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CCSD Bus Drivers Are Ready to Roll



Bus drivers and Transportation Department staff are geared up for the new school year. Courtesy of Churchill County School District.

Staff Report

Churchill County School District bus drivers are getting ready to hit the road for another school year.

Monday was Bid Day for the district’s transportation team, when drivers selected their routes for the 2026-27 school year. Superintendent Blake Cooper stopped by to welcome drivers back as they prepared for the start of school.

Led by Transportation Supervisor Austin Metz, the district’s transportation team handles

more than the daily trip to and from school. Drivers also transport students to field trips, activities, sporting events, and other destinations throughout the year.

For many students, their bus driver is one of the first familiar faces they see each morning and one of the last before they arrive home in the afternoon.

As the first day of school approaches, the district’s Transportation Department will introduce drivers and share route information on its Facebook page.

Churchill County Offers Horse Stalls for Fire Evacuees

By Nancy Chapman

The Rafter 3C Complex in Churchill County is offering covered stalls for horses and dry camping facilities for those evacuated by fires in nearby counties.

As of press time, Hunter Giovanetti said they had received about five horses and about seven cows. She said she has had several phone calls but thinks the distance is a factor for evacuees.

Stalls and dry camping facilities are located on Miners Road, off Sheckler Road, at Churchill County’s 3C Event Complex in Fallon. Water is available, but evacuees must provide their own livestock feed and water containers.

There is no charge for anyone coming from an evacuated area. Those taking advantage of this offer are asked to clean up after themselves and their animals when they depart.



Horse stalls on Miners Road for fire evacuees. Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

Please contact Hunter Giovanetti at 775-423-7733 or 775-460-4327 for questions or to request accommodations.

Party With a Purpose Benefits Pregnancy Care Center

Story and photo by Mary Sorensen

More than 50 local girls ages 12-18 turned a summer party into a community service project Tuesday evening, collecting feminine hygiene products and baby supplies for the Pregnancy Care Center of Churchill County while gathering for music, dancing, games, and food.

Monica Miller, director of the Pregnancy Care Center, spoke to the girls about the center’s mission and how the donations help women and families in Churchill County.

The party was hosted by Lindsey Irving, a local leader of a girls youth group for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Irving’s backyard was transformed with café lights, music, Italian sodas, and food, while the girls spent the evening dancing, playing games, and enjoying the trampoline.

“The girls’ dance party was more than just an evening of fun—it brought young women together for a meaningful cause,” Irving said. “Girls from our church youth group invited friends from the community, creating a welcoming space to connect and learn about the needs of women and families in our area.”

The event was part of JustServe, a free community volunteer platform that connects people with service opportunities and organizations with volunteer needs. The platform includes projects from nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, local governments, and other community groups.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log:

It’s a Great Ride ...

By Rachel Dahl

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, just like Shirley Walker used to tell me after a long day of rural Nevada campaigning, “It’s a great ride, Rachel, if you don’t weaken.”

There’ve been a lot of growing pains around this outfit lately. Our team is expanding and contracting as people find their optimal spot on the staff, or not, and leave to seek their fortunes elsewhere. I’ve made some mistakes as we’ve expanded and then expanded and expanded again. But there appears to be a demand for local news, and we’re uniquely positioned to take advantage of that.

Apparently.
What a problem to have.

There’s some saying going around about being grateful for the problems that come with the dream you’ve had coming true.

It also helps to keep your sense of humor.

There were a couple of times last week where I may have mentioned in passing once or twice that I was beginning to lose my mirth. Thank goodness for my dear ol’ dad who reminded me, “You’ve always been a girl of mirth, don’t lose that.”

Some days seem like slogging through quicksand from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. There’s a very long list of things that need to get done and you feel like someone has confused motion with progress. One day last week, as I got up from my desk and waited for my legs to remember what they’re for, it dawned on me just how much fun this all is.

In spite of all the challenges and humiliating, humbling lessons, we’re all learning so much — stretching to find solutions and figure things out in ways we had no idea we could. There is a lot of hidden talent on this team. We’re all just regular



people who came together and found a project where we can, in our individual ways, flourish. Each one of these people who are a part of figuring this out with me has a specialty. A piece of them that serves the papers and the community in a way that only they can.

And I find that to be a thing of beauty.

So, while we appreciate the grace in seeing the beauty of what is happening here — the building of what we like to call “civic infrastructure” — we realize it may not always be “fun” but is always gratifying ... we’ll still be right here ...

... Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

Fallon Post Staff Bids Farewell to Riggin



The Fallon Post staff gathered Wednesday, Aug. 12, to bid adieu to high school intern Riggin Stonebarger with a pizza party and homemade apple pie made by Stonebarger himself. The staff is sad to see Riggin go and will miss having him as part of the newspaper team as he heads off to the University of Nevada, Reno. A new high school intern will soon join The Fallon Post staff. Back row, from left, are Nancy Chapman, Leanna Lehman, Lori Kaiser, Riggin Stonebarger, and Rachel Dahl. Front row, from left, are Cheryl Venturacci, Carol Lloyd, and Kasey Lattin. Christina Rodarte was also present for the farewell party and took the photo. Photo by Christina Rodarte.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Harley is Available for Adoption

Harley is a 5-year-old pit bull looking for a new beginning after her owner passed away. Despite the change in her life, Harley remains a sweet, affectionate girl who loves people and is eager to please.

Harley has basic manners, does well with children, and previously lived with another dog. A meet-and-greet with any resident dogs is recommended before adoption. She enjoys attention and being close to her people and is ready to find a loving family to call her own.

Come meet Harley and give this friendly, people-loving girl the second chance and happy new beginning she deserves.

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



Meet Star

Star is a sweet and timid girl looking for a home filled with patience and love. She is still unsure of life at the shelter and needs someone to be her rock, help her gain confidence, and bring out the beautiful, confident girl beneath that shy exterior.

Star would do best in a calm, quiet home with someone willing to give her the support and time she needs to understand that she is safe. She is searching for someone with a big heart and a whole lot of love to give.



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

Festival Competitions Offer Fun for All Ages

By Sydney Trainor

Competition will be part of the fun at this year’s Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair, with events ranging from growing the heaviest cantaloupe to pint-sized barrel racing and inflatable bucking bulls.

The Colossal Cantaloupe Growing Contest gives amateur growers a chance to compete for first, second, and third place for the heaviest cantaloupe, along with bonus prizes for the roundest, most unique, most unattractive, and largest Hearts of Gold cantaloupes. Commercial growers will be recognized separately but are not eligible for prizes.

Entries with noticeable cracks or rotten portions will be disqualified, and contestants are responsible for bringing their cantaloupes to the weigh-in and removing them after the winners are announced. Growers can also submit progress photos to the Cantaloupe Festival Blue Ribbon Fans Facebook group, with each photo earning an entry into a festival raffle.

Young festivalgoers can test their skills during the Lil’ Buckaroo Bounce-Off, beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Rafter 3C Arena. The competition gives youngsters a chance to ride inflatable bucking bulls.

Participants must be at least 6 years old on the day of the event and must submit a completed entry form and liability waiver before competing. Standard Western attire, including a long-sleeve shirt, pants, and boots, is required. Spots are limited, and all judging decisions are final. Registration is available through the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair website.

The Pee-Wee Barrel Race follows at 11 a.m. Aug. 30 at the Rafter 3C Arena outdoor arena. Open to children ages 2-5, the event has youngsters racing around barrels on stick horses. Participants may bring their own stick horse or borrow one at the arena.

The race is limited to 15 contestants. Participants must wear standard Western attire and submit a completed entry form and liability waiver before competing. Ribbons and bragging rights are on the line.

The Cutest Little Cowboy & Cowgirl Contest will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Children will compete in separate age categories while showing off their best Western attire. As part of the America 250 initiative, contestants are encouraged to incorporate red, white, and blue into their outfits.

New this year, the first-place winner from each age group will advance to compete for the title of 2026 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival Cutest Little All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl. The contest is limited to 30 participants, and registration is full.

Category	Entry Date and Time	Judging Date and Time
Quilts	Monday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m.	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.
Amateur Photography	Monday, Aug. 24, 3-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1 p.m.
Crafts & Hobbies	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Fine Arts	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Knitting & Crochet	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Needlework	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Sewing	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Home Arts & Furnishings	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m.	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Food Preservation	Wednesday, Aug. 26, 4-7 p.m., or Thursday, Aug. 27, noon-3 p.m.	Thursday, Aug. 27, 4 p.m.
Fruits & Vegetables	Thursday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-noon	Thursday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m.
Roses & Flowers	Thursday, Aug. 27, 4-7 p.m.	Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.
Cantaloupe Growing	Thursday, Aug. 27, 4-7 p.m.	Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Know Before You Enter

Country fair exhibitors should check the 2026 Premium Booklet for the complete rules for their department and class before submitting an entry. Entry requirements and judging procedures vary by category.

For the Colossal Cantaloupe Growing Contest, cantaloupes with noticeable cracks or rotten portions will be disqualified. Contestants are responsible for delivering their entries for weigh-in and removing them after winners are announced.

Competition forms, the 2026 Premium Booklet, cantaloupe-growing rules, and other competition information are available through the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair competition page.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

Fallon Golf Course Inc.

By Sydney Trainor

Fallon Golf Course Inc. is the nonprofit organization responsible for operating and maintaining the Fallon Golf Course, a 118-acre public facility owned by Churchill County. Formed in 2016 after the county ended its contract with Duncan Golf Management, the nonprofit oversees daily operations, long-term planning, and improvements to ensure the course remains accessible to residents and visitors.

The county purchased the course in 2013 for \$695,000, and the nonprofit has managed it since its formation. Its responsibilities include coordinating public access, maintaining the grounds, and working with local partners to support community use.

During February 2026 budget discussions, Fallon Golf Course Inc. President Alan Kalt outlined the course’s recent financial performance. He reported \$647,000 in revenue and a \$20,452 loss in 2023, followed by \$651,000 in revenue and a \$24,699 loss in 2024. In the most recent year, he



said the course was profitable, earning \$12,741 in net income. Increased use has also created challenges, including overcrowding and the need for additional rules.

