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Cantaloupe King and Queen Crowned

By Shania Brown

The 2026 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair kicked off with the annual Cantaloupe Pageant on Thursday, April 2, at the Fallon Theatre.



Cantaloupe Queen Kaena Williams and King Joshua Enriquez stand in front of the Fallon city fountain. Photo by Christina Rodarte.

Eight contestants competed for the titles of King and Queen, along with \$500 scholarships. The competition was open to students from eighth grade through college and vocational programs. Community members were also encouraged to attend and take part in a patriotic theme celebrating America 250.

Reigning King and Queen Anabelle Forshee and Elijah Southfield returned to pass on their titles and reflect on their experiences from last year's festival season. The event was emceed by Festival Board Vice Chairman Todd Moretto, who posed a series of questions prepared by the board. Topics ranged from what participants enjoy most about Fallon to how they would represent the community as King or Queen.

Contestants included Sophie Bake, Joshua Enriquez, Kaena Williams, Adriel Davis, Emily Dunkin, Vincenzo Torres May, Faith Marie Torres, and Phoenix Mathes.

Following deliberation, judges crowned Joshua Enriquez and Kaena Williams as the 2026 Cantaloupe King and Queen. The pair was crowned by Forshee and Southfield and will serve as ambassadors for both the festival and the Fallon community in the months leading up to the annual event.

CCHS Students Shine at "Break the Internet,"

Prepare for LVL UP EXPO With Innovative Game Designs



Digital Game Design instructor Aaron Holt and Churchill County High School senior Keoni Burrow pose behind a monitor displaying the start page of Ruff Day.

Story and photo by Lori Kaiser

At Churchill County High School, Greenwave Games, led by Digital Game Design instructor and esports coach Aaron Holt, is cultivating a new generation of talented game developers, digital sound artists, 2D and 3D digital artists, motion capture specialists, and VR (virtual reality) creators. Thanks to Holt's innovative guidance, students are redefining Nevada's landscape for youth, establishing the school as a pioneer in creative education.

Reflecting on the team's journey, Holt shared, "My administrator, Tim Spencer, has been so supportive of Greenwave Games. He never says no, so I pass that on to my students. Even if I do not know a program or know the answer, the students, when passionate about their goals, find a way which leads to beautiful, fun and amazing creations."

Things kicked into high gear for Greenwave Games this year when Holt brought his student developers to the University of Nevada, Reno's Break the Internet esports event on March 14. At the 2026 gathering, Holt seized the opportunity to spotlight his team's work, drawing attention to their innovative games and giving his students a platform to be recognized by industry peers, professional game developers, and event organizers.

One such game was Ruff Day, an imaginative, Mario-style platform game crafted by CCHS senior and fourth-year Greenwave

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Get Ready! It's Almost Junior Livestock Show & Sale Time

By Leanna Lehman

Spring is here, at least in part, and with it comes one of Fallon's favorite youth agricultural events. The Churchill County Junior Livestock Show & Sale (CCJLS) kicks off on April 23, although participants have been planning and preparing for months.

Held indoors at the Rafter 3C Arena, the livestock show provides an opportunity for Fallon's Future Farmers of America (FFA) students, 4-H, Youth Grange, Battle Born keystones, and independent youth members to exhibit their livestock projects before the public.

This year, Churchill County continued its annual support with \$7,500 for the event. According to Karen Bogdanowicz, CCJLS Foundation Vice President, the 2025 show included 94 exhibitors, 69 animals sold, nearly 30,000 pounds of meat produced, and a total sale revenue of about \$203,591.

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Maine Street was visited last Friday by some of this year's Junior Livestock Show contestants. From left, Addilyn Flower with Duchess, Olivia McKnight (Pug and Wiggles not pictured), Sadie Nuttal with Big Rick, Olivia Manskie with Ash, and Emma Elmore with Aspen. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log:

Frailties

By Rachel Dahl

We had a family funeral a couple of weeks ago, which in my family is, of course, a sad affair, but also a reason to gather a whole big group of people together to catch up, reunite, and check in with each other. There are hugs and visiting, appreciation and celebration for our person who has gone on ahead, and a general sense of connection and well-being.

Then my dad was in the hospital for a few days with pneumonia, and Sloane's baby is taking his sweet time getting here.

It's all added up to a lot of thinking about life here on earth, time, and our physical bodies.

What a blessing they are, and how we should really be attentive to taking care of them. How in the end they fail us, in spite of all the care. We come in to diapers, and we go out in diapers. Things just don't work right forever.

My friends and I often remark and try to laugh about the phenomenon that has brought us to this stage in life, where we pause as we get up from the table or our desks, waiting for all the muscles and bones to situate and prime for movement.

Gone are the days when we leap up and bolt across the room.

But it's not just physical – our emotional being ages and changes too. Some of us soften with

time, and some find age an excuse for bad manners. How many people do we all know who, just by making it to 84, think they've somehow earned the right to "say it like it is" or disregard the social niceties? And worse, when we start to lose our marbles, whatever inner way of being we've practiced in our youth very often becomes our outward expressions.

We all know people who've been the sweetest humans and, in their dementia, remain sweet and lovely. But we also know people who've been crass and harsh, and that behavior seems to magnify, a habit of bad behavior manifested in their mindlessness.

Life is instructive if we let it be – I'm reminded to practice always being kind and thoughtful. To soften the rough edges, to cease with the sailor language. Just in case I'm not able to get all the marbles back in the bag before I get to 84, I want to be in the habit of using good manners and being easy to be around.

So while we ditch the swearing around the office and break for more physical activity through the day, we'll always be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel

[Junior Livestock continued from page 1]



Leah Eisenhauer at the 2025 Churchill County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Photo courtesy of CCJLS.

Approximately \$142,964 of that benefitted youth exhibitors. This year's event promises great livestock, an excellent sale, and fun for both competitors and attendees.

Events include several livestock categories, including sheep, dairy goats, hogs, steers, poultry, and rabbits, as well as other classes like Ag Mechanics, Poster Contest, Best Dressed, Breeding, and Showmanship, which is a required entry this year. The Record Book Contest is due May 11,

with the Interview Contest May 15.

For nearly nine decades, raising and showing livestock has been a defining experience for many youth in Churchill County. Since 1939, when the first 4-H livestock contest was held at Chester Lima's ranch, the community has continued to show up in support of its young agriculturalists. Let's continue the tradition and support our 2026 Junior Livestock Show participants and donors.



PETS OF THE WEEK

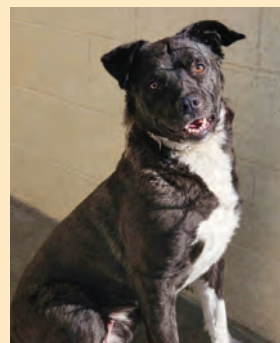
Available for Adoption

Meet Charlie – Your Professional Couch Companion. The Fallon Animal Shelter is seeking a new home for Charlie, a 7-year-old Australian shepherd-mastiff mix described as a calm and loyal companion.

Charlie is house trained with a doggy door and lives comfortably as an inside-outside dog, according to the shelter. She is mostly a quiet, laid back pet but still enjoys occasional playtime and attention. Staff say she is content simply being near people.

Charlie has a history of doing well with men, women, children and other dogs. She has also previously lived with a house cat, though she may chase stray cats that enter her yard.

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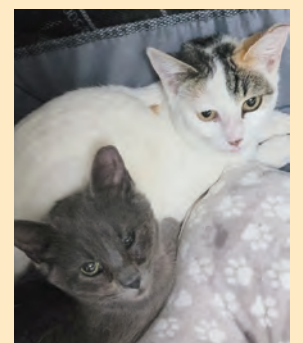


Meet Chance and Hope

Two kittens, Chance and Hope, are available for adoption through the Fallon Animal Welfare Group.

Chance, a gray kitten, is described as playful, curious and energetic. Hope, a calico, is characterized as gentle and affectionate. Together, they show a balance of spirited and calm personalities.

The kittens do not need to be adopted together, but they have been observed playing, cuddling and interacting closely, making a joint adoption an option for interested families.



Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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

FEATURES

The Great Debate: Public Safety vs. Rules on Bail and OR Releases

By Leanna Lehman

Over the past several years, states and cities across the country have faced public backlash after court rulings limited the use of cash bail and expanded release on recognizance. Nevada is no exception.

Recent public outcry in Fallon and across Northern Nevada asserts that New River Township Justice Court Judge Benjamin Trotter is not adequately weighing public safety concerns. In the past year, Trotter has granted own recognizance (OR) releases, or release without bail, in several high-level cases, including child sexual assault or gross lewdness cases and drug-related cases, and most recently a case in which a local woman was charged with 29 counts of promoting Child Sexual Assault Material (CSAM), involving children as young as newborns. This case, in particular, has intensified public concern over how release decisions are being made in serious offenses.

Opposition to OR releases is escalating as states implement expanded release policies and the public grapples with the potential risk posed by defendants released pretrial.

The 2020 Nevada Supreme Court’s decision in Valdez-Jimenez v. Eighth Judicial District Court significantly changed how bail is applied in Nevada courts. Trotter, who said he is governed by the Rules of Judicial Conduct, stated that the ruling flipped the tables on consideration of bail versus own-recognizance (OR) release.

A significant issue with the ruling is the scope of judicial discretion and how it is interpreted. Whether an OR release is granted can vary by courtroom, leading to different outcomes for similar cases and fueling ongoing debate over how to balance constitutional protections with public safety.

In response to concerns over OR releases in high-level cases, Trotter explained that prior to the decision, requiring bail was expected, and “good cause” was all that was needed to set bail at any amount. “Bail was often used as a mechanism for keeping a defendant in jail,” said Trotter.

Judges are now required to consider multiple factors when determining bail or release, including ties to the community, ability to post bail, financial resources, criminal history, history of failing to appear, and employment status. “Most of the factors to consider are provided to the judge via a pretrial release assessment done in our community by our pretrial supervision department, Court Services,” Trotter explained.

While judges must also weigh the nature of the charges, that is only one factor in the determination. “After Valdez-Jimenez, it became incumbent upon the prosecution to justify requiring bail of any sort,” Trotter said. “This decision was not a request of the lower courts but a mandate.”

That interpretation, however, is not universally shared, and has become a central point of disagreement in Churchill and surrounding counties.

Many in the community are questioning how charges involving the sexual assault of a child do not constitute a significant risk to the community, and how cases involving dozens of counts of child exploitation would not weigh more heavily in a bail decision.

According to Trotter, “Without notable justification a judge cannot set bail that is unachievable by the defendant except for murder, where bail is not required at all.” Most defendants in Churchill County courts have limited financial resources and qualify for a public defender, meaning they cannot afford high bail and are often granted OR release in Justice Court.

“If bail must be set at a reachable amount in most cases, its community protection features become limited,” Trotter explained. “In order to do



otherwise a judge must state the reason he/she is not following Valdez-Jimenez... Whether a judge agrees with the decision is irrelevant; the judge must comply.”

Another area of criticism involves the conditions placed on defendants released on OR. In some cases, supervision through Court Services is not included. In the CSAM case, the defendant was ordered to have no contact with children and was prohibited from accessing pornographic or fetish websites. Critics argue that those conditions are difficult, if not impossible, to effectively monitor, raising questions about how violations would be detected before additional harm occurs.

In Churchill County, the perceived impact of the Valdez-Jimenez ruling is playing out both in the courtroom and in the court of public opinion. Critics argue that, regardless of due process protections, including the presumption of innocence, individuals accused of high-level crimes should be subject to bail, often at higher amounts.

Former Justice of the Peace candidate and Court Services Director Brenda Ingram, said during her campaign that Trotter was too loosely interpreting the ruling. “He has interpreted the law to mean he

has to release these people, and that is absolutely not the case.”

Still, many argue the severity of the alleged crime should carry greater weight in bail decisions.

