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Pumpkin Tower Lights Up Lattin Farms

Story and photo by Lori Kaiser



Hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns lit up the evening sky at Lattin Farms on Saturday, Oct. 24, as the farm's towering pumpkin display glowed during its annual Fall Festival.

The pumpkins, featuring everything from traditional jack-o'-lantern faces to elaborate designs and messages, were arranged on a historic wooden hay derrick, creating a colorful display against the darkening sky. One side spelled out "Lattin Farms," while another featured "USA 250," recognizing the nation's 250th anniversary.

Long before it became a centerpiece of the fall celebration, the derrick served a practical purpose in the Lahontan Valley's agricultural history. Hay derricks were once used to build haystacks, and the mobile wooden structures were moved from field to field during haymaking.

According to information displayed at Lattin Farms, the derricks were used in the valley from the late 1800s into the 1960s.

Today, the old farming equipment has found a new purpose, holding rows of glowing pumpkins that celebrate both Halloween and the valley's agricultural heritage.

The illuminated tower is one of the seasonal attractions at Lattin Farms' Fall Festival, bringing a little Halloween magic to a piece of local farming history.

Soroptimists Make a Difference



Soroptimist International of Fallon members and volunteers dressed for the Cops and Robbers quarter auction Oct. 17 at the Fallon Convention Center. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Fallon.

By Lori Kaiser

Helping a woman continue her education can mean helping her pay for child care. For Soroptimist International of Fallon, that is one reason to fill a room with people willing to spend their quarters.

About 140 people attended the club's sold-out Cops and Robbers quarter auction Oct. 17 at the Fallon Convention Center. The 14th annual event brought guests together for dinner, costumes, and fundraising to support education awards and local community programs.

"We give it all back to the community," club President Anne Bloomfield said.

One opportunity for that support is approaching its deadline. Applications for the club's Live Your Dream education award close Nov. 15, and Bloomfield said only two women had applied at the time of the interview.

The award helps women who support dependents continue their education. Bloomfield said recipients can use the money for child care, clothing, and other expenses, giving them flexibility to address the costs of attending school.

The club also offers Dream It, Be It scholarships to graduating seniors continuing their education at trade schools, two-year colleges, or four-year institutions. Bloomfield said students at Churchill County High School, Oasis Academy, and those who are homeschooled are eligible to apply.

For girls still considering their futures, the club's Dream It, Be It career support program provides a place to explore possibilities.

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A Surprise Honor for a Lifetime of Service to Fallon

U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto recognizes Councilwoman Kelly Frost as she prepares to leave office



U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, and Mayor Ken Tedford attended the recognition ceremony Oct. 22. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

By Leanna Lehman

Fallon City Councilwoman Kelly Frost knew something was up when Mayor Ken Tedford and Chief of Staff Bob Erickson insisted she leave a conference in Reno for an important meeting at City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 22. Especially since neither would tell her what the meeting was about.

When she arrived, Erickson took her to the mayor's office, where Tedford explained that he wanted a photograph with her in the council chambers before she left office in January.

It sounded perfectly reasonable. Until she walked through the doors.

Frost said it didn't take long for her to realize that she was not there for a meeting

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log: *Thinking Through My Fingers*

By Rachel Dahl

I'm writing this Captain's Log somewhere between Yerington and Fallon, on a Tuesday afternoon, with a newspaper deadline looming and about a thousand other things I should be doing.

Except I'm not actually writing it – I'm talking it into my phone.

It's fairly common for me to excuse myself to the team as I send them random messages throughout the day from my "talk to text." They say they need a Rosetta Stone sometimes to understand what I "write."

I'm a writer – I think through my fingers and don't necessarily know what I'm going to say until I start typing. The ideas come together somewhere between my brain and the keyboard, and sometimes what comes out surprises even me.

These days, I spend an awful lot of time on the road between the little Nevada towns where we publish newspapers. And every time I visit another community, I fall in love all over again.

This morning, I had the pleasure of visiting with about 35 retired public employees in Yerington. Leah Wilkinson was kind enough to introduce me, and we spent a lovely morning talking about our plans to begin printing a newspaper for their community.

And, as always happens in rural Nevada, it took about five minutes before we started figuring out all the people we knew in common.

Somebody knows my family. I know somebody's kids. There's a cousin, a neighbor, an old ranching family, or a name I haven't heard in 30 years.

Pretty soon we're all practically related.

I also have this terrible habit of driving into one of these towns, looking around at the beautiful old houses and tree-lined streets, and deciding I could live there.

Honestly, I could have a house in every little town in Nevada.

What struck me most about our conversation this morning was how much people miss having a newspaper that belongs to their community.

We talked about the importance of reading about the kids in school, seeing their pictures, following the high school sports teams, and celebrating their accomplishments.

Our kids are one of the great things that bring a community together.

You don't have to have a child on the basketball team to care whether they win. You don't need a grandchild in the school play to enjoy seeing their picture in the paper. And you certainly don't have to agree with the school board to recognize that what's happening in our schools matters to all of us.

I think that's one of the most important things a local newspaper can do. It gives us something to share.

In a world where it's increasingly easy to surround ourselves with people who think exactly the way we do, small towns don't really work that way.

We live next door to people we disagree with. We sit beside them at ball games, see them at the grocery store, and count on them when something goes wrong.

And a good community newspaper ought to reflect that.

It should be a place where we can agree, argue, celebrate our kids, mourn our losses, debate how our town should grow, and learn something about the people who live just down the road.

Not because we all see the world the same way, but because we share a place in it.

And every week, when we put another issue together, we're doing something else, too. We're creating a record of who we were.

A newspaper is a community's running history, written one week at a time. But it's also where we look to the future, debate ideas, and figure out what kind of place we want our town to become.

I went to Yerington this morning to talk about a newspaper and came away reminded, once again, why I love this crazy business so much.

It's about knowing our neighbors, caring about their kids, remembering where we've been, and having a voice in where we're going.

So, while I keep thinking about that cute little house in Yerington, we'll still always be right here…

… Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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Soroptimist members Sue Chambers and Dana Broadwater teach the Dream It, Be It program at Churchill County High School. They follow a curriculum and arrange guest speakers based on the students' interests.

Bloomfield said the girls initially expressed interest in medical careers, including nursing and X-ray technology. As their interests shifted toward graphic arts, the volunteers adjusted their speaker plans.

The club's community assistance follows a similar approach: Members ask local organizations what they need and help when funds allow.

Bloomfield cited a contribution toward an ultrasound examination bed for the Pregnancy Care Center of Churchill County, formerly known as Care Net, and gift cards for students in transition. Members have also collected menstrual products for local schools and provided supplies through a food pantry.

The club also participates in quarterly UpliftHER initiatives addressing intimate partner violence, human trafficking, single mothers, and period poverty.

In her remarks at the auction, Bloomfield outlined the reach of that support, from senior center Christmas gifts and Adopt-a-Child to Domestic Violence Intervention, Room for Ruth, and Fallon Daily Bread. The club also supports the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, Maine Street Spooktacular, and New Frontier Treatment Center.

The Fallon club belongs to a global organization, but its local efforts are carried out by about 25 members, ranging from their 30s into their 80s.

Their work depends in part on fundraisers such as the quarter auction.

Julie Benninghove chaired the event committee. Bloomfield credited her and the committee with the work that produced the auction's first sellout in several years.

Local businesses and individuals purchased tables. Five Churchill County High School honor society students — Allison Chiaretti, Andrea Rivera Carrera, Mason Taylor, Karmen Alcantar, and Casandra Hooper — helped decorate in the morning, then returned to assist during the evening.

"They were wonderful, and we put them to use," Bloomfield said.

James "Zip" Upham served as master of ceremonies, continuing a role Bloomfield said he has held throughout the auction's 14-year history. His enthusiasm for dressing to match the theme and ability to speak off the cuff make him a good fit for the event, she said.

During the quarter auction, guests contributed a quarter and raised a numbered paddle for each item they hoped to win. A number drawn from a tumbler determined whether a participating guest won the prize. Guests could also purchase a $20 "all-in" option to enter every round.

A silent auction, a costume contest, and a 50/50 raffle added to the evening's activities. In her prepared remarks, Bloomfield introduced Sue Chambers to explain the Live Your Dream award.

The program recognized table sponsors as The Jo Pett Gang, The Bernard Bandits, The wRight Table The Right People, Jupiter Trucking, A&K Earth Movers, Boomer's Bail Bonds, Banner Health, Quarter Convicts, Cowboys & Their Harem, VA Vixens, Les Schwab's Cops & Schwabers, and Who's Your Tatay?

Additional contributors included the City of Fallon, 3C's Catering, Mackedon, deBraga & Rowe Law, Revel & Roam, student volunteers, and master of ceremonies Zip Upham.

The club has already chosen a pirate theme for next year's quarter auction, scheduled for Oct. 16, 2027. Bloomfield said members also hope to collect menstrual products during their spring home, garden, and craft show, continuing an effort that previously provided supplies to local schools.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Ayla



Ayla is a nearly 3-year-old American pit bull terrier looking for a loving home. This spayed girl is house-trained, uses a doggy door, and doesn't try to escape the yard. She may pull on her leash at first but settles into walks. Ayla is cautious around new people, but treats can quickly win her friendship. She loves playing in water and considers herself a stuffed-toy surgeon, determined to remove every squeaker. Ayla does not do well with other dogs and would be happiest as the only dog in her new home.

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

Meet Tahoe and Babydoll



Tahoe and Babydoll are 3-year-old sisters looking for a loving home together. This bonded pair came to FAWG after their previous owner entered hospice care, leaving them facing a difficult adjustment. Babydoll is the more outgoing sister. Tahoe is more reserved and finds comfort in staying close to her sister. They would do best in a quiet, patient home where they can adjust at their own pace. Their compatibility with dogs is unknown. Both are spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped.

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



Who's Teaching the Next Citizen?

By Rachel Dahl

I read an article by Dr. Ben Carson this week about children learning civics, and immediately thought of several adults I would like to enroll.

Including, on certain days, myself.

Because knowing how our government works is something we all need to keep working at. And if we expect the next generation to carry on this experiment in self-government, somebody has to show them how.

In his article, "How Kids Can Rescue Civics Education," Carson describes a civics competition through his American Cornerstone Institute's Little Patriots program. The idea is to get elementary school students learning about our founding, our Constitution, and the responsibilities of citizenship.

It got me thinking about what children learn about government when nobody is giving them a lesson. What is it kids learn from watching us?

If their introduction to public life is grown-ups calling each other idiots on the internet, we probably should not be surprised when they decide politics is something unpleasant people do on their phones.