Long-term planning remains a priority for the organization. At the February meeting, Kalt asked commissioners to preserve enough land for a potential future expansion from nine to 18 holes. While the course is not currently seeking to expand, he referenced land across the river and the old York property as possibilities and asked that alternative land be preserved if those areas are developed for housing.

Kalt also requested continued public support for the course. He asked commissioners to maintain the county’s \$50,000 contribution toward the course’s \$75,000 in annual public funding, with the remaining \$25,000 provided by the City of Fallon. He identified several capital improvement needs, including safety concerns with a bridge, the gravel parking lot, and the aging clubhouse. He suggested adding lighting and eventually paving the lot to improve safety and accessibility.



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The service opportunity remains available for community members who would like to help. The Pregnancy Care Center has a gift registry through JustServe where needed items can be purchased online and shipped directly to the center.

“We believe it is important to help young women recognize needs around them and respond with compassion, while also affirming their own worth, value, and purpose,” Irving said.

Community members can also use JustServe.org to find other local volunteer opportunities.



Joy Seamons, Maggie Powelson, Natalie Hardman, and Molly Wilkison enjoy Italian sodas during “Party with a Purpose,” a backyard gathering that brought together more than 50 local girls for an evening of fun and a service project benefiting the Pregnancy Care Center of Churchill County.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon Lions Club Labor Day Parade Celebrates Churchill County Educators

Staff Report

The Fallon Lions Club will honor Churchill County educators during its annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 7. Businesses, schools, civic groups, veterans, youth organizations, churches, families, and individuals are invited to participate.

This year’s theme is “Celebrating Churchill County Educators.”

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Taylor Street and Virginia Street, behind

Churchill County Junior High School. Parade participants must pick up their numbers and instructions before 9 a.m. at the parade booth at Taylor and Virginia streets.

Entries are being accepted in several categories, including youth groups, civic groups, businesses, mounted individuals and groups, antique farm implements, automobiles, and candidates or incumbent officials. Other entries also are welcome.

Awards will include the President’s Award, Best Use of Theme, Most Creative, Best Youth

Group, Best Civic Group, Best Business Entry, Best Mounted Individual, Best Mounted Group, Best Antique Farm Implement, and Best Automobile Entry. Awards will not be given to political groups.

Completed entry forms must be submitted by Friday, Aug. 28.

Entry forms may be mailed to Fallon Lions Club, P.O. Box 651, Fallon, Nevada 89407, or emailed to fallonlions@gmail.com.

For more information, contact Barbara Hertz at 775-666-3068.

Fallon Junior Rodeo Returns Labor Day Weekend



Staff Report

The Fallon Junior Rodeo returns to the 3C Event Complex over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, with youth rodeo competition and activities at Fairview Arena.

Rodeo competition begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Contestants compete in two go-rounds, with events determined by age division.

Divisions include pee wee, ages 0-5; junior, ages 6-9; intermediate, ages 10-13; and senior, ages 14-18. Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, team roping, steer riding, calf riding, chute dogging, steer stopping, calf roping, steer daubing, sack roping, and events for younger contestants.

The Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen Contest begins Friday, Sept. 4, with check-in at 5 p.m. and orientation at 5:30 p.m. Introductions, speeches, and horsemanship begin at 6 p.m. Girls ages 6-13 who are entered in the rodeo may participate in the queen contest. Coronation will be held during the Saturday lunch break.

A Tommy Lee Livestock Jackpot Team Roping is scheduled Saturday evening, Sept. 5. Sign-ups begin at 5:30 p.m., with roping beginning at 6 p.m.

Sunday evening will include Family Night, with events to be announced, followed by the rodeo awards ceremony.

Rodeo entries must be notarized and postmarked by Aug. 23. No late entries will be accepted. The queen contest entry deadline is Aug. 24.

Entry forms, event rules, queen contest information, and RV and stall reservation information are available at fallonjuniorrodeo.com.

For rodeo information, call 530-249-0581 or email fallonjunior-rodeo@gmail.com.

Quade Kretschmer made a great mutton bustin' ride during last year's Fallon Junior Rodeo. Photo by John Baker.

MEETINGS

Aug. 27–Sept. 15, 2026

Board of County Commissioners

Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Sept. 3 at 8:15 a.m.

CC Communications

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

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Sept. 3 at 11 a.m.

Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine St.

Next Meeting:

Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees

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

155 N. Taylor Street

Next Meeting: Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Aug. 17 at 7 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	124,400 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	510 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	132 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	109 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	1.31 cfs

Aug. 17, 2024	Aug. 17, 2023	Aug. 17, 2022
200,002 acre feet	267,418 acre feet	63,348 acre feet

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

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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

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

Monday, August 24

Biscuits & Gravy
Roasted Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes
Fresh Danish
Fresh Apple

Tuesday, August 25

Tuna Casserole
Fresh Salad
Mango Chunks
WW Bread

Wednesday, August 26

Meatloaf
Red Skin Mashers
Brown Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
WW Roll
Fresh Banana

Thursday, August 27

Beef Enchilada
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Salad
Fruit Cocktail

Friday, August 28

Beer Battered Cod
French Fries
Creamy Cole Slaw
Mixed Green
Salad
Diced Peaches

FALLON DAILY BREAD

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

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

Monday, August 24

Spaghetti
Salad & Bread

Thursday, August 27

BLT Sandwiches
3 Bean Salad & Fruit

Monday, August 31

Buffet Night

Thursday, September 3

Rotary Night

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

OBITUARIES



JORGE JOSE GUERRERO
Aug. 13, 2026

Jorge Jose Guerrero, 52, of Fallon, Nevada, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 13, 2026.

Jorge was raised in Lovelock, Nevada, and attended Eastern Oregon University before moving to Fallon in 2000. Over the years, Jorge became deeply involved and committed to this community he called home.

Jorge served as the Director of Churchill County Parks and Recreation, dedicating more than 25 years to improving the community and creating places for generations of families to gather, play, compete, and make memories. Throughout his career, he helped lead improvements to Churchill County’s recreational facilities, fairgrounds, parks, athletic fields, and more. His work leaves a lasting impact throughout the community he loved.

Youth athletics were especially close to Jorge’s heart. He devoted countless hours of his time coaching and mentoring young athletes in football, soccer, basketball, track, and golf. For Jorge, coaching was about so much more than the game. He cared deeply about the kids he coached and took pride in encouraging them, teaching them, and watching them grow.

All who knew Jorge will remember his big, bright smile and the sweet sound of his laughter. He was always there to lend a helping hand and loved hosting and sharing his talents of cooking family recipes for others. Above everything else, Jorge’s greatest pride and joy were his daughters, Hailey and Rylie. He loved them beyond measure, and anyone who knew him knew that his daughters were his whole world and that being their father was his favorite “job.”

Jorge was incredibly proud of Hailey and all she accomplished, especially her acceptance into the UNLV School of Medicine and the path she has chosen for her future. He was so excited to have “a doctor in the family.”

Rylie was Jorge’s “clone,” and the two shared a special bond and many of the same passions. They loved rock ‘n’ roll, Star Wars, the San Francisco 49ers, and, perhaps most of all, golf. Their shared interests created countless memories and a connection that was uniquely theirs.

Jorge leaves behind his beloved daughters, Hailey Guerrero (fiancé Malcolm Feest) of Las Vegas and Rylie Guerrero of Fallon; their mother, Julie Guerrero; his father, Jorge Guerrero of Lovelock; his brother, Marco Guerrero; his sister, Liza Mitchell, and her husband, Howard Mitchell; his nephews, Marco Guerrero and Howard Bass Mitchell; his niece, Madison Guerrero; and countless aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, coworkers, athletes he coached, and community members whose lives he touched.

Jorge was preceded in death by his mother, Maria de Los Angeles Guerrero; his grandmothers, Maria Graciela Nava Arias and Obdulia Pelayo de Guerrero; and his grandfathers, Jose Carlos Arias Montes de Oca and Antonio Guerrero.

A viewing will be held Friday, Aug. 21, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. at Smith’s Family Funeral Home in Fallon. A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. and will be offered in Spanish and English.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026, at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Fallon, with burial at Churchill County Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Fallon Golf Course.



KENNETH W. PAUL
March 3, 1957 – Aug. 4, 2026

Kenneth W. Paul was known for his faith in God, preaching, being a Marine, and Native American dancing. He was from La Conner, Washington, but spent the majority of his life in Nevada.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanine Paul, and sons, Gene Paul and Adrian Paul.

MARIE DONG KO

Marie Dong Ko was born in Oakland, California, on December 28, 1937, the fourth child of Velma Young and Jong Look Dong. She grew up near Oakland Chinatown and went to Lincoln School, Westlake Jr. High School, and Oakland Tech High. Marie had four siblings: Delores Quan, Melvin Dong (deceased), Lorraine Chew, and Beverly Owston.

Marie was married to Billy K. Ko for 39 years before his passing in 2002. She loved to tell the tale of how she met her husband: He taught her how to bowl, and she loved bowling so much that she married her teacher. Marie continued to bowl well into her 80s, maintaining a competitive bowling average all the while.

Marie served the federal government for 32 years, retiring in 1998 after a career that included service with the U.S. Air Force, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Audit Agency, and the NASA Ames Research Center. She was proud of her work as an administrative assistant and the many years she spent serving her country.

Marie believed in loving and living life to the fullest. She loved road trips and travel, nature and all its critters, and was especially fond of the Coastal Redwoods. Her favorite destination was the Grand Canyon, which she visited three times in her life: once with her young family, once on a senior trip, and most recently in April of last year with her “Nevada Family.”

Marie’s greatest pride and joy were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She extended that same love and compassion to many others throughout her life, opening both her heart and home to many other “adopted” children.

