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Fallon players and coaches celebrate their 3A state championship win over Moapa Valley last Saturday at Mackay Stadium in Reno. Photo by John Baker.

By Robert Perea

As both teams huddled with their coaches during an injury timeout with 2:02 left in last Saturday’s 3A state championship game, Fallon coach Calvin Connors approached Maxton Richardson with some advice.

Fallon held a 21-14 lead, and Moapa Valley was facing 4th-and-goal at the Fallon 1-yard line. Moapa Valley running back Briggs Hickman, a junior who had run for more than 1,200 yards this season and was well over 100 yards in the game, had carried the ball seven times for 36 yards on a drive that began at the Moapa Valley 7-yard line. But Connors didn’t believe the Pirates were going to give the ball to Hickman

again, so he wanted to relay that information to Richardson. Connors’ hunch was correct, and a forewarned Richardson made the play that sealed the win. Moapa Valley Kamden Drosos lofted a pass into the end zone well short of his intended target, Ryker Katich. Richardson leaped to make the interception, and the Greenwave were able to run out the clock as 3A State champions.

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Transitional Housing & Day Center Moves Forward

By Jim Fleming

Churchill County has awarded a renovation and construction contract to PEC Contracting and Engineering for a new transitional and permanent supportive housing and day-use center in Fallon. The agreement, funded through a grant from the Nevada Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry, was announced at the commissioners’ Nov. 19 meeting. The project began taking shape in August 2023, when commissioners unanimously approved an agreement for \$1,743,500 to create the New Pass House and Day Center for Homeless Services. Originally planned for 165 N. Ada Street, the location was later shifted to four existing buildings at 280, 282, 290, and 292 Quail Way. These buildings will house a women’s and family unit with three rooms, a day center, a manager’s unit, and a men’s unit with four rooms. Details on the project were released in September in the county’s invitation to bid. Plans call for a new ADA-compliant ramp, updated bathrooms and kitchens, new washing machines and dryers, and other upgrades. Altogether, the buildings include seven bedrooms that can temporarily house individuals or families with construction set to begin at the end of Dec. As the lowest responsive bidder, PEC submitted a total bid for \$864,443, which includes \$100,000 in contingency funds to cover unforeseen issues that arise during construction. “This is not a lump sum contract,” said Churchill County Manager Chris Spross, who explained that the contingency funds will not be spent if they are not needed.



New Pass House and Day Center unit awaiting renovation. Photo by Jim Fleming.

The Day Center will include a case manager and a community health worker, a warming kitchen, laundry and showers. “The goal is to expand to allow for counseling services and other medical services as providers are available,” said Ernst. Churchill County Social Services staff will work with residents to help them move toward stable, long-term housing and the ability to support themselves. Day center services, open to anyone, will offer showers, laundry facilities, and warm meals. Hours of operation have not yet been determined.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Hang on Loosely

By Rachel Dahl

I hate roller coasters. I was the mom at Disney, repeatedly riding the Small World ride and avoiding Adventureland and that log ride with every excuse in the book. No, to Splash Mountain, and ixnay like the pox on that horrifying Indiana Jones thing.

And California Adventure – fuhgeddaboutit.

But this one time, a surprise birthday trip for the Drama Queen had her and me alone at the park, and there just wasn’t a way to gracefully get out of supporting this daredevil child on The Rides.

Thankfully, there is a product on the market, Bonine, which did not exist when I was six in the back of the Piper Cub after a lunch at the Pickle Barrel. Whatever sorcery is in this little magical 12-hour anti-sick pill has changed my life for the better, though not my tolerance for inverted track-driven vehicles.

So over, under, around, and through we went.

There is a phenomenon learned only after such traumatic events: during these terrifying rides, one must close one's eyes, breathe deeply, and relax into inertia. It’s the same with car wrecks.

Let’s not go into why I know this. Still, a few times in life this philosophy has guided my survival with the thinking going something like, “Well, this does not look good. In fact, this is probably really going to hurt, but I read somewhere, or saw it on TV, that if you just relax and breathe you

come out the other side a little better” as the wheels flipped over and dust flew and glass broke.

And in fact, with my angels in tow, I was lucky enough to emerge on the other side of disaster relatively unscathed.

Life at the paper right now is sort of like this. We’re perfecting our processes on the newspapers, learning how to run a national magazine, publishing a coffee table book and a memoir of our first two local authors, and the other day we got a chance to make our dream of a local bookstore on Maine Street come true.

On Shop Small Saturday – November 29, this intrepid little band of The Fallon Post staff, with Cheryl in the lead, will open the Great Basin Trading Co. at 31 S. Maine.

We plan to have as many local authors as will agree to bring us books, other Nevada authors, local artists, merchandise from all our products, including stationery and journals, as well as a high-end consignment section for clothing and shoes.

We hope you’ll swing by and see us – let us know if we’ve missed any incredible talents who should be in the store, and if you have something beautiful you need an outlet in which to sell your wares.

In the meantime, we’ll be closing our eyes, breathing deeply, and as always...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

[Housing continued from page 1]

Ernst said during the meeting that she is encouraged by ongoing funding opportunities for Churchill County’s new center and other similar efforts statewide. Commissioners viewed a presentation by CSH Housing Solutions on the possibility of the county becoming a Medicaid-billable entity. Should this occur, the county may be able to seek reimbursement for client services provided to Medicaid recipients, and potentially offset some of the staffing costs.

Churchill County has managed transitional housing programs for more than 20 years. Its Rapid Rehousing program requires participants to meet certain conditions, such as documented income, a background check, drug-free living, and completion of required classes. Overall, people who receive assistance are expected to work toward financial independence.

This year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development opened a new application window for programs that fund housing and support services. Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, CEO of Winged Wolf Innovations, a nonprofit that coordinates the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care, said HUD and Winged Wolf have in recent years encouraged a “housing first” strategy. That approach calls for providing stable shelter before addressing other challenges such as addiction or unemployment. Pastor Dawn Blundell, director of the Wolf Center, supports the approach and said, “based on the work of friends and colleagues, ‘housing first’ seems more effective in combating homelessness.”

Fuller-Hallauer also noted that HUD policy under the current administration is now more closely aligned with Churchill County’s preferred, historical approach. Because of this, she believes a funding application from Churchill County may score better now than in past years.

The center is expected to open in mid-2026. Commissioner Eric Blakey said he is optimistic that the New Pass House and Day Center will help many people get back on their feet.

Currently, services for those in need are available in Churchill County, but they are limited and spread across multiple locations. Much of the work relies on volunteers and short operating hours. For example, on Mondays and Tuesdays, people can drop in at the Wolf Center at 457 Esmeralda Street for food, showers, and laundry between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. On Mondays, a Department of Welfare and Social Services worker is also on site to help with SNAP or Medicaid sign-ups. Additionally, community health workers can help with job searches, new cell phones, or information about where to find free meals or groceries. The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and New Frontier provide counseling, case management, and support for crime victims or people seeking addiction treatment, depending on intake evaluations.

The proposed New Pass House and Day Center would bring many of these services together in one place with on-site staff, making them easier to access for those who need them.



In Remembrance

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or email: admin@thefallonpost.org

FEATURES

A Life Devoted to Winning the Right Way: Remembering Coach Tony Klenakis

By Rachel Dahl and Denice Pinder

When the Churchill County Greenwave hoisted the state championship trophy on Saturday, more than a few longtime Fallon folks felt the presence of Coach Tony Klenakis, a man whose name is woven into the very beginnings of Greenwave football excellence.

Klenakis, who passed away on Oct. 24 at age 85, was tough, demanding, and famously uncompromising. But he was equally known for his loyalty, his mentorship, and his relentless drive to make his players better men, not just better athletes. As Fallon celebrates another title, the legacy of the coach who led the team to three consecutive state championships in 1976, ‘77, and ‘78 lingers.

Doug “Big Daddy” Montgomery, who played all three championship seasons for Coach K, said Klenakis created far more than winning teams. “Coach made us into a team that worked as a team,” Montgomery said. “He talked to us before each game with such passion to get out there and be all we could be. He cared about you as a person, your life at home, your grades, and your future. He was a good man.”

Montgomery said those lessons never left him. “He taught us to work hard for everything.”

Running back Matt Bonde, also a three-year player, described Klenakis as a master technician and motivator. “Coach knew how to bring out the best in every player,” Bonde said. “He prepared us for our opponent better than anyone. You practiced until you got it right. There was always a game plan, and everyone knew their responsibility. He had a huge influence on all of us.”

Quarterback Sonny Zamora, who suited up in

‘77 and ‘78, remembers a coach who built an entire culture of excellence, not just a team. “He was a winner on the field and off it,” Zamora said. “He formed one of the best coaching staffs Fallon ever had, Jack Beach, Bobby Dudley, Richard Hucke, and sometimes George Hucke and Burt Serrano. It trickled down to the freshmen with Coach Gary Imelli. He set the tone for the whole program.”

Chris Klenakis, Tony’s oldest son, still teaches the same lessons his father taught as Vanderbilt’s offensive line coach. “We’re going to outwork you, out-tough you and play 60 minutes. That’s my dad. It wasn’t about Xs and Os, it was fundamentals, toughness, and doing things right.”

Though many knew him as Coach K, others, like longtime Fallon horseman Joe Dahl, knew him in the world of horse racing. And there, too, Klenakis was a winner.

Dahl remembers being at Golden Gate Fields when a man approached him and said, “Joe Dahl, I’m Tony Klenakis.”

“I know who you are,” Dahl recalled. “And he’d already been there for quite a while; he was the top winning trainer at the track that year. That was Tony. Whatever he put his mind to, he learned it, lived it, and he was a winner.”

Dahl wasn’t surprised by the success, even though he laughed, admitting Tony “wasn’t really good with horses when he started. But he moved to the track, lived with those horses, and made himself good,” Dahl said. “Winning mattered to him. Not for ego, but because he believed if you were going to do something, you should do it right.”

Summers meant hauling the family and the horse trailer to Boise and racing at Les Bois. Later, he trained on the California and Arizona circuits, eventually building Klenakis Racing Stables in Phoenix, where he stayed until retiring in 2019.

“He could be gruff,” Dahl said. “But if it was



for the boys, the players, he softened. He wanted to improve them. He made himself pleasant for them. That’s who he really was.”

Born July 1, 1940, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Tony was the middle child in a large Greek family. He excelled in football, baseball, and hockey, earning All-Star honors in Western Massachusetts before heading west to Trinidad Junior College.

At the University of Nevada, Reno, Tony played both football and baseball, and met the love of his life, Norma Sheley. He earned his degree in 1961, married Norma, and never stopped coaching, competing, or striving.

After early years at Wooster High School, the Klenakis family, Norma and young sons Chris and Tony, moved to Fallon in 1966. Here he taught history, PE, and health; coached football; launched the wrestling program; and built what would become one of the most storied chapters in Greenwave athletics. He coached hard and fair. And he never required anything from his players that he wasn’t willing to do himself.