If they hear us complain about every decision the school board makes, but never see us read an agenda or attend a meeting, what have we taught them about participation?

And if we insist that everyone who disagrees with us must be either stupid or dishonest, how exactly are they supposed to learn to govern alongside people who think differently than they do?

In "Federalist No. 10," James Madison explained that differences of opinion and competing interests are part of human nature. Eliminating those differences would require destroying liberty or somehow making everybody think alike. Neither was an acceptable solution. His argument was for a republic designed to control the harmful effects of factions.

Which means learning to be a citizen includes learning that other people get a say. Even when they are wrong. Even when we are absolutely certain they are wrong.

And occasionally, after we have listened and checked a few things, we may discover they had a point.

This is where civics gets a little harder than memorizing the three branches of government.

Although we should probably know those, too.

We need to understand who has the authority to make a decision. What limits apply to that authority. How representatives are chosen. How laws are changed. And what we can do when we believe our government has made a mistake.

The First Amendment protects speech, religious liberty, a free press, peaceful assembly, and the right to petition government for a redress of grievances.

Those are tools people can use. Children ought to see us using them thoughtfully.

A child does not have to be old enough to vote to learn how to ask a good question.

Why is that road closed? Who decides what happens at the park? Where does the school get its money? Why can't the mayor just change that rule?

There is a civics lesson waiting inside every one of those questions. And we don't have to know every answer. "I don't know. Let's find out" might be one of the most useful things we can say.

We can pull up an agenda together. Read a newspaper story and talk about which facts are established and which questions remain unanswered. Look up a provision in the Constitution instead of relying on what somebody said it means.

We can also let children watch us disagree without being cruel, correct a mistake without making excuses, and lose a vote without deciding the whole system should be burned down.

Schools should have an essential role in teaching civics, but families and communities bear responsibility for that work too.

We are raising future voters, school board members, county commissioners, jurors, and neighbors. They are watching how we handle the responsibility.

What are we teaching them?

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after all. "The mayor and chief of staff, Bob Erickson, pulled one over on me," she said. Waiting inside were U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, city employees, colleagues, and members of Frost's family, all gathered to honor her nearly 13 years of service to Fallon.

Cortez Masto presented Frost with a commemorative letter recognizing her contributions to Fallon. "It was very touching and moving," recalled Frost, who added that the surprise was complete, right down to her family, who had managed to keep her in the dark about the senator's visit.

"My family kept it totally quiet," Frost said. "I had no clue."

For Frost, who was born and raised in Fallon, the recognition was especially meaningful. Yet even as she talked about the honor, she was quick to acknowledge the countless others who give their time to the community. She noted that the senator could have recognized hundreds, if not thousands, of other people who volunteer and work to make Fallon a better place to live.

"I've just been truly… humbled and honored to be able to serve," she said, reflecting on her years in office.

Frost's connection to the community began long before she joined the City Council. She spent 26 years teaching at Churchill County High School, primarily teaching American government, after beginning her teaching career in Battle Mountain.

In March 2014, she was appointed to the City Council to fill a vacancy left by former City Councilwoman Rachel Dahl. Frost continued teaching while serving on the council until her retirement from the school district in 2018, although now, she is not sure how she managed both for four years.

After nearly 13 years in city government, Frost is preparing to leave office because of term limits. She said her tenure with the city has been rewarding, particularly having been given the opportunity to help people directly, which isn't always possible in higher levels of government service.

"I've enjoyed working in local government because it seems like you have more of an impact," she said. "If a constituent comes to you with a problem. We work on a solution and try to remedy that problem."

Over the years, Frost has watched Fallon grow and has been involved in projects that have helped shape the community. She recalls working with the senior citizens coalition during the development of the William N. Pennington Life Center and seeing the Pennington Youth Club become a reality.

She is also proud of improvements to the city's parks and recreation facilities, including the Splash Pad and the pickleball courts at Oats Park, as well as the nearly finished fitness court at Laura Mills Park, an idea she brought back after learning about a similar facility in Lovelock.

Her work in tourism has been another source of enjoyment. A self-described cheerleader for Fallon, Frost has spent years encouraging visitors to discover the community and supporting events that bring residents together.

From the annual Christmas tree lighting and ice skating to the city's Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony, she appreciates the traditions that make Fallon feel like home.

Not every accomplishment is something residents can necessarily see, she said. Improvements to the city's electrical and water systems may not draw the same attention as a new park or community building, but they are just as important. "That's not as exciting or glamorous," Frost said. "But when you don't have it, you notice it."

Her years in office also brought challenges, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, when city leaders struggled to balance the needs of businesses and employees with public health concerns.



Allison Frost, U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Councilwoman Kelly Frost, Samantha Frost, and Russ Frost attended the recognition ceremony Oct. 22. Frost's son, Dawson, was unable to attend. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

But some of the hardest moments were more personal, including saying goodbye to city employees who retired, moved on, or died.

Through it all, Frost said she has been fortunate to work alongside people who care deeply about Fallon. She credits Tedford, Erickson, and the late Mike Mackedon as mentors who helped her learn the many responsibilities of city government.

She also acknowledges her family, especially her husband, Russ, for supporting her through years of meetings, conferences, and community obligations.

Their daughters, Allison and Samantha, attended the surprise celebration. Allison is pursuing a master's degree in speech pathology at the University of Nevada, while Samantha teaches kindergarten at Lahontan Elementary School. Their son, Dawson, was unable to attend.

As for what comes next, Frost hasn't made many plans. She enjoys traveling and playing senior softball, which she affectionately calls "old lady softball," and looks forward to having more time for both.

This time, retirement may actually mean retirement.

After retiring from teaching in 2018, she was still on the go as much as ever. "I had the city council," she said, referring to the responsibilities of serving as an elected city representative.

Still, she isn't ruling out finding another way to serve. "I don't know what life will bring," Frost said. "If I see something that I think I can make a positive impact on, then I may jump at that opportunity."

For now, she is enjoying the memories, the friendships, and the unexpected honor of having her years of service recognized by a United States senator.

And perhaps the sweetest part of the surprise was discovering just how many people wanted to be there to say thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early Voting Ends Friday; Election Day Is Nov. 3



Staff Report

Churchill County voters have until Friday, Oct. 30, to cast their ballots during early voting for the general election Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Early voting continues from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Churchill County Commission Chambers, 155 N. Taylor St. in Fallon.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Community Learning Center, 8955 Mission Road.

Mail ballots may be returned to an official ballot drop box by 7 p.m. Nov. 3. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Nov. 7.

For additional information, contact the Churchill County Clerk's Office at 775-423-6028.

★★★ Your Vote Matters! ★★★

Free Veterans Day Breakfast Set for Nov. 11

Staff Report

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce and New Millennium will host a free Veterans Day breakfast Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way.

Opening ceremonies begin at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for the first 300 veterans. The event concludes at 11 a.m.

The annual breakfast honors local military veterans and recognizes their service to the country.





Two Holiday Craft Fairs Planned in Fallon

Staff Report

Two holiday craft fairs are scheduled in Fallon during the first two weekends of November, offering opportunities to shop for handmade crafts and gifts.

St. John's Lutheran Church will host its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-7, at 1170 S. Taylor St. The fair will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Nevada Community Alliance will host its Christmas Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, at E.C. Best Elementary School, 750 E. Williams Ave. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature local vendors and holiday shopping.

For information about the Nevada Community Alliance fair, call 775-315-6571 or visit NevadaCommunityAlliance.com.

Financial Literacy Workshop Set for Nov. 6

Staff Report

Representatives from WaFd Bank will present a free financial literacy workshop Friday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. at the Churchill County Library Annex, 553 S. Maine St. in Fallon.

The presentation is designed to help participants improve their understanding of personal finances.

The workshop is part of the library's free November programming. For additional information, contact the Churchill County Library at 775-423-7581.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday



Staff Report

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 a.m. Clocks should be turned back one hour, giving residents an extra hour of sleep.

The time change marks the return to standard time, which will remain in effect until March 14, 2027.

Residents are also encouraged to use the time change as a reminder to check smoke alarms and replace batteries if needed.

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, Nov. 2	Tuesday, Nov. 3	Wednesday, Nov. 4	Thursday, Nov. 5	Friday, Nov. 6
Beef Stew	*Chicken Piccata*	*Birthday Lunch*	*Teriyaki Meatballs*	*Baked Fish*
Buttermilk Biscuit	*Cheese Tortellini*	*Broccoli Cheddar Soup*	*Veggie Fried Rice*	*w/Cilantro Sauce*
Mixed Green Salad	*Steamed Broccoli*	*Egg Salad Sandwich*	*Oriental Vegetables*	*Black Beans*
Mandarin Orange	*WW Bread*	*WW Bread*	*WW Roll*	*Spanish Rice*
	Diced Peaches	*Fruited Jell-O*	*Fresh Orange*	*Green Salad*
		Baked Chips	*Spice Cake*	*Mango-Orange Cup*
		Fall Bean Salad		

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, Nov. 2	Thursday, Nov. 5	Monday, Nov. 9	Thursday, Nov. 12	
Vegetable Beef Soup	*Ham, Baker, Salad*	*Pancakes & Eggs*	*Lemon Pepper Fish*	**Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.**
Salad & Bread	*Vegetable & Dessert*	*Fruit*	*Salad & Fruit*	

OBITUARIES



CATHY HARPER
July 1957 – Oct. 10, 2026

Cathy Harper, beloved sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on Oct. 10, 2026, at the age of 69.

Cathy was born in July 1957 in Landstuhl, Germany, while her father was serving in the United States Air Force.

Her childhood took her and her family from Germany to Turner Air Force Base in Georgia and later to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. Following her father's retirement, the family returned to Fallon, Nevada, where the Harper family had roots dating back to the early 1900s. Cathy graduated from Churchill County High School in 1975.

Cathy later made her home in Reno, Nevada, where she built a long and dedicated career with Nevada Bell, retiring after 32 years of service. Not quite ready to leave working life behind, she went on to spend another 10 years with the United States Postal Service before enjoying her second retirement.

Cathy found happiness in the simple things she loved—reading a good book, traveling, and cooking. Above all, she will be remembered for her loving heart and wonderful sense of humor. She had a way of bringing laughter and warmth to those around her, and those qualities will be especially missed by the people who loved her most.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents, Robert T. Harper and Grace E. Beausejour Harper. She is survived by her sisters, Nancy Jurgens and twin sister Carole Harper; her nephew, Robert Jurgens; and her niece, Laura Jurgens.