The result is an ongoing divide over how Valdez-Jimenez should be applied, and whether its interpretation is being carried out as intended, or stretched in ways that leave critical decisions dependent on the courtroom rather than the case.

Confident in his interpretation of the ruling, Trotter said he welcomes the public into his courtroom. “I would love it if people came in or jumped on zoom to watch their court.”

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ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

RATPAC

By Sydney Trainor

RATPAC, the county fund dedicated to improving technology across local government, continues to shape how residents interact with public services by supporting upgrades in departments through the Recorder’s Office, Assessor’s Office, Planning, and the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office. The name RATPAC comes from the first letters of the Recorder, Assessor, Planning, and Clerk/Treasurer offices, which collect the technology fees that support the fund.

Last year, the fund backed several projects that help streamline daily operations, including a graphic information system (GIS) project, implementation of Apex Geoport View software, the purchase of a laptop for the commission secretary, and rewiring the recorder’s office with Cat6 cable. Recurring expenditures include aerial photography contracts used for mapping and an expanded allocation for digitizing, archiving and preserving records and books in the recorder’s office.

The proposed FY26–27 budget includes purchasing a plotter/scanner to digitize aging plat maps from the 1960s forward, which remain in active use for property research and land use decisions. Bringing that work in house would speed up access for staff and the public and could eventually benefit other departments, including the recorder’s office or museum.

County staff are also exploring a potential citizen engagement portal through DevNet software. The system would allow taxpayers to access records and submit information online — a step toward making more county services available from home. The project is still in early planning stages and would return to the board for approval if it moves forward.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students Tour California Colleges



Dr. Sue Segura poses with students after college tour.

Story and photo by Sydney Trainor

Seventeen Churchill County High School students with GPAs of 3.8 or higher returned April 1 from a multi-campus tour through California designed to expose them to college options beyond Nevada, including visits to Feather River College, Chico State University and UC Davis.

The trip, led by Dr. Sue Segura, also included a stop at the Plumas County Courthouse for a guided tour from Judge Abramson. Segura said the annual tour helps students experience different college environments and build connections that may benefit them later.

At Feather River College, students attended a first responder presentation featuring an EMT, firefighter and fire chief, offering insight into differences between California and Nevada emergency systems. The group then traveled to Chico State, where they learned about the Western Undergradu-

ate Exchange program. They also met with the program director for construction management and engineering, who discussed recommended classes for students interested in those fields, and toured the Chico State farm.

The visit to UC Davis included a presentation on the value of attending college before students split into groups to explore areas of the campus that interested them. "I thought it was nice just being able to go to a bunch of different college campuses and compare them," one student said.

Students said the trip highlighted the wide range of opportunities available after high school. "There's a bunch of different opportunities for everybody, depending on what you want," another student said.

Segura noted that two juniors who attended last year's trip were later accepted into Cal Poly. Next year's tour is expected to include stops at Fresno State and Cal Poly.



Staff Report

Soroptimist International of Fallon will host its annual Home & Garden Show this weekend at the Fallon Convention Center, bringing together local vendors, families, and community members for two days focused on home improvement, crafts, and spring inspiration.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Organizers say the show will feature a wide range of offerings, including home and garden décor, jewelry, photography, produce and canned goods, arts and crafts, and a variety of food trucks.

A highlight of the weekend is the

free children's activities area, designed to give families a reason to stay and enjoy the event together. In addition, a car show is planned for Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to noon, adding another draw for attendees.

Admission to the event is a suggested \$1 donation per adult, with proceeds supporting scholarships and local Soroptimist programs. The organization, known for its work investing in women and girls through education and community support, uses the annual show as both a fundraiser and a way to bring the community together.

Vendors and attendees alike can expect a mix of shopping, food, and family-friendly activities as Fallon heads into the spring season.

Churchill Arts Council to Host 1940s-Themed 'Swing into Victory' Gala on May 2

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill Arts Council will celebrate its 40th annual event season with a 1940s-themed "Swing into Victory" gala on May 2, offering an evening of live music, vintage-inspired food, and community fundraising at the Oats Park Center.

The event will run from 6 to 10 p.m. and will emphasize the joy and connection the arts bring to communities. Inspired by the 1940s — an era when music, dance, and other art forms helped people come together during difficult times — the gala will focus on lively entertainment and interactive experiences rather than a traditional sit-down dinner.

According to the Arts Council, the theme reflects a timeless idea: that in moments of challenge or change, people often turn to the arts for resilience, connection, and celebration.

The evening will include live performances by the Retro Radio Dolls, 1940s-style appetizers, themed cocktail specials, and a classic American dessert table. Guests can take part in activities such as a silent auction, fundraising games, art exhibits, and a special donuts-and-coffee sendoff inspired by the USO.

The USO (United Service Organizations) was known for providing entertainment and refreshments to American military personnel during

World War II, often hosting events where service members could enjoy donuts and coffee. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in 1940s-inspired outfits, from military uniforms to vintage dresses.

Proceeds from the gala will support the Churchill Arts Council's programs. The organization is also seeking event sponsors and silent auction donations from businesses and individuals interested in supporting the arts.

More information is available at churchillarts.org.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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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, April 13
Turkey & Bean Burrito
Buttered Corn
Mixed Green Salad
Mixed Fruit Cup

Tuesday, April 14
BBQ Pork Patty
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetable
Applesauce
Butterscotch Pudding

Wednesday, April 15
Egg Salad Sandwich
Tomato Bisque
Mixed Green Salad
Diced Pears
Birthday Dessert

Thursday, April 16
Chicken Noodle Casserole
Zucchini & Tomato
Corn Bread
Smart Balance
Fresh Apple

Friday, April 17
Cajun Fish
Red Beans & Rice
Capri Veg Blend
Coleslaw
WW Bread
Apple Pie

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

Monday, April 13
Turkey Pot Pie
Bread & Dessert

Thursday, April 16
Soup & Crackers
Bread & Dessert

Monday, April 20
Meatloaf
Potatoes & Veggies

Thursday, April 23
Pancake & Eggs
Fruit

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

OBITUARIES

RONALD CLAUDE LEON*April 16, 1951 – March 29, 2026*

Ronald Claude Leon, 74 years old of Fallon, Nevada passed away suddenly on March 29, 2026.

Ron was born on April 16, 1951 to Donald and Beverly Gooden Leon in Susanville, California.

At the age of enlistment, Ron enlisted in the

United States Marine Corps. As part of his service in the USMC he received a Purple Heart. He really enjoyed being a Marine and was true to the Marines motto "Once a marine always a Marine" all through his lifetime.

After completing his military service he met the love of his life Margaret Jones. They were married on March 13, 1976 in Fallon, Nevada. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 16 days before he was called to Heaven.

Ron had a very caring, kind and generous heart. He enjoyed being with his family as they meant the world to him. Ron found his greatest happiness in being outdoors: fishing, camping, woodworking, fixing and tinkering with things. He was a true outdoorsman and avid sportsman.

Ron is preceded in death by his daughter Michelle Leon, his parents, and brother Don Leon.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Margaret Leon, son Jonathan (Lara) Leon, son Bobby (Eileen) Fish, daughter Wanda (Andrew) Smith, brother Sam (Kathi) Leon, brother David (Shannon) Leon, brother Eddie Schorzmann; 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial and military honors ceremony will be held at a later date.

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,
To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missin'
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'
—Delmar Pepper

MISHON SARA SHANLEY*Sept. 20, 1986 – March 31, 2026*

Mishon Shanley, 39, passed away on March 31, 2026. Mishon was born in Poplar, Montana. She is Assiniboine, Shoshone, and Chippewa, enrolled with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

Mishon is survived by her son, Killian Ryan, and grandson, Kyro Northsun/Ryan; her mother, Nila Shanley; her father, James Shanley; her brothers, Cody and Jesse Windriver; her brother, Claymore Shanley; her brother, Lance Matsushige; her sisters, Jesi-kate and Erin Shanley; and her grandfather, Adam Fortunate Eagle. Along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was predeceased by her grandmother, Bobbie Nordwall, and her partner, Steve Ryan.

Mishon loved to party with her many friends. She had many hopes and dreams, such as becoming a screenwriter (there's a beginning manuscript somewhere). She loved movies and comedians. She loved most of all her son, Killian, and becoming a grandmother to Kyro (3 months old). She also loved her silly dogs, Bosko and Bane.

Those who know her... know her. And for those who did not have the pleasure, there's no explaining the loss we feel for her vibrant personality and wicked humor.

There will be a celebration of life in the near future, location to be determined. We invite all of her friends and relatives to share happy memories of her.

**CLAUDE W. EVANS***July 1, 1936 – March 20, 2026*

Claude W. Evans passed away at home in Fallon, Nevada, on Friday, March 20, 2026. Born July 1, 1936, in Sweet Grass, Montana, to Claude (Red) and Edith Evans, he grew up in the Sweet Grass Hills and attended schools in both West Butte and Gold Butte, Montana. He graduated from high school in Sunburst, Montana, in 1954. He joined the Navy 6 months later and attended boot camp in San Diego, and then on to steelworkers school in Port Hueneme, California. He was transferred to Mobile Construction Battalion 3 in Subic Bay, Philippines, as part of a Seabee unit.

While on leave from the Philippines, Claude met the lovely Barbara Jean Apps on a blind date in the summer of 1957. He was transferred to Okinawa, Japan, and upon returning home, Claude married Barbara on December 27, 1958. The newlyweds were transferred to Guam, where their first son, Lawrance, was born in August of 1960. The next duty station took them to Great Lakes, Illinois, where their second son, Wes, was born in 1963. The new family of four then moved back to Japan for 3 years. It was time to get back to the Seabees, and in December of 1966, the family moved to Gulfport, Mississippi, where their beautiful daughter Claudia was born in March of 1967.

Claude joined the MCB-74 and served two tours in Vietnam while the family remained in Gulfport. He served with Schools Command before transferring to MCB-133. With this battalion, he completed a tour in Japan and then another at Rota, Spain. His final tour of duty found him and his family driving



cross-country in the summer of 1973 to Fallon, Nevada, where he served at Naval Air Station Fallon until retiring in August 1974.

September 1974, Claude secured a job working for Churchill County School District as the Vocational Carpentry Teacher at Churchill County High School for 20 years before retiring once again in 1994. During his time with CCSD, Claude acquired his general contractor's license. He

spent many enjoyable days constructing homes and facilities around the Lahontan Valley.

Claude enjoyed fishing from coastal trips off the waters of California to streams and lakes in Nevada. He was an avid hunter and passed that love on to his boys, taking many fun and successful trips in Nevada and Wyoming.

Claude continued his love of construction and woodworking while creating many unique items in his hobby shop at home, which included a collection of homemade construction equipment.

Claude is survived by his son, Lawrance of Fallon; Wes and his wife, Barb, of Reno, Nevada; and Claudia Pearl and her husband, James, of LaPorte, Colorado. Claude is also survived by many beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family would enjoy you stopping by anytime to share your stories at the Celebration of Life, Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 2 pm at the family home, 1100 Pine Road.

If you are unable to attend but would like to share your stories, please email levans7945@yahoo.com or 775-721-3053.

LILA GEORDEAN PASCALE*Oct. 1, 1956 – Feb. 27, 2026*

Lila Geordean Pascale, lovingly known as Dede, was born Oct. 1, 1956, to Betty Babb and George Stout Jr. She passed away Feb. 27, 2026. She is reunited in heaven with her father, George Stout Jr., and her brother, Donnie. She is survived by her mother, Betty Babb; her stepfather, Jim Babb; her brothers, David and Shawn; and her sisters, Vonnie and Gerrie. She will be deeply missed by her entire family including her loving son, David Pascale; her daughter-in-law, Sara; her cherished grandchildren, Sidney, Raven, Kaden, Riley, and Ricky; and her precious great-granddaughter, Lola, along with many nieces and nephews.