Klenakis is survived by his wife of 62 years, Norma; son Chris (Louise); daughter-in-law Kim; grandchildren Nikos, Lucy, Matthew, Mark, and Elizabeth; his brother John; extended family; and the many players who still call him coach.

Those players say the championship trophies mattered but the real legacy lives in the men they became. As Fallon celebrates a new state title, it’s worth remembering the man who lit the first long fuse of Greenwave excellence nearly 50 years ago.



Churchill County Welcomes New Library Director John Hong Prioritizes Community Outreach

By Anne McMillin

Opportunities for partnerships. The wonderful staff. And a core community space for learning. These are the components that drew John Hong to the director’s position at the Churchill County Library.

Hong arrived to take the reins at the library on Oct. 20 and has been duly impressed with his first observations of the library itself and his interactions with folks in the community.

“This library is a cozy space with different areas for activities, including computers, a kids’ corner, and space for programs. The support from the City of Fallon and the county and the close-knit community vibe all present opportunities for partnerships,” he said.

He is eager to partner with schools, homeschoolers, festivals, and other community events to deliver high-quality programming and customer service to the library.

Hong’s goals for his first few months are to invest in his staff, who make everything roll, and to establish trust. He also plans to build community relations through outreach efforts and to make everyone who walks into the library feel welcome, encouraging them to offer suggestions for what



New Churchill County Library Director John Hong at a library event in late October.

they might need. Finally, he wants to build partnerships and connect with schools, the museum, and NAS Fallon to raise awareness of the library’s services that people may not know about.

“The library has a great reputation for programming, so I want to pursue those ideas that benefit the community. All will have a voice here,” he said.

He sees the library’s purpose as meeting the community’s core needs by providing services that reflect its values and needs. “We want to be on the verge of new ideas and technology here and have the space be flexible for all users.”

Hong comes to Fallon from Texas, where he worked as director of distance learning library services at Dallas Baptist University. Before that, he was the library director at Southern Reformed Seminary College and worked in the Houston Public Library system and in the Laredo Public Library. In the past, he has worked at Queens Public Library, the Rosenthal Art Library, and SUNY Oswego’s Penfield Library.

Hong is currently pursuing his doctorate in leadership studies. He has a master’s degree in library science from Queens College in Flushing, New York, and bachelor’s degrees in English, writing arts, and journalism from the State University of New York at Oswego.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree Program
Continues to Change
Lives Across America

*What Began as a Simple Idea in
Virginia Now Touches Millions
Each Holiday Season*

By Sydney Trainor

The Angel Tree program, one of the nation’s most beloved holiday traditions, began with a single act of inspiration and continues to deliver hope to millions of children, seniors, and homeless individuals every year. In 1979, Captains Charles and Shirley White of the Salvation Army launched the first Angel Tree in Lynchburg, Virginia, after Shirley spotted a greeting card featuring three angels while shopping at a Hall-mark store. Motivated by the image, she cut out angel shapes, wrote a child’s name, age, and clothing size on each, and hung them on a tree inside the local mall. Community members responded in force, and in its inaugural year, the program provided new clothing to nearly 500 children in need.

The program’s impact quickly multiplied. By 1982, the Whites had brought the Angel Tree concept to Nashville, Tennessee, where it gained a powerful boost from WSM radio and caught the attention of national media. This exposure helped Angel Tree expand far beyond its regional beginnings, transforming it into a nationwide movement. Today, Angel Tree serves mil-lions of families each year, with trees appearing in stores, churches, small businesses, and corporations across America.

Locally, community members can make a difference by donating to an Angel Tree at these participating lo-cations:

- Financial Horizons Credit Union – 2711 Reno Hwy
- His Inspirations – 200 S Maine St
- Stockman’s Casino – 1560 W Williams Ave
- The Homestead – 365 W. A St. (Seniors)
- Darling and Dapper – 201 S Maine St
- Fallon Ford Toyota – 1351 W Williams Ave
- The Grid – 2030 Reno Hwy
- Stargazer Blossoms & Custom Gifts LLC – 957 W Williams Ave.

Whether you give clothing, toys, or other essentials, each donation helps bring joy and dignity to neighbors in need, ensuring the spirit of the Angel Tree contin-ues to shine brightly each holiday season.

Churchill Kids Choir to Hold Three
Holiday Performances in Fallon

*Local Students Bring Festive Cheer with Concerts
on December 5, 6, and 9*

Staff Report

The Churchill Kids Choir, comprised of talented 3rd through 8th graders from schools across the area, is set to perform three times over the next couple of weeks in Fallon. The choir, a proud part of the Performing Arts of Churchill County, kicks off its holiday season with a much-anticipated appearance at the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5th, at 5:30 p.m. Under the direction of Tom Fleming and Tina Koenig, the young singers will entertain the crowd and invite everyone to join in the festive sing-along at the tree on Maine Street.

The celebrations continue the following evening, Saturday, December 6th, at 6 p.m., with the Community Christmas Concert at the Barkley Theater. This event features perform-ances from various groups of all ages, promising an evening filled with holiday cheer and beautiful melodies. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased online or at the door.

To wrap up the semester, the Churchill Kids Choir will host a free concert at Numa Elementary on Tuesday, December 9th, at 5:30 p.m.. Families, friends, and community members are all welcome to attend. After the performance, volunteers will serve music and cookies, making it a sweet ending to a season of songs.

D50 Custom Designs Hosts Annual Christmas
Tree Sale to Benefit Local Youth Groups

*Freshly Cut Douglas and Noble Firs Return
to Louie’s Ace Home Center Lot*

By Nancy Chapman

D50 Custom Designs, owned by Rusty Diaz and family, is bringing back a beloved holi-day tradition to the community by hosting its second annual Christmas Tree sale at Louie’s Ace Home Center parking area. The lot will feature freshly cut Douglas and Noble Fir trees, available for purchase over three weekends only.

The Christmas Tree lot will open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., while supplies last, start-ing Friday, November 28, through Sunday, December 14, 2025. Proceeds from the sale will support several local youth groups, giving holiday shoppers a chance to spread cheer beyond their own homes.

The CCHS Swim Team will kick off the first weekend of sales on Friday, November 28. On Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30, the Oasis Grad Night Committee will manage the lot. The following weekend, December 6 and 7, is hosted by the Churchill County FFA Chapter, with Vice President Hannah Montalvo and member Kari Bailey announcing a bake sale in addition to tree sales. The final weekend, December 13 and 14, will see the Oasis Grad Night Committee return to close out the season.

The Diaz family, missing the tradition of freshly cut Christmas trees once sold at Louie’s Ace Home Center, decided to revive the experience for the community. This year, they have purchased two hundred trees for the holiday season, ensuring local families can pick out the perfect centerpiece for their celebrations while supporting youth organiza-tions in Churchill County.



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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Buddy!

Buddy is a wonderful 2-year-old Lab/Rottweiler mix who is looking for his forever home. He is both house-trained and leash-trained, making him a great addition to any household. Buddy is friendly and sociable, getting along well with just about everyone he meets. He has experience living alongside other dogs, cats, horses, cows, and people of all ages. Buddy is already neutered and is ready to be adopted. If you are interested in giving Buddy a loving home, don't hesitate to get in touch with the City of Fallon Animal Shelter at 775-423-2282

Cuteness Perfectly Describes Carmen

This adorable 3.5-month-old kitten is full of fun, sweetness, and love. She delights in playtime, chasing after toys, and curling up in cozy spots for a well-deserved nap. Carmen loves being around people and is always ready for a gentle cuddle or a purring snuggle. Her playful spirit makes every moment brighter, and she would be the perfect companion for anyone looking to add warmth and happiness to their home. Carmen is hoping someone will fall for her charm and make her the best Thanksgiving gift ever—a forever home filled with joy.

Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wreaths Across America



Photo by Robert Perea.

By Sydney Trainor

On Saturday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m., volunteers from Wreaths Across America will be at Churchill County Cemetery to lay remembrance wreaths on veterans’ graves. This is an event that Wreaths Across America holds every year around Christmas.

The Wreaths Across America mission is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. According to their website, over 2 million volunteers are involved at more than 5,200 locations, including all 50 states, at sea, and abroad.

The 2025 theme for Wreaths Across

America is “keep moving forward”, which was inspired by the last words of Captain Joshua Byers (United States Army, KIA, in Fallujah, Iraq, July 23, 2003).

According to executive director Karen Worcester, “There will always be challenges to overcome as individuals, communities, and a country, but we must keep moving forward together. This year, we will share not only the Byers’ story of resilience but also the stories of many others who continue to live with purpose every day and have chosen to keep moving forward.”

To sponsor a wreath or sign up to volunteer, go to wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Fallon PD Wins Battle of the Badges Award Saves Lives Through Blood Donation



Shannon Perez and Whitney Aboytes present the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive award to the Fallon Police Department.

Story and photo by Riggin Stonebarger

At the Nov. 18 Fallon City Council meeting, Whitney Aboytes and Shannon Perez led public comments by presenting the Battle of the Badges blood donation award. The event held its seventh annual blood drive at the Fallon Convention Center on July 8–9. The drive is a friendly competition between the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office and the Fallon Police Department, with each agency competing to encourage the most blood donations. Aimee Guthrel from Vitalant hosts multiple Battle of the Badges contests throughout Northern Nevada, bringing in great community support. “The Ladies Behind the Badge” also helped organize the event. Fallon Police Department collected 88 pledges, and Churchill County Sheriff’s Office collected 77, making Fallon Police the winner for this year’s drive. Perez said 162 total units were collected, saving roughly 486 lives.

In other business, the council introduced the consideration of Bill No. 809, Ordinance No. 790. The ordinance amends Title 6 of the Fallon City Code to remove specified fines and fees and provide that the chief of police shall set such fines and fees. Title 6, which covers “Animals,” includes specific dollar amounts for fines, penalties, impound fees, boarding fees, licensing fees, adoption fees, exotic animal permit fees, and administrative charges.

If approved, the new ordinance will change the applicable fee amounts and replace them with “as established by a fee schedule adopted by the Chief of Police.” The reason for this consideration is to create greater flexibility when setting and adjusting these fines. A public hearing on the ordinance has been set for Dec. 16 at 9 a.m.