Marie is survived by her three children, Karla Marie Upton, Bill Ko Jr., and Katherine Ellis, and their spouses; five grandchildren, Marjorie von Nordeck, Jessica Stone, David Upton Jr., and Bryce and Brandt Ellis; and four great-grandchildren, Shelby Montague, Emily Vasquez, and Samantha and Charlotte Stone.

Marie will live on in the hearts of her many loved ones, and in every hummingbird and rose garden they meet along their journey.

KENNETH “DINGER” RIEDINGER
July 31, 2026

Kenneth “Dinger” Riedinger, a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, Vietnam veteran, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of memories and a family who will forever carry his love and legacy in their hearts.

Ken was a proud graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Class of 1969. Shortly after graduating, he answered the call to serve his country and joined the United States Air Force. After completing boot camp, he was sent to Vietnam, beginning a remarkable 25-year military career. Ken retired honorably as a technical sergeant (TSGT).

His military service was an important part of who he was. As a Vietnam veteran, Ken understood sacrifice, commitment, and the importance of serving something larger than himself. His 25 years in the Air Force were a source of pride throughout his life. When he retired, they moved to Fallon, Nevada, where they lived for more than 23 years.

But Dad was much more than a veteran. He knew how to live.

Dad loved to travel, watch football, and spent his life making memories and enjoying every adventure he could. He traveled as a snowbird from the coast of Washington to Arizona every year until the passing of his wife, Donna Riedinger. Some of his other adventures included his trip to



Hawaii and St. Thomas, his countless road trips and boat trips to Key West, and travel to Branson. He enjoyed multiple cruises, embraced every opportunity to see something new, and loved to root on his favorite team, the Kansas City Chiefs. Sundays will not be the same.

One of his most memorable adventures came when Dad was 75 years old, when he embarked on an epic cross-country road trip to discover and explore his family history. Age never stopped Dad from satisfying his curiosity or pursuing an adventure. He lived life on his own terms and made sure there were plenty of stories to tell along the way.

Anyone who knew Dad loved him. He had a way of making an impression on people, and his personality, humor, stories, and zest for life will be deeply missed. He leaves behind memories that will continue to bring laughter, comfort, and love to those who knew him.

Dad was married to his beloved wife, Donna Riedinger, for 34 years until her passing in 2016. Their life together was an important part of Dad’s story, and the love they shared remains part of the family they built.

Ken was the son of Joseph G. Riedinger and Irene Todd (Landsiedale) Riedinger, both of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Joseph G. Riedinger Jr., and his sister, Virginia Riedinger.

Dad leaves behind his devoted daughter, Charity (Anthony) Saieva; his son, Jason (Deena) John; and his estranged sons, Sean Riedinger and Scott Riedinger.

He was a proud grandfather to Alyssa, Tristan, Jordan, Trevor, Leon, Chelsey, Courtney, Aby, and Alexa, and a great-grandfather to Olivia, Deegan, Elijah, Rose J., Sophia, Rose Z., Adrian, and Nolan.

His greatest legacy is the family he leaves behind and the memories he created with them. From his years of military service to his many adventures on the road, on the water, and across the country, Dad lived a life filled with experiences.

He served his country. He loved his family. He traveled, explored, laughed, and made memories. He never stopped living.

Kenneth “Dinger” Riedinger lived a life worth remembering.

His family will miss his presence, his stories, his personality, and the unmistakable mark he left on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Although he is gone, his memory will continue through his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those whose lives he touched.

Rest easy, Dad. Your journey may have come to an end, but the road you traveled and the memories you left behind will live on forever.

Military Honors

A service honoring Ken’s life and military service will be held at Fernley Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Aug. 28, 2026, at 10 a.m.

In honor of Ken’s 25 years of service to his country and his service as a Vietnam veteran, his family and friends are invited to gather together to remember the man behind the uniform — the father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, traveler, adventurer, and friend who will never be forgotten.

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day Coalition for Senior Citizens The Fallon Theatre Every third Friday at 1 p.m.	Business Council Breakfast CEDA Stockman’s Steakhouse Aug. 26 at 7 a.m.	Fallon Junior Rodeo Fallon Junior Rodeo Association Rafter 3C Event Complex Sept. 4-6	American Hero 5K Financial Horizons Credit Union Venturacci Gym Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.
Artistic Foundations with Adrienne Churchill Arts Council Oats Park Art School Every Tuesday in August from 9 to 10 a.m.	Creative Aging Culminating Performance Pennington Life Center 952 S. Maine St. Aug. 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast Rotary Club of Fallon Dirt lot next to the Library at 553 S. Maine St. Sept. 7 from 7 to 10 a.m.	This Community Calendar is sponsored by Range Media Co. An Oasis in the Rural Nevada News Desert. If you would like to sponsor the Community Calendar, please contact The Fallon Post at 775-423-4545.
Kids Bicycle & Scooter Safety Course Rafter 3C Arena Aug. 22	Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair Rafter 3C Event Complex Aug. 28-30	Labor Day Parade Fallon Lions Club Behind the Churchill County Junior High Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.	
Author Talk with Cassidy Carson Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Aug. 25 at 6 p.m.	Cantaloupe Canter 5K Fallon Theatre In front of the Churchill County Aquatic Center 333 Sheckler Rd. Aug. 29. Check-in at 7 a.m.; race begins at 8 a.m.	City of Fallon 9/11 Ceremony City of Fallon City Hall Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.	

COMMUNITY

All School Reunion Weekend

By Nancy Chapman

Another signal that summer is coming to an end is the annual All School Reunion for Churchill County High School, held August 14–16, in Fallon, Nevada. All alumni of any year are welcome to attend all the festivities throughout Fallon. City Hall was open for members to chat with Mayor Tedford, the Fire Department gave tours, and the classic car clubs had their vehicles at the Oats Park School on display. Fallon Theatre was open for tours and showed movies on Friday and Saturday nights.

The class of 1971 held its reunion at The Old Post Office on the evening of Friday, August 14. Members of the reunion committee all worked together to create an enjoyable event for the entire class. Richard Allegre provided the tri-tip for the barbecue, which Lynn Pearce cooked, and all committee members pitched in wherever help was needed.

Suzette Broyles Hughes mentioned the class told stories of their experiences of their high school years. Members of the class would take



Classic car clubs display their restored vehicles at Oats Park School during Saturday's All School Reunion events. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

turns telling their own stories of their antics. She said, “Hearing classmates talk about their high school memories was met with laughter and a few tears.” Fallon Mayor Kenneth Tedford was also in the graduating class of 1971. Revel and Roam provided the bar for the festivities of the reunion.

Saturday night at the end of the evening, fireworks were set off to celebrate another great year of commemorating all members of Churchill County High School graduates. These activities brought all alumni together to enjoy visiting with former classmates of all years.

Fire Department Golf Tournament Draws 88 Golfers



Bryce Sauer, Ross McKinnell, Jansen Malama-Gomes, and Andrew Palmer, from left, show their trophies after winning the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department Golf Tournament on Aug. 15 at Fallon Golf Course. The four-person team was self-sponsored.

Staff Report

Eighty-eight golfers on 22 teams turned out Aug. 15 at Fallon Golf Course for a tournament benefiting the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department, raising significant funds to support department operations.

First Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sharp and his son, Eddie Gelineau, chaired the fundraiser, a four-person scramble that included prizes, raffles, food and drinks, along with longest-drive and closest-to-the-pin contests.

Randy Sharp said it was a beautiful day for golf and expressed the department’s appreciation for the community support. He stressed that the fundraiser would not have been successful without its sponsors.

Major sponsors included Safety-Kleen, Care Flight, Cheek Construction, the City of Fallon, Churchill County, McFadden Electric, Roger Lambert Construction,

Omaha Track, Hiskett & Sons, and Mike Munoz.

Sharp also offered special thanks to Fallon Golf Course and its crew for their efforts in preparing the course and providing an excellent meal.

The self-sponsored team of Bryce Sauer, Ross McKinnell, Jansen Malama-Gomes, and Andrew Palmer took first place.

Sharp also emphasized that all members of the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department are volunteers.

The department responds to more than 500 fire and extrication calls annually and protects the City of Fallon and greater Churchill County.

It was the first volunteer fire department in the nation to receive an ISO Class 1 rating and has maintained that rating since 1995, according to Churchill County. ISO public protection classifications range from 1 to 10, with Class 1 the highest rating.

Bike and Scooter Safety Course Set for Aug. 22

By Nancy Chapman

Children ages 4-16 can learn the basics of bicycle and scooter safety during a free safety course Saturday, Aug. 22, from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Rafter 3C parking lot.

The event is being organized by Andrea Cavanaugh and Angela Guthrie of Financial Horizons Credit Union in partnership with the Fallon Police Department, Nevada State Police, and Churchill County Parks and Recreation.

“The timing is perfect, just before the start of the new school year. This event will remind children why bicycle safety is important and how to safely travel to and from school,” Guthrie said.

Participants should bring their own bicycles, scooters, or e-scooters. Free helmets will be available while supplies last, and assistance will be available to ensure helmets fit properly. Children will also have an opportunity to decorate their helmets.



File photo.

Participants will learn how to complete a safety check on their bicycles, including checking proper tire inflation, reflectors, and chains. They will also learn how to negotiate obstacles and

practice safe riding on busy streets and in their neighborhoods.

Representatives from the Fallon Police Department, Banner Health, Nevada State Police, and the Nevada Department of Transportation will be available to help children and answer questions about bicycle safety.

Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and be accompanied by an adult. A signed waiver is required. Preregistration information is available through the Churchill County Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Children will also be encouraged to navigate the Safety Corral Course set up in the Rafter 3C parking lot. Participants will receive a certificate after completing the safety training and course.

Financial Horizons Credit Union will treat participants to ice cream from the Battle Born Ice Cream truck after the event.

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Greenwave Band Takes Boosters’ Support to the Field

Story and photos by Lori Kaiser

New percussion harnesses are in use, the color guard has grown, and the Greenwave marching band is putting its “Pirates of the Caribbean” field show together as a revived parent booster organization begins to see its summer efforts reach the field.