Dede loved the Lord with all her heart. She cherished the time she spent on the phone with her mother and sisters, praying together and reading Bible verses. She faithfully called her son every day, always making sure he knew he was loved. She loved her grandchildren fiercely and treasured the time she spent playing board games, mostly Yahtzee, as she liked to win, creating memories filled with laughter and love. Dede's devotion to her son, family, and her faith were the center of her life, and her memory will forever live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

**LEROY ALFRED GETCHELL***May 17, 1944 – April 2, 2026*

Leroy Alfred Getchell, age 81, of Joplin, Missouri, passed away on April 2, 2026, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

Leroy was born on May 17, 1944, in Boulder, Colorado, during World War II while his father was stationed at Flixton Airfield, England. He was the son of Lewis and Dorene Getchell, who ensured he was taught in the ways of Jesus Christ, a faith he clung to throughout his life. A 1962 graduate of Churchill County High School in Fallon, Nevada, and the University of Nevada, Reno, Leroy went on to build a successful and diverse career. He worked as a CPA at Kafoury, Armstrong, Turner and Co. in Fallon, Nevada; served as City Clerk and Treasurer in Fallon, Nevada; was Financial Controller at Newman's Department Stores in Joplin, Missouri; Internal Auditor at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Missouri; and an insurance agent for American National Insurance in Joplin, Missouri. He later worked for Roper Auto Group, where he was known for his dedication, perseverance, and kindness.

Holyoke, Colorado was always Leroy's "home." He treasured his childhood and school memories there.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Leroy was elected to two terms on the Pierce City (Missouri) School Board, where he served in various



roles, including Board Chair, contributing his time and leadership to the local community. The Pierce City Eagle-ettes named him "Fan of the Year," an award he always cherished.

On October 29, 1995, Leroy married Lyla Oliver in Joplin, Missouri. Together, they shared many years of love, companionship, and cherished memories.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Dorene Getchell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lyla Getchell; his sister, Patricia Getchell of Elkins, West Virginia; his sons, Roy Getchell (Tracy) of Palmer Lake, Colorado, and John Getchell (Marie) of Nassau, Bahamas; his daughters, Tess Watson (Rod) of Weir, Kansas, and Jamie Myers (Terry) of Carl Junction, Missouri; and his son, Nick Lucian (Denise) of Columbus, Kansas. He also leaves behind deeply loved grandchildren and

great-grandchildren, as well as many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly. Leroy never met a stranger.

A celebration of Leroy's life will be held at Wellspring Church in Webb City, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7 at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions to Leroy's name may be made to Dream Big, Little One in Columbus, Kansas, or to Wellspring Church in support of the building fund.

COMMUNITY

FFA Members Earn State Degrees

By Sydney Trainor

Several Churchill County High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) members earned top honors at the 2026 Nevada FFA State Conference, including four students who received the State FFA Degree, the highest award at the state level.

Jackson Barbie, Hannah Montalvo, Kortnie Simper, and Karlie Simper each received their State FFA Degrees. According to Nevada FFA, the degree recognizes students who have demonstrated achievement in classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experiences, and leadership development. Applications are reviewed annually, with recipients announced in March.

Paige Frey also earned top recognition, placing first in the Prepared Speaking category and advancing to nationals after presenting at the state conference. Cody Frey placed third in the Creed Speaking contest.



Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford held a proclamation recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child as NAS Fallon personnel and students with active duty military parents dyed the Maine Street fountain purple on April 1, an early celebration leading into Purple Up! Day on April 15. The event also highlighted the district's status as a Purple Star School District and honored the resilience of military-connected youth, with officials encouraging the community to wear purple in support on Purple Up! Day. Photo by Nancy Chapman.



Kneeling, left to right: Lauralynn Sluyter with dogs Scout and Sierra Rose; Beth Perazzo; Christine Barnhouse; Library Director John Hong. Standing, left to right: Ayden Koehler; Sari Koehler; Suzanne Lawrence; Joyce Buck; Hayden Diegel; Carly Diegel; Adult Services Librarian Magdalena Biar; Levia Coval; Emma Serna; Technical Services Librarian Ashlee Brown; Laurel Topken; Kait Krupowicz. Photo courtesy of Anne McMillin, APR, Churchill County.

Churchill County Library Honors Volunteers

Staff Report

The Churchill County Library and the Churchill Library Association honored their volunteers during a March 12 reception, recognizing the 38 community members who contributed 704 hours of service in 2025. The gathering highlighted the essential role volunteers play in keeping programs running, supporting staff, and helping the library remain a welcoming hub for the community.

Fourteen volunteers and their guests attended the event, along with library staff, members of the Churchill Library Association, and the Library Board of Trustees. Library leaders thanked volunteers for strengthening programs, assisting with daily operations, and lending their time and expertise throughout the year, noting that the library's reach and impact would not be possible without their continued support.

Last Chance to Pre-Order Tree Sale Before April 11 Deadline

By Nancy Chapman

This is the final week to place pre-orders for Churchill County High School's annual tree sale, with all orders due by April 11.

The sale features healthy, locally grown plants cultivated by students in the Plant Systems Class. Quantities are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

In addition to supplying plants to the community, the project gives students hands on experience in every stage of the process, from growing and organizing inventory to designing order forms and completing sales.

Funds raised through the sale go directly back to support the program.



FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day

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

Car Show

Soroptimist International of Fallon
100 Campus Way
April 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nature Journal Workshop

The Northwest Nevada Bird Alliance
The Churchill Arts Center
April 17-18

Family Carnival

Life Center
952 S. Maine St.
April 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Nevada Cheer Free Clinic

CCHS and UNR
Churchill County High School
April 10 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Bad Art: Blackout Poetry

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

No Flea Flea Market

Churchill Animal Protection Society
Oasis Community Church
April 17-18

Fallon Spring Fling

Rustoration Garage
3C Event Center
April 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nevada Football Spring Showcase

Silver and Blue Scrimmage Game
Churchill County High School
April 10 at 5 p.m.

Author Talks: Jacci Turner

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
April 14 at 6 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast Fly-In

Flyin'Tiz Aviation
Fallon Municipal Airport
April 18 at 8 a.m.

Wellness 2026

Churchill Community Coalition
Rafter 3C Arena
May 5 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Home and Garden Show

Soroptimist International of Fallon
Fallon Convention Center
April 11 from 9 to 3 p.m.
and April 12 from 9 to 2 p.m.

The Art of Storytelling

Churchill County Museum
April 14 at 6 p.m.

Grand Opening Celebration

Clear Path Healthcare
50 Commercial Way
April 18 from noon to 1 p.m.

Inaugural Spring Clinic

Reining & Ranch Horse Association
Fifty Horse Ranch
May 16 at 8 a.m.

Pickleball Beginner Class

Churchill County Parks and Recreation
City/County Gym
April 14-16 from 5:45 to 9 p.m.

Blue Pig Call-In

Fallon Elks Club
93 W. Center St.
April 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Bark in the Park 5K

Churchill Animal Protection Society
Churchill County Fairgrounds
May 16

Meet The Director

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
April 16 at 6 p.m.

Plant Bingo

Churchill County Parks and Recreation
255 E. Stillwater Ave.
May 22



Keeping Fallon comfortable and on schedule. Shoutout to Just In Time Heating & Air for sponsoring this week's calendar! Contact Sadie at 775-423-4545 to sponsor the weekly calendar.

BUSINESS



Owners Alicia and Michael Perazzo celebrate the ribbon cutting for Natures Beauty Hair Salon on Friday, April 3. The full-service salon offers hair stylists, nail technicians and a sugaring hair removal specialist. Many family members turned out to support this young couple in their business venture, showing their encouragement and pride as Alicia and Michael embark on this exciting new chapter. From left: Debbie Perazzo, Beth Perazzo, Glen Perazzo, Elise Perazzo, Hanna Perazzo, Daniel Perazzo, Alicia Guerrero Perazzo, Michael Perazzo, Adam Perazzo, Jackie Perazzo, David Perazzo, Kathy Jamison and Sarah Rader.

Rush Coffee, Rhythm Tap House Celebrate Grand Opening

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Rush Coffee Company and Rhythm Tap House marked their official debut on April 4 with a ribbon cutting and grand opening, giving owners Crystal Bowman, Jesse Morrow, Samantha Kramer, and David Anaya a chance to celebrate the long-awaited launch of their shared venture.

Bowman said the soft opening on April 1 exceeded every expectation. “Incredible! Walking in and opening the doors for business was like coming home,” she said. “Today is even more incredible — all the people that are here to support both businesses are so special.”

As part of the renovation, the stage area was redesigned, and a smaller stage was installed in the corner, creating more room for tables and giving guests additional space to relax, visit, and enjoy their time at Rush Coffee Company and Rhythm Tap House.



Owners and supporters gather for the ribbon cutting at Rush Coffee Company and Rhythm Tap House on April 4, 2026.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TCID Tables Land Sale, Moves Forward on Solar Lease, Drain Work

By Leanna Lehman

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors on April 7 addressed a potential legal dispute over drain maintenance, tabled a proposed land sale, and approved moving forward with a solar lease agreement during its regular meeting.

One of the most significant items involved a dispute over maintenance of Allyn Drain, off Allyn Road, where the district has been threatened with litigation by a property owner who disputes the existence and scope of a federal easement.

District staff presented historical documentation, including a 1906 dedication deed establishing a perpetual right-of-way for drains and ditches, as well as aerial imagery showing the drain has existed in its current location for decades. Staff maintained that the district has both the right and obligation to maintain the drain to ensure proper water flow.

Following discussion and a brief closed session with legal counsel, the board directed staff to proceed with maintenance as planned. The board also approved sending a formal letter to the property owner outlining its intent to clean the drain and continue operations.

“We should not be threatened by legal operations at all,” said new board member Mike Olsen, during the discussion.

The board also considered a proposed sale of district-owned property to Hiskett & Sons, LLC, through STR Land LLC, totaling approximately \$273,000 for multiple parcels. While a motion to approve the sale was made, board members Mike Olsen and Abe Schank opposed. The motion did not pass as it failed to receive unanimous support, which is required under state law.

Board members then raised concerns about the appraised value and



Lahontan Reservoir on March 29, 2026. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

whether the district was receiving fair market return. The item was ultimately tabled for a future meeting to allow for further review and additional due diligence.

“I’m not opposed to it at all, I just feel like this is a little fast,” said board member Abe Schank.

In contrast to the tabled land sale, the board did approve moving forward with a long-term solar lease agreement with Wildcat Renewables, LLC, for approximately 100 acres near Reno Highway. The agreement allows for a development period of up to four years at \$10,000 annually, followed by a 20-year lease term at \$1,100 per acre per year, with annual increases.

Under the approved motion, district leadership is authorized to finalize and execute the agreement, with final documents to be completed as negotiations are finalized.

Continuing with project updates, the board also approved a \$60,800 contract with J.F. Brennan to advance the stalled Tower Rehabilitation Project. The work will focus on preparing bid documents and securing a federal Buy America waiver after costs for compliant materials increased significantly, from approximately \$800,000 to more than \$3 million.

Routine reports included an update from the Bureau of Reclamation and district staff on water conditions. While current storage levels are near target, officials noted the season is shaping up to be unpredictable, with early snowmelt and declining runoff expected to create fluctuating conditions.

“This year’s unusual,” said Watermaster Kelly Herwick, noting water operations may “yo-yo” throughout the irrigation season.

The meeting concluded with approval of the consent agenda and standard financial reports.

Commissioners Review Compensation Study, Budget Updates at April 2 Meeting

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Board of Commissioners worked through compensation study updates, code revisions, budget adjustments, and several new business items during its April 2 meeting, while also issuing two proclamations recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and Occupational Therapy Month.