MEETINGS

Nov. 28 – Dec. 5, 2025

Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

155 N Taylor Street

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

Board of County Commissioners

155 N. Taylor St

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

CC Communications

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

155 N. Taylor Street

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

Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine Street

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

Central NV Health District

155 N Taylor Street

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

155 N. Taylor Street

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

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Nov. 24, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	63,700 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	2.47 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	295 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	323 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	237 cfs

Nov. 24, 2024	Nov. 24, 2023	Nov. 24, 2022
117,166 acre feet	203,123 acre feet	20,881 acre feet

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

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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

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

Monday, Dec. 1

Beef Stew

Buttermilk Biscuit

Crisp Green Salad

Applesauce

Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Chicken Piccata

Cheese Tortellini

Steamed Asparagus

WW Roll

Diced Peaches

Orange Wedges

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Sloppy Joes

WW Bun

Baked Beans

Baby Carrots

Fruit Cocktail

Thursday, Dec. 4

Chicken Tamales

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Pineapple Chunks

Tapioca Pudding

Friday, Dec. 5

Shrimp Scampi

WW Pasta

Roasted Corn

Crisp Salad

Italian Dressing

Baked Apples

FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

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

Monday, Dec. 1

Turkey Casserole

Salad & Dessert

Thursday, Dec. 4

Rotary Night

Monday, Dec. 8

Swiss Steak

Vegetables & Bread

Thursday, Dec. 11

Spaghetti

Salad & Bread

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

COMMUNITY

79 Local Families Receive Thanksgiving



Sarah Lavy. Photo by Norma Tousignant



Lions and LDS pitched in to help with the food drive. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

By Rachel Dahl

Nearly 80 Churchill County families will have full Thanksgiving dinners this year thanks to a community-led food drive organized by local resident Sarah Lavy and supported by volunteers, churches, and service organizations.

The distribution took place Saturday, Nov. 22, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Richards Street, where volunteers handed out 79 completed Thanksgiving food boxes. Each box included a turkey and the traditional sides. Any unclaimed boxes at the end of the distribution period were to be delivered to Pastor Dawn at Fallon Daily Bread to support its food pantry and community meal.

This year’s effort expanded significantly from Lavy’s earlier work. She began coordinating Thanksgiving boxes last year out of her home after running the annual Fallon Cares Community Coat Drive. Increased need and strong pub-

lic response prompted a larger operation in 2024.

“I put out a post asking if people wanted to sponsor a family or donate food, and it grew quickly,” Lavy said during the distribution. “Once the church offered the facilities, we were able to help far more families.”

Families were referred through three main channels: nominations submitted online, families who participated in the coat drive, and additional referrals that came in after word of the project spread. In total, approximately 40 families were nominated through the online form, 25 came from the coat drive, and several more contacted Lavy directly after hearing about the effort.

The LDS congregation provided space and volunteers for packing and distribution. Members of the Fallon Lions Club also participated, assembling ten large boxes for families of six.

In addition to the Thanksgiving drive, Lavy and her volunteers are already preparing for their next project, a Christmas gift program for local teenagers.

Thirty teens, ages 13 to 18, have been nominated by teachers, family members, or community members. Each teen has been matched with one or more sponsors who will provide both requested items, often basic necessities such as socks or hygiene products, and additional gifts tailored to their interests.

Local churches and community groups have also contributed to that project, with additional sponsors standing by should more teens be identified.

Lavy said the goal of both efforts is to match community members who want to help with those who need support. “Fallon steps up when people know what the need is,” she said.

Both the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects will continue annually, Lavy said, with organizers planning to expand or adjust based on community need.

For more information or to assist with future projects, community members may contact Lavy directly through social media or watch for public postings seeking sponsors or donations.

Local Physician Recognized for Rural Health Leadership

Dr. Tedd McDonald Receives the Nevada State Office of Rural Health’s Community Star Award

By Christy Lattin

Tedd McDonald, M.D., has been named a “Community Star” by the Nevada State Office of Rural Health, joining an elite group of 40 honorees selected annually from across the nation. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant impacts on rural health, with 400 Community Stars honored over the past decade from all 50 states.

McDonald was formally recognized by the state office on November 20, which coincided with National Rural Health Day.

The recognition comes as McDonald celebrates a major milestone: the establishment of the Rural Residency Program at Banner Churchill Community Hospital. For McDonald, the achievement represents the culmination of nearly two decades of persistent effort.

“We’ve worked a long time to bring this to Fallon,” he said. “It’s exciting to see it finally come together.”

McDonald has been working toward bringing graduate medical education to Fallon since 2006. The city came close to securing the program in both 2008 and 2012, but those attempts ultimately fell through. This time, conditions aligned perfectly. The program was made possible through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

A Fallon native, McDonald graduated from Churchill County High School in 1974 before attending the University of Nevada, Reno. He first returned to his hometown in 1984 as an optometrist, practicing until 1994, when he decided to further his medical education. He returned to the UNR School of Medicine to study obstetrics and gynecology.

After completing his residency in Fort Worth, Texas, McDonald returned home as an OBGYN, where he has served the community for over two decades. Throughout his career, he has delivered thousands of babies and provided compassionate care to mothers across Churchill County.

His commitment to healthcare extends beyond his medical practice. McDonald has served as Chief Medical Officer at Banner Hospital and as Community Health Officer from 2013 to 2023. When the Central Nevada Health District was created in 2023, he became its Health Officer, serving until his contract expired in mid-2025.

Gerald Ackerman, director of the Nevada State Office of Rural Health, nominated McDonald for the award. The two have collaborated for years



on the UNR School of Medicine Admissions Committee, worked together to establish the Rural Residency Program, and served on the Nevada Board of Health.

“I’ve known him a long time,” Ackerman said. “What a guy, he’s what you want in a physician. He’s the poster model for the Community Star Award. He’s invested in the community. He originally trained as an optometrist, then returned to medical school for obstetrics and gynecology care.”

Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford, who has known McDonald since childhood, spoke highly of the honoree’s decades of service.

“I have known Dr. Tedd McDonald and his family since childhood. Tedd was three years behind me at Churchill County High School, graduating in 1974, and later attended the University of Nevada while I was also a student there,” Tedford said.

The mayor noted McDonald’s extensive community involvement, including service on the Churchill County School Board, Churchill County Republican Party, and work with the Churchill County Arts Council.

“I hold Tedd in the highest regard and am grateful for his lifetime of service and commitment to our community,” Tedford said. “Dr. McDonald has made a lasting impact on our community, delivering thousands of babies and providing compassionate care to their mothers.”

Tedford, who chairs the Central Nevada Health District, added, “We have worked closely together in advancing healthcare in Churchill County, and I have witnessed firsthand his dedication to patients and families. I applaud Dr. Tedd McDonald for his outstanding service and congratulate him on his well-deserved recognition as a Community Star.”

McDonald believes he may be the first person from Fallon to receive the Community Star Award. Despite stepping away from his role as Health Officer, he plans to remain involved in public health. McDonald noted that one of his motivations for entering medical administration was “to improve care and provide tools to physicians so they can be more effective health care providers.”

Reflecting on the often-unseen nature of public health work, he offered a candid observation: “Public health is not as sexy because if you’re doing things right, nothing happens.”

As for his decision not to return as Health Officer, McDonald made it clear he’s not slowing down.

“I’m always looking at ways to avoid being under-stimulated. I want to work, I’m healthy, and I haven’t lost too many marbles.”

COMMUNITY

Fallon Rodeo Team Dinner a Fundraising Success

Fallon Rodeo Team members, parents, volunteers, and community members packed the Rafter 3C Events Complex halls on Nov. 15 to raise funds for the club and the upcoming spring high school and junior high school rodeo.

Rodeo Club President Brooke Allison welcomed the crowd, saying, “Rodeo isn’t just a sport, it’s a support system and family. And a large family at that, with 200 in attendance showing their support for the club and the sport of rodeo.



Fallon PRCA Rodeo Queen Mylee Macedo, left, and Junior Rodeo Queen Reese Keil support the cause selling raffle tickets. Photo by Leanna Lehman.



Fallon Rodeo Team: Brooke Allison, Megan Allison, Zach Greenberg, Wyatt Greebwood, Clayton Hiibel, Chloe Kent, Stix Lee, Stella Lee, Ainsley MacPhearson, and Sarabel Olshefski. Not pictured: Caleb Edgemon, Wyatt Peek, Rio Segura, Ryder Segura, Rostin Snow, and Payden Torvik. Photo by Victoria Crystal.

With rodeo parents Sage Hiibel serving as M.C. and Tommy Lee acting as auctioneer on stage, the fundraiser successfully brought in an impressive \$29,000, showcasing the remarkable generosity of Fallon families and area businesses. The event featured a fantastic tri-tip dinner catered by The Venue, which also donated the meat; fabulous desserts; a 50/50 raffle; and plenty of fun. The live, jaw-dropping silent auction items included a variety of donations too large to fit on the display table, such as a ton of hay, a hockey table (a flatbed trailer), and beautiful antique furniture. Long-time rodeo supporter Teresa Hiibel donated four bottles of her highly coveted

homemade Irish cream, which brought in over \$800. Silent auction items ranged from tasty treats to rodeo gear, gift baskets, and gift certificates, all revving up a little good-hearted rivalry among bidders – all for a great cause. The club thanks all the parent volunteers, sponsors, donors, and attendees for their support. Don’t forget to show your support when it’s rodeo time!

**“Rodeo isn’t just a sport,
it’s a support system
and family.”**

BUSINESS

Station 50 Sip and Swirl: Family-Owned Shop Offers Thirty Flavors and Local Charm

By Nancy Chapman

Station 50 Sip and Swirl, a new family-owned and operated drink and ice cream shop, has opened its doors at 2155 W. Williams Avenue in Fallon. Managed by Addison Diaz, the shop welcomes customers with a friendly smile. It offers an impressive selection of thirty flavors, which can be added to a cream base, Red Bull, or club soda, as well as vanilla and chocolate ice cream from a machine that originated at Bob’s Root Beer Drive-In.



Manager Addison Diaz, Station 50 Sip and Swirl. Photo Courtesy Rusty Diaz.

The name “Station 50 Sip and Swirl” is more than just catchy—it reflects the Diaz family’s deep roots in both their personal lives and community service. Dan Diaz, one of the owners, works at Federal Fire at NAS Fallon and volunteers at the Fallon Churchill Fire Department. The number fifty connects to their ranch, D-50 Honey Ranch, while “sip and swirl” describes the array of drinks and ice cream treats they serve. Rusty and Dan Diaz operate the business alongside their family, with Addison Diaz managing the shop and helping customers create custom treats.

Rusty’s personal favorite? Dr. Pepper with a splash of lavender and blackberry syrups. Before opening Sip and Swirl, the Diaz family launched D50 Custom Designs in April 2023, specializing in screen printing, embroidery, and laser cutting for personalized items and custom hats. In October, they moved their business to the new address and debuted Sip and Swirl in the adjoining space, adding a sweet new option for the local community. Beyond drinks and ice cream, Station 50 Sip and Swirl also sells honey from the family’s ranch, giving customers a taste of local flavor. Stop by and let manager Addison Diaz craft your favorite drink or ice cream treat—there’s something for everyone at this welcoming Fallon spot.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Pauses CNHD Admin-Physician \$380K Salary Increase

By Leanna Lehman

During their regular meeting on Nov. 19, the Churchill County Board of County Commissioners decided to delay a decision to potentially increase the Central Nevada Health District Administrator/Physician Health Officer’s maximum salary to \$380,000. The pay package would cap at \$592,800, including a benefit plan valued at \$212,800. The county’s cost would be 68%, with CNHD budgeted to cover the remaining 32%.