Cathy's passing leaves an empty place in the lives of those who loved her, but it also leaves behind many memories to hold close. Her laughter, her love, and the moments shared with her will remain a cherished part of her family's story. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Gabbs Community Raises More Than $700 for Local Family

By Shania Brown



Participants gathered for an evening of bingo, food and fellowship at the Gabbs Bingo Fundraiser. Photo by Shania Brown.

A bingo fundraiser hosted by the Gabbs Community Library on Saturday, Oct. 24, raised more than $700 to help Derrick Chiaratti and his family as he continues recovering from injuries sustained in a June traffic accident.

In late June, Chiaratti and his daughter were involved in a collision with a semitruck hauling a wide load while traveling from Fallon to Middlegate. Chiaratti suffered serious injuries that required multiple medical procedures and several months of hospitalization. He has since returned to his home in Middlegate, where he previously worked as one of the main cooks at Middlegate Station.

Chiaratti grew up in Gabbs and graduated from Gabbs High School, where his mother, Georgene Chiaratti, continues to work.

Connie Stinson, who manages the Gabbs Community Library, organized the fundraiser with help from Charity Brown, a former PTO president with experience organizing merchant bingo events. The two contacted businesses and community members in Gabbs and Fallon for prize donations.

Organizers were uncertain how many people would attend, so they prepared the library to accommodate approximately 50 guests. The fundraiser was promoted through flyers, social media, and The Fallon Post.

At least 30 people attended, including volunteers. Stinson was moved to tears by the community's response.

The evening featured two bingo games. Stinson and Derrick's father, Tim Chiaratti, oversaw a children's junk food bingo game, while Charity Brown, Georgene Chiaratti, and Shania Brown led the main game.

Local businesses and individuals donated more than 50 prizes for the fundraiser.

As the evening ended, Georgene Chiaratti expressed her gratitude to those who supported her family.

"We can't thank you all enough for tonight," she said.

The Gabbs Community Library and the Chiaratti family thanked everyone who attended, volunteered, donated prizes, or helped promote the event. The more than $700 raised will help support Chiaratti during his recovery.

Fundraiser Contributors

The following individuals, businesses, and organizations contributed prizes or other support:

Lee Green (R & D's Bar), Charity Brown (Scentsy and other donations), Connie Stinson, Gabbs Community Library, Leslie Green, Robert Courtney, Krystal Sprague, Rachel Dahl (RANGE Media Co.), Christina Rodarte, Middlegate Station, Lahontan Valley Veterinary Clinic, Archie Wood (Battle Born Tattoo), Frey's Ranch, JD Fenison, Stephanie Winder (Myles of Memories), Ivoree Dummar (Nails by Ivoree), Annette and Chris Zumwalt (Sudden Impact Pistol Grips), Momma's Meat Company, Fallon Theatre, Shania Brown Design, Lucy Carnahan, Financial Horizons Credit Union, Samantha Horning, Michelle Gabiola-Rogers, Samantha Larson, Darcie Spero (Battle Born Broncs), Ava Case, Churchill Armory, Vonda Norcutt, and 7 Sisters Co.

The Gabbs Community Library and the Chiaratti family thanked everyone who attended, volunteered, donated prizes, or helped promote the event. The more than $700 raised will help support Chiaratti during his recovery.

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day
Coalition for Senior Citizens
Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine St.
Third Friday of each month at 1 p.m.

Halloween Bash
Pennington Life Center
952 S. Maine St.
Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

Tricks, Treats, and Tales
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Oct. 29 at 3 p.m.

Halloween Extravaganza
Fallon Tribal Development Group
Fox Peak Cinema, Fallon
Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"The Haunted Schoolhouse" Youth Musical
Performing Arts of Churchill County
Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine St.
Oct. 29 and 30 at 7 p.m.;
Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Maine Street Spooktacular
Downtown Fallon
Maine St.
Oct. 31 from 3 to 6 p.m.

RC Rampage with NVRC Dust Devils
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 2 at 3 p.m.

P.E.O. Chapter D's Comedian Night
Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), Chapter D
Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine St.
Nov. 4 from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m.

Crafternoon
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Financial Literacy Workshop
Churchill County Library
Library Annex, 553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 6 at 4 p.m.

St. John's Holiday Craft Fair
St. John's Lutheran Church
1170 S. Taylor St.
Nov. 6 from 3 to 7 p.m.;
Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Textile Spinning Demonstration
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 9 at 5 p.m.

Veterans Day Breakfast
Fallon Chamber of Commerce and New Millennium
Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way
Nov. 11: Opening ceremonies at 8 a.m.; event concludes at 11 a.m.

Reading with Rover
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Elementary Book Club
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Nevada Community Alliance Christmas Craft Fair
Nevada Community Alliance
E.C. Best Elementary School,
750 E. Williams Ave.
Nov. 13 from noon to 6 p.m.;
Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nate's World
A Living Breathing Recital
Churchill Arts Council
Barkley Theatre, Oats Park Art Center
Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.

Crafting for Grownups
Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

Third Friday Movie Day – "9 to 5"
Coalition for Senior Citizens
Fallon Theatre, 71 S. Maine St.
Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

Clean Live Comedy
Fallon Theatre
71 S. Maine St.
Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Small Business Saturday
Fallon Chamber of Commerce and CEDA
Participating Fallon businesses
Nov. 28



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COMMUNITY

Community Readers Bring Books to Life at Rush



Hindi Marciniak shared "Red: A Crayon's Story." Photo by Nancy Chapman.



Victoria Doehla, Crystal Bowman, Sparky the Fire Dog, and Brad Dolan gathered for story time at Rush Coffee Company. Photo by Nancy Chapman.



Air Force veteran Whitney Goligowski shared "The Littlest Airplane." Photo by Lori Kaiser.



Anita Pepper read "Clifford Takes a Walk." Photo by Nancy Chapman.

By Nancy Chapman

Stories, fire safety lessons, and a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog helped close out National Book Month on Sunday, Oct. 25, at Rush Coffee Company, where an October reading series provided more than 100 books to local children.

Hindi Marciniak of Empowered Ventures read first during the morning session, sharing "Red: A Crayon's Story" by Michael Hall. The book follows a blue crayon mistakenly labeled red as it discovers its identity. Empowered Ventures helps women entrepreneurs gain visibility, education, connections, and opportunities.

Brad Dolan of the Churchill Fire Department followed with "No Dragons for Tea: Fire Safety for Kids (and Dragons)." The story turns a dragon's flame-filled tea party into a fire safety lesson. After reading, Dolan showed children the inside of Engine 2, and Sparky stopped by to greet them.

Whitney Goligowski of Biggest Little Stories read first during the afternoon session, sharing "The Littlest Airplane." Goligowski served six years in the Air Force as a boom operator, refueling aircraft in flight, and hosts the Biggest Little Stories open mic event in Reno. The rhyming picture book shows how even the smallest airplane can get the job done.

Anita Pepper, a public information officer with the Nevada Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety, followed with "Clifford Takes a Walk" by Norman Bridwell, a story about friendship and sharing. Pepper represented Zero Fatalities Nevada, which encourages safe driving to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the road.

Crystal Bowman and Jesse Morrow thanked the volunteers who read on Sundays throughout October, with special thanks to Spread the Word Nevada for supplying more than 100 books in English and Spanish to local children.

They also thanked Victoria Doehla for her help, the Churchill Fire Department and Sparky for teaching children about fire safety, and Banner Hospital emergency medical technicians for bringing an ambulance and answering questions.

First Responders Holiday Food Drive Set for Dec. 6

Staff Report

Churchill County first responders will compete to collect the most donated food during the 10th annual Holiday Food Competition on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fallon Walmart.

Participating agencies include the Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Police Department, Fallon Volunteer Fire Department, Banner Churchill Emergency Medical Services, Search and Rescue, and Battle Born Air Rescue. The agency collecting the most food by weight wins the competition.

Last year's event collected nearly 24,000 pounds of food. Since the competition began in 2016, participating agencies have collected 197,834 pounds.



Donations benefit Out of Egypt, which provides assistance to local families during the holiday season.

Community members can participate by bringing food donations to Walmart during the event.

For more information, contact Brian Miller at 775-525-1592.

Holiday Food Competition on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fallon Walmart.

Fallon Lions Club Continues Fuel the Fight Program



By Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Lions Club's ongoing Fuel the Fight community service project helps Churchill County residents undergoing cancer treatment with transportation expenses.

The program provides fuel gift cards to eligible residents to help offset the cost of traveling to medical appointments and treatments.

Churchill County residents undergoing cancer treatment may request assistance by emailing rhiibel@gmail.com. Assistance is based on eligibility and demonstrated need.

Donations to support Fuel the Fight are welcome. For more information about the program or how to contribute, contact a Fallon Lions Club member.

Sheriff's Office Reports Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Results

Staff Report

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office reported 10 traffic stops and nine citations during two three-hour pedestrian safety enforcement events on Oct. 13 and 19 as part of Nevada's Joining Forces program.

Eight citations were for failing to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, and one was for a cellphone violation. The figures cover six hours of local enforcement, not the full statewide pedestrian safety campaign, which runs Oct. 10-31.

Patrol deputies conducted the operations with three additional Sheriff's Office employees who acted as pedestrians. The events were intended to increase driver awareness and improve pedestrian safety.

Sheriff Lee Orozco said the department's participation in Joining Forces focuses on dangerous driving behaviors, crash prevention, and public education.

The Sheriff's Office received grant funding to participate in Joining Forces, a statewide program involving 38 law enforcement agencies. The program runs from October 2026 through September 2027 and supports additional enforcement targeting impaired and distracted driving, speeding, seat belt violations, and pedestrian, motorcycle, and bicycle safety.

The Sheriff's Office encourages pedestrians to use sidewalks and marked crosswalks when available and to wear bright or reflective clothing after dark. Drivers should watch for pedestrians, especially near schools and residential neighborhoods, obey speed limits, and avoid distractions.

Joining Forces is funded through grants from the Nevada Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. More information is available at ZeroFatalitiesNV.com.



BUSINESS



Helen and Mike McKnight, owners of La Mère Breads & Bakes, celebrated the soft opening of their Fallon bakery on Oct. 17. Photo courtesy of La Mère Breads & Bakes.



Baked goods were on display during the Oct. 17 soft opening of La Mère Breads & Bakes. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

La Mère Breads & Bakes Celebrates Soft Opening

By Nancy Chapman

Helen and Mike McKnight celebrated the soft opening of La Mère Breads & Bakes at 1410 Cedar Drive in Fallon on Oct. 17.

The business, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, specializes in sourdough bread, cookies, and scones made with organic ingredients. The bakery bakes twice a week, and customers are encouraged to preorder to ensure their selections are available.