Commissioners received an update on the countywide compensation study conducted by Baker Tilly, which is reviewing pay levels to ensure wages are fair, competitive, and consistent across departments. Early estimates showed one option costing about \$813,000, with potential adjustments pushing that figure closer to \$850,000 and a total impact of roughly \$1.2 million. Some departments requested additional changes, but those can be handled separately without altering the overall study. No action was taken, and final recommendations are expected at the April 15 meeting.

The board also held the first reading of Bill 2026-A, which proposes updates and cleanup changes to several sections of the Churchill County Code. The revisions aim to improve clarity, update building and development standards, and move technical design standards into a separate manual. A second reading was set for April 15.

Commissioners reviewed the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026–27, which must be submitted to the state by April 15. Updates since February include about \$714,000 in additional personnel costs, roughly \$1 million tied to the compensation

study, an increase of approximately \$871,000 for services and supplies, and a \$2,850 increase in community support funding.

A behavioral health task force report highlighted 2025 accomplishments and ongoing efforts. With Nevada ranking high in suicide rates, 400 school staff have been trained in suicide prevention. New programs include the Unites Us platform, crisis response planning, and expanded school partnerships, with continued focus on access to care, housing, and food insecurity.

In other business, commissioners ratified a county letter supporting the City of Fallon’s funding request for a water storage tank project. They approved \$4,800 to cover burial costs for public administrator cases and granted \$8,000 to the Churchill Arts Council. The board also approved an agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the construction of Sand Canyon Road, a project funded through federal and Navy sources, with the county overseeing construction and being reimbursed through NDOT.

Commissioners authorized hiring an office specialist instead of a permit technician in the Public Works Planning and Building Department. They also formalized the Central Nevada Health District administrator position at pay grade 85 and approved reclassifying a Justice Court Clerk Trainee to a full Justice Court Clerk after completion of the two-year training period.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for April 15.

Short Meeting Ends With Power Agreement Approval

By Riffin Stonebarger

The Fallon City Council moved quickly through a short April 7 meeting, approving routine business and adopting an updated power pooling agreement aimed at keeping electricity reliable for residents.

Council members first approved the March 17 meeting minutes and signed off on warrants for accounts payable, payroll and customer deposits.

They then took up item six on the agenda: a resolution to approve the amended and restated Power Pooling Agreement with the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems for the pool project. The agreement is intended to secure reliable, competitive electric power and related services through cooperative action.

Council members asked Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe to confirm that the agreement would continue to protect local electric reliability. After receiving that assurance, the council voted to approve the resolution.

The meeting wrapped up with public comment before adjournment. The next Fallon City Council meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 9 a.m.

Concerns Rise Over Staff, Programming, and the Future of the Life Center

By Leanna Lehman

The William N. Pennington Life Center, a hub for senior life in Fallon, is facing growing concern from community members over staffing, reduced programming, and day-to-day operations. Some seniors who utilize the Life Center say they are beginning to think that they are not the primary focus of those who manage its operation. So great is the concern that a petition was recently launched among seniors, calling for change.

Beginning in 1991, the Coalition for Senior Citizens operated the senior center, which was then located on Court and South East Streets in Fallon. When the new William N. Pennington Life Center opened on South Maine Street in 2017, the coalition continued to operate as the center’s governing body. In 2021, Churchill County Social Services fully took over governance of the Life Center when commissioners unanimously voted to restructure operations.

Buster Pierce, program services director at the time, said the decision felt rushed and punitive, driven by political motivation.

Some Life Center seniors and former staff, who asked that their names not be used, are expressing similar sentiments today.

Concerns over Social Services’ management of staff have been raised, with some seniors pointing to the loss of former Aging and Disability Services Director Jill Manha, who resigned in late February. Additional staff departures have

added to uncertainty about the center’s future, even though an interim manager was assigned to oversee the Life Center.

According to Spross, the county assigned Carlie Cushing as interim manager for the Life Center. He emphasized this was an interim position and the county is actively recruiting for a new Aging and Disability Services Director.

Additionally, Spross explained that this assignment was not something that needed to go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval. “Unless a step increase is requested, we can place someone in such a position,” he said.

At the time Manha resigned, Cushing was filling in with Meals on Wheels. The decision to place Cushing, who was officially working with grants, was made by Ernst, Spross, and human resources. “Based on time that was spent at the Life Center, she was the best choice,” said Spross. “The other option is worse—to have no one.”

Former Social Services Director Shannon Ernst was recently hired as the administrator for the Central Nevada Health District and is now serving only in an interim capacity with Social Services, a role the county is also working to fill.

Other concerns include the loss or reduction of certain programs, such as the pet program, which assists seniors with veterinary care, pet food, and grooming, due to funding limitations. Seniors have also raised questions about the quality of meals and the future of the beauty shop. Spross confirmed, despite speculation of

major renovations, the only project beyond routine maintenance is planned upgrades to the salon, which is currently out for bid.

Construction of the Life Center was made possible through joint funding provided by the City of Fallon and Churchill County, along with \$2 million in grant funds from the William N. Pennington Foundation. The William N. Pennington Life Center name has been replaced with *Churchill County Social Services William N. Pennington Life Center* – down to the letterhead and on the county’s website. Some seniors worry that the name is not the only thing that has changed, but that the identity and sense of community connection tied to the Life Center may also be shifting.

Churchill County Manager Chris Spross said he had not been made aware of these concerns, nor, to his knowledge, had the county received any specific complaints.

“We are trying to do the best we can for seniors and people that utilize CART and Meals on Wheels,” said Spross, who hopes the county will find a new director for the Life Center soon.

One senior wasn’t so sure, stating, “It’s not a senior center. That’s what we are told all the time; it’s a life center... but if you look outside underneath the big flag out there, it says the senior center... and if we don’t have something for the seniors, where are the seniors going to go?”

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, March 31, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Keith William Green appeared for sentencing on the Category D 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 December 2022.

The charge carries a mandatory prison sentence unless the defendant applies for and is approved for the DUI diversion program, which Green was granted in March 2023. Green appeared in court after successfully completing the program.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Lane Mills told Judge Stockard that a lot of positive changes have occurred in the defendant's life over the past three years and that he did very well in Diversion.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer told the court, "I am personally very proud of Keith and his progress ... He has responded in every way with honor and with determination and with hard work. I hope he know how proud of him we are."

Green expressed appreciation for being able to participate in Diversion and said it was hard work. He told the court he plans to continue on his current path.

Judge Stockard imposed the statutory \$750 fine and congratulated Green, stating, "It is a very, very rigorous program. You get out of it what you put into it, a lot like anything in life."

Charles Ray Bowie Jr., in custody, pleaded

guilty to Count I, Possession of a Low-Level Controlled Substance, a Category C felony punishable by 1–5 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000; and Count II, a wobbler charge of Attempt to Possess a Low-Level Controlled Substance. A wobbler may be sentenced as either a Gross Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail, or as a Category D felony, punishable by 1–4 years in prison and a fine up to \$2,000.

According to statements made in court, Bowie was found in possession of 19 grams of methamphetamine.

Bowie stated, "I want to do Drug Court and get off drugs."

Judge Stockard told the defendant he expects no positive tests while Bowie is in Drug Court and emphasized the importance of honesty regarding any slip-up.

Stockard provisionally placed Bowie in the Western Nevada Regional Specialty Court program with Court Services supervision, ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI), and set sentencing for June 2.

Jeremy Shaune Dixon, in custody, admitted to a Non-Technical Probation Violation of absconding. In February 2016, Dixon received a suspended sentence for one year to allow him to make monthly child support payments; however, by July, the state requested the sentencing date be moved up as he had not complied, resulting in a bench warrant for his arrest. In April 2024, a status

hearing was held, and a PSI was ordered. In June 2024, Dixon received a suspended sentence of 24–60 months in prison and was ordered to make monthly support payments of \$407.

Senior DA Chelsea Sanford told the court the last payment the Child Support Division received from Dixon was \$407 in August 2024. She said Dixon now owes \$64,659.64 in back child support. Sanford asked for revocation of probation and imposition of the underlying sentence based on his actions after sentencing, his failure to pay, and for absconding.

CCPD Jacob Sommer said that his client understands the gravity of not complying with the court's orders and knows he is going to prison. Sommer noted that Dixon has not had stable housing or employment for several years and asked that he be allowed to attend the Salvation Army Program, although he does not yet have a bed date.

Dixon told Judge Stockard it has been a struggle; he has been homeless and unemployed for so long. "I don't even know how to go about it, how to get a job anymore," he said, adding that he feels the Salvation Army program would help him a great deal.

Judge Stockard revoked Dixon's probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 24–60 months in prison. Dixon was remanded to the custody of the sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Justin Poindexter's hearing was continued to April 21.

Crossing the Line – Tullis Sentenced for Assault and Domestic Battery with Strangulation

By Teresa Moon

Jonathan Joshua Tullis, in custody, appeared for sentencing in the Tenth Judicial District Court on March 31 before Judge Thomas Stockard. He is charged with Category B Felony of Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Category C Felony of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence Committed by Strangulation, to which he pleaded guilty in February.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford referenced the defendant's statement included in the Pre-Sentence Investigation, in which he admitted, "There is no excuse for my actions. I know I should not drink; and I crossed the line." Sanford argued the defendant must still be held responsible, stating Tullis "did a little more than cross the line; ... not only did he cross the line, he strangled it; not only did he cross the line, he threatened it with a knife."

Sanford noted the defendant has 16 misdemeanor convictions over the past 22 years, including harassment, multiple batteries, violating restraining orders, disorderly conduct, domestic abuse, and theft-related offenses. She said alcohol is an issue for Tullis and that he has demonstrated an inability to follow rules. She told the court, "We're hoping this lengthy prison sentence will be a wakeup call for him ... but you can't threaten someone with a knife; you can't put your hands around her throat and squeeze it ... that cannot be tolerated."

The state asked for concurrent sentences of 24–72 months and 24–60 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

Churchill County Senior Deputy Public Defender Jeffrey Weed told the court, "We all know what's going to happen today, that Jonathan is going to go to prison." Weed said his client has taken responsibility from the beginning and acknowledged the conduct. He noted the defendant's long history of substance abuse, beginning at a young age, but said there was a period from 2012 to 2025 with only one criminal case related to relapse.

Weed said that while incarceration is expected, the defendant has been working with Churchill County Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT) while in custody. FASTT works with defendants to connect them to various resources, such as substance abuse treatment programs. He said Tullis had been accepted into a treatment program in Tennessee upon release. Weed asked for minimum sentences on both counts to run concurrently.

Judge Stockard sentenced Tullis to 19–60 months in prison on each count, to run concurrently. Tullis was remanded to the custody of the sheriff for imposition of the sentence.

Defense Seeks Change of Venue for Filiatraut Murder Trial

By Leanna Lehman

Robert Richards appeared on March 30 with defense attorney Kale Mackenzie Brock in Lyon County's Third Judicial District Court before Judge Leon Aberasturi for a status hearing.

Richards is charged in connection with the March 2024 death of 25-year-old Sara Filiatraut after investigators with the Lyon and Churchill County sheriff's offices located her body in May 2024, after she was reported missing from Fernley. She was found in a remote desert pit about 30 miles east of Fallon. The Washoe County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death a homicide.

Judge Aberasturi said a criminal settlement conference is scheduled for July. At that time, both parties will present their cases to an out-of-district senior district court judge. If the matter is not resolved, the case is set for jury trial Oct. 27 through Nov. 6.

Brock told the court the defense intends to seek a change of venue, which would transfer the case to another county. Motions for change of venue must be filed in writing and include a supporting affidavit outlining the reasons for the request.

Aberasturi noted that changes of venue are rare and said it has been 12 years since he presided over such a hearing. He said any motion must be filed before the settlement conference, after which the court can schedule a change-of-venue hearing.

Richards was extradited from Utah in July 2024 after an extensive manhunt. He remains in custody on a no-bail hold at the Lyon County Jail.