On Nov. 13, the CNHD board approved increasing the salary to the proposed amount, acknowledging that the County Commission would have to approve the measure for the increase to take effect. Chief Civil District Attorney, Joe Sanford, explained that the county has been recruiting for this position for some time. The most pressing challenge has been finding an administrator who is also a licensed physician, ideally with experience in public health. According to CNHD Interim Administrator Shannon Ernst, very few apply, and even fewer are qualified. Two who were qualified would not accept the position at the current salary of \$179,441.60 to \$241,342.40.

“When this was proposed, CNHD was really looking to make sure to get a health officer, which is expensive,” Ernst said. Churchill County Manager Chris Spross added that the need for a physician aligns with the medical requirements for the jail and the Juvenile Justice Center, which operates under Churchill County’s Juvenile Probation Office (JPO).

“It was agreed that Churchill County or any other [CNHD] entity that wants to engage and have those services would pay a portion,” said Ernst. Churchill is bearing the bulk of the initial cost because it is the first county for which this is being developed; however, two other counties are considering participating, which could later reduce the cost.

One way to help cover the position’s costs may

lie in whether Churchill County becomes a Medicaid-billable entity. Ernst said that many individuals within the jail system are either eligible for or currently on Medicaid, and the county could see reimbursements. In her other role as Churchill County Social Services Director, Ernst said that she recently received an update on opioid settlement funds, which would also help.

Commissioner Matt Hyde expressed concern about the fiscal sustainability of such costs, saying, “My concern is we hire one doctor and then others [counties] join in and then we’re going to have to continue to keep supporting and hiring.”

Ernst noted that Churchill has expressed the most need right now. “Churchill County is the only one that we are working to try to provide this for. And this has been a request for years.” The cost of the increase in salary is in addition to what the county currently pays for their annual CNHD assessment. “This is not part of a public health structure,” Ernst stated, explaining this is an add-on, similar to family planning services, for which the county receives grant funds.

Commissioner Eric Blakey remarked on how this might affect the sheriff’s office and JPO. “No discussions have been had with medical at juvenile detention, the jail, or the sheriff to see if this model is going to work or can work or how it’s going to work.”

Ernst explained it was Churchill County that brought this up during the CNHD workshop. “I will go on record saying, these conversations have been happening with the Sheriff’s Department since the pandemic. I was involved in those.” She said she mapped both the jail and the Juvenile Justice Center during the pandemic, and they continue to reach out to her.

Commissioners questioned whether a person could realistically manage jail medical across multiple facilities and counties. Ernst said that the doctor will oversee the program, review things, and meet with patients on a certain basis. “The goal was to utilize the staff that’s there be-

cause, truly, they’re being underutilized in our communities.”

“They [the jail and JPO] have a laundry list of things they would like. They would like us to provide mental health services. That is not public health either,” Ernst said. “But it can be an option if the county is willing to pay for it.”

Spross told commissioners, “If we revert away from this and go back to an administrator for CNHD, the county still has a responsibility to fulfill the obligation to the jail and to JPO.”

Sanford added that proposals for jail clinical services received were upward of \$1 million. He said that a medical doctor would serve as the licensing authority and oversee nursing and other staff. “We understand that’s an additional cost, but that may be cheaper than what was already being proposed,” he said. “It would give us significantly more oversight over that group than we would have with an independent contract.”

Chairman Myles Getto recalled that costly proposals for jail medical services came in at \$707,000 and \$1.1 million and stated that he did not think that was the best way forward. “And if we can roll this position and utilize CNHD staff to take care of that medical aspect, then I think that’s more ... but I want actual confirmation that covers our liability and covers the MD for the jail and for JPO.”

Ernst urged commissioners to move quickly, reminding them that she was intended only to serve as an interim administrator at CNHD for three months and has been in the position since March. “Truly, the structure, how it is with me being their administrator and running social services and the Life Center, doesn’t work. I don’t think we can wait three, four months to start recruiting.”

Commissioners tabled the item, agreeing that other stakeholders, including the sheriff’s office and JPO, should be brought into the conversation. No public comment was offered, and the matter will be placed on the Dec. 4 board agenda for further consideration.

Library Board Meeting

By Sydney Trainor

The Library Board met on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m. Board members praised Library Director John for all the work that he does in the community. The Library Board Chair, Jessica Rowe, emphasized this by saying, “I’m hearing a lot from the community that you’ve been out there moving and talking to a lot of people.”

John then presented the Library Director’s report. As for personnel, the Technical Services Library position has over 25 applicants, and they are currently reviewing them. For programming updates, grab-and-go turkey crafts are available for families, as are a Dec. holiday STEAM event and an ornament craft. Also, John recommended closing on Dec. 24 to give staff an additional day off for the holidays. The Board agreed to add it to the agenda for the upcoming Dec. 18 meeting before it can be approved.

Library staff member Magdalena reported on the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference. She highlighted new strategies to improve library services, including creative ways to involve volunteers in tasks such as DVD maintenance. She also presented new programming ideas, such as senior social activities and digital literacy sessions on AI and online safety. The board noted that the conference provided valuable inspiration and practical tools that will directly support the library’s outreach and operations.

The Board also discussed the library becoming compliant with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). John noted that the library team needs more time to research the impact of CIPA and how it’s tied to grant funding. The board acknowledged that the library has an internet safety policy and that further discussion is needed to determine whether becoming CIPA-compliant is necessary.

Nov. 19 County Commission Meeting: Actions and Approvals

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County Board of County Commissioners met Nov. 19 for their regularly scheduled meeting, considering and approving multiple items, including the 2025 Geothermal Lease Sale, agreements with Nevada Health and Human Services, and the Senior Volunteer Program.

Upcoming meetings on the Sand Canyon Road realignment and the checkerboard land resolution will be rescheduled. Two Churchill parcels were sold at the 2025 Geothermal Lease Sale at \$6 and \$8 per acre, with the county set to receive 25% of that revenue.

Commissioners approved a \$125,000 agreement with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to support a statewide child abuse prevention campaign. The funding is part of a partnership with the Division of Child and Family Services, which will allow Churchill County Social Services to participate in an intensive marketing effort to raise public awareness about child abuse and connect families with local resources. The campaign will be carried out through the state’s contracted marketing firm, KPS3, with the county serving as a local partner in delivering unified prevention messaging.

Another agreement was approved with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to continue \$119,601 in funding for Churchill County’s Homemaker Program, which provides in-home support to seniors and residents who can no longer maintain their homes on their own. The county will also seek a contractor in the spring to resume yard-cleanup services, which have not been available over the past year.

Commissioners received and approved a report on the county’s Medicaid Mapping Project, a year-long analysis conducted by the Corporation for Supportive Housing to determine whether the county could become a Medicaid-billable entity. Consultant Brooke Page outlined how the study focused on juvenile justice case management and non-emergency medical transportation, estimating that Medicaid reimbursements could generate significant new revenue after initial startup costs. With major statewide Medicaid changes underway, Social Services recommended waiting about 90 days before advancing any next steps. The board

agreed to bring the item back for further review.

Commissioners approved a \$20,000 agreement between Churchill County Social Services and Silver Summit Health Plan to expand Medicaid education for rural residents. As managed care rolls out statewide in January, the partnership will help local Medicaid recipients understand their plan options and benefits.

A request from the Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club was approved, increasing water usage from 150 acre-feet to 200 acre-feet of county-owned water for its new training grounds in Stillwater, with the club responsible for all transfer and consulting fees. The board also authorized pursuing a permanent transfer of the water’s place of use to streamline future approvals.

Commissioners approved a \$9,921 contract with PAC States to rewire the Recorder’s Office after ongoing connectivity problems slowed internet and phone service. The project will replace outdated cabling with new CAT6 wiring and upgraded ports to restore reliable service.

The board approved funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Fallon Youth Club for fiscal year 2026. Shannon Goodrick updated the board on the activities and learning that the Fallon Youth Club provides. Afterwards, Chairman Eric Blakey commented, “I’d like to thank you for your dedication to this community and your organization’s dedication to this community.”

Commissioners approved updated guidelines for the county’s long-running Senior Volunteer Program, raising the quarterly mileage reimbursement cap from \$50 to \$75 and aligning mileage rates with the county’s standard reimbursement rate. Social Services Director Shannon Ernst noted that the update makes the program more meaningful for volunteers who rely on modest reimbursement as support for their service.

Commissioners approved a bid to begin renovations on the planned homeless day use facility and emergency housing projects, while tabling a decision to increase the salary and benefits cap to a maximum of \$592,000 for the Central Nevada Health District administrator/physician position that remains unfilled after ongoing recruitment efforts until more information is available. Further information on these agenda items is available in this edition as accompanying articles and online at thefallonpost.org.

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Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, Nov. 18 Judge Thomas Stockard Presiding – Part II

By Teresa Moon

Gabriel Otto Marckstadt pleaded guilty to Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. He is charged with punching and kicking another in the jaw, causing prolonged pain. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation PSI and set sentencing for Jan. 20.

Stephanie Torres Herrera pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation PSI and set sentencing for Jan. 20.

Brett Jesse Michael Fearn pleaded guilty to Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Fearn also pleaded guilty to two Gross Misdemeanors: one for Injuring or Tampering with a Vehicle with \$250 to \$5,000 in damages, and a second for Injury to Other Property \$250 to \$5,000. Each Gross Misdemeanor is punishable by 364 days in the Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

According to the record, Fearn verbally threatened a Churchill County resident while wielding a knife, creating a reasonable apprehension of bodily harm. He also slashed four tires on a vehicle belonging to the resident and damaged the door and lock of the same. Fearn agreed to pay restitution of \$1,950.72, with at least \$1,000 of that payable at the time of sentencing. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation PSI and set sentencing for Jan. 20.

Luis Osvaldo Pardini-Loyola appeared for sentencing on the Category B Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, a Third or Subsequent Offense, to which he pleaded guilty in July 2022. At that time, he was placed in the three-year DUI Diversion Program, which



he has now successfully completed.

Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Ryan McCormick told the court that, due to Pardini-Loyola’s completion of the program, meeting all of the diversion requirements, the charge was amended to a DUI Second Offense.

The court issued the statutory \$750 fine and reported that the Diversion Program requirements were satisfied and that many of the mandatory sentencing requirements were met.

Regarding the program, Pardini-Loyola told Judge Stockard, “It gives people an opportunity to change their habits, and their addictions, and to grow as a person. I believe that for a person willing to change, it’s a great opportunity.” He said it was a very challenging program.

Todd Steven Garcia appeared for sentencing on the charge of Uttering a Forged Instrument, a Category D Felony to which she pleaded guilty in September, and which is punishable by 1-4 years.

DDA Ryan McCormick told the court that,

pursuant to negotiations, the State recommended probation. He concluded with, “We wish her the best” going forward. The State asked for restitution in the amount of \$1,121.65.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court that his client is working to open her own business and asked the court to grant probation. He said Garcia would be able to remit \$500 of the restitution after the hearing and pay the balance within the next few months.

Garcia told the court she is “embarrassed and ashamed” and is “terribly sorry.” She said she is doing well, is taking care of her mother, and is doing her best to be a better part of society.