The soft opening also featured gluten-free desserts from Deep Roots Bake Co., owned by Helen Shaw. Offerings included Belgian chocolate cake, cookies, and doughnuts.

According to information provided for the opening, the bakery is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m., or until sold out.

Small Business Expo Showcases Local Businesses

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Local business owners had an opportunity to showcase their services, meet potential customers, and make connections during the Small Business Expo hosted by the Fallon Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 21 at the Fallon Convention Center.

Held in conjunction with National Chamber of Commerce Day, the expo brought together businesses offering services ranging from real estate and business financing to sewing machine repairs and handmade products.

Representatives from Sierra Nevada Properties shared information about buying homes, managing properties, and renovating existing homes. The company also helps clients connect with licensed and insured vendors.

Rural Nevada Development Corporation, established in 1992, provides financing and other resources to help businesses start or expand. The nonprofit organization serves 15 rural Nevada counties and Native American tribes.

Among the exhibitors was Dana Hutchison, owner of O Sew Creative, who repairs sewing machines ranging from antique Singer models to long-arm quilting and embroidery machines. She also provides embroidery and sewing services for military uniforms.

Hutchison and her mother, Barbara, make small stuffed animals for children whose parents are deployed, adding a personal touch to the services offered by their business.

The expo gave visitors an opportunity to learn about businesses operating in the Fallon area while providing exhibitors a chance to introduce their services and connect with the community.



Local businesses displayed products and shared information about their services during the Small Business Expo on Oct. 21.

Stockman's Casino Renovations Highlighted at Chamber Luncheon

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

What began as an estimated six-week renovation at Stockman's Casino turned into a six-month project after unexpected problems arose during construction, general manager Lou Capone told members of the Fallon Chamber of Commerce during their Oct. 22 luncheon.



Lou Capone, general manager of Stockman's Casino, discussed renovations and future plans for the property during the Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon Oct. 22.

Clarity Game Nevada LLC purchased the property in April 2025 and undertook extensive renovations, including improvements to the heating and cooling systems, flooring, plumbing, kitchen, and bar.

Capone said the casino has 200 slot machines, more than half of which are new. Plans also include reopening the steakhouse early next year. In the meantime, the former restaurant space will be available for event rentals during the upcoming holiday season.

The renovation project involved contractors from Fallon and Fernley. Capone thanked the local businesses that helped complete the work, including Just In Time Heating and Air LLC, which installed heating and cooling systems during the first 60 days of ownership.

Kent's Supply provided hardware and materials needed throughout the renovation, while Nevada Flooring replaced the carpeting and Quality Tile completed tile work throughout the building.

CJ Plumbing repaired and updated sewer lines and added hot-water access to the bar. Oasis Painting and Handyman repainted the building's interior.

Capone said the renovated kitchen and bar now meet applicable regulations.

The luncheon also included a look at Stockman's history, presented by Vaughna Bendickson, co-owner of Blue Legacy Property Solutions.

According to Bendickson, the business opened July 4, 1955, as Childers' Drive-Through under owner Al Childers. She said Wayne Whitmore purchased the property in 1965.

Bendickson also shared her family's connection to the business. Her in-laws, Ken and Glenda Bendickson, were among the property's owners beginning in 1969.

She recalled several hamburgers served during that period, including the Haymaker, Westward Hoe and Moonlighter.

More than 70 years after its beginnings as a drive-through, Stockman's remains part of Fallon's business community, with renovations completed and plans underway for the return of its steakhouse.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Library Board Approves Director's Evaluation, Merit Increase

Staff Report

The Churchill County Library Board of Trustees approved Library Director John Hong's annual performance evaluation and a one-step merit increase Oct. 22 after he received a rating of "good" in all 10 evaluation categories.

The evaluation covered job knowledge, leadership, budget management, personnel development, teamwork, customer service, responsiveness to board direction, innovation, productivity, and overall performance. Trustees unanimously approved the evaluation and merit increase in a single motion.

Under county personnel procedures, the increase will take effect on Hong's one-year employment anniversary.

Hong thanked the trustees for their confidence and credited library employees, volunteers, community organizations, and local officials for supporting the library.

Library Board Vice Chair Mattie Serna presided over the meeting.



Library Director John Hong, left, participates in an activity with a young visitor at the Churchill County Library. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

Trustees also discussed a proposed mural for the north exterior wall of the Churchill County Library. Hong said he met Sept. 30 with representatives involved in local America 250 activities about the project.

Preliminary ideas include an open-book design incorporating science, art, and local wildlife. Hong said he expected to receive design concepts by the end of October and wanted library staff and trustees to review them.

The project could use funding from a Nevada Arts Council grant, although Hong said he did not have complete details about the funding.

Because the library is a county-owned building, the county would have final authority over installation. No board action was taken.

During public comment, a resident asked whether the mural could interfere with a future library expansion. Hong said removable panels were being considered so the artwork could be relocated if necessary.

In his director's report, Hong announced that Devin Pitt began work as a library page Oct. 5. The library is also recruiting a digital information services librarian, with applications closing Nov. 15.

Hong said library employees continue working with Nick Delgado of Juvenile Probation to maintain a safe environment for students gathering at the library after school. Staff members take turns monitoring the library, while Hong and Delgado help supervise the entrance area.

The library has also introduced Crafternoon, an after-school program featuring art and craft activities. Hong said the program encourages students to spend time away from computers while making use of leftover craft supplies.

September programming included 13 storytime sessions with a combined attendance of 320 and four chess club sessions with a combined attendance of 82.

Hong said staffing remains a challenge as the library works to expand programs and community outreach.

During trustee training, board members discussed strengthening partnerships with schools, businesses, civic organizations, and other community groups. Hong said library staff could provide trustees with information about programs and upcoming needs to help with outreach efforts.

The board also approved the September budget and Library Gift Fund reports.

Consideration of proposed revisions to the board's bylaws was postponed until November because the revisions had not been included in the publicly posted meeting materials.

School Board Reviews Low Proficiency Rates, Approves Planning Contract

Staff Report

Churchill County School District trustees approved a $70,000 strategic planning contract Oct. 20 after reviewing Nevada Department of Education school accountability results showing most district students fell short of state standards in math and English language arts.

Districtwide, 21% of students met math proficiency standards in 2025-26, and 28.6% met English language arts standards. Math proficiency increased slightly from 20.5% the previous year, while English language arts proficiency declined from 30.5%.

Those districtwide averages combine results across schools. Churchill County High School improved in both subjects, while elementary and middle school English language arts proficiency declined.

Trustees unanimously approved the agreement with Watershed Advisors LLC to guide development of a district strategic plan. They also accepted $73,340.22 in grant funding through the Nevada Education Service Center to cover the consultant and related expenses without using district general fund money.

Superintendent Blake Cooper said the achievement results would establish a starting point for an upcoming board retreat and strategic planning. He acknowledged substantial room for improvement and said responsibility for student achievement extends throughout the district.

Assistant Superintendent Michael Walker presented state assessment results, school accountability ratings, and fall assessments used to identify student needs and guide instruction.

At Churchill County High School, math proficiency rose from 7.6% to 16.5%, while English language arts proficiency increased from 28.3% to 48.9%. Despite those gains, fewer than one in five students met math standards, and fewer than half met English language arts standards.

Combined elementary math proficiency increased from 25.9% to 26.1%, while middle school math proficiency rose from 15% to 16%.

English language arts results moved in the opposite direction at those levels. Combined elementary proficiency fell from 34% to 31.7%. At Churchill County Middle School, it declined from 26.9% to 25.4%.

Walker said districtwide math proficiency has remained near 21% for several years and that instruction needs to improve.

The middle school and Numa Elementary School also recorded declines in their overall accountability index scores. Those scores incorporate multiple measures and are separate from subject proficiency rates.

Science proficiency increased in fifth grade but declined in eighth grade and high school, Walker reported.

Walker said typical annual growth will not be enough for many students who are already behind. Teachers are working toward greater gains to help those students catch up.

The district's response includes professional development in the Science of Reading, an approach to research-based literacy instruction, at Lahontan and E.C. Best elementary schools this semester. Training at Numa is scheduled to begin in January.

Math teachers have also been planning lessons together, observing instruction, and discussing changes to help students develop stronger problem-solving skills.

Trustees questioned how the district is evaluating its reading curriculum and supporting teachers in using it. Walker acknowledged difficulties with training and implementation of the Savvas curriculum.

He said the district has heard fewer complaints about the curriculum this year. Teachers and principals, however, continue to face time pressures as they balance professional development, lesson preparation, and classroom instruction.

The strategic planning process calls for a review of district performance and budget data, stakeholder interviews, and classroom visits from October through December.

From January through March, the district and consultant will identify priorities, goals, and measures of progress, including a working session with trustees. A draft plan will follow in the spring, connecting spending to district priorities and outlining the first year of implementation.

The agreement calls for presentation and board adoption of the completed plan by June 30, 2027.

Cooper said staff reviewed presentations from two companies before recommending Watershed, which they believed better matched the needs of a rural district. He also cited its work with the Nevada Department of Education on the District Performance Framework.

The grant includes $70,000 for Watershed, $900 for participating educator stipends, and $2,440.22 for travel and workshop expenses.

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William Pennington Life Center
Monday through Friday (hot lunch),
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
952 S. Maine St.
Free over 60

Wolf Center (Fallon Daily Bread)
Mondays and Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
457 Esmeralda St.

Oasis Community Church
Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m.
1520 S. Maine St.

Fallon NAZ
Wednesdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
1520 Grimes St.

Back Porch next to Wolf Center
Wednesdays and Saturdays (sack lunches)
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
280 E. Stillwater Ave.

Christian Life Center
Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
1435 Kaiser St.

Food and Commodity Pantries

Epworth Community Food Pantry
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
457 Esmeralda St.

New Frontier Food Pantry
Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1490 Grimes St.
Available 24 hours by phone, 775-442-1686

Out of Egypt Food Pantry
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
1075 Taylor Place

Commodities, New Frontier Food Pantry
Second Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1490 Grimes St.

FBNN Mobile Harvest Produce
Second Thursdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
William Pennington Life Center, 952 S. Maine St.

Commodities, William Pennington Life Center
Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
952 S. Maine St.

Fallon Cares (formerly Karma Box)
Food and hygiene products – two per visit
Front porch of Chamber of Commerce,
290 W. Williams Ave.
Lobby of Churchill County Sheriff's Office,
180 W. A St.
West entrance (outside), Wolf Center,
457 Esmeralda St.
Donations appreciated

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, Oct. 20, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Saul Diosdado-Gonzalez, in state custody on two Lander County cases, appeared for sentencing on two felony counts of Making, Uttering, or Possessing with Intent to Utter a Fictitious Bill, Note, or Check.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford described the offense as "a crime of opportunity and strategy." She explained that a local business had provided check-cashing services for its customers but discontinued the service because of incidents such as this one, in which Diosdado-Gonzalez cashed a forged paycheck.

