She accepts most forms of payment, including credit cards, Venmo, Cash App, and Facebook Pay.

Examples and pricing of her baked goods can be found on her Facebook page, Homicidal Cakes by Schey Niccole. You can also visit homicidalcakes.square.site or call 515-865-5776.

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offering a retirement plan, and are not participating in a similar program (such as one through a Chamber of Commerce).

Employers that meet these criteria must enroll by September 1. Employees at those businesses will be automatically enrolled in the NEST program unless they choose to opt out within 30 days. Contributions are deducted directly from the employee's paycheck and deposited into their personal Roth IRA. The default contribution rate is 5%, but employees can adjust the rate—or stop contributing—at any time. Accounts belong to the employee and remain with them even if they change jobs.

Eligible employees must be at least 18 years old and have worked for their employer for at least four months to be enrolled.

According to the AARP, in 2023 nearly half of Nevada's privatesector workers—about 536,000 people—did not have a way to save for retirement through their paycheck. Without savings in place, many may find themselves relying on state resources later in life.

NEST aims to address that gap by providing workers, including part-time and self-employed individuals, with a simple, low-cost way to start saving.

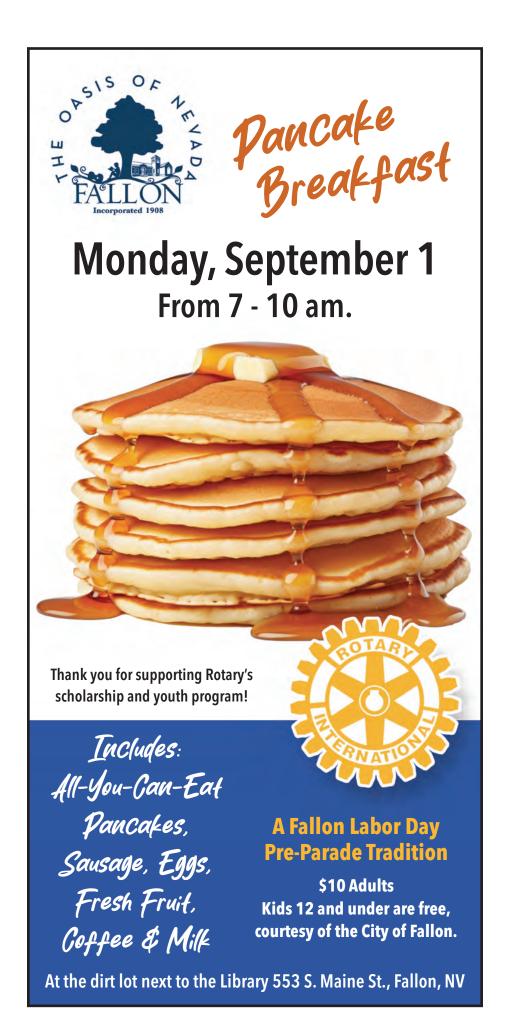
For more information or to set up an account, visit www.nestnvgov.com.

June 2025 Divorces / Annulments

Peek, Troy vs. Peek, Brooke Jeronimo, Natalie vs. Jeronimo-Hernandez, Felope Cardella, Rachel vs. Stutchman, Carley Quintero, Danna vs. Flores, Leonardo Anderson, Sophia vs. Anderson, Samuel Lee, Jeanna Kiyomi Mei vs. El-Aref, Ahmen Omar Fuentes, Sara vs. Fuentes, Daniel Nabrotzky, Angelina vs. Nabrotzky, Austin Barbato, Amanda vs. Barbato, Michael Dai, Georgina vs. Dai, Vilma Vanessa Day, Ricky A. vs. Day, Michelle Vandenbosch Perez, Ingrid vs. Barrera, Fernando Morgans, Julie N. vs. Morgans, Ronald L. Rembert, Stephanie vs. Rembert, Cody Vradenburg-Wheeler, Lisa vs. Vradenburg-Wheeler, Dereck Akharbach, Brahim vs. Harrison, Breannah Palacios, Stephani vs. Ortegon, Steven

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EDUCATION

CCSD Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications Available for 2024-25 School Year

The Churchill County School District is pleased to announce our participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Households will need to submit Free and Reduced applications for meal benefits. If your household income is less than or equal to the following Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) below, your children are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals.