The Greenwave Music Boosters formed this spring to provide financial and volunteer support for Churchill County High School’s marching band, concert band, choir, and color guard. One of the organization’s first projects was helping replace worn percussion harnesses, with anonymous donors funding 10 new harnesses valued at about \$4,000.

For music teacher Melissa Weick-Juceam, having the Boosters behind the program has made a difference.

“They’re awesome,” Weick-Juceam said. “They’re able to make my job a little easier with some of the things that they do.”

The Boosters help provide lunches for students at competitions and band camp, shade during practices, and other support while continuing to raise money for the program.

“Money is always an issue for a band program, or any music program,” Weick-Juceam said.

Replacing the marching band’s aging uniforms remains one of the organization’s largest goals. Weick-Juceam said the uniforms are about 30 years old and estimated replacing them could cost between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

The color guard is another visible change this season. After former coach Ashlee Rhodes left the program, Kellie Pierce stepped in to lead the group. Weick-Juceam said the program had one color guard member last year and none the year



DRUM MAJOR — Greenwave drum major Aden David leads the marching band through practice as students work on their “Pirates of the Caribbean” field show.



SAXOPHONES — Greenwave saxophone players gather during marching band practice in section-colored tie-dye shirts organized by the Greenwave Music Boosters during summer band camp.



COLOR GUARD — Greenwave color guard members gather on the field during marching band practice. The growing group is now led by color guard coach Kellie Pierce.

before. This season, a full group is practicing alongside the band.

Students are working under drum major Aden David and assistant drum major Kaya Thompson as they learn the “Pirates of the Caribbean” field show. David, who is also a drummer, said the band is working on the opening portion of the show.

The section-colored tie-dye shirts seen across the field are another product of the Boosters’ summer work. During band camp, volunteers organized the shirts to help students build friendships before marching season began.

The band’s first competition is scheduled for Oct. 3.

Meanwhile, the Boosters continue working toward the program’s larger needs. Donations are being accepted at any WaFd Bank branch throughout August, and Greenwave-themed blankets remain available for purchase. Proceeds from the blankets support the Greenwave Music Boosters and Churchill County High School student musicians. The organization has also launched a Greenwave Music Boosters Facebook page to share information and updates.

For Weick-Juceam, the value of the revived organization extends beyond fundraising.

“They’re just so helpful,” she said.



MUSIC TEACHER — Churchill County High School music teacher Melissa Weick-Juceam said having an active Greenwave Music Boosters organization is providing additional support for students and the music program.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Health Assessment Identifies Rural Care Gaps

By Sydney Trainor

Fallon and Churchill County residents face many of the same health care challenges found across rural central Nevada, including difficulty accessing specialty care, gaps in services for children and adolescents, and high rates of chronic disease, according to a new regional health assessment approved Aug. 12 by the Central Nevada Health District Board of Health.

The Community Health Needs Assessment, conducted by VillageReach, covers the City of Fallon and Churchill, Pershing, Eureka, and Mineral counties. The report found relatively high rates of heart disease, cancer, and diabetes compared with statewide data, along with barriers to obtaining health care in rural communities.

Residents reported difficulty obtaining specialty care, traveling for services, and navigating referrals. Insurance limitations, high deductibles, and out-of-pocket costs also affected access to care. The assessment identified gaps in pediatric and adolescent services, including youth mental health care, and found routine childhood vaccination rates were generally declining.

The findings were based on more than 100 local, state, and national health indicators, community site visits, interviews with local health and service providers and residents, and community validation sessions. VillageReach also conducted site visits and surveys in Fallon and other communities throughout the district.

The assessment also identified areas in which the region compared favorably, including higher reported physical activity and mammography rates and generally lower rates of sexually transmitted infections.

During the presentation, board Chair Ken Tedford questioned the report’s decision to group mental health and substance abuse together.



“There’s substance abuse issues, and then there’s mental health issues that are linked to substance abuse. We know that,” Tedford said. “But, we’ve seen a lot of mental health issues that just sit by themselves and don’t have any link whatsoever to substance abuse.”

The board approved the assessment with an amendment separating mental health and substance abuse in the final report. The full assessment is expected to be released on the district’s website.

The board also addressed staffing challenges in the district’s clinical services program. Administrator Shannon Ernst said CNHD has had difficulty filling a combined clinical manager and advanced practice registered nurse position and recommended separating the jobs. The district has been recruiting for the position since March.

The board approved hiring a registered nurse as clinical manager at Pay Grade 18, with a starting salary of \$82,929.60, while directing Ernst to explore contracting for advanced practice registered nurse services as needed.

The board also ratified a \$291,585 Fund for a Healthy Nevada grant supporting health education, counseling and social support, direct services, and health screenings. CNHD also received \$273,950 to help make community health worker services eligible for Medicaid billing and to provide technical assistance.

Looking toward the 2027 Nevada Legislature, Ernst said the district is supporting a possible bill to expand epidemiological services statewide. Public health agencies are responsible for investigating more than 80 reportable diseases, she said, but do not have enough staff to meet those requirements.

A proposed two-year, \$2,500-per-month lobbying contract with Nevada Strategies will not move forward for now. Ernst said legal counsel determined the firm could not contract with CNHD until early 2027 because of a previous connection to the district board. Nevada Strategies offered to assist the district on a volunteer basis until then. No formal action was taken on the contract.

The board also authorized Ernst to sign a joint letter with Nevada tobacco-control organizations asking Formula 1 Racing to restrict tobacco-product advertising at its events.

Environmental Health staff are also preparing for Burning Man, including catering certification and oversight of water and wastewater. The work has identified gaps in CNHD regulations and its fee schedule that will be brought back to the board for possible revisions.

The Central Nevada Health District Board of Health will move to quarterly meetings. Its next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommends Heavy Industrial Zoning for Rivian Project

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County Planning Commissioners recommended a zoning change Wednesday, Aug. 12, that could eventually allow Rivian to conduct destructive battery testing on remote property north of Fallon.

The application, filed by Mary Heapy of Arcadis Inc. for Rivian, seeks to change the zoning on 218.57 acres along U.S. Highway 95 North from RR-20 Rural Resource to I-3 Heavy Industrial, approximately seven miles south of Trinity Junction.

Rivian identified destructive battery testing as the intended use, but commissioners were not considering approval of a testing facility Wednesday. The zoning change would allow Rivian to pursue the project through the county’s permitting process. Site-specific issues involving public health and safety, infrastructure, neighboring properties, and other impacts would be addressed as the project moves forward.

Destructive battery testing, also known as battery abuse testing, generally involves subjecting batteries to extreme conditions to determine how they fail and how well safety systems perform. Depending on the test, batteries may be crushed, punctured, short-circuited, overcharged, overheated, or subjected to fire or thermal runaway. Details of Rivian’s proposed testing were not presented during the zoning hearing.

Senior Planner Dan Cahalane said the property is within an area identified for industrial development in the county’s master plan. He described the location as remote, with a gravel mine approximately two miles away and the closest residentially zoned property about 17 miles south.

The I-3 designation allows heavier industrial uses intended to be located away from residential and other nonindustrial areas. Destructive battery testing is among certain uses requiring a half-mile setback from the highway.

Planning Commissioner Jeff Goings said the location reflects previous discussions about moving heavy industrial development farther from populated areas. “This is exactly what the community has been asking for,” Goings said. “Push it north, get it out of town.”

Public Works, Planning and Building Director Randy Hines said detailed reports associated with Rivian’s proposed use are not required at the zone-change stage.

During public comment, Michelle Anderson questioned what destructive battery testing would involve and how the county would respond to an emergency. “I’m also concerned about what battery testing actually means,” Anderson said.

She asked about the types and

quantities of batteries that could be tested, fire suppression and environmental containment, and whether local emergency services have adequate staffing, training, equipment, and resources to respond to a battery fire or thermal runaway.

“This zoning decision outlives Rivian,” Anderson said, noting that I-3 zoning would remain with the property and could allow other heavy industrial uses in the future.

Other Business

Commissioners recommended approval of the Phase 1 final subdivision map for Sand Creek No. 2, south of Casey Road, which includes 25 residential lots.

A special use permit was approved for Dana and Barbara Hutchison to operate a home-based sewing, tailoring, and craft business at 1300 Lattin Road.

Commissioners also approved a parcel map for JDLN Enterprises LLC at 9900 Carson Highway, dividing the 7.48-acre industrial property into 4.15- and 3.33-acre parcels.

Public Access to Meeting Information

During opening public comment, Anderson asked that notices, workshops, meetings, agendas, and other opportunities for public participation be shared through additional channels, including the county’s Facebook page.

“Right now, public notices are published in the newspaper as required, but the reality is a lot of people simply don’t read the newspaper anymore,” Anderson said.

“That means residents may never see notices about zoning changes, parcel maps, development proposals, workshops, or meetings until something is already pretty far along in the process.”

Administrative Assistant Diane Moyle said zone changes, ordinance amendments, and road abandonments are among the Planning Commission items published as legal notices in the newspaper. Landowners are notified as required, information is posted on the county website and outside commission chambers, and agendas are also posted through the state’s public meeting system.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills confirmed that the county meets statutory posting requirements.

Planning Commissioner Joe Frey requested further discussion at a future meeting about posting meeting information through additional channels like Facebook. “I do think that’s where most people get their news,” Frey said. He suggested social media could simply alert residents to upcoming meetings and direct them to the county website.

“It would be nice just to at least get it in front of their faces a little bit more,” Frey said.



Michelle Anderson speaks during public comments at the Aug. 12 Planning Commission meeting. Image courtesy of Churchill County via YouTube.

Coffee with Davis at The Stone Cabin



Allen Fudge and Michael Davis, candidate for Churchill County sheriff, visit over coffee at The Stone Cabin on Saturday, August 15. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, August 11 with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Clayton Shelby Reynolds pleaded no contest to Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), a Category E Felony which carries a potential penalty of 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Senior Deputy Public Defender Jeffrey Weed asked that Reynolds be provisionally placed in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court Program.