Sanford requested $2,285.28 in restitution and noted that it had not been paid. "We need to send a message to this defendant that this will not be tolerated in our community," she said. The state requested consecutive sentences of 12-34 months in prison. Sanford did not request extradition costs because Diosdado-Gonzalez was indigent.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel told the court that his client would be deported, "and I think prolonging the time of his stay in Nevada does nothing to help him or to help the State of Nevada." Noel requested two concurrent sentences of 12-30 months in prison, also to run concurrently with the Lander County sentences.

Speaking through an interpreter, Diosdado-Gonzalez apologized to the court.

"More than anything I would like to offer an apology for what I did … From the bottom of my heart, I want to ask for forgiveness for those … which I should not have done."

He explained that his behavior changed when he was using drugs. "But honestly, I am not like that. I love my family. I like to work … forgive me; from the bottom of my heart."

Judge Stockard imposed two sentences of 12-40 months in prison, to run concurrently with each other but consecutively to the Lander County sentences. Diosdado-Gonzalez was also ordered to pay $2,285.28 in restitution.

LaTanya Karimu Stiner, also known as Tanya Ruth Stiner, pleaded not guilty to Embezzlement of $25,000 to Less Than $100,000, a Category B Felony punishable by 1-10 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

Judge Stockard set trial for May 26-28, 2027.

Nicholas Andrew Thompson pleaded guilty to Non-Support of a Spouse, Former Spouse, or a Child, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

Pursuant to plea negotiations, Judge Stockard continued sentencing to Nov. 23, 2027, to allow Thompson time to demonstrate that he can and will make appropriate child support payments.

Nancy Griffiths failed to appear for her scheduled arraignment.

The defense requested a one-week continuance, while the state asked for a bench warrant. Court Services reported that Griffiths had a history of several failures to appear.

Judge Stockard issued a $5,000 cash-only bench warrant and set a status hearing for Oct. 27.

Mario Alberto Antunez-Morales appeared for arraignment on Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child Not Causing Substantial Bodily or Mental Harm, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to $2,000.

Antunez-Morales initially pleaded guilty. However, after the factual basis for the charge was presented, Judge Stockard asked whether the allegations accurately described his actions. Antunez-Morales said they did not.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford told the court that the state would file an amended information containing multiple counts of Category B Felony Child Abuse.

Judge Stockard continued the arraignment to Oct. 27 to address the amended information.

Dakota Lee Hampton pleaded guilty to two gross misdemeanor charges: Indecent or Obscene Exposure and Attempt to Capture an Image of a Private Area of Another Person. Each charge is punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to $2,000.

Pursuant to plea negotiations, sentencing on the Indecent or Obscene Exposure charge was set for Oct. 19, 2027. On the charge of Attempt to Capture an Image of a Private Area of Another Person, Hampton was provisionally placed in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court, with sentencing set for Nov. 3.

Judge Stockard placed Hampton on Court Services supervision, requiring daily check-ins and random testing.

Autumn Rae Yungk pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison.

Judge Stockard ordered a presentence investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for Dec. 15.

Damariz Lizveth Menchaca pleaded not guilty to Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

Menchaca waived her right to a speedy trial, and Judge Stockard set a jury trial for Feb. 3-5, 2027.

A criminal settlement conference was set for Dec. 18. The conference allows the prosecution and defense to explore a possible resolution with the assistance of a senior district court judge from another jurisdiction. If no agreement is reached, the case will proceed to jury trial.

Lisa Renae Johnson pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), First or Second Offense, a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to $5,000 with mandatory probation.

Senior Deputy Public Defender Jeff Weed told the court that his client's only criminal history was a DUI from 1990. Weed requested a minimum suspended sentence of 12-32 months in prison.

Judge Stockard granted probation on a suspended sentence of 12-32 months in prison.

Christopher David Middleton pleaded guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, First or Second Offense, a Category E Felony punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to $5,000.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel reminded the court that Middleton was a co-defendant of Lisa Johnson, who also appeared for sentencing that day. Noel said his client had taken responsibility for the drugs and requested a minimum suspended sentence with probation.

Middleton told Judge Stockard that he and his girlfriend were passing through Fallon while traveling from California to Washington and that he was unaware of Nevada's laws.

Judge Stockard granted probation on a suspended sentence of 12-36 months in prison and ordered Middleton to obtain a substance abuse evaluation.

Dylan James Irwin Schostag, in custody, pleaded guilty to Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child, a Category B Felony punishable by 2-20 years in prison.

Schostag must undergo a psychological risk assessment and be determined not to be at high risk of reoffending before probation can be considered.

Judge Stockard ordered a presentence investigation report and set sentencing for Jan. 12, 2027.

Human Skeletal Remains Found Northeast of Fallon

Staff Report

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office is investigating the discovery of human skeletal remains in a remote area approximately 15 miles northeast of Fallon.

Sheriff Lee Orozco said individuals riding ATVs discovered the remains on Oct. 15 and reported them to authorities. Investigators responded to the area, secured the scene, and began an investigation. The remains were transported to the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for examination and positive identification.

Orozco said preliminary findings have not indicated foul play, although the investigation remains open pending the medical examiner's findings.

Personal items found with the remains have provided investigators with a tentative identification. The Sheriff's Office has contacted individuals believed to be the deceased person's next of kin, but a positive identification has not yet been made.

The Sheriff's Office will withhold the person's identity until identification is confirmed and family notifications are completed. Additional information will be released as the investigation progresses.

Sheriff's Office Warns of Scam Planning and Zoning Emails

Staff Report

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office is warning residents and businesses about fraudulent emails impersonating Churchill County Planning and Zoning officials and requesting additional fees.

According to Sheriff Lee Orozco, the emails tell recipients they owe additional fees and instruct them to respond to arrange payment through a wire transfer.

The Sheriff's Office emphasized that Churchill County Planning and Zoning does not request wire transfers to pay fees.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to check the sender's email address. Legitimate county employee email addresses use the official domain @churchillcountynv.gov, although scammers can disguise email addresses to make them appear legitimate.

The Sheriff's Office advises recipients not to respond to suspicious emails, click unfamiliar links, or open unexpected attachments. Anyone receiving an unexpected payment request should verify it directly with the county before sending money.

Residents, contractors, and businesses with questions about the legitimacy of an email or payment request can contact the Churchill County Public Works, Planning and Building Department at 775-423-7627.

The Sheriff's Office also cautioned that scammers often create a sense of urgency to pressure recipients into sending money before verifying the request.

Correction:

"Hansen Waives Preliminary Hearing in CSAM Case," published last week concerning Tracy Elizabeth Hansen who faces 29 Category A Felony counts of Promotion of Sexual Performance of a Minor involving alleged distribution of child sexual abuse material (CSAM), incorrectly stated that she had been returned to custody in Churchill County following her arrest on separate embezzlement charges in Storey County.

According to New River Township Justice Court Judge Benjamin Trotter, Hansen was never returned to Churchill County custody after her release on her own recognizance. Although the prosecution initially requested revocation of her release, the alleged Storey County offenses occurred before the Churchill County charges and therefore did not violate the condition of her release prohibiting new criminal violations.

Hansen waived her preliminary hearing Oct. 13, and her case is expected to be bound over to Churchill County District Court.



EDUCATION

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

Veritas Celebrates Grandparents' Day

By David Ernst. Photo(s) courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.

Veritas Preparatory School celebrated its annual Grandparents' Day on Friday, Oct. 23, honoring the role grandparents play in students' lives and sharing a glimpse of the school's Christian education.

The morning began with grandparents and parents attending classes with students. Families saw classroom lessons firsthand, and in many cases, adults participated in the activities.

After class, families gathered at Parkside Bible Fellowship for student presentations. Students in fifth through eighth grades opened the program by performing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" on guitar.



Students in Mrs. Gilbert's second-grade class presented "A Grandparents Acrostic" during the Grandparents' Day program at Parkside Bible Fellowship on Oct. 23.



Ms. Pustovrh's fifth- and sixth-grade students welcomed grandparents into their classroom during Veritas Preparatory School's Grandparents' Day celebration Oct. 23.

Each class then gave a short presentation featuring classroom lessons or songs about grandparents. Mr. Springfield's fourth-graders and Mrs. Felte's third-graders presented a lesson on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6.
Ms. Pustovrh's fifth- and sixth-graders explained the symbolism of money. Younger students performed songs and recitations about the alphabet.

The program concluded with a salute to members of the armed services and a performance of the first-quarter school hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

The celebration brought families together through classroom activities, music, and fellowship, reflecting the school's emphasis on faith, family, and learning.

Plumbing Issues Delay Laura Mills Park Reopening

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Plumbing problems have delayed the reopening of Laura Mills Park, and the city of Fallon has not established a firm date for when the renovated park will reopen to the public.

Public Works Director Brian Byrd said continuing plumbing issues have caused setbacks in the project, preventing officials from setting a specific opening date.

The renovation includes an $815,798.81 contract awarded to Ernst Earthworks to replace nearly three-quarters of a mile of deteriorating asphalt walking paths with wider, fiber-reinforced concrete walkways. Other improvements include new playground equipment, irrigation upgrades, landscaping, and accessibility improvements.

The project also includes a professionally designed irrigation system and soil remediation.

New playground equipment has been installed, with separate play areas designed for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12. The park's outdoor fitness court, completed in October 2025, was the first phase of the city's planned improvements.

Laura Mills Park was named in honor of Laura Mills, an educator and naturalist who taught in Fallon for 40 years and graduated from Churchill County High School in 1912. The city purchased the property from Churchill County in 1972, and the park was dedicated Oct. 1, 1975, with help from community volunteers.

Over the years, restrooms were installed, and a gazebo was added in the early 2000s. Additional phases of the city's long-term park improvement plan are scheduled to continue through 2031.



New playground equipment has been installed at Laura Mills Park, which remains closed as renovation work continues.



EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie. Photo(s) courtesy of CCSD.

CCHS

Churchill County High School recognized students Oct. 22 for academic achievement and attendance during the spring 2026 semester. The school awarded 231 honor roll certificates to students who earned grade point averages of 3.5 or higher, including 71 ninth-graders, 65 10th-graders, and 95 11th-graders.