Judge Stockard granted probation on a suspended sentence of 19-48 months, ordered Garcia to obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation, and ordered restitution of \$1,121.65. He told Garcia, “You have a fairly extensive criminal history ... take advantage of this opportunity ... Just learn from it and move forward.”

Justice Court Update – Nov. 13

By Leanna Lehman

Judge Benjamin Trotter handled multiple sentencing matters during the Nov. 13 New River Township Justice Court docket, including a domestic violence case with mandatory custody time and a protection order violation tied to drug paraphernalia.

Lana Balthazar appeared with her attorney, Churchill County Deputy District Attorney Hampton Young, after the parties reached a negotiated resolution. She pleaded guilty to criminal contempt. Judge Trotter sentenced her to 30 days in the Churchill County Jail, suspended for 12 months, on the condition she does not violate any court orders, including appearance orders and summonses.

Koda Kephart, who was arrested in early November for a DUI first offense and no proof of insurance, appeared for a status hearing after previously indicating he intended to hire private counsel. The defendant said he remained in contact with an attorney but needed additional time to gather funds. The State did not object. Judge Trotter continued the matter and set a new status hearing for Dec. 11, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. He instructed Kephart to notify the court promptly upon counsel's retention.

Angela Westerlund, who had pleaded guilty Nov. 4 to a misdemeanor theft case involving items taken from a vacant property. Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said trail cameras captured Westerlund taking a metal horse scraper and a rake, and requested restitution of \$54.09. Sanford asked for 10 days in jail, suspended for two years, plus restitution. Westerlund objected at sentencing, saying she found the tools already broken and returned them to officers immediately. Trotter told her the court could not revisit guilt after she entered a plea. He imposed a 10-day suspended jail sentence over two years with the condition of no further criminal violations and ordered restitution paid within 30 days. After Westerlund said she had injuries and could not perform physical labor, Trotter declined to order community service.

Tiffany Odle appeared on two matters—an arraignment on a new charge and a status hearing on an existing case. Public Defender Jacob Sommer waived formal arraignment, told the Court Odle understood the new charges, and requested that his office be appointed to the new case as well. Odle agreed to waive her right to a preliminary hearing within 15 days.

Judge Trotter set the next hearing for Dec. 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. if Odle is in custody or 8:30 a.m. if released. The sheriff’s office will book her on the new summons before release.

Harjit Singm, who was arrested in early November on charges of Open or Gross Lewdness, first offense, appeared with a Punjabi interpreter for a status update on counsel. Singh told the Court he had retained Joey Gilbert’s office but had not yet made payment or filed paperwork.

Because Singh had not waived his right to a preliminary hearing within 15 days, his hearing was set for the upcoming Monday, and Judge Trotter determined that retained counsel would not be prepared. The court appointed the Churchill County Public Defender’s Office, with Attorney Jacob Sommer appearing.

After a private consultation, Sommer said Singh would waive the 15-day timeframe, and the court set a status hearing for Dec. 12, with interpreter availability confirmed.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: AYDEN ANAYA



Bighorn Senior Ayden Anaya.

Oasis Academy senior Ayden Anaya has attended Oasis since fourth grade. He appreciates the number of opportunities students have at the school.

“I like it here, and I like the plethora of opportunities students are offered,” he said.

The last day of each school year is full of special memories for seniors. “Going home on the last day of school every year is my favorite memory,” he shared with a big smile.

But behind the humor, he shared a deep appreciation for the teachers who have supported him throughout his time at Oasis.

“I would like to thank Ms. Christine Barnhouse and Ms. Melanie Bradley,” he said. “Without them, I would not have made it this far.”

Art has also played a meaningful role in his experience.

“My favorite class I’ve ever taken is probably watercolor because I love art and I discovered that I love painting with watercolor,” he explained. “I also loved the chill nature of the class. Ms. Jill Oglesbee was a phenomenal art teacher.”

Anaya’s journey at Oasis has been filled with growth, gratitude, and perseverance. His advice for future students reflects that mindset.

“No matter how much you struggle and how dire your current circumstances look, never give up. Even if it isn’t visible in times of difficulty, if you endure long enough, you will see the light at the end of the tunnel,” he closed.

Along with earning his high school diploma, Anaya will also be graduating with an Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College. He plans to pursue a career in electrical work after graduation.

OASIS ACADEMY ROBOTICS TEAMS SHINE AT WEEKEND COMPETITION

Oasis Academy’s FIRST LEGO Robotics teams put their skills, teamwork, and creativity to the test this weekend.

Both Team Oasis and Team Bighorns represented the school as they competed against 30 teams from across the region. The students showcased months of practice, problem-solving, and dedication as they navigated their robots through complex missions and coding challenges.

Team Oasis delivered an especially impressive performance, finishing second overall in the Robot Games, one of the competition’s most

challenging events. It is the first time an Oasis team has placed in the robot portion.

Team Bighorns also had a strong performance, demonstrating steady improvement and excellent teamwork throughout the day. They finished ninth on the robot map portion and showed their core values so well that the presentation and questioning period was shortened.

Coaches Kathy and John Keitz noted that both teams put in countless hours of preparation leading up to the event, fine-tuning their robot builds, testing programs, and learning how to collaborate effectively under pressure.

“It was exciting to see the teams come together and have a great performance in the Robot Games,” Coach John Keitz said. “Both teams remained cool under pressure and made logical and tactical decisions to maximize their score.”

The event highlighted not only the technical skills of Oasis Academy students but also their ability to communicate, think critically, and solve real-world problems—core values of the FIRST Robotics program.

SECOND GRADERS CREATE A “WEB” OF KINDNESS



Students participating in Spider Web Activity.

Second graders recently participated in a fun, hands-on lesson on kindness and connection. Led by School Social Worker Ms. Kamryn Coulter, students created a giant “spider web” in their classroom using a ball of yarn.

As each student held onto the yarn, they shared one way they can be friendly—such as including others at recess, using kind words, or offering help when someone needs it—before rolling the ball across the circle to a classmate.

“My goal was to give students a visual example of what it means to run with the Bighorn HERD,” Coulter said. “As the web took shape, every student held a strand of yarn, showing that they are all a part of the same community. I emphasized how connected we are—students and staff—and how we learn from one another.”

With each pass, the web grew larger, showing how small acts of kindness can build strong, supportive relationships.

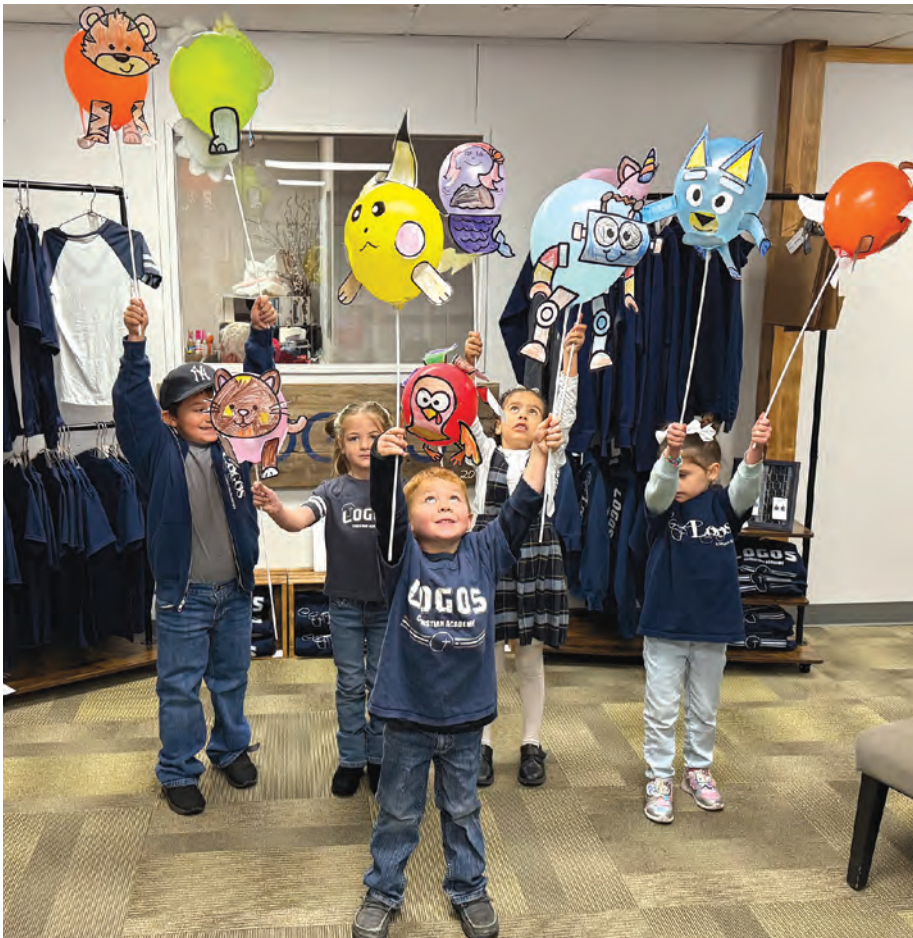
“The activity helped us reflect on how even small actions can strengthen and shape the kind of school community we create together,” she said.

The activity was part of the Oasis Counseling Department’s weekly classroom guidance lessons.

Logos Kicks Off Thanksgiving Festivities
Students Celebrate with Parade and Traditional Fry Bread

This week at Logos Christian Academy was brimming with gratitude and excitement as students and staff looked forward to a well-deserved Thanksgiving break spent with loved ones. The youngest learners, 4K and Kindergarten classes, delighted in hosting their own Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Vibrant, decorated balloons filled the classrooms with laughter and joy, creating a festive atmosphere for all.

To wrap up the week, students and teachers participated in the beloved Logos tradition of making fry bread together. The hands-on activity not only taught valuable culinary skills but also fostered a sense of community—and everyone enjoyed the delicious results. As the holiday approaches, the Logos Christian Academy family extends warm wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving to all.



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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Outdoor Adventure students explore the tunnels on Donner Trail.

CCHS

Anne Hale-Smith took 43 students from her Outdoor Adventure classes on a field trip to explore tunnels in Donner. As they navigated the wintry landscape, students demonstrated qualities of global citizens, working together and engaging with the natural environment. Experiences like this show how CCHS students engage in real-world learning and discovery. Hale-Smith wants to thank everyone who supports this incredible program, which offers trips and learning opportunities that make Outdoor Adventure a fantastic addition to the school’s curriculum.



Hope Squad Members.