Judge Stockard provisionally admitted Reynolds to Drug Court with Court Services supervision and set sentencing for Oct. 13.

Jacob Andrew Goldie was not present for his arraignment. A \$25,000 cash-only warrant was issued.

Gonzalo Diego Nunez appeared for sentencing on Attempt to Commit Grand Larceny of Personal Goods or Property of a Value of \$1,200 to \$5,000, to which he pleaded guilty on July 21.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer said his client was before the court “for conduct that he looks back upon in embarrassment and shame.” Sommer added that Nunez has handled himself “in the way that we would want to see from every single defendant.” Well before he was required to do so, Sommer said, Nunez “paid every penny of restitution.”

Sommer asked that the “wobbler” be sentenced as a Gross Misdemeanor, as opposed to a felony, with Nunez placed on probation on a suspended sentence under the maximum penalty.

“I am confident, as confident as I have been, that we will not see Diego back in the system again; and that he will learn what needs to be learned from his behavior,” Sommer said.

Nunez told the court he is very embarrassed and has learned several important lessons, the first being that this is not what he wants to teach his children. He said he wants to continue giving back to the community through his service at the animal shelter.

Judge Stockard sentenced the offense as a Gross Misdemeanor and imposed a suspended sentence of 364 days in jail. Nunez was placed on probation and fined \$1,500, to be paid at \$200 per month.

Steven Glenn Baltazar, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony of Discharging a



Firearm at or into an Occupied Structure, Vehicle, Aircraft, or Watercraft, which carries a potential penalty of 1-10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Deputy Public Defender Kenneth Tedford provided the factual basis, stating that his client discharged a firearm into an occupied home.

Tedford then addressed provisional placement in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court Program, saying it “has become abundantly clear to him that if he doesn’t solve his alcohol problem it is going to impact the rest of his life ...”

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills told the court, “I think everybody here agrees that Mr. Baltazar has a serious alcohol issue.” Mills also expressed concern about Baltazar’s access to firearms. “We think we have all his firearms, but frankly, we don’t know.”

Mills noted that if Baltazar is placed on probation, the Division of Parole and Probation would have the ability to verify whether he has additional firearms. He also addressed the seriousness of the underlying offense, saying the bullet went over the homeowner’s headboard.

“A couple of inches another way, we’d be here on a murder case. And so we are concerned,” Mills said. He noted that probation and Drug Court work together and could provide additional safeguards for the community.

Tedford said that after speaking with his client, Baltazar did not object to remaining in custody. He said Baltazar recognizes that he has an alcohol problem and wants to address it.

Judge Stockard placed Baltazar under Court Services supervision and provisionally placed him in Drug Court, noting that any violation involving

possession/access to firearms prior to sentencing will be addressed by the court. He ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set sentencing for Oct. 13.

Brandon Michael Wilcox, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category B Felony of Lewdness with a Child Under the Age of 16, which carries a potential penalty of 1-10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The offense is not eligible for probation. Upon conviction, Wilcox will also be required to register as a sex offender and will be subject to lifetime supervision by the Division of Parole and Probation.



Brandon Wilcox. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff’s Office.

The factual basis given by Wilcox was that he inappropriately kissed and touched a 15-year-old child.

Wilcox was arrested last August and initially charged with Sexual Assault on a Child Under 16, Not Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category A Felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years; Lewdness With a Child Under 16 (Age 14-15), a Category B Felony punishable by 1-10 years in prison; Sexual Assault, a Category A Felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years; and Possession of Visual Pornography of a Person Under 16 Years of Age, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison.

Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set sentencing for Nov. 10.

Chrysler Facing Allegations of Child Sexual Assault and Lewdness

By Leanna Lehman

Ryan William Chrysler was arrested on Aug. 7, 2026, in connection with alleged offenses related to the sexual assault of a child from 2018 through 2023.

According to the Criminal Complaint filed in New River Township Justice Court, Chrysler is accused of the following:

Two counts of Lewdness with a Minor Under the Age of 14, First Offense, allegedly occurring from 2018 through 2019 and between January and August 2021. Each offense is a Category A felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years. The Complaint alleges the victim was 6 or 7 years old at the time of the earliest offense.

Three counts of Sexual Assault Against a Child Under 14, alleged to have occurred between August 2022 and December 2023. Each count is a Category A felony punishable by life in prison with parole eligibility after 15 years.

One count of Use or Permit, Age 14 or Older, to Be Subject of Sexual Portrayal in a Performance, a Category A felony punishable by life in prison with parole eligibility after five years. The charge applies to knowingly using, encouraging, enticing, coercing, or permitting a minor to be the subject of a sexual portrayal, regardless of whether the minor is aware that the sexual portrayal is part of a performance. This type of child exploitation is most commonly associated with the production of pornography. The Complaint alleges Chrysler took photos or videos of the victim from January 2021 through December 2023.

Chrysler was arraigned by Justice Court Judge Benjamin Trotter on Aug. 8, at which time defense attorney Steve Evenson waived the formal reading of the charges and asked the court to address Chrysler’s custodial status.

The state objected to releasing Chrysler on his own recognizance, arguing that he posed a flight risk and a risk to the community.

Evenson reminded the court that his client has not been found guilty of the alleged crimes.

Judge Trotter conducted a Valdez-Jimenez hearing to examine Chrysler’s ties to the community, potential risk, and any prior court appearances in which he failed to appear. Trotter found Chrysler eligible for release on his own recognizance.

Conditions of his release include no new criminal violations, no contact with children, no going to schools, churches, parks, or other places where children gather, and no contact with the victim’s immediate family.

Bail was set at \$770,000 should Chrysler fail to appear for court or violate any of the conditions of his pretrial release, at which time he would be returned to custody and subject to bail. The court set a status hearing for Oct. 8.



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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, Photo Courtesy of Oasis Academy

Oasis Academy Welcomes Experienced Educators to New Leadership Roles

As Oasis Academy begins a new school year, two familiar faces are stepping into new leadership roles, bringing decades of combined experience, a deep commitment to students, and a strong understanding of the Oasis community. Mrs. Racquel Feest will serve as Dean of Behavior, while Mrs. Jami Rowlett begins her new role as K-4 Vice Principal.

Both educators have spent 11 years at Oasis Academy and have grown alongside the school, taking on a variety of roles and responsibilities along the way.

For Feest, her connection to Oasis began even before she became an employee. In 2011, she was determined to get her own children into the school and even “camped out” to secure their spots.

She soon became involved as a volunteer, serving as a “Math Fact” mom for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Her volunteer experience eventually led to a position as a part-time special education aide, which became a full-time role.

From there, Feest moved into the classroom, teaching fourth grade and third-grade math. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she transitioned to teaching fifth and sixth-grade writing before eventually returning to fourth grade and third-grade math. Over the years, she has also served as a National Junior Honor Society advisor and participated in school committees and interview teams.

Now, Feest is taking on a new challenge as Dean of Behavior, where she will work closely with administrators, teachers, counselors, students, and families to promote positive behavior and strengthen relationships throughout the school.

“I believe every child deserves an adult in their life who believes in them,” Feest said. “Over the past few years of teaching, I have realized that many students couldn’t access learning until they felt safe, supported, and loved in the classroom. I have learned that behavior is communication.”

In her new position, Feest will support the school’s positive behavior systems, student discipline, restorative practices, and behavioral interventions. She will also help coordinate Child Success Teams (CST), collaborate with the counseling department, support behavior and attendance plans, provide staff training, and organize student awards and assemblies.

Her first year will focus heavily on relationships, consistency, and understanding the



Oasis Academy educators Racquel Feest and Jami Rowlett step into new leadership roles for the 2026–27 school year.

systems already in place.

“I’m going into this new position with eyes wide open, and I know we can’t implement everything overnight,” Feest said. “My goal is to listen, collaborate, and build systems that are both effective and sustainable for teachers, staff, and students.”

That focus on collaboration is something she shares with Rowlett, who is also stepping into a new administrative role after years of serving Oasis students and teachers.

Rowlett is beginning her 25th year in education and her 11th year at Oasis Academy. She started at Oasis as a first and second grade reading teacher, helping young students build confidence and strong literacy skills.

She later became an instructional coach, working alongside teachers, providing classroom support, mentoring staff, and helping strengthen instructional practices and student achievement. Last year, she was promoted to Director of Academics.

This year, Rowlett begins a new chapter as K-4 Vice Principal.

“I look forward to continuing to work alongside our teachers to support high-quality instruction, foster professional growth, and ensure that students remain at the center of every decision we make,” Rowlett said. “As a school community, we must never lose sight of our mission: improving lives through opportunity.”

Rowlett’s commitment to that mission is rooted in her belief that education is about more than academics.

“One of the greatest joys of my career is supporting students throughout their educational journey and celebrating the progress they

make along the way,” Rowlett said. “It is an honor to be part of a school community that is so deeply committed to improving lives through opportunity.”

While their new positions have different areas of focus, both Feest and Rowlett share a common goal: creating an environment where students can thrive.

For Feest, that means helping students feel a sense of belonging and understanding that education extends beyond academics.

“Education isn’t just about teaching content,” Feest said. “It’s also about teaching children to develop the skills that are essential to be successful in life—communication skills, empathy, responsibility, resilience, and problem-solving.”

Rowlett’s focus will be on supporting teachers and students in the elementary grades while continuing to strengthen the collaborative culture that makes Oasis special.

“Oasis Academy is truly my home away from home,” Rowlett said. “Our dedicated teachers consistently go above and beyond to ensure the success of every student and the continued excellence of our school.”

Both educators also point to relationships as one of their favorite parts of being part of the Oasis community. Feest treasures the opportunity to connect with students through humor, compassion, and genuine care. Having had her own children attend Oasis, she has seen firsthand the impact that a caring teacher can have on a child.

“I really feel like I’m with my family all day long, and I’m so grateful to work with an amazing staff every day,” Feest said.

Rowlett similarly describes Oasis as a place where staff work together to meet the individual needs of students.