Eight students were recognized for perfect attendance: Rhett Beach, Bryce Debrie, Rocky Heater, Kenneth Managbanag, Shelia Miller, Emma Serna, Dillon Stacey, and Adan Roman Montes. The school congratulated the students on their accomplishments and encouraged them to continue their success.



Drake Krogg, Luke Humphreys, and Braxton Mansfield displayed their Bulldog Bucks and the 3D-printed creations they purchased with rewards earned for positive behavior.



Students decorated Halloween cookies during the school's PBIS Spooky Cookie Decorating Reward, celebrating positive behavior and good choices.

CCMS

Churchill County Middle School students explored three-dimensional art in Art 2 by designing and constructing tunnel books. They used multiple layers to create depth and perspective in scenes viewed through each layer.

Students also celebrated positive choices by decorating Halloween-themed cookies during the Spooky Cookie Decorating Reward, part of the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

NUMA

Students in Colleen Tutty's fourth-grade class learned about the judicial process when Lane Mills, Chelsea Sanford, Wade Carner, and Sydney Barke of the Churchill County District Attorney's Office visited their classroom Wednesday.

Using "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," students participated in a mock trial to determine whether Goldilocks was innocent or guilty. They were sworn in as jurors, heard arguments from both sides, reviewed evidence, and listened to witness testimony. Superintendent Blake Cooper helped students weigh the evidence as they used inference and critical-thinking skills to reach a verdict.

The activity connected classroom lessons with an introduction to the judicial system.

E.C. BEST

Students in Tracy Wagner's class earn rewards for positive behavior through a program featuring creations made with a 3D printer Wagner received through DonorsChoose.

As part of the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, students earn Bulldog Bucks for following the four Bs: Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. After collecting 15 Bulldog Bucks, students can exchange them for a 3D-printed item.

Available creations include Pokémon characters, dragons, glow-in-the-dark sharks, turtles, Bluey, and Stitch. The rewards give students an incentive to practice positive behavior.

LAHONTAN

First-graders in Olivia Lefort's class spent a week learning about pumpkins, including their life cycle and the size of the world's largest pumpkin.

The students concluded the lessons with a trip to Lattin Farms, where they visited the pumpkin patch and selected pumpkins of their own. The field trip connected their classroom learning with a fall tradition.



Chelsea Sanford of the Churchill County District Attorney's Office guided Colleen Tutty's fourth-grade students through the trial of Goldilocks.



Students in Olivia Lefort's class and parent chaperones enjoyed a hayride at Lattin Farms on their way to the pumpkin patch to pick out pumpkins.

Churchill County School District Upcoming Events and Family Activities

Staff Report

Churchill County School District schools have several activities scheduled for November, including parent-teacher conferences, a family literacy night, and the next Board of School Trustees meeting.

Numa Elementary School will host its Fall Book Fair and Family Literacy Night on Thursday, Nov. 5. The event will include a silent auction featuring themed gift baskets, with proceeds supporting educational opportunities for Numa students.

The school's parent-teacher organization is collecting donations for the baskets, with themes including game night, arts and crafts, cooking and baking, sports, and movies. Families wishing to contribute should submit donations by Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6, at schools listed in the district newsletter. Families should check with their schools for specific schedules and information.

Lahontan Elementary School has also scheduled a kindergarten Pink Day for Nov. 5 as part of its classroom color activities.

The Churchill County Board of School Trustees will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the district office.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

The district is reminding families that most school bus routes are full and waiting lists are in place. Parents who have not received confirmation of transportation should arrange alternate transportation until a seat becomes available. Families may complete the annual transportation application to be placed on the appropriate waiting list.

The district also continues to accept applications for free and reduced-price school meals. Families can apply through LINQ Connect at linqconnect.com, where they can also manage student meal accounts and make payments.

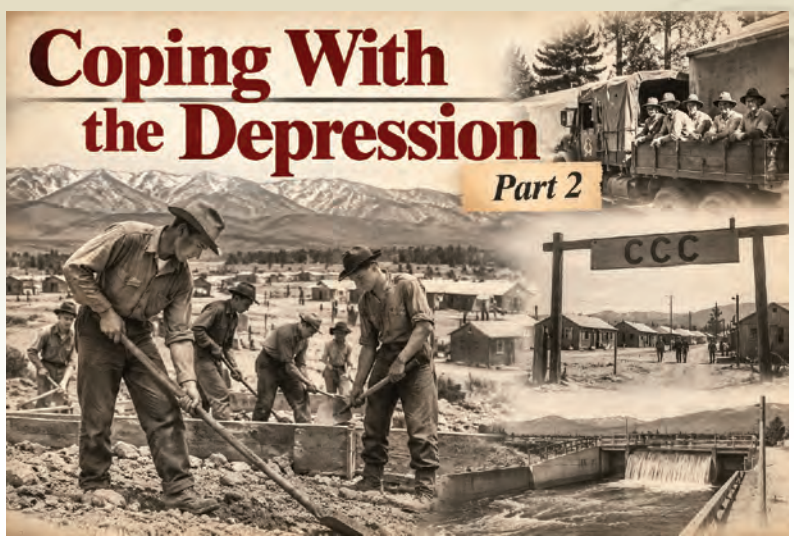
Parents can receive school announcements, classroom updates, event reminders, and other information through ParentSquare, the district's communication platform.

Additional information and school announcements are available through the Churchill County School District's online newsletters.

COLUMNS

Postcards

By Michon Mackedon



AI-generated illustration for The Fallon Post.

The Great Depression was felt everywhere, widely across the world and specifically in the small rural community of Fallon. I wrote last week that, although Fallon folks suffered in ways similar to others, a few unique factors gave us a boost.

Of considerable benefit was the establishment of not one, but two CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camps within the city limits, Camp Carson and Camp Newlands. Both were located in Churchill County because of the importance of the Newlands Project as a Reclamation prototype and because of the poor condition to which Lahontan Dam and the canal infrastructure had sunk as the Great Depression set in.

The CCC, in general, became the most popular of all the New Deal programs, primarily because it visibly infused money into host communities like Fallon. The program provided funds to shelter, clothe, feed, train, and transport the "boys." Local merchants provided their wares as commissioned. Wages were paid to civilian employees, and contracts were let for building supplies and transportation. The enrollees also received pocket money to spend locally.

In an Oral History held by the Churchill County Museum and Archives, Louis Moiola, working as a carpenter for the CCC, touched on the subject of money spent on and by the local CCC boys.

Moiola: "Well, I was working for the District and Mr. Wallace [Walter Wallace] the Superintendent of the District, got me the job. They needed a carpenter, so they put me on. So I went to work for them and worked five days a week. [I was paid] Thirty-three dollars a week. I was at Newlands Camp…Br 34…located up there at the District yard [North Taylor Street]."

Moiola's description of a day's work for the CCC provides a sense of how many people and dollars were involved.

Moiola: "We'd pick 'em up in the mornings, say at eight o'clock, and they'd have their lunches and everything all made for them--so they'd [Camp personnel] take them out [in Army trucks]. And you'd have one leading man…like a Sergeant. When we were going to put in a concrete structure, we'd have another truck, a flatbed, to take the forms and stuff out. So we'd get another driver, and we'd go out there, and we'd take the structure out, and then we'd put it together, and maybe it'd take us two days to put in the structure. It would depend on how big it was… we worked them about six hours."

When asked about the food they ate, Moiola said, "It was good food. They had sandwiches most of the time for out in the field. They made sandwiches every day for them, and then they'd send out a coffee pot and coffee, sugar, and one kid'd take a half hour before we'd set down to eat and he'd make up all the coffee so we'd have something to drink. And every once in awhile we chipped in a little money, and we use to be able to buy pies for twenty-five cents a piece. So we used to put up some money, and we'd always stop by the bakery on our way out and buy day-old pies for twenty-five cents. We had to get them in for chow and everything, but six hours work we'd get out of them." Moiola noted that supervisors, cooks and medical staff were employed at each camp.

It's difficult to arrive at precise economic figures, but it is estimated that each camp operated on a budget of $180,000 to $300,000. $300,000 would be the equivalent of over $7 million today. And there were two Fallon camps! In a community suffering from falling farm prices, bank failures, and unemployment, even the lower figure seems hefty enough to shore up grocery and dry goods stores, lumberyards, dairies, gas stations, and, yes, bakeries.

A companion version of Moiola's story played out in 59 camps across Nevada and in 2,900 camps spread throughout the United States. It's hard to overestimate the economic and social impacts on host communities.

As a side note, did you know that Eleanor Roosevelt sponsored her own female version of the CCC camps, referred to as She-She-She Camps? They served about 8,500 women as compared to more than 3 million men who participated in the CCC. The camps fell under the management of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) rather than the CCC, and the program did not include Nevada sites. The first camp, Camp Jane Addams, was built in New York and focused on forestry training. After a national outcry—women should not be working, especially in forestry—FERA switched gears to emphasize training in education and home economics. Depending on the camp's location, women learned to sew, repair playground equipment, create visual training aids for public schools, type, cook, and can foods.

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.

Fallon Theatre Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

The Fallon Theatre is changing its usual movie schedule for Halloween weekend to accommodate community festivities. A family-friendly animated double feature begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 31. First is "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" (1966), the 25-minute classic featuring Linus waiting for the Great Pumpkin. It will be followed by "Scared Shrekless" (2010), a 26-minute Halloween adventure in which Shrek and his fairy-tale friends compete in a spooky storytelling contest at Lord Farquaad's haunted castle. Together, the two films offer nearly an hour of Halloween entertainment for all ages.

Before the weekend movies, the Fallon Theatre will welcome Performing Arts of Churchill County (PACC) for four performances of "The Haunted Schoolhouse." The one-hour, family-friendly musical features local youth performers. Showtimes are Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab your seats early at www.paccnv.org and cheer on our community's young stars.

The Maine Street Spooktacular returns Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 to 6 p.m. This free downtown celebration includes trick-or-treating, trunk-or-treating, bounce houses, pumpkin painting, a haunted house, local food, and music by DJ Todd Moretto. Jacques Magician will also entertain visitors throughout the afternoon. The event offers families an opportunity to enjoy Halloween activities before traditional trick-or-treating from 6 to 8 p.m.

Nashville stand-up comedian Lee Hardin of Dry Bar Comedy returns to the Fallon Theatre on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. with his clean, family-friendly comedy. Tickets are $20, with a $5 early bird discount available through Oct. 30. A double date discount offers four tickets for the price of two.

Another holiday tradition returns Dec. 18 and 19, with "The Polar Express 4D Experience" at 6 p.m. both evenings, sponsored by Hiskett & Sons. The event includes a decorated winter-themed lobby, a free hot cocoa bar, themed treats, and a small gift for each child. Reservations are $5 per person, with proceeds benefiting the theater's Façade Restoration Fund. Seating is limited, and reservations are available through the theater's website or Facebook page.