CCMS

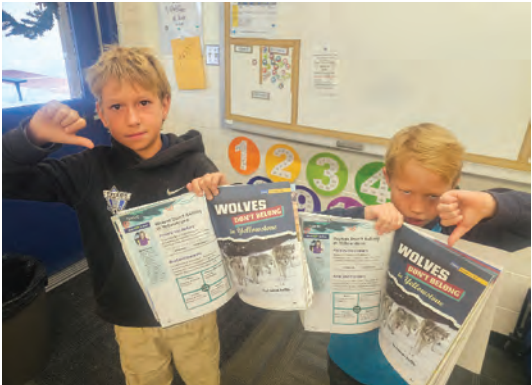
Students at CCMS are fostering connection and compassion through Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. Members, including Alexandria Lutz, Emma Elmore, Fiona McMoones, Harper Conley, Kate Stults, Keaton Lacow, Treyvon Bliss, Whitly Utter, Romar Eresuelo, Addileigh Johnson, Berlynn Johnson, Emma Granger, Emma Carrasco, Hannah Keyes, Jaxson Delgado, Geoffrey Gine, Jaxson Lister, Piper Humphrey, Ameera Tyler, Cole Powell, Hadley Dooley, Kayla Kato, Kieran Wasiak, Laurel Beach, Owen Turner, and Tinsley Steele, are trained to be thoughtful listeners and champions of kindness. “Hope Squad is cool because it is like having a trusted parent to talk to, but even better because it is a trusted student,” Dooley said. Member Keaton Lacow encourages classmates to “speak up, don’t hide, call us.” Through activities such as sending kindness cards to senior centers and hosting Hope Week, students are developing as effective communicators while learning to support and connect with their peers in meaningful ways.

NUMA

Tara Rogers’ class has been exploring ecosystems and food webs, investigating what happens when ecosystems become unbalanced and how harmful algae blooms can form. During the “Bloom Busters” activity, students played a game where they gathered and applied scientific ideas to help a community respond to these impacts. Students acted as critical thinkers, using hands-on problem-solving to understand real-world environmental challenges.

E.C. BEST

In Stacy Stults’ class, students debated whether wolves should be reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park after reading persuasive texts from their Savvas curriculum. Zaeland Hansen and Ellis Lanterman agreed with the story, “Wolves Don’t Belong in Yellowstone,” and Lanterman said, “Wolves ate my chickens, and I don’t like them. They are going to kill our food, and I’m not about to go vegan.” The rest of the class agreed with the story, “Welcome Back, Wolves.” Student Drew Dooley said that without wolves, the food chain could be disrupted, and Yellowstone’s biodiversity could be harmed.



Zaeland Hansen and Ellis Lanterman do not think wolves belong in Yellowstone.

This friendly classroom debate enabled students to become lifelong learners, explore complex issues, and form well-supported opinions.

LAHONTAN

Theresa Moon’s students celebrated creativity with Balloons Over Lahontan, designing and parading their own balloons in honor of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Students demonstrated collaborative learning as they worked together to bring their imaginative creations to life.



Theresa Moon’s class paraded their balloon creations around the school in honor of the Macy’s Day parade.

Veritas Preparatory School Classical and Christian Veritas Celebrates a Week of Hands-On Learning as Thanksgiving Break Approaches

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst, with photos courtesy of Veritas

As the Thanksgiving holiday drew near, Veritas Preparatory School was buzzing with energy, smiles, and hands-on learning. In classrooms across campus, students wrapped up the quarter with creative projects, memorable experiences, and moments of fellowship that highlighted the heart of the school’s mission. From tractor rides to science experiments, the week offered a joyful reminder that learning at Veritas goes far beyond textbooks.

The youngest students on campus - the K4 class - were met with wide-eyed excitement when Colby Frey of Frey Ranch arrived in the school parking lot driving a full-sized tractor. Frey, a longtime supporter of Veritas, invited the K4 students to climb aboard for special tractor rides, giving them a firsthand glimpse into the world of agriculture. For many students, it was their very first time sitting in a real tractor.



5th- and 6th-grade students with edible eukaryotic cells.

Later in the week, the K4 classroom received another group of special visitors - their 7th and 8th-grade learning buddies. The older students spent time reading picture books aloud, turning the classroom into a cozy blend of giggles, imagination, and connection. For the K4 students, the visit brought all the warmth of a Thanksgiving story time.

The 5th- and 6th-grade class was a flurry of colorful creativity as students constructed edible eukaryotic cells entirely out of candy. Using Twizzlers, gummy Nerds, Smarties, and more, students crafted models complete with nuclei, mitochondria, and other essential organelles.

The week’s activities offered a joyful sendoff into the Thanksgiving break, blending academic excellence with creativity, community, and celebration.

As families prepared for the holiday, students left campus with full hearts, sticky fingers, new memories, and a renewed sense of excitement for the weeks ahead.



Fallon Rotary Annual Christmas Drive for Local Homebound Senior’s

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SPORTS

[Greenwave continued from page 1]

“Coach Connors is the one who told me to watch the tight end release, so I listened to him, trusted my coaches,” Richardson said. “The quarterback, he just looked straight up and threw it. I read his eyes and picked the ball. I’ve been in a lot of big games, so it’s just in my blood, I guess.”

The championship is the ninth in school history. And Richardson said he’s been dreaming of winning the state title since watching his cousins, Connor and Brock, win them in 2015 and 2018, respectively.

“It means a lot because my cousins have been in the other ones, so it just feels good to be in with them,” Maxton Richardson said. “Every day they tell me I’ve got to get tone of my own. Now we got it.”

Carson Melendy led the Greenwave Saturday with 174 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries to help make his own childhood dream come true.

“I remember watching Tommy and Sean McCormick, and the Richardsons, when I was like six or seven years old,” Melendy said. “I’ve always wanted to be in one of these state championship games, and now I’m finally here, and we won it.”

Melendy’s second touchdown, a 6-yard run, came on the first play of the fourth quarter and put Fallon up 21-14. Later in the quarter, the Greenwave were threatening to take a two-score lead. The coaches called for a trick play, a halfback option pass. But Melendy’s throw was intercepted by Moapa Valley’s Stetson Houston at the 7-yard line, setting up the Pirates’ final drive.

“Essentially not the greatest play call in the entire world, but we as a staff felt confident in it, the kids felt confident in it,” Connors said. “We run it at practice all the time, and it just didn’t happen for us on that play. But our defense, they’ve been our heart and soul this whole year, and they came up when it mattered.”

The Fallon defense came through time and again on Saturday. Barry Mitchell intercepted a pass by Drosos that ended Moapa Valley’s first possession of the second half, and the Pirates were forced to punt on their other two second-half possessions.

In the first half, Moapa Valley took the opening kickoff and drove as



Fallon’s Erik Townsy looks to tackle Moapa Valley’s Briggs Hickman during last Saturday’s 3A State Championship Game at Mackay Stadium in Reno. Photo by John Baker.

far as the Fallon 13 before Fallon’s defense pushed them back, and the Pirates had to settle for a 47-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead.

With Fallon leading 7-3, the Pirates again marched to the Fallon 16 before the Greenwave forced a turnover on downs. Then, on the third Moapa Valley possession, Fallon forced another field goal after the Pirates drove to the Fallon 9.

“We had a couple of penalties in the red zone that stalled out our drives a little bit,” Moapa Valley coach Brent Lewis said. “We should have probably had at least 28 points on the board, but just shot ourselves in the foot a little there.”

After the Pirates opened the scoring with the first field goal, the Greenwave answered with an 80-yard drive in seven plays to take the lead on a 10-yard touchdown run by Camden Richardson.

Moapa Valley’s second field goal made it 7-6 with 4:18 left in the first half. Fallon struck right back with another seven-play drive, this one 69 yards, and went up 14-6 on a 1-yard touchdown by Melendy with 1:28 left in the first half.

The Pirates tied the game with 9 seconds left in the half, driving 70 yards in 1:19, scoring on a 6-yard pass from Drosos to Hickman, where Hickman broke two tackles inside the 5-yard line, followed by a 2-point conversion.

From there, the Fallon defense made sure the Pirates didn’t score again, and the Greenwave earned a ride home with an escort of police and fire trucks leading them back into town.

“That’s the pinnacle. It’s the top of the mountaintop, and that’s what you strive for each and every time,” Connors said. “We talk about it all the time, just being able to come together as a team, manage the highs and lows. We can’t control the refs or the weather, but we can control attitude, effort, and passion for this game, and they buy into it, although it’s corny. Those things stick with them mentally, and it’s really the foundation of our program.”



Fallon head coach Calvin Connors hugs one of his assistants as the clock winds down during Fallon’s 3A State Championship victory last Saturday. Photo by John Baker.



Fallon’s Wyatt Dixon deflects a pass by Moapa Valley’s Kamden Drosos on a fourth down play in the second quarter of last Saturday’s 3A State Championship Game at Mackay Stadium. Photo by John Baker.

Fallon Hornets 13U Battle to Seventh Place at National Championship Sports Regional Winter World Series

Team Shines with Grit and Growth at Golden Eagle Regional Park, Sparks, Nevada

By Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Hornets 13U baseball team wrapped up their campaign at the National Championship Sports Regional Winter World Series 2025 Nov. 22-23 with a hard-fought seventh-place finish, punctuated by a dominant win and two challenging losses against top regional competition at Golden Eagle Regional Park in Sparks, Nevada.

This year’s Winter World Series brought together youth teams from the Northwest Region, spanning age groups 9U through 18U, for a weekend of intense competition and development. The event’s location—Sparks, Nevada’s renowned Golden Eagle Regional Park—provided a premier venue for players and families, with the tournament drawing squads determined to measure up against the region’s best.

Significantly for this edition, field dimensions were adjusted for the 12U and 13U brackets, challenging players to adapt and sharpen their skills in preparation for the transition to higher levels of play. Organizers emphasized the importance of such experiences for player development, providing athletes with exposure that will serve them well as they pursue high school and college baseball opportunities.

Guided by dedicated coaches Corey Cooper, Jay Yost, and Tyler Diaz, the Fallon Hornets 13U team entered the tournament with focus and ambition. The coaching staff’s commitment to building fundamentals, teamwork, and resilience was evident throughout the series, as players responded to adversity with perseverance and pride.



Fallon Hornets 13U Front Row L-R: Kenton Horn, Greyson Dubois, Eli Diaz, Cole Powell, Jack Rowe, and Pax Cooper. Back Row L-R: Teegan Glenn, LeLan White, Coach Jay Yost, Connor Magana, Head Coach Corey Cooper, Jax Yost, Coach Blake Cooper, Garrette Conner, and Carter Wallace. Photo by Darby Rowe.

The coaching team placed special emphasis on preparing their athletes for the next phase of their baseball journey. The field dimension changes for 13U play—mirroring those used in high school—provided valuable experience, helping athletes adjust to the pace and demands of the game as they look ahead to future seasons.

With a record of one win and two losses, the Fallon Hornets secured a seventh-place finish in a fiercely competitive field. The tournament not only provided a platform for spirited play but

also served as a springboard for further growth as the team sets its sights on upcoming challenges.

While the scoreboard told one story, the real victory for the Fallon Hornets 13U was the heart, determination, and sportsmanship displayed by every player and coach. Coaches Corey Cooper, Jay Yost, and Tyler Diaz earned high praise for their leadership, and the entire team made Fallon proud leaving no doubt that the city’s baseball future is bright.