“Most importantly, Oasis would not be what it is today without our students,” Rowlett said. “They take great pride in our school, work hard each day, and continually inspire those around them with their determination and growth.”

For both, the goal remains the same: supporting a school community where students feel valued, teachers feel supported, and every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Outside of school, both educators enjoy spending time with their families and pursuing activities that help them recharge. Feest enjoys traveling with her husband, spending time with her children, reading, and baking. Rowlett enjoys time at the lake, making memories with her family, tending to her garden, and reading.

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

By David Ernst, Photo Courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School

A New Year Begins

The campus of Veritas Preparatory School will soon be filled once again with the sounds of students, teachers, and families as the new school year officially begins Monday, Aug. 24. After a summer of preparation, the faculty and staff are excited to welcome returning students and greet the many new families joining the Veritas community this year.

The beginning of a school year is always an exciting time. Classrooms have been prepared, teachers are ready to meet their students, and new books and supplies are waiting to be put to use. More importantly, the first weeks of school provide an opportunity to renew friendships, build new relationships, establish classroom routines, and set the foundation for a year of learning and growth.

Several special events are planned during the opening weeks to help bring the Veritas community together.

On Monday, Aug. 31, at 8:15 a.m., students and faculty will gather for a Welcome Back Chapel. Chapel is an important part of life at Veritas, providing an opportunity for the school community to worship together and focus its attention on Christ. Parents are always invited and encouraged to attend chapel services throughout the school year, and the Welcome Back Chapel is a wonderful opportunity to begin the year together in prayer and worship.

Later that evening, the Unite Parent Group will hold its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. Unite plays an important role in strengthening the partnership between families and the school. Throughout the year, the group supports teachers and staff, helps coordinate special events and activities, encourages school spirit, and provides opportunities for parents to become actively involved in the Veritas community. All parents interested in learning more or finding ways to serve are encouraged to attend.

Families will have another opportunity to connect with teachers during the school’s Back to School Nights in September. Families of students in K5 through second grade are invited to attend Wednesday, Sept. 9, while families of students in grades three through eight will attend Thursday, Sept. 10. These evenings give parents an opportunity to visit classrooms, hear from teachers, learn about expectations for the year, and better understand what their children will be studying.

The partnership between parents and teachers is an important part of



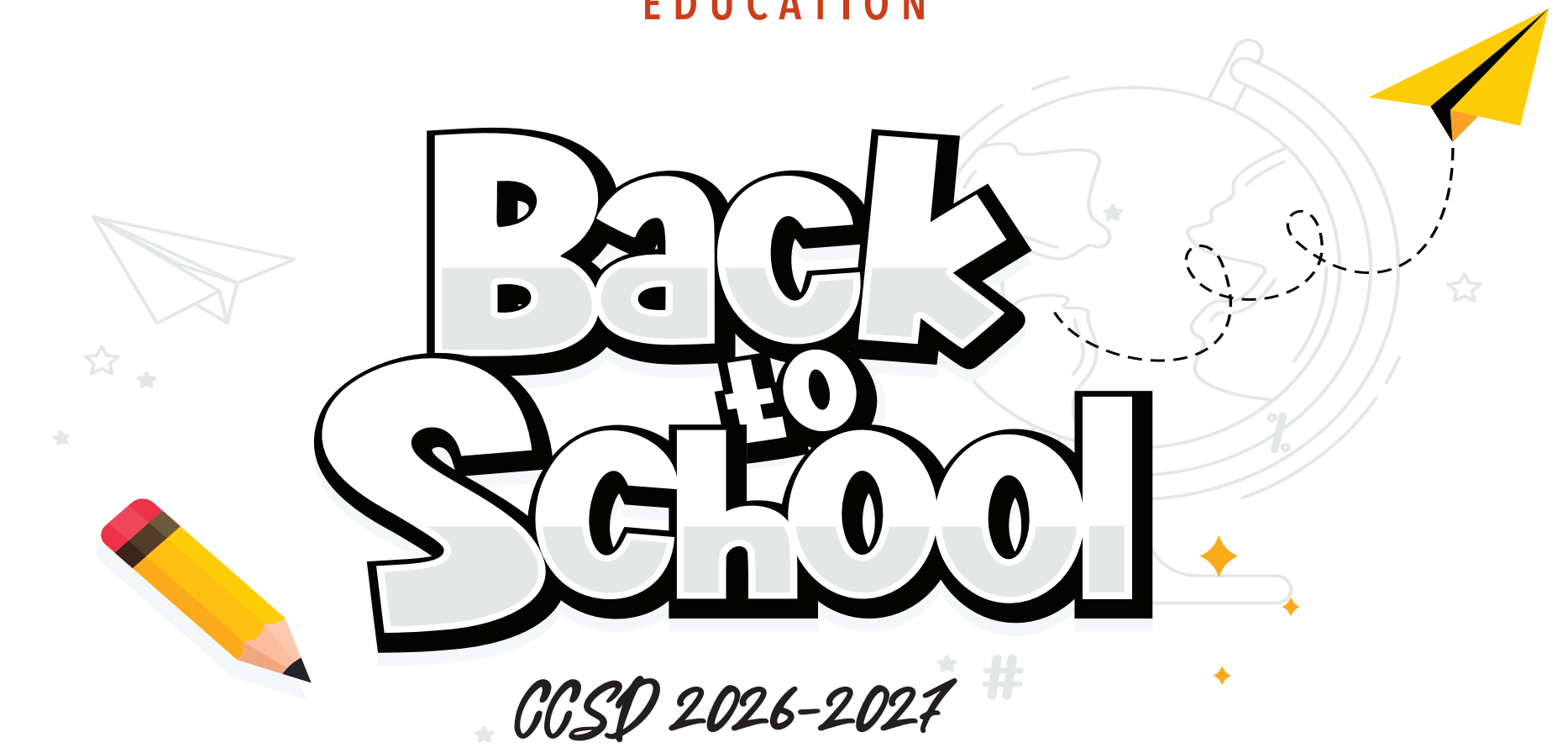
Veritas Preparatory School students show off handmade musical instruments during a classroom activity. Students return to campus Aug. 24 for the start of the new school year.

the educational philosophy at Veritas. When families and educators work together with a shared commitment to students’ academic and spiritual development, children benefit from consistency, encouragement, and a strong sense of community.

As the first day approaches, Veritas faculty and staff are grateful for the opportunity to begin another year of learning together. We look forward to welcoming students back to campus, reconnecting with returning families, meeting new ones, and seeing what God has in store for the Veritas community in the year ahead.

Welcome back, Veritas!

EDUCATION



SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Lahontan Elementary School

- ☐ Full-size backpack, no wheels
- ☐ Plastic pencil box
- ☐ Wired headphones, no earbuds
- ☐ One box of 24-count Crayola crayons
- ☐ Two packages of large Elmer’s glue sticks
- ☐ Two boxes of tissues
- ☐ 12 Expo markers, fine or chisel tip
- ☐ Two canisters of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Tennis shoes on PE days
- ☐ Chromebooks are provided and stay at school

E.C. Best Elementary School

- ☐ All supplies should fit inside a pencil pouch or plastic pencil box
- ☐ Wired earbuds or headphones
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Crayola crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ No. 2 pencils
- ☐ Whiteboard eraser or clean old sock
- ☐ Expo marker
- ☐ Highlighter
- ☐ Pink eraser
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ No sharing of supplies
- ☐ Tennis shoes on PE days
- ☐ Chromebooks stay at school

Numa Elementary School

Numa provides all other classroom materials.
Families are asked to send:

- ☐ Wired headphones
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Technology screen wipes
- ☐ Tennis shoes on PE days
- ☐ Chromebooks are provided and stay at school

Churchill County Middle School

- ☐ Wired headphones
- ☐ Regular and colored pencils
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ 10-by-8-inch composition notebook, no spiral
- ☐ Notebooks and folders
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Chromebooks are provided in classrooms and stay at school.

Teachers will provide additional supply needs based on class schedules.

Churchill County High School

- ☐ Wired earbuds or headphones
- ☐ Pens, pencils, and highlighters
- ☐ College-ruled notebooks or loose-leaf paper
- ☐ Students will be issued a district Chromebook.

Teachers will communicate additional supply needs by class.

FIRST-DAY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check Infinite Campus for teacher assignment or class schedule
- ☐ Gather school supplies
- ☐ Confirm transportation and bus stop information
- ☐ Complete required school paperwork
- ☐ Check breakfast and lunch arrangements
- ☐ Label backpacks, lunchboxes, and water bottles
- ☐ Make sure students know their after-school transportation plan

DATES TO KNOW

- Aug. 24 – First day of school, grades 1-12
- Aug. 31 – First day of school, pre-K and kindergarten
- Sept. 7 – Labor Day
- Oct. 30 – Nevada Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – Winter break
- Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 15 – Presidents Day
- March 29-April 2 – Spring break
- May 31 – Memorial Day
- June 4 – Last day of school

RIDING THE BUS?

Families planning to use Churchill County School District transportation during the 2026-27 school year must complete the annual Transportation Application. Students in grades K-8 who live within Fallon city limits and more than one-half mile from school may use designated centralized bus stops. Bus stop locations are reviewed annually and may change. For current bus stop and transportation information: 775-423-7135 | stopfinder@churchillcsd.com

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Churchill County School District – 775-423-5184
- Northside Early Learning Center – 775-423-3463
- Lahontan Elementary School – 775-423-1999
- E.C. Best Elementary School – 775-423-3159
- Numa Elementary School – 775-428-1996
- Churchill County Middle School – 775-423-7701
- Churchill County High School – 775-423-2181
- CCSD Transportation – 775-423-7135
- District email – parentinfo@churchillcsd.com
- Transportation email – stopfinder@churchillcsd.com

SCHOOL MEALS

Churchill County School District will participate in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program during the 2026-27 school year. Families may apply online for free and reduced-price meal benefits through LINQ Connect. Eligibility from the previous school year carries over for the first 30 operating days. Only one application is required per household. Meal-benefit questions or appeals: 775-428-7230 foodservice@churchillcsd.com



C O L U M N S

Things I Didn’t Know

By Lori Kaiser

For 36 years, I thought I knew Fallon pretty well. It turns out I knew my part of Fallon pretty well.