Regular screenings of "The Polar Express" will also be offered at 7 p.m. both nights for those who prefer a traditional movie experience or cannot attend the 4D showings. These screenings include the free hot cocoa bar and a small gift for each child. No advance reservations are required.

The Fallon Theatre also offers sustaining memberships for those who want to support the historic venue while receiving concession benefits. Members may pay monthly or annually, with annual memberships providing one month free.

Individual memberships are $20 per month or $220 annually and include a medium soda and medium popcorn per visit, an $11 value. Couple's memberships are $25 per month or $275 annually and include two medium sodas and a large popcorn, a $16 value. Family memberships are $30 per month or $330 annually and include four medium sodas and a large popcorn, a $22 value. These benefits are available each time members attend a movie or event.

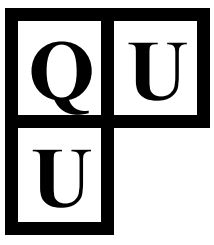
The Fallon Theatre is also available for private screenings, birthday parties, and personalized messages on its historic marquee. For reservations or information, contact 775-423-6210 or thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

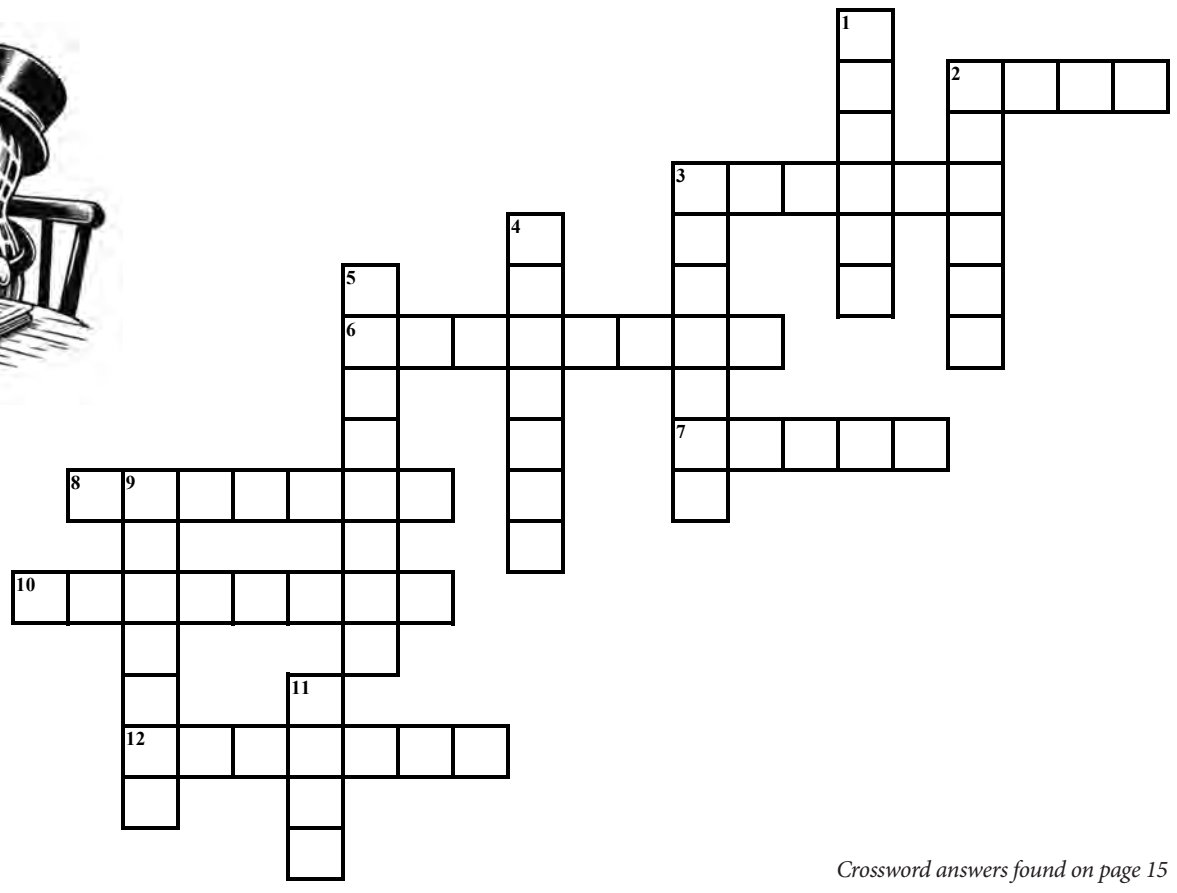
We can't wait to welcome you back to the movies!

Crossword

By Peanut







Across

2. Short test
3. Lobster soup
6. Goldfish home
7. Cheerleaders group
8. Feast
10. Small shop
12. Question

Down

1. Mean girls group
2. Nauseous
3. Legacy
4. Society of Friends
5. Cook out
9. Water table
11. Campus courtyard

Crossword answers found on page 15

COLUMNS

CCHS Corner

Preparing Students Today for Nevada's Workforce of Tomorrow

By Dr. Sue Segura, CCHS Work-Based Learning Coordinator

Churchill County High School is excited to begin a new pilot program offering students the opportunity to participate in the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) initiative through the Governor's Office.

As we launch this program, students will begin by taking a pretest to assess their current workplace and industrial knowledge and skills. This initial assessment will help establish a baseline as we explore how well our students are prepared to meet the demands of Nevada's changing workforce.

WHAT IS THE NCRC?

The National Career Readiness Certificate is a nationally recognized credential designed to demonstrate essential workplace skills that employers value. The ACT WorkKeys assessments associated with the NCRC measure foundational skills that can help students prepare for employment, technical training, apprenticeships, and future career opportunities.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Today's students are preparing to enter a workforce that is constantly changing. Employers need individuals who can think critically, solve problems, interpret information, and apply their knowledge in real-world situations.

Through this pilot program, CCHS is taking another step toward connecting classroom learning with workforce expectations and helping students build skills that will benefit them beyond graduation.

Our goal is simple: prepare every student not just to graduate, but to be career-ready.

We look forward to learning from this pilot program and exploring how NCRC certifications can strengthen our Work-Based Learning and Career Pathways initiatives at Churchill County High School.

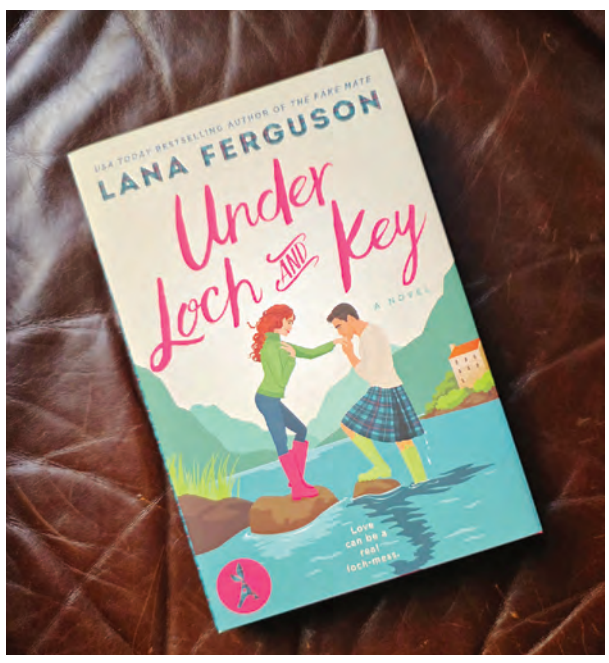
Allison's Book Report: *"Under Loch and Key" by Lana Ferguson*

By Allison Diegel

Heads up. This week's Book Report pick is spicy. I'm not talking "jalapeños on your nachos" kind of spice — I'm talking a sexy, steamy romp through the Scottish Highlands that comes complete with some paranormal activity kind of spice. This one is definitely for my hot romance girlies. It might make you blush a little bit, but it is so much fun and has me dreaming about packing a bag to visit the Highlands as soon as possible. If that sounds like it might hit the spot this week, have I got a treat for you.

"Under Loch and Key" by Lana Ferguson delivers the perfect blend of Scottish high-country vibes, snappy banter, and mythic drama. The story revolves around Keyanna "Key" MacKay, a 27-year-old New Yorker whose world turns completely upside down after her father passes away. Honoring his final request, Key travels all the way to the breathtaking Scottish Highlands to scatter his ashes in the legendary waters of Loch Ness. Beyond saying her goodbyes, she hopes to connect with her estranged grandparents, whom her dad rarely spoke about while she was growing up, leaving behind a trail of lingering family questions and mysteries.

Shortly after arriving in Scotland, Key nearly suffers a dangerous tumble on the slippery rocks near the loch, only to be rescued by a mysterious stranger. That stranger turns out to be Lachlan, a brooding farmhand who happens to work right on her grandparents' estate. Though Lachlan is undeniably attractive, he is also completely prickly and defensive the moment he hears her last name, sparking an instant enemies-to-lovers dynamic between them. The two end up trading witty verbal jabs whenever they cross paths, but the heat underneath their constant bickering is impossible for either of them to ignore for long.



As Key tries to uncover the truth about why her father abandoned his homeland in the first place, she quickly realizes that local legends are far more real than any tourist brochure lets on. It turns out Lachlan is keeping a massive secret: he and the men in his family carry an ancient, magical curse that transforms them into mythical aquatic beasts after dark — specifically, the infamous Loch Ness Monster. Rather than running away, Key finds herself drawn deeper into this secret world of ancient curses, hidden magic, and family feuds that have spanned generations. As the two bond over shared heartbreak and undeniable chemistry, they have to navigate the weight of their respective legacies together. It is a heartwarming, steamy adventure packed with humor and Scottish folklore that proves monsters might actually be easy to fall for.

I hope you enjoy this sexy adventure as much as I did. Don't forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more book recommendations and other book-related fun.

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



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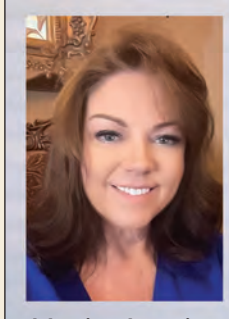
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Pursuant to Regulation 12.070(2)(c) of the Nevada State Gaming Commission, as of August 15, 2026, the following chips are discontinued at the Fallon Nugget: $25 – Green with blue and white markings, $5 – Red with green and yellow markings. The casino 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been a MEETING DATE CHANGE, and a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2026, on the proposed Ordinance:

Bill 2026-C Ordinance 32, TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES TO TITLE 16.