	Federal poverty guidelines	Reduced Price Meals—185%			7.7.2.4	Free meals—130%					
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	43,150	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,07
7	48,650	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,21
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Application forms and step-by-step instructions will soon be available in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Households must complete one application per household online to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Applications can be submitted anytime during the school year. Additional copies are available at the Churchill County School District (CCSD) Business Office, 690 S. Maine St., Fallon, or at any school site.

The information provided determines eligibility and may be verified at any time. All applications must be complete and accurate; missing information will delay approval and may result in meal charges until eligibility is confirmed. All household information remains confidential and is used only for program administration.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, students retain prior-year eligibility within the same district. After this carry-over period, unless households are notified of direct certification or submit a new approved application, students must pay full price for meals. Schools are not required to send reminder notices, so families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid meal charges.

DIRECT CERTIFICATION

Households with children who are categorically eligible through SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or FDPIR, or classified as homeless, migrant, runaway, or enrolled in Head Start or Pre-K, will be notified of free meal eligibility. No application is needed in these cases. All children in the household qualify for benefits; families should contact the district if any child is missing from the notification or if they wish to decline benefits. If eligible households are not contacted, they should call the district immediately.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants and families experiencing unemployment may also qualify. Eligibility can be updated at any point during the school year if a household's financial situation changes, such as job loss, reduced hours, or other hardships.

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

Income-Based Applications

- Names of all household members
- \bullet Amount, source, and frequency of each household member's income

- Signature of an adult household member
- Last four digits of the primary wage earner's Social Security number, another adult household member's number, or an indication that none exists

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

For households approved for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, include:

- Names of all children applying
- Case number or identifier for any household member
- Signature of the adult completing the application

OTHER SOURCE CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY For homeless, migrant, or runaway children:

- Names of children applying
- Indication of eligibility status
- Adult household member's signature

FOSTER CHILDREN

Foster children automatically qualify for free meals. They may be included in the foster family's application to help other children qualify. A foster child-only application must include:

- Name of foster child
- Foster care status
- Adult household member's signature

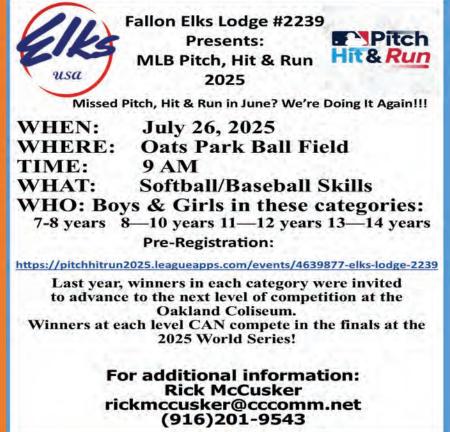
MIXED APPLICATIONS

For households with both foster and biological children or other categorically eligible children:

- Names of all household members
- Amount and source of income for each member
- Indication of program source for categorical eligibility
- Signature of an adult household member
- Last four digits of the Social Security number for the primary wage earner, another adult, or indication that none exists

Parents or guardians who wish to appeal eligibility decisions may do so orally or in writing to the CCSD Business Office at 775-428-7230 or email foodservice@churchillcsd.com.





EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

NEW OASIS LEADERSHIP TEAM LOOKS TO STUDENT SUCCESS



Andy Lenon, Shannon Garcia, and Dane Nott.

Oasis Academy has a new leadership team for the 2025-2026 school year.

Dane Nott, the K-12 school leader, is assisted by Shannon Garcia, the K-6 vice principal, and Andy Lenon, vice principal for grades 7-12. Together, the team brings extensive educational experience, community dedication, and a clear vision for the future of the school.

During the past two years, Oasis has seen several changes in leadership. The Oasis Academy Board of Directors re-evaluated the structure at the end of the 2024-25 school year and created the K-12 leader, K-6 vice principal, and 7-12 vice principal positions.

DANE NOTT, K-12 SCHOOL LEADER

Nott draws on more than two decades of teaching and leadership experience in his new position. His credentials include a Master of Education from the University of Nevada, Reno, extensive classroom experience in multiple grades, experience in the corporate sector, and work as a youth athletics coach.

Nott first came to Oasis four years ago and was drawn to the school and community for several reasons. He is also a military veteran, serving in both the Army and National Guard.

"I was recruited about four years ago to teach at Oasis Academy and became more and more excited about the school with each visit," Nott said. "Our school holds a unique position in our community, serving local families and their students. I was excited to work with families who care deeply about their students' education as much as their social well-being."