For 35 of those years, I was a public school teacher. I knew the schools. I knew teachers, administrators, parents, kids, ballgames, concerts, graduations, meetings, fundraisers, and all the other things that make up school life in a small town.

But that was pretty much my world. I spent my days in a classroom. When school was over, there were papers to grade and lessons to plan. A lot of weekends were spent in my room doing exactly that. Teaching wasn’t just my job; for a very long time, it was the world I lived in.

Since coming to work at the newspaper, I have discovered there is a whole lot of Fallon I knew nothing about.

For one thing, I didn’t know what a Chamber of Commerce actually did.

Of course, I knew Fallon had one. I knew what a Chamber of Commerce was, or at least I thought I did. I suppose I pictured ribbon cuttings and business lunches.

Then I met Lucy Carnahan. And then I started meeting all the other people around her.

There is a board of directors and there are Chamber ambassadors, volunteers from Chamber businesses who give their time to help with events, support other members, and connect businesses with the Chamber.

I had no idea.

I didn’t know how much the Chamber does to support local businesses, help people make connections, organize events, answer questions from people who are new to town, or help someone figure out who they need to talk to.

Then I discovered there is even more going on in that building.

There is CEDA, the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association, and the Nevada Small Business Development Center. And there is Kelli Kelly.

Kelli is the Agriculture and Food Systems Business Advisor for the Nevada Small Business Development Center here in Fallon. Before working at the newspaper, I didn’t know we had this kind of help available here.

Someone can have an idea for a business and actually go talk to people who can help them figure out what to do next.

The Small Business Development Center works with existing businesses and people who are just getting started. They can help with business plans, marketing, financing, market research, and many of the things someone needs to know before opening a business.

Kelli specializes in agriculture and food systems. She works with farmers, ranchers, food producers, and people trying to navigate the rules for cottage foods and other locally produced products.

That one really surprised me. Someone can be making something in a kitchen in Churchill County and wondering if they could actually sell it, and there is someone right here in Fallon who can help them figure



that out.

I had no idea. I find myself saying that a lot these days. I didn’t know how many people here serve on boards or volunteer their time. I didn’t know how many meetings were happening or how many people were working on projects and events while I was in my classroom grading papers.

I wasn’t disconnected from Fallon. I was very connected to one part of it. I spent my career with kids and families, and I wouldn’t trade that.

I just didn’t know about all these other people. The newspaper has changed that. Now I get to meet them. I get to ask what they do and, probably more often than I should admit, say, “I didn’t know that.”

After 36 years in Fallon, I am finding out how much I still have to learn about this place. And I have a feeling I’m not done yet.

Fallon Theatre Movies & More

Thank you to everyone who spent time with us here last weekend for the 12th Annual Community-Wide Reunion. We are excited to bring you yet another weekend packed with unforgettable storytelling, heartwarming humor, and classic cinema. This week’s lineup features a double dose of extraordinary life journeys, plus our beloved monthly afternoon tradition.

First and foremost, this Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., we are hosting our Third Friday Matinee, featuring a special daytime screening of “Forrest Gump.” Sponsored generously by The Coalition for Senior Citizens, it’s the perfect opportunity to beat the afternoon heat and enjoy a classic film on the big screen. The entire community is invited, but all patrons 60+ will also receive a free small popcorn and free soda.

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, bring the whole family for the charming, funny, and uplifting adventure “Secondhand Lions” (2003). Michael Caine and Robert Duvall star as two eccentric, larger-than-life uncles living on a Texas farm who take in their shy, young grandnephew, Walter (played by Haley Joel Osment). As Walter spends the summer with them, he learns many unbelievable tales of their youthful adventures. Rated PG, it runs 1 hour and 49 minutes.

Or, at 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights, take your seat for the beloved, six-time Academy Award-winning masterpiece “Forrest Gump” (1994). Starring Tom Hanks in an iconic performance, the film follows a kind-hearted Alabama man whose extraordinary journey unintentionally places him at the heart of some of the most historic moments of the 20th century. Driven by love, loyalty, and a simple worldview, Forrest’s life touches everyone he meets along the way. Rated PG-13, it runs 2 hours and 22 minutes.

Get ready to lace up your running shoes on Saturday, Aug. 29 for a favorite local tradition: the Cantaloupe Canter 5K. Held in conjunction with the Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair, this fun 5K run/walk directly supports the historic Fallon Theatre. Registration is \$25 early or \$30 on race day. Meet us in front of the indoor pool (333 Sheckler Road) with check-in at 7 a.m. and the race starting at 8 a.m. Register by Aug. 7 to lock in your event t-shirt. Whether you run, walk, or cheer, come out, enjoy the festival spirit, and help keep our marquee burning bright.

Heading into fall, cruise down memory lane on Saturday, Sept. 26 for our

10th Annual Show-N-Shine. We’re shutting down Maine Street starting at 9 a.m. for a morning of beautiful classic cars, good food, music, and community fun. Free for the public to attend, it’s the perfect family outing. Car owners can register a vehicle for \$45 (\$30 per additional entry), which includes a goody bag and raffle entry. Plus, this year marks the debut of our new “Best of Show” perpetual trophy, to be proudly displayed in the Fallon Theatre lobby. Special thanks to our generous sponsors, Cheek Construction and The Nugget, for making a decade of classic cars possible.

In October, step with us into the world of bugs with Flik and friends for a fully immersive, one-weekend-only 4D movie experience with “A Bug’s Life” on Oct. 2 and 3. This family-friendly event features a fully decorated theater, themed treats, and sensory special effects, with interactive 4D screenings on Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (evening doors open at 5 p.m.). Tickets are already halfway sold out, and since these 4D events always sell out completely, reserve your seats now on our website or Facebook page. Your \$5 reservation fee goes directly toward restoring our historic front facade. Prefer the traditional movie? Standard screenings (no special effects or reservations required) run Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

In November, gear up for a night of pure laughter on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. as clean, family-friendly stand-up comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre. We are thrilled to welcome Nashville-based comedian Lee Hardin (Dry Bar Comedy, “The Mike Huckabee Show”) back to our stage for an evening of warm, relatable humor the whole family can enjoy. Tickets are \$20, but you can snag an Early Bird Discount of \$5 off until Sept. 1, or grab a Double Date Discount to get 4 tickets for the price of 2. Grab your seats early and join us for a great night out right here in your favorite historic theater.

We love being Fallon’s spot for movies, live show entertainment, and hometown fun. Grab some fresh, buttered popcorn at concessions, sit back, and enjoy the show. Looking to celebrate a birthday, host a private screening, or put your name on our iconic marquee? Reach out to us at 775-423-6210 or thefallontheatre@gmail.com to make it happen. See you at the movies this weekend.

Crossword

By Peanut

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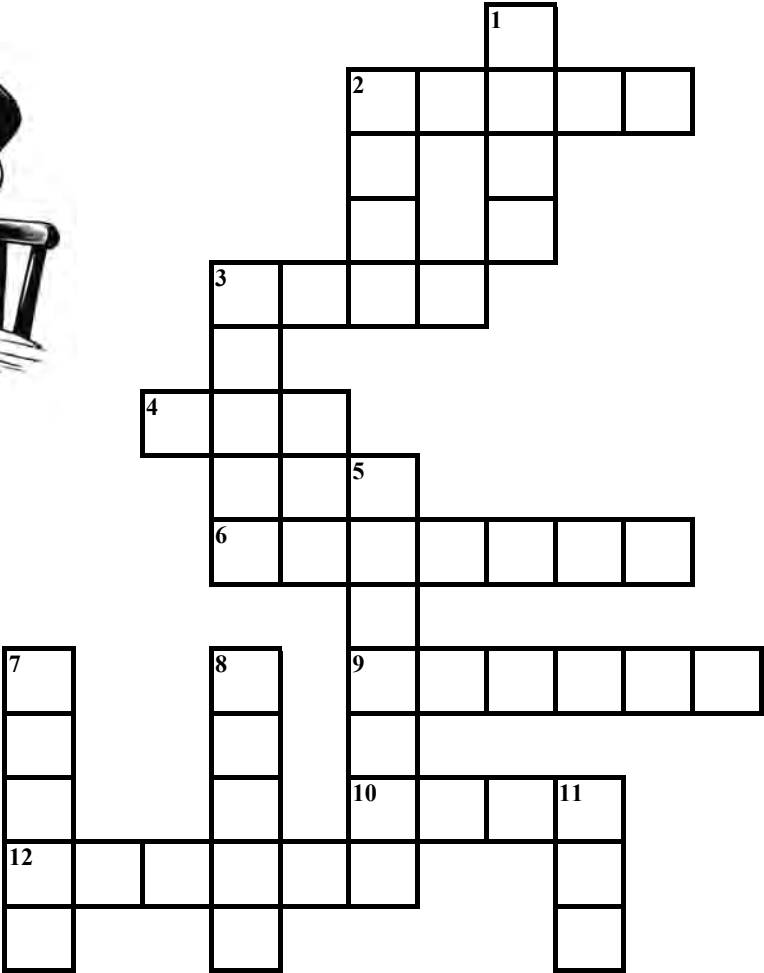


Across

2. Hummingbird, raspberry
3. Puppy, kitten
4. Sequoia, elephant
6. Sunset, angel
9. Alley, canal
10. Diamond, walnut
12. Taffy, fly paper

Down

1. Eagle, some people
2. Cashmere, angora
3. Apple, fall morning
5. Carrot, fried chicken
7. Kids bedroom, junk drawer
8. Wedding gown, palace
11. Desert, clean diaper



C O L U M N S

Postcards:
The Van Voorhis Legacy

By Michon Mackedon

Most aficionados of Fallon’s history, or U.S. military history, know that the official name for Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon is Van Voorhis Field, named in 1958 for Cmdr. Bruce Van Voorhis. The dedication of the field followed seven years of federal renovation and expansion at the then-Fallon Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS).