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What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:

Ten Creative Ways to Transform Thanksgiving Leftovers

By Kelli Kelly

If you’ve been here for a while, you already know that I love Thanksgiving—both for the food and for the quiet, delicious pause it gives us before the winter rush sets in. But I’m going to be honest: the meal itself is only half the fun. The real creativity shows up the next day, when the fridge is overflowing with containers that all deserve a second life.

In the spirit of stretching our ingredients, reducing waste, and finding small delights in the days after the holiday, I pulled together some of my favorite, slightly unexpected ways to transform Thanksgiving leftovers. Whether you’re feeding family all weekend or just keeping yourself nourished between naps and holiday errands, here are ten ideas that keep the magic going.

1. STUFFING WAFFLES

Yes, we’re starting strong. Press leftover stuffing into a waffle iron and let it crisp into a golden, savory masterpiece. Top it with a fried egg, a drizzle of gravy, or even a spoonful of cranberry sauce if you like a little sweet with your savory. It tastes like brunch triumph.

2. TURKEY & VEGETABLE POT PIE

I’m always surprised by how satisfying this is. Turkey, green beans, carrots, and corn (everything you already have) get tucked under a pie crust or puff pastry and baked until bubbling. You can also top it with leftover mashed potatoes for a shepherd’s pie riff. Cozy, comforting, and perfect for that first cold night after Thanksgiving.

3. CRANBERRY BBQ TURKEY SLIDERS

Hear me out: mix your leftover cranberry sauce with your favorite barbecue sauce. It becomes a tangy, ruby-colored glaze that makes shredded turkey feel brand new. Pile it onto rolls with a bit of slaw or pickles. This one wins over even the leftover skeptics.

4. THANKSGIVING FRIED RICE

This might be my favorite “I can’t believe this

works” recipe. Sauté leftover veggies, turkey, and a crumbled handful of stuffing for texture. Add soy sauce, sesame oil, and a scrambled egg. It tastes like a warm, comforting bowl of fusion magic.

5. MASHED POTATO GNOCCHI

If you made mashed potatoes for twenty people but only seven showed up, this is your moment. Combine cold mashed potatoes with flour, egg, and a pinch of salt to make soft gnocchi dough. Roll, cut, boil, and sauté in a bit of butter and herbs. Serve with gravy or brown-butter sage. It’s shockingly elegant for a leftover night.

6. TURKEY PHO OR RAMEN

Save that turkey carcass. Simmer it with onion, garlic, ginger, and a splash of soy sauce to make a rich broth. Add noodles, greens, and turkey pieces. Finish with lime, cilantro, or hot sauce—whatever you have. It’s the kind of meal that warms you from the inside out.

7. STUFFING-CRUSTED QUICHE

Press stuffing into a pie dish and bake it for a few minutes to crisp. Then fill it with eggs, turkey, roasted vegetables, and cheese. What comes out of the oven is a brunchy, savory quiche that tastes like Thanksgiving and Sunday morning had a baby.

8. SWEET POTATO OR PUMPKIN PANCAKES

If you have leftover sweet potatoes or pumpkin purée, fold them into pancake batter with cinnamon and nutmeg. Breakfast becomes a warm, spiced treat. Serve with toasted pecans or cranberry syrup if you’re feeling fancy.



9. CRANBERRY-GLAZED MEATBALLS

Mix leftover cranberry sauce with chili sauce—or gochujang, if you want a little kick—for a sweet-and-spicy glaze. Pour it over meatballs (store-bought is fine!) for an easy appetizer or game-day snack. This one disappears fast.

10. THE THANKSGIVING CRUNCH WRAP

This is pure joy. Layer mashed potatoes, stuffing, turkey, cranberry sauce, and a crisp tostada (or a stuffing waffle!) inside a large tortilla. Add a spoonful of gravy. Fold it up, crisp it in a skillet, and take a victory lap through your kitchen.

ONE MORE THOUGHT...

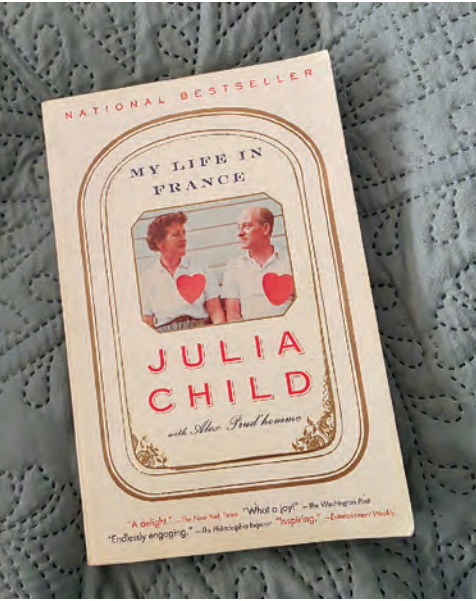
Leftovers aren’t just about stretching meals—they’re small invitations to slow down. To experiment. To turn “what’s left” into something new and deeply comforting. And in a season that can feel rushed and pressured, something is grounding about using what we have well.

If you try any of these, I’d love to hear how they turn out. And if you come up with your own leftover magic? You know I want that recipe.

Happy Thanksgiving, friends. May your leftovers be plentiful, and your waffle iron be ready.

Allison’s Book Report:

“My Life in France” Co-written by Julia Child



By Allison Diegel

The holidays are upon us, and whether we are planning family meals, shopping for holiday feasts, or just dreaming about all of the delicious things this time of year brings, we all have food on our minds. This week, I have a classic book from the queen of delicious food herself, Julia Child, that fits the topic perfectly.

“My Life in France”, co-written by Julia Child and her grandnephew Alex Prud’homme, is not just a memoir; it’s a delightfully warm and intimate portrait of a great love story intertwined with the birth of a culinary legend. The story begins in 1948 when Julia, a tall, boisterous, and frankly directionless American,

arrives in Paris with her devoted husband, Paul Child, who was working for the U.S. Information Agency. Though happily married and enjoying their new life abroad, Julia lacked a serious focus until France presented her with a culinary challenge that changed everything.

Everything shifted during their first authentic French meal in Rouen. Julia describes the simple, perfectly cooked sole meunière - served with a marvelous white wine - as an epiphany, a tasting of “pure perfection.” This one transformative experience ignited a passion that she had never known, immediately turning her from a woman searching for purpose into someone consumed by the need to understand and recreate that joy. Driven by this delicious obsession, she decided she had to learn how to cook French food properly. Paul, a refined diplomat with a sophisticated palate and an artistic eye, wholeheartedly supported her, encouraging her to pursue rigorous training at the famed Le Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris.

The school was intense and often intimidating, but Julia persevered despite being the only woman and the only American who regularly attended. Her ambition soon led her to two brilliant French collaborators, Simone “Simca” Beck and Louise Bertholle. Together, they formed a culinary dream team called L’École des Trois Gourmandes. Their goal was simple, yet revolutionary: to demystify the perceived complexity of classic French cuisine for the average American cook. They didn’t simply translate recipes; they painstakingly tested and adapted them, requiring years of meticulous work and countless revisions in Julia’s small but spirited kitchen, resulting in several publishing setbacks. They finally succeeded with the groundbreaking book, Mastering the Art of French Cooking.

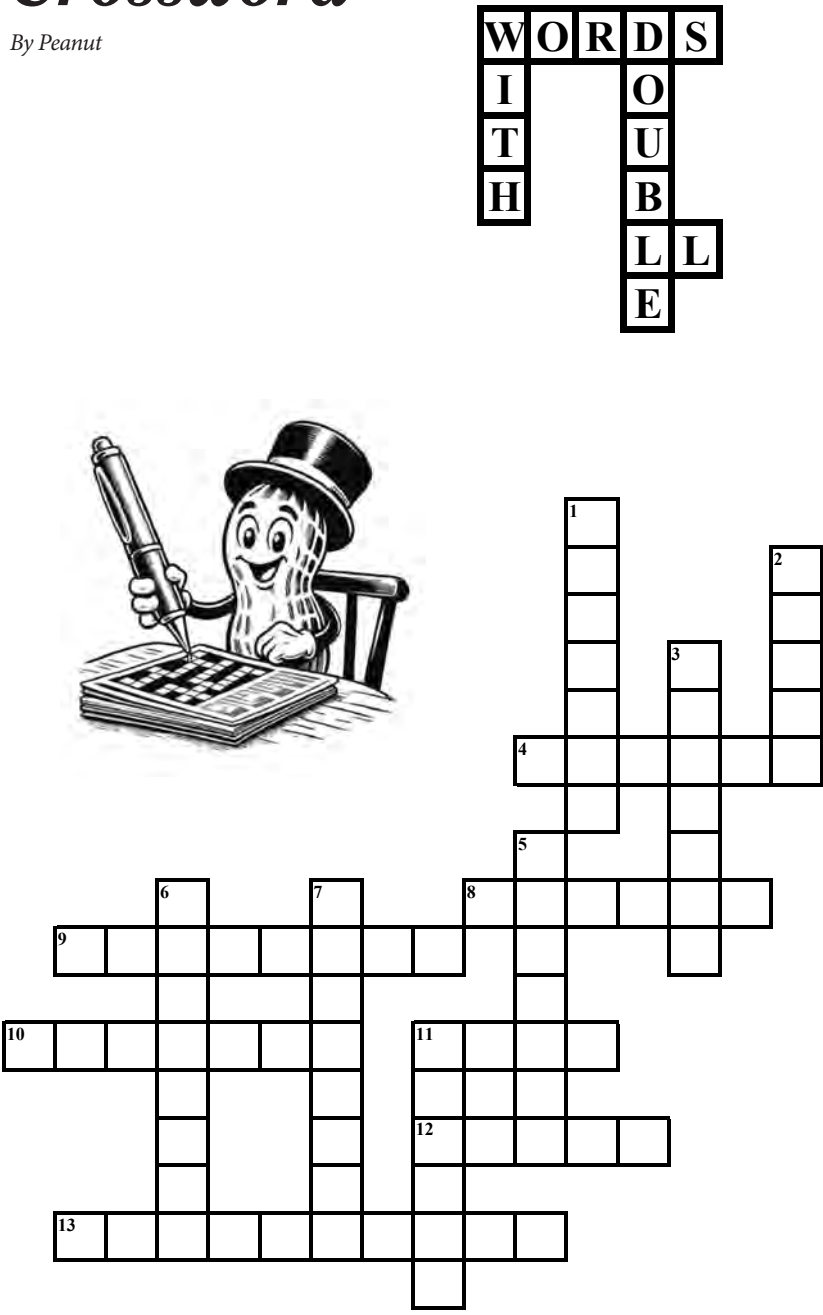
The memoir ultimately serves as a beautiful celebration of finding one’s purpose later in life, proving that it’s truly never too late to find one’s calling. It is also a touching tribute to Paul, whose unwavering love, humor, and dedicated partnership made her entire, joyous journey possible, transforming a hesitant cook into a world-famous master chef who brought French elegance into the homes of millions.

Enjoy whatever you’re reading and eating this week – and don’t forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more scrumptious offerings!