Nott said he's now wholeheartedly devoted to the school and its students.

"I care deeply about this school and the students who attend, so I decided to put all my experiences together in an effort to rekindle that spirit and joy of learning for students when I applied for the school leader position," he said. "I want to find more efficient ways to support our teachers to give our students the absolute best learning experiences possible. We will accomplish this hefty goal by working as a team of families and educators who put kids first, using forward thinking, and by letting learning lead the way."

There are many goals for the school going forward, but Nott has one immediate priority:

"We get back to the basics where all staff members focus on creating a nurturing and innovative environment where kids come first," he said.

Nott and the leadership team plan to use a forward-thinking approach—integrating technology, personalized learning, and real-world experiences to prepare students for the future, not just the next test.

He also wants to sustain school traditions aligned with Oasis Academy's mission and values, emphasizing the belief in the inherent worth and potential of each student and the life-changing power of learning.

"We will celebrate individual growth, community connection, and the transformative impact of learning," he said. "Whether it's recognizing student achievements, hosting community learning nights, or holding annual service projects, each tradition will serve as a reminder that every person matters and has the power to grow, contribute, and succeed."

Nott said Oasis will continue creating opportunities for student voice and leadership in the classroom, the community, and athletics.

Addressing one of the challenges facing Oasis Academy, Nott noted the issue of space constraints.

"One of our biggest challenges is to maintain a high-quality learning environment while addressing infrastructure limitations," he said. "We will have about 650 students in our K-8 building this year, and our high school is also near capacity. We must be careful with overcrowding to maintain student safety and protect our teachers' ability to give individual attention and care."

He said this extends beyond classrooms to common areas such as cafeterias, restrooms, the small gym, playground, and more.

"We are also going to better utilize the Gordmans space this year to alleviate some of these issues," Nott added.

To stay connected with the school community, Nott plans to be visible daily.

"The leadership team will be visible during morning and afternoon drop-offs/pick-ups, greeting students and staff in hallways. We will offer 'open office' times where staff can drop by informally to talk or share concerns," he said.

Nott and his wife, Kelly, have four adult children. Outside of school, his passions include cars, motorcycles, and nature.

"I find peace and inspiration in nature. Mountains and waterfalls make me happy," he said.

SHANNON GARCIA, K-6 VICE PRINCIPAL

Garcia holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and will complete a master's degree in Educational Administration and Leadership in December. She is a long-standing member of the Oasis Academy staff and values the foundation it creates for families.

"Oasis has given both my children and me a strong foundation," she said. "I believe in the foundation, mission, and values of OA, and my heart is here for the students and staff of this school."

Garcia's vision for the school focuses on fostering a culture of integrity while maintaining relationships with students, staff, and families.

"I want to promote positive morale and culture in the school as it is crucial for fostering a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment," she said. "A positive school culture contributes to improved student achievement, increased teacher morale, reduced behavioral issues, and a more connected school community."

She also plans to address attendance challenges with incentives.

"I want to implement perfect attendance awards for students as an incentive to increase attendance. Poor attendance disrupts learning and increases the risk for academic underachievement," she said.

Garcia acknowledged Nevada's school funding challenges and their effect on teacher salaries, class sizes, and resources.

"This negatively impacts teacher salaries, class sizes, resources, and overall education quality," she said.

Garcia plans to remain visible and accessible through both a traditional office and a mobile office cart.

She is a mother to three boys and three pets—a dog, a gecko, and a snake. She does not like to fly but loves her family in Montana, coffee, and Dr. Pepper Zero.

ANDY LENON, 7-12 VICE PRINCIPAL

Lenon holds a master's in school counseling and brings a rich background in counseling and human services. Since joining Oasis Academy in 2016, he has led the counseling department as it evolved and expanded.

"After dedicating 17 years of serving as a school counselor, I recognized that transitioning into administration would be a natural next step," Lenon said.

He is committed to continuing Oasis
Academy's tradition of strong leadership.

"It is crucial to establish a robust in-house leadership pipeline that can continue the legacy left by Melissa Mackedon and Rochelle Tisdale," he said.

Lenon's goals include building on Oasis Academy's academic excellence, expanding STEM programs, and creating new recognition programs for students and staff.