The growth of the airfield came in response to the outbreak of the Korean War, and it has not slowed down since. Throughout the years, the “base” has undergone many changes — NAAS became NAS in 1972, and the Top Gun training program was attached to it in 1996 — but Van Voorhis Airfield has remained the official name of the field, a suitable memorial to a real hometown hero.

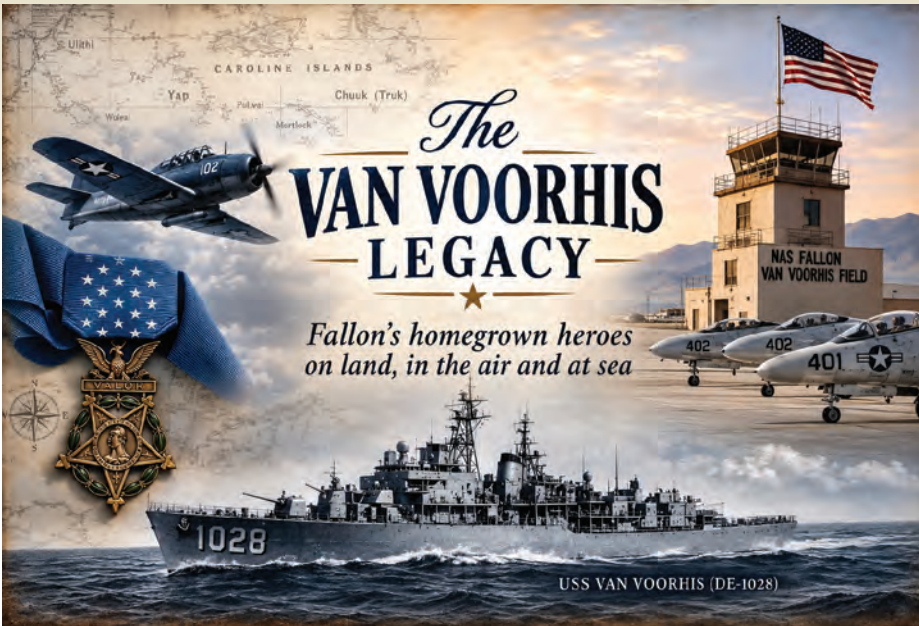
The story of Bruce Van Voorhis and his family is worth knowing. He was born in Aberdeen, Washington, in 1908 to Lillian and Walter Van Voorhis. The family moved to Stillwater in 1909 when Walter, who had worked for the Indian Service on the Quinalt Indian Reservation, accepted a job to head an Indian Day School that had just been built on the local reservation. Another son, Wayne, was born to them shortly after they arrived.

Walter is said to have been a compassionate and efficient teacher and leader. He installed a water system for the school and helped his students understand the challenges of farming the desert. Lillian was most certainly a helpmate, as Walter had met her while she was teaching on the Washington reservation.

In 1916, Walter Van Voorhis accepted a more lucrative position with the Indian Service in Wyoming, but his heart remained in Lahontan Valley, and the family returned in early 1919. Walter went to work for the I.H. Kent Company lumberyard, but he succumbed to pneumonia in late 1919 (probably a result of the 1919 flu pandemic, which claimed dozens of lives here). Lillian married Leo Pinger in 1921 and continued to raise her sons in Fallon.

She did an admirable job. Both boys graduated from C.C.H.S. Both went on to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. Both courageously served their country in World War II. In the meantime, Lillian achieved impressive goals of her own. She was hired as secretary for the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board in 1920, serving until 1934. In 1929, she won a seat representing Churchill County for a term in the Nevada State Assembly, running as an advocate for children’s rights.

We might fill in this sketchy outline by examining what the 1924 C.C.H.S. yearbook and the 1929 Naval Academy yearbook, “The Lucky Bag,” had to say about Bruce Van Voorhis’s school days. At C.C.H.S., he was president of the sophomore class and a clarinet player in the school orchestra for all four years. He also acted in two plays — “Fatal Necklace,” as a freshman, and “The Charm School” as a senior. The Naval Academy yearbook tells us that “THEY discovered Van out in the wilds



of Nevada, saw that the Navy could not do without him, and made him a midshipman. Plebe summer he spent most of his time teaching city slickers how to pronounce Nevada.” He played baseball, joined the wrestling team, and played clarinet in the Academy orchestra. It was further noted that “He has left a trail of broken hearts extending the full length of both coasts....” In 1938, he married Kathryn Warden. She bore him two sons.

The war took the lives of both Wayne and Bruce Van Voorhis. In 1942, 1st Lt. Wayne Van Voorhis went missing in action in the Philippines. Later it was learned that he had been captured by the Japanese and survived the Bataan Death March... only to die of malaria. On July 6, 1943, Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Van Voorhis volunteered to fly an extraordinarily dangerous lone reconnaissance mission to the Caroline Islands. His plane went down, but not before he had destroyed a radio station and taken out several enemy aircraft. He was posthumously promoted to commander and, in 1946, he was awarded the Medal of Honor “for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.” The USS Van Voorhis, a Navy destroyer escort, was commissioned in 1957. Shortly thereafter, Van Voorhis Field, adjacent to his Fallon hometown, was named in his honor.

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

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

Allison’s Book Report:
Allison’s Road Trip Report



Allison and her family take in a Rome concert during a Northern California and Bay Area road trip.



A stop along the San Francisco waterfront gives the girls a view of Alcatraz during the family’s road trip.



Allison and her family visit Fisherman’s Wharf while taking in the sights around San Francisco.

By Allison Diegel

Hello, fellow readers. I am out of my library this week because we decided to take the family on a little Northern California/Bay Area road trip. We kicked it off with three concerts in a span of four days. My 44-year-old feet and lower back are very displeased after standing at the rail for hours all of those days, and they are sure to be even less pleased as we spend several more days doing the whole San Francisco tourist thing — including Fisherman’s Wharf, Alcatraz, the zoo, and more.

I’ll be back next week with a Book Report. Until then, think good thoughts for my poor old bones and enjoy these pictures. Don’t forget to check out my Instagram [@allison.the.reader](https://www.instagram.com/allison.the.reader) for more book recommendations and book talk to tide you over.

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

CCMS ROOF REPLACEMENT
PWP NO. CH-2026-523
FALLON, NV
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the CCMS Roof Replacement will be received by the Churchill County School District Superintendent's Office, at the CCSD Administration Building located at 690 S Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406 until 4:00 PM, local time, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. The Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud on October 20, 2026.

The Work consists of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents. The Work generally includes but is not limited to: Removal of the existing roof and replacement with a new roof.

The Contract Documents may be obtained from the District website (churchillcsd.com).

A mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., local time, at CCMS at 650 S. Maine St., Fallon. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory for Bidders, Subcontractors, and other interested parties.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with Section 00200, Instructions to Bidders. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed form (separate Bid package) and accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in accordance with Section 00200. Successful Bidders will be required to furnish both a Payment Bond and Performance Bond in the full amount of the contract price.

The Owner will not award the Contract to a Bidder who, at the time of submitting a Bid, was not properly licensed under the provisions of Chapter 624 of NRS or if the Contract would exceed the limit of the Bidder's license. Bidders shall submit proof of being a Tremco Approved Applicator to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Churchill County School District
By: Dustan Drinkut
Title: Maintenance Supervisor
Date: August 13, 2026

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Ad #7703

DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA
CASE NO: 25-10DC-1081, DEPT: 1
In the Matter of the Application of:
ANGELICA MARIA FLORES
ALVARADO
For Change of Name of the
Minor Child: JOEL FLORES GIL

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE MINOR
CHILD'S NAME
TO: GUILLERMO GIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court asking for an Order changing the name of a minor child from JOEL FLORES GIL to JOEL FLORES ALVARADO.

If you object to the changing of the minor child's name, you must file a written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days of the last publication of this Notice.

DATED this 5 day of Nov. 2025
By: /s/ ANGELICA MARIA
FLORES ALVARADO
ANGELICA MARIA FLORES
ALVARADO

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Ad #7683

DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA
CASE NO. 10DC-26-0856, DEPT: 1
MELISSA DYER
3235 Pflum Lane Fallon, NV 89406
775-217-5134 mldyer52@outlook.com
Petitioner

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
KATHLEEN SUSAN RODEGEB,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF THE HEARING
UPON THE PETITION TO ADMINISTER THE ESTATE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

MELISSA DYER, having filed with the clerk of this court a Petition for Probate of Estate, Issuance of Letters of Administration and for Summary Administration upon the estate of KATHLEEN SUSAN RODEGEB, the hearing of the same having been fixed by said court for Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the courtroom, 73 North Maine Street, within Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada, and all persons interested in the said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said petition should not be granted.

DATED: 17th day of August, 2026.
/s/ Melissa Dyer
Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE
OF REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN
FALLON NUGGET CHIPS:

Pursuant to Regulation 12.070(2)(c) of the Nevada State Gaming Commission, as of August 15, 2026, the following chips are discontinued at the Fallon Nugget: \$25 – Green with blue and white markings, \$5 – Red with green and yellow markings. The casino chips described above will be redeemable at the Fallon Nugget main cage, located at 70 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406, twenty four (24) hours a day through December 15, 2026 which is one hundred and twenty (120) days after August 15, 2026.

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DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA
CASE NO: 26-10DC-0857, DEPT: 1
REILLY ANN AVALOS
DOB: 05/09/2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change Petitioner's name from REILLY ANN AVALOS to REILLY ANN SLAYMAKER.

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.

DATED: August 12, 2026
//s// Reilly Ann Avalos

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Remembrance

For obituaries please call 775-423-4545
or email customers@rangemediaco.com

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Crossword found on page 12

BALD	NARROW	SOFT
BIG	PERFECT	STICKY
CRISP	SMALL	

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FANCY
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MESSY

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