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

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

4. Timmy’s Lassie
8. Oasis of Nevada
9. Greenwave game
10. Pirate & Viking activity
11. Meadowood
12. South American camelid
13. Frey Ranch establishment

Down

1. Capistrano bird
2. A most peculiar girl
3. Gold bars & broth
5. Chocolate’s partner
6. TMCC, WNC
7. Auf wiedersehen, so long
11. Croquet bat

[Crossword answers found on page 15]

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CITY OF FALLON
NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF COPIES
AND PUBLIC HEARING TO
ADOPT BILL NO. 809

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406. To consider possible adoption of Bill No. 809.

Bill No. 809, if adopted as an Ordinance will amend Title 6 of the Fallon City Code to remove specified fines and fees and providing that such fines and fees shall be set by the Chief of Police.

Notice is hereby further given that copies of the Bill have been deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for public examination and distribution upon request. Members of the public may request a copy of the Bill by contacting Elsie Lee, Deputy City Clerk, at 775-423-5104 or elee@fallonnevada.gov.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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BELLE	FALLON	MALLET
BULLION	FAREWELL	PILLAGE
COLLEGES	FOOTBALL	SWALLOW
COLLIE	LLAMA	VANILLA
DISTILLERY	MALL	



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Movies & More

By Kelli Perez



Photo by Glenn Perrazo.

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past weekend to support the Greenwave varsity football team as we streamed the 3A State Championship game live, and for the incredible support you continue to show the Fallon Theatre. We also hit 5,000 Facebook followers last week, and we couldn’t be more grateful. Every like, share, visit, and kind word helps keep this historic theater thriving, and we’re so thankful to have a community that shows up for us again. As we head into another fun weekend, we’ve got two very different but equally entertaining films lined up that are perfect for family time, date night, or a fun evening out following all the Thanksgiving celebrations.

At 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, we’re showing A Minecraft Movie (2025), a playful adventure inspired by the beloved game. As a team of unlikely heroes journey through familiar biomes, craft tools, outsmart mobs, and build their way to survival, they discover the power of teamwork and creativity. With its blend of creativity, comedy, and pixel-perfect fun, it’s an excellent choice for younger audiences and longtime fans alike. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Or at 7 p.m. both nights, settle in for Gremlins (1984), the mischievous cult classic that mixes creature chaos with holiday charm. What begins as an innocent Christmas gift quickly spirals into mayhem when a small town is overrun by adorable troublemakers who definitely do not follow the rules. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 46 minutes.

The full magic of the holiday season begins right outside our doors on Friday, December 5th, with the annual Maine Street Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m.! This beloved community event transforms downtown Fallon into a winter wonderland as families gather to see the lights sparkle to life, enjoy music, and kick off the holiday season together. We’re also inviting the community to help decorate our 12-foot lobby tree by donating Christmas ornaments, which you’re welcome to add during the Tree Lighting or anytime throughout December. Once the tree is lit, head inside the Fallon Theatre where the Lahontan Valley Concert Choir will take the stage for a few festive carols, followed by a selection of classic Christmas cartoons for the whole family to enjoy. Or, at 7 p.m., settle in for Jingle All the Way (1996), proudly sponsored by Premier Pawn.

Premier Pawn is adding even more fun this year with a free raffle for everyone who attends Jingle All the Way on Friday or Saturday night! One lucky winner will take home a never-opened Turbo Man action figure, just like the one featured in the movie. The raffle drawing will take place on Facebook Live on Friday, December 6th, around 7:15 p.m., so be sure to hold onto your ticket in case you win! And after the drawing, take your raffle ticket to Andy’s Arcade for \$1 worth of play time as a thank-you for joining in the fun!

On Sunday, December 7th, Victory Church brings holiday warmth to the Fallon Theatre with a special community evening. The fun begins at 5 p.m. with Christmas carols in the lower theatre, along with free hot cocoa and cookies for everyone. Then at 6 p.m., you can choose between two heartfelt films: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (2024), which is rated PG and runs for 1 hour and 39 minutes, or The King of Kings (2025), rated PG and running for 1 hour and 43 minutes. Our full concessions will also be open during the movies so you can enjoy popcorn, candy, and your favorite drinks. For more information, visit Victory Church at www.victoryfallon.org.

And on Thursday, December 11th, join us at the Fallon Theatre for a festive Christmas Variety Show from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is just \$5 at the door, and guests can enjoy complimentary cocoa and cider, with full concessions available for popcorn, candy, and more. It will be a classy, joy-filled night featuring local live music, dance, comedy, and more, all showcasing the incredible talent in our community. Support local artists and share in an evening of holiday laughter and cheer!

Also, one of our favorite holiday traditions returns this year with The Polar Express! Join us on Friday, December 19th, and Saturday, December 20th, for free showings at both 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., and enjoy a complimentary hot cocoa bar for all attendees. It’s our way of spreading a little extra holiday cheer while you sit back and experience the magic, wonder, and timeless spirit of this beloved Christmas classic. Bring the whole family, sip some cocoa, and believe in the magic of the season!

Please note, the Fallon Theatre will be closed on Friday, December 26th, so our volunteers can enjoy a little rest and quality time with their families after the busy holiday season. We appreciate all they do to keep the theatre running and can’t wait to welcome everyone back that weekend!

As we look ahead into next year, we’re preparing for a very special celebration of our region’s roots. On Saturday, March 7th, 2026, the Fallon Theatre will host Heritage of the West, a free event honoring the songs, stories, and traditions that built the heart of our communities. We’re inviting performers, historians, poets, and storytellers to share the sounds and stories of the past - heritage music, cowboy poetry, dance, and oral histories that keep our western spirit alive. If you’d like to take part in this meaningful tribute to the region’s history and culture, please reach out to huck_salt@yahoo.com or call 775-423-2055 or 775-217-4142.

As always, most regular movie screenings at the Fallon Theatre are free to attend, and our concession stand is stocked with popcorn, candy, and your favorite snacks. Want to rent the theatre for a private event or light up the marquee with a special message? Call us at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

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COLUMNS

Postcards: A Woman’s View 3

By Michon Mackedon

When reading the diary of a person long gone, it is tempting to fill in the missing pieces with armchair psychology—to muse about what has transpired between the lines, given what we know of the person, the time, and the place. In the case of Delia Thompson Brown’s diary, the prose is spare, confined often to a weather report and the presence or absence of family members. She conceals events and emotions behind phrases like “God knows what is best,” “God doeth all things well,” or “No matter....” She applies those words frequently as she bemoans the travels of her busy and apparently successful husband, John Brown, who spends much of his time buying stock and going about business in the county seat of Stillwater.

More frustrating to a reader of Delia’s diary is the fact that the portions of it held in the Churchill County Museum and Archives begin in 1868, skip to 1881-87, and skip again to a small fragment dated 1897. The rest of it has been lost to time and circumstances.

What we do know from the 1868 fragment is that she has just lost a nine-month-old child, a boy named Arthur. She is only somewhat consoled by the presence of “her dear boy, Willie,” who is still with her.

Sunday, August 9, 1868. Another Sabbath day & very warm. John is gone—went yesterday & it is lonesome. Willie says “why, ma, I am with you—why are you lonesome? Dear boy, and he is so lonesome for Pa.”

That portion of her diary ends in August 1868, and another, substantial portion opens on March 1, 1881, and ends on August 9, 1887.

A lot has happened in the meantime, including the birth of a daughter, Stella, on December 31, 1868. We learn of Stella’s birth date from a diary notation dated December 31, 1881: “The last day of the year & Stella’s 13th birthday. How time flies. She is now a large tall girl. God make & keep her good, true & helpful.”

In the 1881-1887 portion of the diary, we learn quite a bit about both Stella and Willie and their relationships with their parents and neighbors. Stella is, as described by her mother, “good, true and helpful.” She washes and irons mountains of clothes, helps with housework, maintains her studies, attends temperance meetings in Stillwater, and has many friends from all over the county, whom she invites to spend the night with

her... or she rides off for a day or two’s visits in, say, Stillwater or St. Clair, or at a neighboring ranch. The 1887 fragment ends with notes of visits to Stella by a “Mr. George Webb.” It is recorded elsewhere that she married Webb in 1887, bore three children, and lived in various places in Northern Nevada. Her mother died in her care in Churchill County in 1903, and her father, John Brown, died at Stella’s home in Reno in 1907.

Delia’s relationship with her son is not as easy to uncover. She wants him home when he is not and working elsewhere when he is home. She worries about his character, although we do not learn why. The armchair psychologist might guess that drinking, womanizing, and/or a touchy temperament were at work to stand in the way of his conventional success.

March 3, 1883. Old Mr. Wightman staid here last night. He wants Willie to go and work for him. I do not like to have him from home but suppose he will go.

May 18, How I do want a letter from Will. Have heard that he has gone to Wyoming.

March 2, 1884. This is Willie’s birthday—21 years old...things are not as I would like to have them. My great wish and care is for him to be a good, honorable and useful man. God guide and direct him aright.

January 8, 1897. My heart is sad as I mourn over my life but too late for regrets. If my dear & only son would change & try and do something good & useful. God incline his heart to wisdom, is my prayer.

January 10, 1897. Will was home only for a few minutes. If he only were different & acted glad to be with us I could stand the rest but he seems so indifferent to our welfare.

Ten years following that despairing diary entry, In December 1907, Willie, while leading one of W.W. Williams’ twelve animal teams from Fallon to Alpine, apparently caught his foot in the stirrup of his horse and was crushed to death by the team. The obituary revealed that he had been elected Churchill County Clerk in 1902. His mother would still have been living in 1902, and I hope she took pride in her son.

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.



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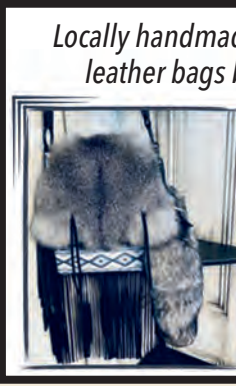
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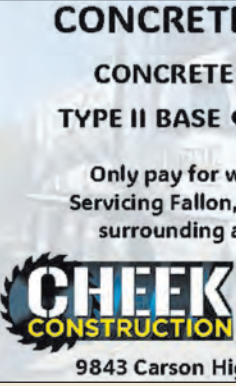
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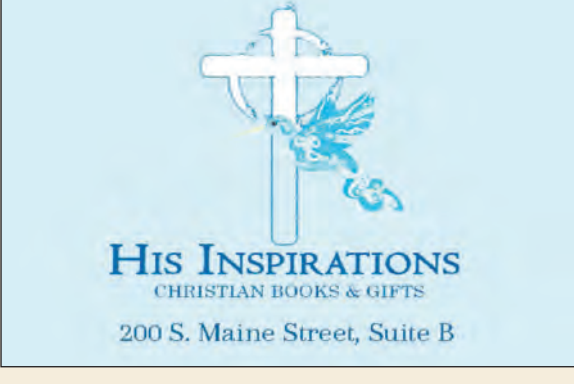
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