"My personal goal is to spend less time in the office and more time with students whether that's eating lunch together, checkins, observing activities, or simply connecting with them. Presence is a large component to prevention," he said.

Lenon enjoys audiobooks about neuroscience, camping, lifting weights, and caring for his lawn. He also admits to a soft spot for fast food.

Veritas Preparatory School - Classical and Christian

The Trivium Begins: Students Embark on Grammar

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas.

At Veritas Preparatory School, learning doesn't just happen — it unfolds in a time-honored sequence known as the Trivium, the foundation of classical education. As the new school year approaches, a new class of young learners will begin their academic journey by stepping into the first stage of this model: the Grammar Stage.

The Grammar Stage, typically spanning the elementary years, is all about building a strong foundation of knowledge. Just as grammar provides the structure of language, the Grammar Stage provides students with the essential facts and tools they'll need for deeper learning later on.

It's a time when children's natural capacity for memorization and curiosity is at its peak — and Veritas teachers are ready to harness that energy.

"Our youngest scholars are like sponges," said first-grade teacher

Mrs. Cota. "They're eager to chant math facts, memorize poetry, recite Bible verses, and soak in every piece of new information."

Rather than rushing into analysis or opinion, students in the Grammar Stage focus on absorbing the "what" — the vocabulary,



Veritas 2nd Grade class.

rules, and raw material of subjects such as math, language, science, and history. They sing songs about the parts of speech. They recite the timeline of ancient civilizations. They master spelling rules and Latin endings. This intentional approach reflects the classical belief that learning is best cultivated in stages, each suited to the student's development.

The classroom experience is vibrant, multisensory, and joyfully repetitive. Young students chant, sing, write, colorcode, and act out their lessons. These activities help anchor knowledge in long-term memory and prepare students for the

next two stages of the Trivium: the Logic Stage, which focuses on reasoning, and the Rhetoric Stage, which hones expression.

As Veritas begins another school year, parents and educators alike can look forward to watching these young learners grow — not only in knowledge but in wonder, confidence, and readiness for the road

Because every great thinker starts somewhere. And at Veritas, it all begins with Grammar.

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen: Bratwurst Bahn Mi Sandwich

By Kelli Kelly

Greetings food fans. I am taking a break from a ridiculous amount of mind-numbing data entry to bring you this brief missive from Kelli's Kitchen. I love a good fusion challenge, and this weekend presented a fantastic opportunity. My Ned told me on Sunday night that he wanted to eat sausages. I was feeling Southeast Asian. Enter the Bratwurst Bahn Mi sandwich.

Note – I think this sausage approach would work equally well with Italian Sausages, Basque Style Chorizo, or specialty brats from Momma's Meat Company!

Kelli's Bratwurst Bahn Mi Sandwich

Ingredients for the Sausage:

1 lb. Bratwurst Sausages

4 cups Water 1/4 cups Sugar 1/4 cups Kosher salt 2 ea. Serrano Chiles

5 cloves Garlic, peeled and smashed

Lime, quartered 1 Skewers

Ingredients for the Pickled Onions & Carrots:

1/2Red onion, thinly sliced Carrot, cut into matchsticks

1/2 cup Rice wine vinegar 1/2 cup Water

1 tbsp. Sugar Kosher salt 2 tsp.

Ingredients for the Sandwich:

- French Baguette 1 Mayonnaise
- English cucumber, sliced
- Jalapenos, sliced
- bunch Cilantro, leafy parts

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a saucepot, combine 4 cups water with sugar, salt, chiles, garlic,
 - and lime quarters. Stir until the sugar and salt are dissolved. Pierce sausages about six times with a fork and place into the brine. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- Over medium heat, bring the sausages in brine to a simmer and poach (with the water just barely bubbling) until the sausages are cooked through. Check thermometer after 15 minutes – stop cooking when the sausages reach 160 degrees.
- 3. Remove sausages from the poaching liquid and chill.
- 4. While sausages are cooling, prepare the pickled carrots and onions. Combine together rice wine vinegar, water, salt, and sugar. Mix until the salt and sugar are dissolved. Pour brine over carrot matchsticks and sliced onions. Let sit for one hour.
- 5. Once cooled, skewer each sausage then cut on a bias down to the skewer, rotating the sausage to create a spiral. Spread each sausage out on the skewer.