Sheriff's Office Arrests Two on 26 Counts Related to Home Invasions

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County Sheriff's Office released information on April 1 in relation to the arrests of two suspects connected to recent home invasions in the area.

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office reported that deputies responded March 25, 2026, to the area of Lahontan Dam Road on a report of a theft. During the investigation, a sergeant from the Operations Division and investigators followed leads to a nearby location where the suspected stolen property had been taken.

Deputies recovered the property and made contact with Eric McKendall, 33, and Angela Westerlund, 46, who were identified as suspects in the theft. Further investigation uncovered additional stolen items on the property tied to other burglaries in Churchill County. Investigators also recovered a firearm reported stolen in North Dakota.

Following the investigation, McKendall and Westerlund were taken into custody and booked into the Churchill County Detention Center.

Criminal complaints against McKendall and Westerlund, filed in New River Township Justice Court by the District Attorney's Office on April 1, and included charges of:

- Home Invasion, a Category B Felony punishable by 2–15 years.
- Buying, Possessing, Receiving, or Withholding Stolen Property, \$5,000–\$25,000, a Category C Felony, punishable by 1–5 years.
- Burglary of a Structure, a Category D Felony punishable by 1–4 years.
- Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle,

- a Category C Felony punishable by 1–5 years.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance, a First or Second Offense, a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years in prison, namely methamphetamine.
- Possession of More than 1 ounce but Less than 50 Pounds of Marijuana, or More than One-Eighth but Less than One Pound of Concentrated Cannabis, a Category E Felony punishable by 1–4 years in prison. The complaint alleges McKendall and Westerlund were in possession of 1,564 grams, or 3.5 pounds, of marijuana.
- Conspiracy to Commit the Crime of Buying, Possessing, Receiving, or Withholding Stolen Property, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail. The complaints allege Westerlund and McKendall conspired with another person to possess stolen property from four to five listed victims.
- Destroying or Concealing Evidence, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail.
- Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- Misdemeanor Buying, Possessing, Receiving, or Withholding Stolen Property, value less than \$1,200.

Additionally, McKendall is charged with Unlawful Obtaining and Using Personal Identifying Information of Another to Avoid or Delay Prosecution, a Category C Felony punishable by 1–5 years, and Ex-Felon not to Possess a Firearm, a Category B Felony punishable by 1–6 years. McKendall was also found to have two active warrants in Washoe County.

Westerlund is also charged with Ownership or Possession of a Firearm by Certain Prohibited

Persons, a Category B Felony punishable by 1–6 years. The complaint alleges she was in possession of a Ruger .22 rifle revolver with a previous of Domestic Battery conviction.

Westerlund initially appeared in Justice Court over the weekend on March 27. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer requested her release from custody. Court documents state, "The court does not find clear and convincing evidence to deny an OR release," and Westerlund was released on her own recognizance.

According to the sheriff, on March 27, 2026, deputies returned to the property on Lahontan Dam Road and again made contact with Westerlund. During that contact, Westerlund allegedly committed additional criminal violations and was again taken into custody and booked into the detention center.

Westerlund was arraigned in Justice Court on March 29 on charges of misdemeanor Unlawful Trespass upon Land (not amounting to burglary), Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing a Public Officer, and Home Invasion. At that time, the court noted Westerlund was already on probation in another case. She was found in contempt of court by Judge Benjamin Trotter for failure comply with the conditions of probation and pay restitution as ordered.

On April 2, Westerlund and McKendall were arraigned on all remaining charges. Both remain in custody.

"This investigation remains ongoing," the Sheriff's Office added, commending all personnel involved for their commitment to the community and their dedication to the profession.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.

DISTRICT

April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Fallon joined the “Pinwheels of Possibility” campaign, a national initiative that emphasizes prevention through community support and strengthening families. Superintendent Derild Parsons, City of Fallon Council members, and County Commissioners came together with the community for the Pinwheels event on Friday, April 3, where bright blue pinwheels were displayed on the lawn of Millennium Park to symbolize the joyful, safe childhood every child deserves. The event highlighted the importance of coming together as a community to support children and families and served as a reminder that child abuse is preventable when neighbors, schools, and local leaders work together to provide care and resources.



Superintendent Derild Parsons speaks at the Pinwheels of Possibility event in Fallon to recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

CCHS AND CCMS

From March 30 to April 3, students across the district celebrated Hope Week, a week dedicated to kindness, encouragement, and support for one another. Hope Week was planned and organized



Hope Squad students pose in front of messages from kindergarten and first-grade students, who wrote about what gives them hope.



Ryan Malady, an illusionist and NAS Fallon employee, entertains Numa Elementary students during a special assembly celebrating the Green Tribe’s quarterly reward.

by the Churchill County Middle School and Churchill County High School Hope Squads, with the help of their advisors and school counselor Baylee Barton, making it a district-wide initiative. These student groups are trained to listen, support, and connect with peers who may be struggling. Their mission is students helping students and spreading a culture of kindness and hope throughout the schools and community. CCMS students kicked off the week by dyeing the fountain on Maine Street, bringing a splash of color and a message of positivity to the community, and Mayor Ken Tedford proclaimed the day as Day of Hope in recognition of the importance of peer support and mental health awareness. Later in the week, CCHS Hope Squad students visited Lahontan Elementary School, reading “Hope is a Rainbow” aloud in all 23 classrooms and leading an activity tied to the book that encouraged students to share what they are hopeful for on butterfly, bug, and flower cutouts. The students’ messages were then displayed on a window for the entire school to see.



Students at E.C. Best Elementary pet and learn about cows during Ag Day on Thursday, April 2.

NUMA

At Numa Elementary, each quarter, the tribe that earns the most points is rewarded with a special celebration. This quarter, the Green Tribe tallied just over 2,000 points and earned a fun-filled reward with donuts and a special assembly with Ryan Malady, who works at NAS Fallon and is also an accomplished illusionist. He amazed students with his illusions and even invited some to participate in his tricks, making the celebration both memorable and interactive.

E.C. BEST

On Thursday, April 2, students celebrated Ag Day, a hands-on event that highlighted the community’s strong agricultural roots. Organized each year by ECB teacher Melissa Humphrey, the event included participation from Churchill County High School FFA and Churchill County 4-H members, who shared their knowledge and excitement about farming and agricultural careers. Students got to pet and learn about different animals, plant seeds, try their hand at roping, participate in stick horse barrel racing, enjoy a read-aloud, and explore the equipment used in farming. Ag Day gave students the chance to connect classroom learning to real-world experiences and to gain an appreciation for the heritage that continues to shape Fallon today.



Students in Melissa Davis’ class at Lahontan Elementary School show off their flower projects, each labeled with the parts of a flower.

LAHONTAN

Kindergarten students in Melissa Davis’ class learned all about plants, including the life cycle, parts of a plant, and what plants need to grow. To wrap up the unit, students got to grow their own seeds with the help of Ag In the Classroom. They created a “Farm in a Glove,” growing alfalfa, wheat, oats, corn, and soybeans all without soil. Students were excited to watch the seeds sprout and grow, bringing their classroom lessons to life.

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

Bringing Stories to Life with Fairy Tale Day Celebration

By Gretchen Felte with photo courtesy of Veritas.

Imagination took center stage at Veritas Preparatory School as students stepped into the world of princes, princesses, knights, and storybook heroes during the school’s much anticipated Fairy Tale Day. The event, filled with creativity and joy, gave students the opportunity to bring beloved stories to life while celebrating the rich tradition of classic fairy tales.

The celebration was the culmination of classroom learning that took place in the days leading up to the event. Across all grade levels, students read and discussed a variety of classic fairy tales, exploring themes of courage, virtue, sacrifice, and redemption.



Mrs. Cota’s 1st grade class dressed for Fairy Tale Day.

Teachers guided students through thoughtful conversations about characters and moral lessons, helping them see that fairy tales are more than simple stories, but reflections of deeper truths.

On Fairy Tale Day, the stories leapt off the page as students arrived dressed as their favorite characters. Throughout the day, students battled dragons, hid from the Big Bad Wolf, and chased the Gingerbread Man across the campus.

The day concluded with a lively Fairy Tale Ball, where students gathered to celebrate with music, dancing, and themed refreshments. Leading up to the event, students had practiced traditional dances, including a Scottish line dance for younger grades and the Virginia Reel for older students.

While Fairy Tale Day was filled with fun, it also reflected the deeper mission of Veritas: to combine joyful experiences with meaningful learning. Through reading, discussion, performance, and participation, students engaged with literature in a way that was both memorable and impactful.

“We seek to engage students with only the best, time-tested literature,” said Headmaster Jill Rosario. “Fairy Tales are timeless and provide strong moral lessons which often mirror biblical teachings.”

As the day came to a close, students left with happy hearts and lasting memories—

reminded that at Veritas, education is not only about knowledge, but also about imagination, community, and joy.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KAYLA GREENBERG
Oasis Academy senior Kayla Greenberg is preparing to take her passion for helping others to the next level. Greenberg plans to serve her country as a combat medic in the U.S. Army.

“My plans after graduation are to become a combat medic in the Army,” she said. “I hope to be able to help the people who are fighting for our country and make a difference by providing care to those who need it most.”

Throughout her time at Oasis Academy, she found support and inspiration in the classroom.

“One of my favorite memories at Oasis Academy was being in Mr. David Springfield’s class,” Greenberg said. “It was where I felt comfortable learning and being myself, and it helped make school a more enjoyable experience.”

She also credits an important mentor for helping her stay motivated.

“A mentor I’d like to thank is Mr. Andy Lenon for the reminder to always keep going,” she said. “Having mentors like him makes a big difference because they push you to do your best and remind you that your goals are possible if you continue to work for them.”

Outside the classroom, Greenberg was actively involved in athletics and service. A four-year member of the cross-country team and a three-year basketball player, she also dedicated time to community service.

“Being involved in sports helped me learn discipline, motivation, and teamwork,” she explained. “Cross country gave me the confidence to know that your mind gives up before your body does.”

Balancing academics, athletics, and service wasn’t always easy, but those challenges helped her grow both mentally and physically.

In addition to earning her high school diploma, Greenberg will also graduate with an Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College, an achievement she takes great pride in.

“This accomplishment means a lot to me because it represents the hard work and dedication I have put into my education while balancing other responsibilities,” she said.

As she looks ahead to the future, she leaves behind advice for future students.

“Always be yourself—stay true to who you are, not who people want you to be. Keep an open mind for every opportunity that comes your way. High school goes by faster than you expect, and the experiences you choose to take part in can shape who you are,” she closed.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JAMES AUSTIN THIBODAUX

Senior James Austin Thibodaux started at Oasis Academy as a freshman, and as graduation approaches reflects on his high school journey as one defined by growth, friendships, and a clear vision for the future.

Alongside his high school diploma, he will also graduate with an Associate of Science degree from Western Nevada College. After graduation, Thibodaux plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, where he will pursue a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering.

His time at Oasis Academy began with



Oasis Academy senior Kayla Greenberg.



Oasis Academy senior James Austin Thibodaux.

uncertainty but quickly turned into a meaningful experience.

“When I started at Oasis, I didn’t know anybody, but I was able to meet a lot of new people and make new friends,” he shared. “I learned a lot in the classes and had fun playing sports with new people.”

Some of his most memorable moments came through athletics, especially during his sophomore year.

“Playing junior varsity basketball sophomore year with all my friends, along with playing baseball at the Aces stadium,” he said, stands out as his favorite high school memory. “I’ll always remember hitting the walk-off hit to end the game my sophomore year.”

His involvement in co-curricular activities didn’t stop at basketball and baseball—he also participated in Student Council. He has been actively engaged in both leadership and helping to provide school spirit, and serves as the Senior Class Vice President.

One teacher who made a lasting impact was Mr. David Springfield, whom he credits not only as a coach but also as a positive influence.