SUMMARY: This ordinance changes Title 16 of the Churchill County Code to address Industrial Development Standards. The proposed changes replace the existing "Data Storage and Data Processing Facilities" use in the Use Table with three new uses titled: "Data Storage and Data Processing Facilities, <10MW," "Data Storage and Data Processing Facilities, 10MW-100MW," and "Data Storage and Data Processing Facilities, 100+MW;" provides permit requirements within the use table; and creates a new chapter creating new industrial standards to mitigate impacts from power consumption and backup power provision, conserve water in the county, protect water and soil quality, reduce the impacts of noise and light on neighboring properties, address traffic impacts, regulate visual impacts and scale of the use, and ensure adequate sanitation. Changes are also made to regulate General Improvement Districts and update the definitions of "Data Storage and Data Processing Facilities" and "Accessory Use" and add the terms "Backup Generator," "Closed Loop System," and "Hazardous Materials. "

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4 p.m. on November 17, 2026. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A scanned copy of the ordinance will be posted on November 12, 2026, with the Agenda Packet on

Dated: October 23, 2026.
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer
Prepared by:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, on the proposed Ordinance:

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND CREATING NEW LANDSCAPING, FRICTION ZONE, OUTDOOR STORAGE, AND SHIPPING CONTAINER STANDARDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO TITLES 14 AND 16. SUMMARY: This ordinance changes Titles 14 and 16 of the Churchill County Code to amend the existing landscaping, friction zone, outdoor storage, and shipping container placement standards. The proposed amendment also addresses administrative changes to improve consistency in interpretation and implementation across Title 16. The proposed changes include rewriting the landscaping standards and revising friction zones and outdoor storage standards by creating a purpose, application area, standards, and enforcement for each section. Shipping container standards have been relocated to their own section with a purpose, application area, revised and expanded standards, and enforcement regulations. There are also changes to intensity and dimension standards and multi-family development standards to align with the revised landscaping standards. The proposed administrative changes address clarifying the Multi-family Dwellings in the use table, aligning second and subsequent parcel maps with Nevada Revised Statutes, revising accessory structure setbacks to align with chapter 14.04's definition, simplifying the interpretation of setbacks for legal non-conforming parcels, amending the second permanent dwelling unit regulations to ensure legal conforming divisions of land, and remove language regarding "yards" from the Chapter 14. The proposed definition changes within Chapter 16.24 include, but are not limited to, revising or creating definitions for "Agricultural Use," "Aggrieved Party," "Amenity," "Arterial Street," "Buffer Area," "Collector Street," "Commercial Use," "Dwelling Unit," "Dwelling Unit, Multi-family", "Frontage," "Industrial Use," "Inert Materials," "Landscaping," "Materials, Tools, and Equipment," "Mixed Use," "Outside Storage," "Publicly Maintained Street," "Residential Use," "Sight Obscuring Fence or Wall," "Setback," "Sight Distance Area".

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2026. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A scanned copy of the

ordinance will be posted on November 12, 2026 with the Agenda Packet on the county's website at https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes.
Dated: October 2, 2026.
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer
Prepared by: Tara Adams,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners on October 15, 2026:

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 2026-E

AN ORDINANCE INITIATING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCHILL HAZEN INDUSTRIAL PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; PRESCRIBING THE BASIC POWERS OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR A HEARING ON THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

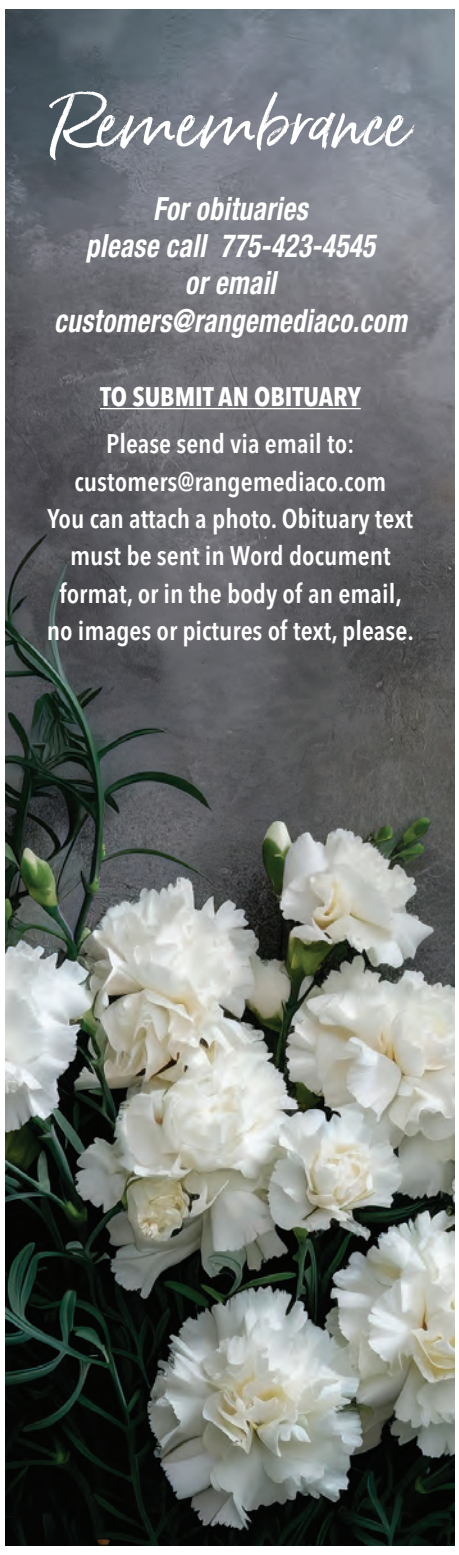
At the final reading of the above listed Ordinance, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Myles Getto, Chairman
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman
Matt Hyde, Commissioner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Churchill County Clerk's Office, 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, for inspection by all interested individuals.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2026.
Linda Rothery
Clerk/Treasurer
Notice prepared by:
Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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MEETINGS

Oct. 30 – Nov. 17, 2026

City of Fallon Council Meeting
First and third Tuesday at 9 a.m.
City Hall, 55 W. Williams Ave.
Next meeting: Nov. 3 at 9 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
First Thursday and third Wednesday
155 N. Taylor St.
Next meeting: Nov. 5 at 8:15 a.m.

Churchill County Planning Commission
155 N. Taylor St.
Meets monthly
Next meeting: Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.

Churchill County School Board
690 S. Maine St.
Special meeting: Nov. 10 at 5:30 p.m.





WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Oct. 27 at 5:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	60,380 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	220 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	33.6 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	9.25 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	46.0 cfs

Oct. 27, 2025	Oct. 27, 2024	Oct. 27, 2023
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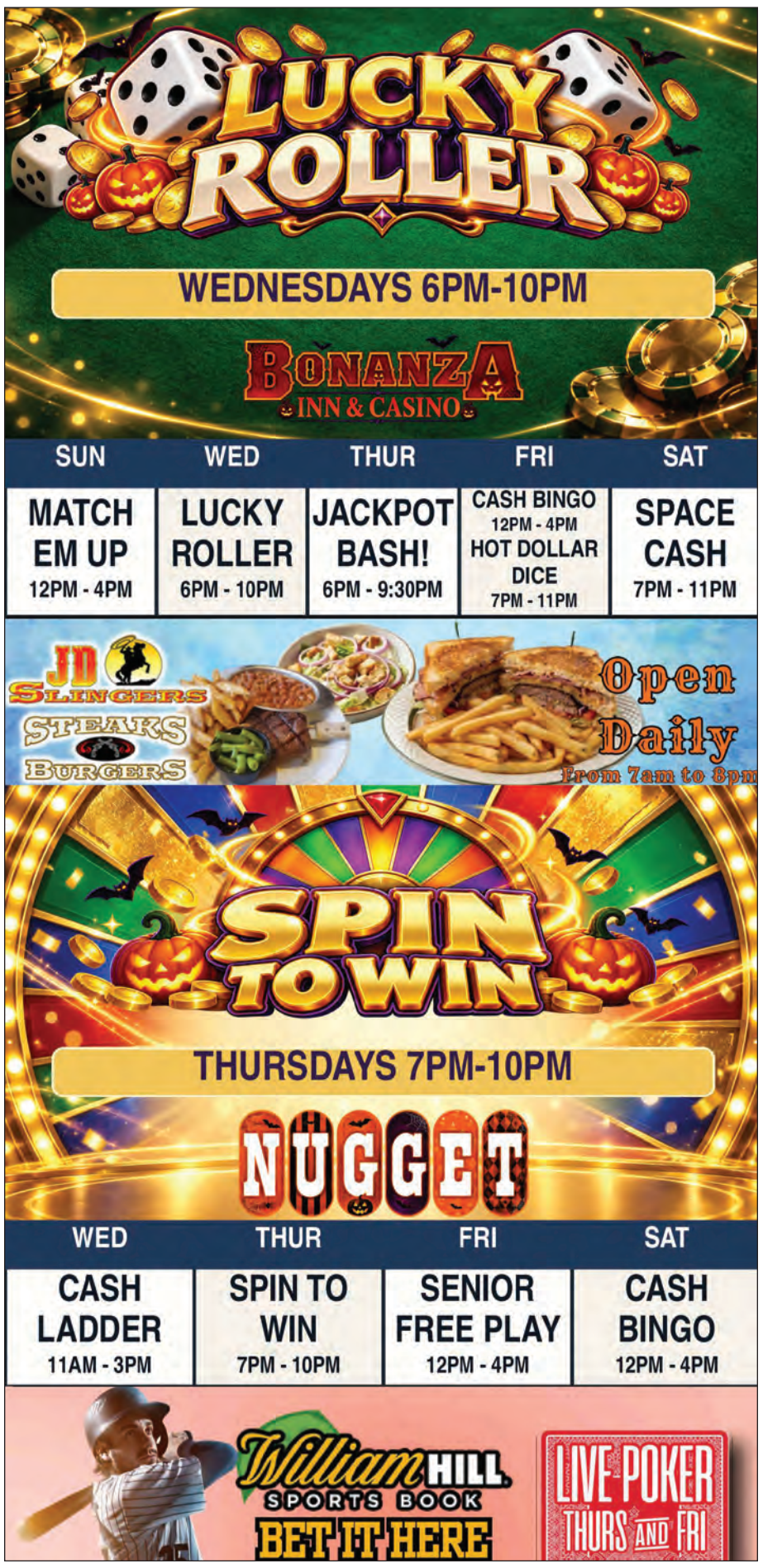
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