6. Grill or smoke sausages until hot and caramelized with crispy brown edges.

7. To Assemble: Slice French bread into sausage-sized lengths and split down the middle taking care not to go all the way through the bread. Spread a generous layer of mayonnaise on all the inside surfaces of the bread. Line one side of the bun with cucumbers and the other side with jalapenos. Place the sausage in the center and top with pickled carrots and onions, and cilantro leaves-and ENJOY!

Allison's Book Report: "The River Is Waiting" by Wally Lamb

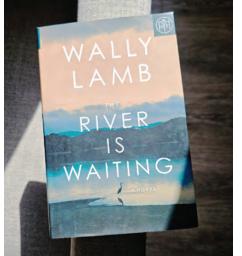
By Allison Diegel

Last week was such a busy week in my house. I took kids to the water park, the orthodontist (twice), and a million other places teenagers need to go. Then my husband and I spent the weekend soaking up the sun and the good vibes at a reggae festival in Reno. It didn't leave a ton of time for sitting down and reading a book, but thank goodness for audiobooks! This week's book was too good to miss because of a busy schedule!

Wally Lamb, the author behind some seriously impactful reads (and a couple of Oprah's picks!), is back with "The River Is Waiting," and it's going to hit you right in the feels.

The story begins with our main character, Corby Ledbetter, already in a tough spot. He's just become a dad, lost his job, and is secretly battling an addiction that's putting a huge strain on his marriage to Emily, who he clearly adores. You can already sense things are teetering on the edge when a horrific accident directly caused by Corby shatters his family. It's the kind of event that changes everything—especially when it lands him in prison.

Once Corby's on the inside, the book really explores the harsh realities of incarceration. He's exposed to some pretty horrific stuff, but in true Wally Lamb fashion, there are also glimmers of humanity and unexpected connections. He finds little sparks of kindness and kinship: there's a prison librarian who seems to see beyond his mistakes, a sweet-hearted cellmate, and even a troubled teenager who



looks up to him. These unexpected allies, along with his mom's unwavering belief in him, start to give Corby a reason to hope.

As Corby navigates prison life, he's obviously grappling with the immense weight of his actions. At its core, "The River Is Waiting" is about his journey toward redemption. Can he move past the tragedy he caused? Can he find a way to forgive himself—and more importantly, can the people he loves ever forgive him? "The River Is Waiting" is ar intense but ultimately hopeful exploration of personal responsibility, the enduring power of faith (both in others and in oneself), and the complex, often difficult path toward mercy and reconciliation. It's a powerful narrative about finding light even in the darkest places.

Wally Lamb is one of the best literary fiction writers of our time. All his books are heartbreaking and tender at the same time, and "The River Is Waiting" is no exception. I really enjoyed the audiobook, which is read by Jeremy Sisto, an actor whose voice I immediately recognized from his stints on TV shows like "Six Feet Under" and "Suburgatory," and he really brings Corby to life.

I hope you find a minute to enjoy a book this week even if life is busy—and don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more recommendations and bookish 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.

Crossword

By Peanut

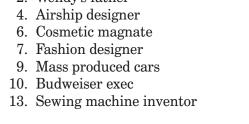


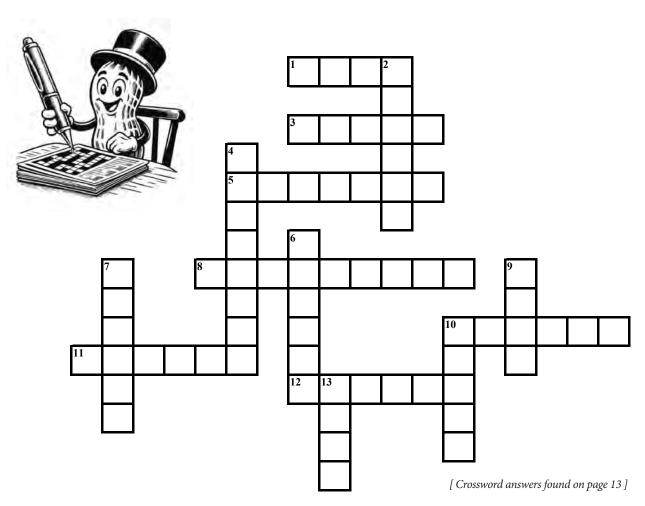
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- 1. Mass produced revolvers
- 3. Real estate mogul & Titanic passenger
- 5. Kodak Co. founder
- 8. Fashion designer
- 10. Big top showman
- 11. Fashion designer
- 12. DeBeer's founder