“I’d like to thank Mr. Springfield for stepping up to coach basketball and always being easy to joke around with,” he said.

It’s no surprise that his sophomore-year history class, taught by the same teacher, became his favorite.

“We did a lot of fun activities, and Mr. Springfield kept the class fun,” Thibodaux said.

Thibodaux has a simple but meaningful piece of advice for future students.

“High school goes faster than you think—enjoy it while you’re there,” he closed.

FFA PARTICIPATES IN STATE CONVENTION IN RENO

From March 23rd to 26th, members of the Oasis FFA chapter attended Nevada’s 97th annual FFA State Convention in Reno, Nevada. Both middle and high school students competed in multiple CDEs (Career Development Events) and SAEs (Supervised Agricultural Experiences).

This year, the Oasis chapter was the third-largest chapter in attendance with 47 members present. The chapter saw many teams and students who had top finishes in the competition.

In the AgriScience competition, 12 members competed, including Grace Laca, Meirra Cavanaugh, Taylor Sowersby, Abigail Madera, Brooke Manskie, Kiley Detomasi, Bailey Beebe,

Kylie Moya, Sadie Whitaker, Avery Laca, Kinsley Viera, and Macady Bogdanowicz. Of the 12 competitors, 7 are advancing to nationals, making this the most members to have ever qualified from the Oasis chapter. Grace Laca, Bailey Beebe, Kylie Moya, Sadie Whitaker, Avery Laca, Kinsley Viera, and Macady Bogdanowicz will all compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October.

The Farm Business Management team placed 3rd, with the competitors being Matthew Bird, Meirra Cavanaugh, Brooke Manskie, and Taylor Sowersby.

In Novice Horse Evaluation, the team, including Emily Dunkin, Lily Smith, Kiley Detomasi, and Faith Marie Torres May, placed 2nd high team. The Senior Horse Evaluation team, with the competitors Katie Varain, Gabriel Houyoux, Macady Bogdanowicz, and Payton Sowersby, placed 2nd high team. Middle school member Macady Bogdanowicz placed 1st high individual.

Washington Scott, Lily Smith, Keaton Jaques, and Asher Irving placed 3rd high team in Ag Sales.

Finally, in Milk Quality and Products, Matthew Bird, Trevor Barrenchea, Laynee Diaz, and Grace Laca placed 2nd high team.

“I’m extremely proud of all the members who worked hard and dedicated their time to study and prepare for the competitions they competed in at State this year,” said Jackie Bogdanowicz, FFA advisor.

Bogdanowicz is appreciative of all the coaches and parents who helped with the students this year.

“We are so blessed to have great people helping coach these students. Katrina Laca, Sara Peixoto, John Schonemeier, Dr. Danye Archuleta, Heather Donahue, and Karen Bogdanowicz all gave their personal time and effort to coach the students in their competitions and prepare them for State. We are also very grateful to Jenna Whitaker, Jen Beebe, Krista Smith, Alyssa Sowersby, John Schonemeier, and Leonard Bogdanowicz, who were chaperones who took their vacation time to help supervise and shuttle students safely to and from the competitions,” she said.

Other recognitions received included Taylor Sowersby, Meirra Cavanaugh, and Abigail Madera for earning the highest State honor, the Nevada FFA State Degree. Oasis FFA Advisor Jackie Bogdanowicz was recognized with an Honorary FFA State Degree for her hard work and dedication to FFA throughout the area and state.

Weekly Highlights at Logos Christian Academy

By Brenna Goings with photos courtesy of Logos.



Students in junior kindergarten through second grade gather to reenact the Last Supper.



Everly celebrates with her prizes after winning at Bingo Night.

At Logos Christian Academy, our youngest students recently experienced a meaningful and memorable lesson when our junior kindergarten through second-grade classes reenacted the Last Supper. Through this special activity, students learned about the significance of Communion and shared in the simple joy of breaking bread together with their classmates. Moments like these reflect the heart of our Christ-centered, classical education, bringing biblical truths to life in ways that are both tangible and impactful for our students.

These are the kinds of formative experiences that make Logos Christian Academy such a special place to grow academically and spiritually.

In addition, we recently enjoyed another wonderful Bingo Night, raising funds for our eighth-grade trip. The evening was filled with laughter, exciting Bingo play, and plenty of popcorn. We are so grateful for our UPLIFT volunteers and our fantastic Bingo callers who helped make the night such a fun and successful event.

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SPORTS

Fallon Rodeo Club Shines at Spanish Springs Event

Story by Nancy Chapman

Fallon High School and Junior High Rodeo Club riders turned in a strong showing at the Spanish Springs Junior and Senior High School Rodeo, held April 3-5 at the Rafter 3C Arena, as the spring push toward state finals continues.

The three-day rodeo, part of the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association's 2025-26 schedule, drew youth competitors from across Nevada. Fallon riders were well represented across multiple events, including the cutting pen, where Clayton Hiibel competed on his horse Cat and Stix Lee rode Oscar. Cattle for the cutting were provided by Jack Payne.

The Spanish Springs stop featured a full slate of junior high and high school events such as barrel racing, goat tying, pole bending, bull and bronc riding, breakaway and team roping, cutting, and steer wrestling. The event further solidifies Rafter 3C Arena's role as a central venue for rodeos in western Nevada. Photographer John Baker was on hand to capture the action, and several of his photos are featured with this article.

The Fallon High School Rodeo Club, which has a 50-year history and regularly sends athletes to state and national finals, competes in 16 rodeos statewide each season. The club is supported by an annual fundraiser dinner and auction.

Fallon will next host its own rodeo April 17-20 at the Fairview Arena, 325 Sheckler Road. The event is sanctioned as an agriculture, livestock, and youth competition through the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association.

Results from the Spanish Springs rodeo were not available at press time.



Stix Lee competes in calf roping during the Spanish Springs Junior and Senior High School Rodeo at Rafter 3C Arena. Photos courtesy of John Baker.



Paydyn Torvik competes in barrel racing during the Spanish Springs Junior and Senior High School Rodeo at Rafter 3C Arena.



Rostin Snow bull riding at the Spanish Springs Junior and Senior High School Rodeo at Rafter 3C Arena.

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Games student Keoni Burrow. In the game, players guide the charming main character, Cinnamon – a bread aficionado, on an engaging quest to collect a variety of delicious loaves of bread from clever enemies while navigating intricately designed mazes that challenge and delight. The game's lively atmosphere is elevated by an original soundtrack composed by CCHS senior Santiago Begazo, whose music brings energy and personality to every level, making the gameplay experience truly memorable.

During the Break the Internet event, Ruff Day was a popular choice among gamers. The atmosphere changed significantly when independent game developer Joriel Alves started playing. His involvement energized the crowd. An enthusiastic audience cheered him on. This excitement drew Holt's attention.

Alves said Ruff Day immediately stood out. "It looks like a simple platform anyone can pick up, but there's a lot more happening under the surface," he said. "The movement feels rewarding as you master it, the level design lets you choose your pace, and the challenging sections feel earned. You can tell the developer made a game

that's fun for both new players and those who want to push its limits."

After finishing his session with Ruff Day, Joriel Alves, a University of Nevada, Reno graduate, and independent game developer engaged in conversation with Holt. According to Holt, Joriel Alves expressed a strong interest in purchasing the game and was eager to know where to purchase the game. Holt noted that Burrow did not yet have an online presence or social media accounts. Nonetheless, Joriel Alves' enthusiasm underscored the accomplishments of Holt, Burrow, Begazo, and the Greenwave Games team.

When asked about the interest in Ruff Day and the prospect of selling the game, Burrow said, "I think it is impressive how everyone who plays the game enjoys it in their own way." He added, "I might make it cheap, like \$2, or even free so it is accessible to everyone. The game itself will make a good edition to my portfolio for college." Burrow intends to attend the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall.

Keoni Burrow will debut a free demo of Ruff Day at LVL UP EXPO 2026, a three-day gaming and pop culture convention taking place April 24-26 at the Las Vegas Convention Center, where attendees can also access a link to purchase the

game. The expo is open to all videogame developers—both commercial and independent—as well as artists and fans from the general public. To secure a booth at the event, participants must apply through the official application process. This marks a significant achievement for Holt, who will showcase his students' games and digital art at the expo.

Holt said the primary goal of attending is to give these emerging creators the opportunity to network and highlight their portfolios.

Meanwhile, Ruff Day and several other games in development entered Beta testing in Holt's design classroom on April 1 and 2. During the two-day period, high school students played the games and provided feedback to the creators, helping to identify bugs and prepare the games for the release party scheduled for some time in May. Up for grabs at the release party is \$2500 in prize money contributed to the program by an anonymous donor. Student winners who will return to high school the following year will reinvest the prize money in their projects, and those graduating will keep the cash.

Stay tuned for updates on LVL UP EXPO, the release party results, and the latest news about Greenwave Games (GG).

NOW HIRING:
Executive Development Director

The Fallon Youth Club LLC. is announcing a position opening for an Executive Development Director. The EDD position is responsible for managing the strategic planning and operation of the Club including the Fallon Youth Club and the Little Clubhouse Child Care facilities and programs.

The EDD position will collaborate with the Fallon Youth Club Board of Directors to develop an annual income and expense budget. Will provide timely and accurate reporting of financial results and recommendations for necessary actions to maintain the fiscal health of the Club.

The EDD position will work with the Board of Directors to establish an annual marketing plan to include local schools, fundraising events, community outreach activities and a local and social media plan.

The EDD will demonstrate strong social and communication skills in attending social clubs and organizations in recruiting and encouraging financial participation with the Club and its activities. Those skills will be essential in working with and supporting all staff and directors of the Club organization.

This is an exempt full time position reporting directly to the President and executive committee of the FYC Board of Directors. Prefer an applicant with a bachelor's degree and/or a minimum of 3 years of experience in non-profit children-based operation management and supervision.

Appropriate salary available based on responsibility of an organization with 3 executive director staff and an additional staff of 30 child centered personnel.

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Fallon Youth Club front office at 324 Pennington Cr., Fallon, Nevada or by email at imellig@cocomm.net. For more information you may call Executive Operations Directive Myndee Darcy at 775-427-0928 or FYC Board President Gary Imelli at 775-426-8461. Or email Board Vice President Tricia Strasdin at strasdint@icloud.com.

SPORTS

Churchill County Powers Past Dayton, Battles Through Reed Tournament

Staff Report

After opening its three-game series against Dayton with a narrow 1-0 loss on March 31, the Churchill County High School varsity girls softball team responded in emphatic fashion.

The Lady Greenwave bounced back the next day and swept Dayton in dominant style, winning both games by identical 18-4 scores. Kanani Mauga continued her standout season by blasting her 11th home run, while Sutton Yost added her first of the year. The girls' offense has become one of its biggest strengths, as the team has now recorded 10 wins by 14 runs or more this season.

Churchill County then traveled to Reno for the Reed Tournament, where the Lady Greenwave faced a challenging slate of opponents.

The tournament opened Friday with a matchup against Spanish Springs, one of the top teams in the state. The Greenwave fell 14-2 but still had six different players record hits. Kalaya Downs led the effort by going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Churchill County dropped two more games Friday, falling 7-5 to Newark Memorial and 14-0 to Damonte Ranch. Despite the tough start, the Lady Greenwave showed resilience on Saturday.

The team bounced back with a 7-2 win over Chico behind a strong all-around offensive performance. Audrey Fruzza went a perfect 3-for-3 with two RBIs, one run and a double, marking her best hitting performance in her last 11 games. Mauga added another strong outing, finishing 2-for-4 with two RBIs, one run and a double. As a team, Churchill County posted a .379 batting average against Chico while holding the Panthers to just .167.

In the tournament finale, the Lady Greenwave battled McQueen in a tight 9-6 loss. Nine Churchill County players recorded hits in the game. Mauga again delivered at the plate, reaching base four times and finishing with a home



Junior Kalaya Downs catches a fly ball to left field. Photos by Carrie Sheldon-Davis.