Down

2. Wendy's father





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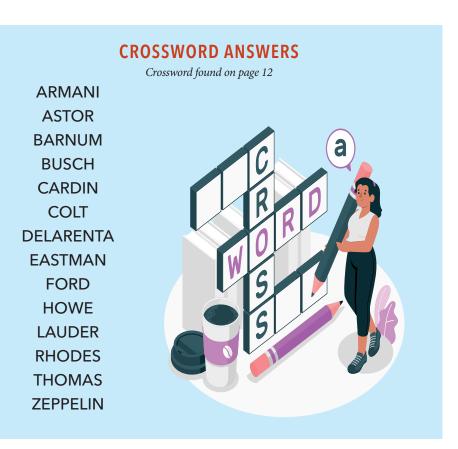
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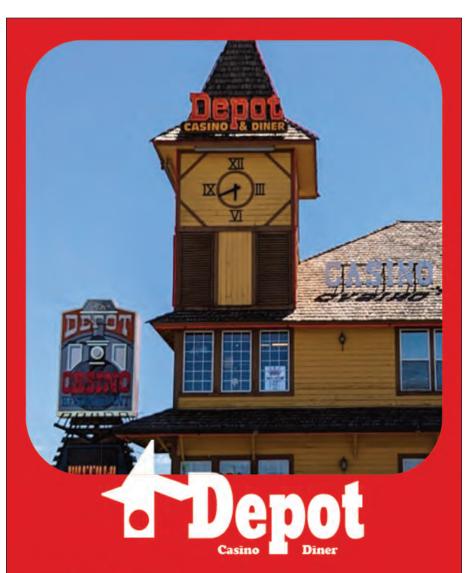
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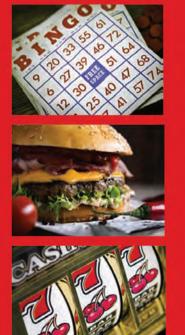












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Postcards: Electricity Comes to Stillwater

By Michon Mackedon

According to longtime Stillwater resident, Ron Lawrence, it was quite an occasion when electricity came to his family ranch. In 1927, influential Fallon businessman, Ira Kent, decided to move his alfalfa mill away from the heart of the town to nearby Stillwater. He needed electricity to power it. Kent commissioned Fred Kirn to install the poles and negotiated with the Truckee Carson Irrigation District to provide electricity, which was (and still is) generated at Lahontan Dam.

The Stillwater residents were lucky beneficiaries of Kent's project, and many ranchers and their wives made plans to power their homes the modern way. Lawrence's grandmother, Eva Edwards Lawrence, was among them. She had a sister in California who was married to an electrician, she asked him to journey to the Lawrence ranch to wire the house. Eva's first new electric purchase was a kitchen stove—burners on top, oven below, light green in color, with white trim.

Eva was at the forefront of the movement to replace coal, wood or gas stoves with an electric model. The first patent for an electric stove was awarded in 1896, just 31 years before Eva purchased hers. The world's first cookbook for electric stoves was issued in Australia in March 1907, entitled "Thermo-Electrical Cooking Made Easy." Still, electric stoves caught on slowly and sales were sluggish in the United States until the 1930's. There were many reasons for the delayed acceptance: electricity was expensive compared to wood, coal, or city gas; temperature regulation of the burners was unreliable; and heating elements were short-lived. That said, Eva, according to Ron, loved her new stove.

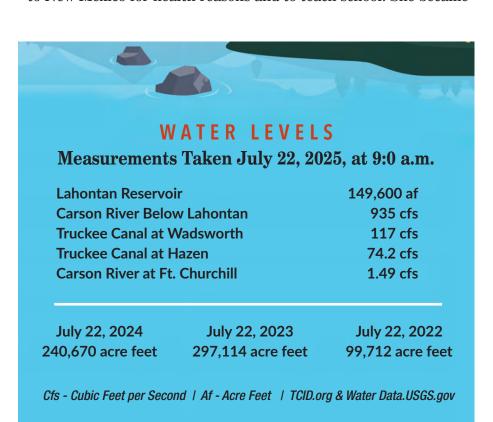
She had never been averse to the toil of pioneer life, but it is no surprise that she embraced the idea of cooking all summer in a cooler kitchen. According to an article published in "In Focus" (1995-1996) and co-written by Ron's sister Marcia Ernst and Judy Pritchard Dial, Eva was born in Missouri in 1895 but later moved to New Mexico for health reasons and to teach school. She became a nurse there as well and met Charlie Lawrence of Stillwater via correspondence initiated by mutual friends. They conducted a "paper romance" beginning in October 1919, not meeting in person until she undertook a trip to Nevada in May 1920. Their letters to one another are a fascinating study in testing romantic waters through words only. They are formal and carefully worded. He writes, "I believe I told you that I am 49 years old, but if I do say it myself I am more like a fellow that is 40, both in looks and in my ways." After he received a photograph from Eva, he wrote, "Thank you much for it. Also think you (to be) a very nice looking young lady." Her letters back to him included her thoughts that, "I was in poor health when I came here and am now strong and well so I have a good reason for liking the West." She also wrote, revealingly, in February 1920, "It is Sunday and a very lonesome day."

Eva arrived in Stillwater in the late spring of that year. She and Charlie must have both liked what they saw, as the two were married in Fallon on July 10, 1920, in the Methodist Church. Ernst and Dial wrote, "No sooner were the two married than Eva was hard at work performing the many chores she, as a farmer's wife, would be expected to do. There were eight men to cook for three times a day as the haying crew moved into Charlie's place...." The stove, arriving seven years later, must have seemed like a well-earned reward.

Eva Lawrence was still cooking on that stove when Ron was born in 1943. By then, Charlie had passed away (in 1929), leaving her to raise Dale, Ron's father. Ron still remembers her tasty pies, especially lemon meringue and chocolate meringue, baked to perfection in her electric oven. She moved from the Stillwater ranch to Fallon in 1957 and died there in 1978 at the age of 83.

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.



MEETINGS July 28-August 1, 2025

Churchill County School District 4th Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. CCSD Admin Bldg. 690 S. Maine St. Next meeting, Aug. 27

Fallon City Council 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 9 a.m. City Hall, 55 W. Williams Ave. Public hearing for **CDBG Application, July 30**

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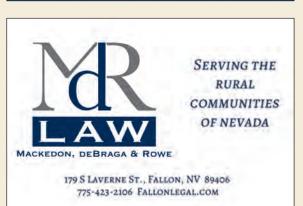




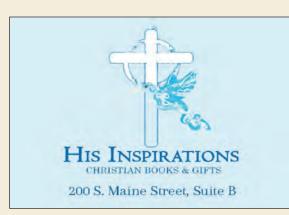


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Friday, August 15

7:00 p.m. FREE concert at the Fallon Theatre

Saturday, August 16

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

FREE Breakfast at the Oats Park Arts Center – Lariat Patio FREE Show-n-Shine Car Show and Antique Tractors display Tour the Oats Park School & Art Center

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tours

Old High School
Cottage Schools
Douglass House
Fallon Police Department
The Old Post Office
Tour City Hall w/Mayor Tedford
Fallon/Churchill Fire Department

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tour Churchill County Museum

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FREE Swim at the City Pool & the New Splash Pad area

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Historic Fallon Theatre Tours 10am-2pm Frey Ranch Distillery Tours

4:00 p.m.

Gather at Oats Park

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS – Some classes will have tents set up
We will be honoring the Class of 1965.
Purchase food, ice cream, beer and wine, or pack a picnic.
Enjoy the photo booth, face painting, balloon artist,
reuniting with friends, and other fun-filled activities!

7:30 p.m. FREE concert Della Mae | EXTRA parking at E.C. Best





Register Now to Participate in the Fallon Lions Club Labor Day Parade Sept. 1



The Fallon Lions Club invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to participate in the annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, under the theme "Celebrating Youth and Agriculture." The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Taylor and Virginia streets, behind Churchill County Junior High. Entries must check in by 9 a.m. at the parade booth at that location.

Awards will be given for:

President's Award, Best Use of Theme, Most Creative, Best Youth Group, Best Civic Group, Best Business Entry, Best Mounted Group, Best Antique Farm Equipment, and Best Automobile Entry.

To enter, submit the entry form with a brief description of your float for the announcer. Email to fallonlions@gmail.com, fax to 775-255-4813, or mail to Fallon Lions Club, P.O. Box 651, Fallon, NV 89407. Include a phone number or email where you can be reached on Sunday, Sept. 1.





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