Senior Jocelyn Pimentel pitching at Dayton.

run, three runs scored and three RBIs. Miley Pimentel also turned in a big performance, going 3-for-5 with three runs and a stolen base.

Peyton Prinz added a strong showing in the loss, going 2-for-2 with two runs, one RBI and her first stolen base of the season. Pimentel also added a triple and a run scored as part of the team's offensive effort.

Most recently, Churchill County traveled back to Reed on Monday, April 6, for a non-conference matchup, where the Raiders handed the Lady Greenwave a 15-0 loss in four innings. Reed scored seven runs in the first and finished with 12 hits while committing no errors. Churchill County was held without a hit and recorded five

errors in the field.

Churchill County now sits at 13-8 on the season and will finally return home after spending the opening stretch of the schedule on the road. The Lady Greenwave will host Elko on Thursday at 3 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. and noon.

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What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By J Hodnett in for Kelli Kelly

I recently requested the library order Samin Nosrat's new cookbook, "Good Things" (yes! The library takes requests, and you can make them online!). If you like cooking, food, or just gathering around the table, I highly recommend checking out this book. Instead of a cookbook where a chef is trying to translate restaurant dishes, this book starts from a place of home cooking and makes that process as pleasurable as possible.

I love to cook, but a long time ago, I decided life was too short to peel, separate, or pound. We love cooking shows at my house, but if anyone mentions my knife cuts, they will be cordially invited to eat somewhere else. I want to keep cooking fun, and "Good Things" takes the reader on Nosrat's journey to understanding that home cooking is a different skill – no less important than restaurant cooking – and one that should bring the cook pleasure instead of stress.

Appropriately, I read "Good Things," with its message of pleasurable eating, on the same day I tested recipes for the Churchill County Library's April spice: Cinnamon Sugar Crunch. Wonderfully aromatic royal cinnamon, cinnamon verum, and cardamom are mixed with coconut sugar and turbinado sugar for a really satisfying crunch. This mix is all about pleasure: the smell, the taste, the texture – everything is geared toward pure enjoyment. You can pick up your sample at the library through April.

BERRY PIE (ISH)

I call this Berry Pie (ish) because it does include all the ingredients of a traditional pie, but without as much sugar or work (and because I feel weird calling things "deconstructed"). I always have leftover pie crust when I do make traditional pies, but you can make pie crust just for this, leave out the pie crust entirely, or substitute leftover waffles, pancakes, biscuits, or other bread-type foods that sound good. If you want to go even healthier, you can substitute a dollop of plain yogurt for the whipped cream.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbs. Leftover pie crust (recipe below)
- 1 tbs. Cinnamon Sugar Crunch (or regular cinnamon sugar to taste)

- 2-4 tbs. Berries or other fruit of your choice
- 1 tbs. Heavy whipping cream
- 1 tsp. Sugar
- Dark chocolate (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash hands. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Roll the leftover pie crust as thin as you can, in a shape that fits easily on your baking sheet. I cook the leftover pie crust in my toaster oven, and roll the pie crust into a shape that fits its small baking tray. Put crust on baking sheet and sprinkle as generously as you'd like with cinnamon sugar.

Cook crust about 15 minutes. When you start to smell it, it's done.

Pour cream into the bowl of a stand mixer. Using the whisk attachment, beat cream on medium-high speed. Add sugar and continue to beat until peaks form. Softer peaks are fine for this recipe.

Rinse berries. If you are using strawberries or other fruit that are larger, cut them to a size that's easy to eat.

Remove pie crust from the baking sheet and cool on a rack. When cool and set, break pie crust into pieces in a bowl. Add berries and whipped cream. Top with grated chocolate (or chocolate curls if you're fancy!) and/or granulated sugar.

PIE CRUST

(for a 10-inch, two-crust pie)

Because I'm trying to get as much nutrition as possible from the few foods I want to eat, I have been replacing all-purpose flour with whole-wheat pastry flour. I find I can use all whole-wheat flour in this pie crust recipe, but there is a taste difference (which I like, but definitely not everyone does). You might need all 8 tablespoons of water with whole wheat flour, and a little less with all-purpose.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Butter, cold
- 2 2/3 cups Flour (all-purpose, whole wheat pastry, or a mix of the two)
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 7-8 tbs. cold water

DIRECTIONS

Wash hands. Pour flour into bowl or food processor. Cut butter into small squares and add to the flour. To mix the flour and butter, you can use a pastry cutter, a fork, a stand mixer with a whisk attachment, or a food processor. I have a tall Ninja processor that I really like for this purpose.

Add cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the dough comes together. The nice thing about the food processor is that you can really see when the dough is ready because everything starts to come together.

Lightly flour the counter or a silicon mat and dump the dough in the middle. You don't want to handle pie crust too much, so just gather it into a disc and put it in a sealable container. Refrigerate for at least two hours.

CINNAMON CRUNCH SWEET POTATO FRIES

Ok, this is one where I really did try to get all the fries the same size so they cooked evenly. I did these in an air fryer, but you can roast them in the oven, too.

Ingredients:

- 2 Medium sweet potatoes (about 1 lb.), peeled and cut into 1/4-inch fries
- 1 tbs. oil (I used olive oil, but a neutral oil is good too!)
- 1 tbs. Cinnamon Sugar Crunch (or regular cinnamon sugar)
- salt (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat air fryer to 400 degrees for 3-5 minutes (or oven at 425 degrees). Wash hands.

Toss cut sweet potato fries with oil in a large bowl until evenly coated. Add Cinnamon Sugar Crunch and optional salt, tossing again until all fries are evenly coated.

Arrange fries in the air fryer basket in a single layer (cook in batches if needed so they crisp instead of steam).

Air-fry at 400 degrees for 10 minutes — shake the basket or flip the fries halfway through. In the oven, roast for 15 minutes and test with a fork to make sure they are done to taste.

Allison's Book Report:

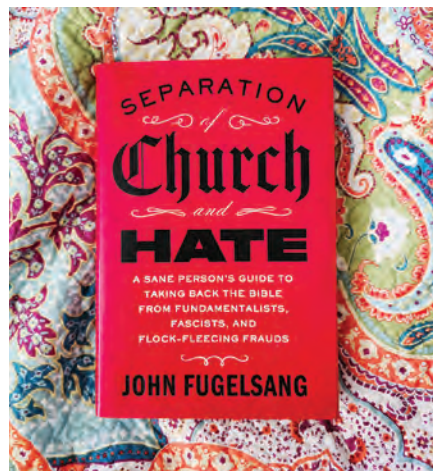
"Separation of Church and Hate" By John Fugelsang

By Allison Diegel

I don't read nonfiction very often—reading is my escape from reality, and let's be real, nonfiction doesn't really facilitate escapism the way that rom-coms or even moody literary fiction do. However, every once in a while, I see a book in the nonfiction area that piques my interest and I just have to pick it up. This week's book is nonfiction, but the writing is so approachable and interesting (despite the topic being a heavy one) that I couldn't put it down.

John Fugelsang's "Separation of Church and Hate" isn't just a theoretical critique; it's a perspective rooted in a truly one-of-a-kind upbringing. As the son of a former priest and a former nun who met while working in a hospital, Fugelsang was raised in a household where the "radical" nature of the gospel wasn't just a Sunday concept, but a lived experience. This background gives him a unique authority to argue that the book isn't an attack on faith, but rather a comedic repossession of it. He uses his history to highlight how modern movements weaponizing the Bible often ignore the very person they claim to follow: a nonviolent Jewish mystic who prioritized the outcasts and the marginalized.

With a tone that feels like a witty conversation with a well-read friend, Fugelsang guides readers through a "biblically correct" takedown of modern Christian nationalism. He blends deep research with his trademark



irreverent humor to help readers navigate the most contentious topics in modern discourse, from LGBTQ+ rights to poverty and immigration. Fugelsang's approach is refreshing because he doesn't just lecture; he provides practical rhetorical tools for those who want to reclaim the narrative of mercy from the "flock-fleeing frauds." He meticulously points out where certain political arguments have no biblical basis at all, restoring historical and scholarly context to verses that are frequently stripped of their original meaning for political leverage.

Ultimately, "Separation of Church and Hate" is less about "deprogramming zealots" and more about reclaiming the essence of service and empathy. Whether you are a devout believer, a staunch atheist, or somewhere in the "it's complicated" category, Fugelsang offers a bracing and hilarious reminder that we can disagree on policy without losing our humanity.

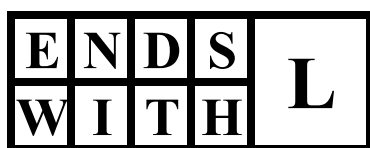
It is a rallying cry for clarity in a world that often uses religion as a "cloaking device" for tribalism. By the time you reach the final page, you might just feel equipped to take back the narrative of compassion, one scripture-backed and humor-infused argument at a time.

Fun fact: if you're a young Gen Xer or an older Millennial, you might recognize John from his stints on VH1 back in the day. Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram, @allison.the.reader for more fun facts and awesome reads!

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

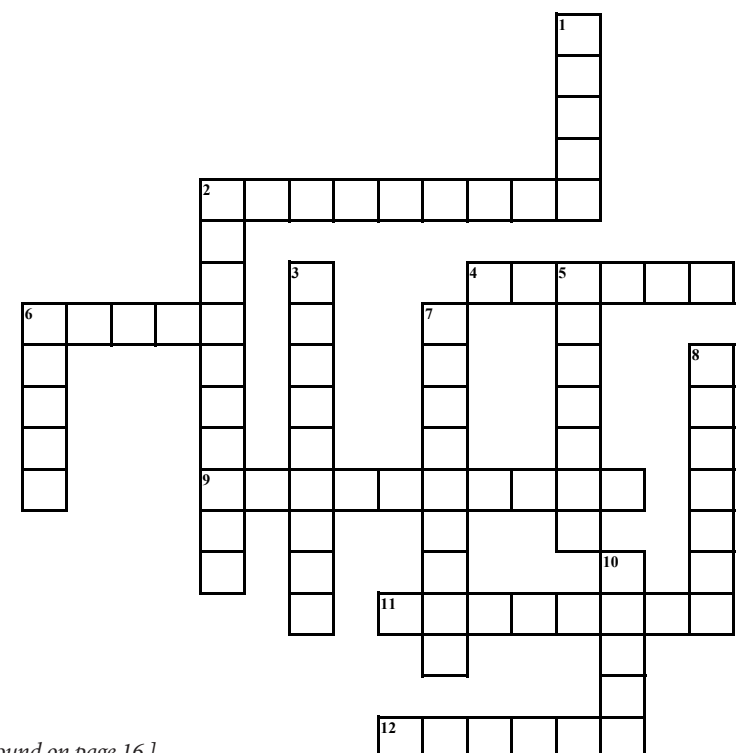


Across

- 2. Gorgeous
- 4. SA country
- 6. Biblical tower
- 9. Hundred year anniversary
- 11. National sport
- 12. Not vegetable or mineral

Down

- 1. Calm down
- 2. Birth parents
- 3. Michael, Raphael, Gabriel
- 5. Naval officer
- 6. Aromatic herb
- 7. Speak two languages
- 8. Clothing
- 10. Panama, Erie



[Crossword answers found on page 16]

COLUMNS

Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

The Fallon Theatre has a full weekend of films lined up this Friday and Saturday, offering everything from family comedy to one of the most ambitious historical epics ever made.

At 6 p.m. both nights, families are invited to enjoy “Night at the Museum” (2006), the adventure comedy starring Ben Stiller as a night guard who discovers that the exhibits at the American Museum of Natural History come to life after dark. Dinosaurs, Roman soldiers, and cavemen all join the fun in a film filled with joyful chaos. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 48 minutes.

At 7 p.m., thanks to the sponsorship of Josh Berney of Berney Realty Ltd., the theatre will present “Gettysburg” (1993), Ronald F. Maxwell’s sweeping retelling of one of the most pivotal battles of the Civil War. Because of its length and scope, the film will be shown in two parts over the weekend. Part One screens Friday and runs 2 hours and 22 minutes, covering the days leading up to the battle and the fierce fighting of the first two days. Part Two screens Saturday and runs 1 hour and 52 minutes, bringing the story to its powerful conclusion. Rated PG, the full film runs 4 hours and 14 minutes.

Looking ahead, the Coalition for Senior Citizens will host its Third Friday Matinee on Friday, April 17 at 1 p.m., featuring “The Intern” (2015), starring Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway. Seniors 60 and older will receive a free small popcorn and a small drink, and the free showing is open to the entire community.

One of the theatre’s most anticipated spring events arrives on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m., when the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society returns with its Loneliest Road Chamber Music Project. The Berkelium String Quartet from Berkeley, California, will open its Nevada tour on the Fallon Theatre stage with a program featuring Schubert’s “Death and the Maiden,” a new composition by Daniel Darnesin Flanagan, and a Beethoven quartet, accompanied by projected images. Admission is by donation, and children are welcome.

Summer programming continues with Ventura Highway – The Music of America on Saturday, July 18, at 8 p.m. The concert features the rich harmonies and classic sound of America, with tickets priced at \$10.

The Fallon Theatre remains committed to keeping its doors open and screens lit for the community, offering free moviegoing whenever possible. Concessions, including fresh popcorn and classic treats, are available. For information about hosting celebrations or placing a message on the marquee, call 775 423 6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

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INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed proposals will be received for the **Construct New Taxi Lane & Extend Existing Taxi Lane** project, PWP# CH-2026-321, addressed to the City of Fallon, Administration Office, City Hall at 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406 until 2:00 pm local time on April 28, 2026 and then will be publicly opened and read. Bids received after the time fixed for the opening will not be considered.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Fallon Municipal Airport located on Rio Vista Drive at 10:00 am, local time April 14, 2026 for those interested contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. Attendance of the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory but is encouraged.

The project consists of, but is not limited to, clearing and grubbing new project area, excavation to new section depth, subgrade preparation, placement and compaction of subbase and base courses, paving of asphalt surface course, pavement markings, and regrading of existing retention pond.

Digital copies of the Bidding and Construction Documents may be obtained via email at no cost by contacting Cole Herbert, P.E. at **CHEBERT@JUB.COM**. Bidders must receive digital copies from J-U-B Engineers, Inc. to be placed on the Planholder's List. Bidders must be on the Planholder's List to receive addenda and for their bids to be considered responsive.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cash, cashier's check, or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid.

CIVIL RIGHTS – TITLE VI

As a condition of this grant award, The City of Fallon, Nevada, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4), 28 CFR § 50.3, and 49 CFR Part 21, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The proposed contract is also under and subject to the following federal clauses:

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- Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace
- Foreign Trade Restrictions
- Buy American Preference
- Disadvantage Business Enterprise Requirements as follows:

The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of the City of Fallon, Nevada to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.

All required Federal Clauses including the labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents. Each bidder must supply all of the information required by the bid documents and specifications.

Each bidder shall furnish the Statement of Bidders Pre-Qualifications to the OWNER with satisfactory evidence of their competency to perform the work contemplated with the bid.

This project includes Federal funds and is subject to the wage provisions of the Federal Davis-Bacon, and related acts. This project is also subject to the State of Nevada Prevailing Wage Rates.

MEETINGS

April 15 – May 7, 2026

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

CC Communications
Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: May 7 at 11 a.m.

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

Central NV Health District
155 N. Taylor Street
Next meeting: April 16 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: April 23 at 3 p.m.



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken April 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	234,600 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	467 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	445 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	418 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	464 cfs

April 6, 2024	April 6, 2023	April 6, 2022
277,509 acre feet	103,445 acre feet	142,793 acre feet

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

The City of Fallon, Nevada reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any informalities, or irregularities, postpone the award of the Contract for a period not to exceed One Hundred Twenty (120) days, and accept the proposal that is in the best interest of the City of Fallon, Nevada. The award of the Bid is contingent upon the receipt of Federal funding.

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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
Notice of Claims Approved by Board of Directors
October, November, and December 2025

Notice is given by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), duly organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 539 of the Nevada Revised Statutes of the following list of claims allowed during the months of October, November, and December 2025; that this list is made based upon NRS 539.485.

Dated this twelfth day of March 2026

/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General Manager

Operating Expenses	October	November	December
Operations and Maintenance	321,716	285,417	274,216
Carson Lake Pasture	6,965	4,826	5,408
Administration	111,573	179,370	169,058
Total Expense	440,254	469,613	448,682
Other Expense	0	0	11,535
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0
Total Other Expense	0	0	11,535
Total Expense and Other Expense	440,254	469,613	460,217



Story and photo by Casandra Hooper

My name is Casandra Hooper and I am a junior in Plant Science 1. I have really enjoyed my time in this class because it has taught me how important it is to care for and encourage healthy plant growth. It is a complete change of pace from my normal day at school, and I like being able to learn about something that connects directly to the real world.



Casandra Hooper, a junior in Plant Science 1, proudly holds her pineapple plant.

Through Plant Science 1, I've begun to understand how small actions, like proper watering, soil choice, and sunlight exposure, can make a big difference in helping plants thrive. I enjoy seeing the progress plants make over time and knowing that I played a part in that growth.

Plant Science 1 has also encouraged me to pursue a future in environmental biology. I am interested in learning more about ecosystems and how living things interact with each other and their environment. Studying plants has shown me how essential they are to life, from producing oxygen to providing habitats and supporting biodiversity. I hope to continue building my knowledge so I can better understand how to protect and support the natural world.

One of the highlights of my experience this year was creating a poster for our annual plant sale, and I was proud to win the poster contest. It was a great opportunity to combine creativity with what I've learned in class. With the plant sale coming up soon, I'm excited to see how the event brings attention to the importance of plants and encourages others to get involved.

A project I've especially enjoyed is growing a pineapple from a cutting. I started on October 13 by twisting the top off a pineapple I had eaten. After removing the crown, I placed it in water for about two days in a warm, sunny area. Soon, roots began to form. Once the roots were established, I transferred the cutting into a medium-sized pot, about 6 to 8 inches wide, filled with nutrient-rich soil. A mix designed for houseplants with added perlite or sand works well because it allows proper drainage while still holding enough moisture. After planting, I kept the soil lightly moist and placed the plant in a spot that received plenty of sunlight.

Over the past five months, my pineapple plant has grown wider and healthier, and it has been rewarding to watch its progress over time. Caring for plants like this has become something I truly enjoy. I think of my plants almost like emotional support—they bring a sense of calm and responsibility into my daily routine. Studies have shown that being around plants can help improve mood and reduce stress, and I've definitely experienced that myself. I like to carry small plants with me sometimes or even share them with teachers and friends as a way to spread that same positive feeling.

Overall, Plant Science 1 has shown me that caring for plants is more than just a hobby—it's a meaningful way to connect with nature and others.

Studying plants has shown me how essential they are to life, from producing oxygen to providing habitats and supporting biodiversity.

LEGAL NOTICES

Postcards: Lahontan City

By Michon Mackedon

Let's take an imaginary Sunday drive from Fallon toward Lahontan Dam to, say, check out the water level and dream about summer swimming and boating. About 17 miles out, on our left is the road leading to the dam and park area, but let's drive about a quarter of a mile on and look to the right. You will see the remains of a round brick structure and a tall chimney. Now let's allow our imaginations to conjure up the past. There it is. Lahontan City, right next to the railroad tracks.

At its peak in 1912 or so, it would have been a sight to behold. Lahontan City was established by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) as a federal company town to house workers employed to build the dam. At that time, the closest town that could (maybe) accommodate them was Fallon, but the 17-mile commute by wagon or primitive automobile from there to the dam site would have been challenging, to say the least. The roads were sandy and sometimes completely impassable. Thus, the BOR decided to construct their own home base, complete with lodging and dining facilities.

The result, Lahontan City, included a large mess hall, which served 300 workers per shift. Large, round brick ovens were designed to bake hundreds of loaves of bread. The mess hall doubled as a social center where dances and other community events were held. Families arrived and built small houses. Single men lived together in dormitory-style facilities. A post office opened with, of course, a postmark reading "Lahontan, Nevada." A schoolhouse was opened in 1916, but, by then, the dam was completed and families were moving on. It closed in 1917.

Alfred Cooke and his family arrived at the dam site in 1912, at the height of Lahontan City's glory. His father, Joe, worked for the United States Reclamation Service and was assigned a job as foreman on the Lahontan Dam project. Cooke's memories of living in Lahontan City are fond ones. His mother planted a thriving vegetable garden, and her morning glories covered their pretty single sided house and were the envy of the town. She also raised chickens and kept a Jersey cow named Fanny who produced "the world's richest milk."

By 1912, when the Cookes arrived, "there was an exciting social life emerging for the residents living near the dam site. Joe played the trombone in many band concerts, and we all enjoyed the box socials, Fourth of July celebrations and picnics."

Cooke delighted in living close to the railroad tracks. "I loved trains. The Southern Pacific tracks were only a couple of blocks away from home, and every time I heard the trains coming, I would excitedly run toward the oncoming freight and wave to the engineer and crew. On the dam site they had a number of 'donkey' engines that were used in construction of the dam. Many times I would proudly ride in the cab with the engineer on their short run."

Fanny the cow—the one who produced the world's richest milk—was even more highly prized after Cooke's father discovered a way to make the ice for churning homemade ice cream. "My father, Joe, had an inventive mind. He had read in "Ice and Refrigeration" magazine that a small home refrigeration unit was impractical. Undaunted, he built, from scratch, a successful unit for our home in

1914, some ten years before any commercial units were marketed. Mother Cooke would fill a muffin pan with water, put it in the freezing compartment and soon we had "ice cubes, great for making ice cream!"

The mirage dissolves. That all took place over 100 years ago, and now little remains to mark the site, except the tall chimney and what's left of an oven. Yet, Cooke's memories remind us that a rich life can be created almost anywhere on earth.

Cooke's words are borrowed from Cooke, Alfred H. "The Cooke Family at Lahontan Dam, 1911-1918." "In Focus," Volume 8, Churchill County Museum Association, 1994-1995.

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

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



Lahontan City, 1914. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Museum.

Case No.: CVFT2026-0016

IN THE FALLON TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

In the Matter of the Application of: JAYLEN MANNING (PARENT'S NAME(S))

For Change of Name of the Minor Child: Jazlynn Rose Lopez (Child's Name)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of Petitioner's name as noted above shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

Jazlynn Rose Lopez (first) (middle) (last)

to (requested new name):

Jazlynn Rose Manning (first) (middle) (last)

DATED: March 2, 2026 Printed Name: Jaylen Manning

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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
Notice of Claims Approved by Board of Directors
January 2026

Notice is hereby given by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), duly organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 539 of the Nevada Revised Statutes of the following list of claims allowed during the month of January 2026; that this list is made based upon NRS 539.485.

Dated this seventeenth day of March 2026

/s/ Benjamin Shawcroft, General Manager

	January
Operating Expenses	221,554
Operations and Maintenance	55
Carson Lake Pasture	143,471
Administration	365,080
Total Expense	0
Grant Expense	0
Depreciation Expense	0
Total Other Expense	0
Total Expense and Other Expense	365,080

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 14

ADMIRAL	BEAUTIFUL
ANIMAL	BILINGUAL
APPAREL	BIOLOGICAL
ARCHANGEL	BRAZIL
BABEL	CANAL
BASEBALL	CENTENNIAL
BASIL	CHILL

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 Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m.
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 1520 Grimes St.

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