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## Battle Born Broncs Moves to April

By Nancy Chapman

*In 2022, several professional rodeo cowboys rode into the Oasis of Nevada, ready to take on some of the sport’s toughest broncs. They came for the inaugural Battle Born Broncs, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioned bronc riding event in the newly completed Rafter 3C Events Complex.*

Battle Born Broncs has set the stage for other professional rodeo productions at 3C, helping establish Fallon as a Western heritage destination. Now in its fourth year and with strong backing from the City of Fallon, Churchill County, and many dedicated sponsors, the event is raising the bar for rodeo excellence in Nevada.

This year, Battle Born Broncs moves from its traditional June Thursday night slot to next month. Rafter 3C officials and Darcie Spero, Battle Born Broncs founder and producer, elected to host the Xtreme Broncs event for April 18-20, 2025, to coincide with Fallon High School Rodeo weekend to give youth contestants a rodeo experience that will help them look to their future.



Keenan Hayes in 2023, went on to be the World Champion Bareback Rider in the same year. Photos by Hailey Rae Photography.

Jesse Segura, Rafter 3C Deputy Director, the City of Fallon, and Spero have scheduled five college rodeo coaches from Cal Poly, Fresno State, University of Nevada Las Vegas, College of Southern Idaho, and Feather River College to speak with the high school rodeo athletes. Coffee with the Coaches will allow contestants to learn

about college rodeo and programs of study offered at the represented schools. In addition, Battle Born Broncs is hosting a youth training camp on Friday, April 18. Aspiring rough stock riders will learn about safety and technical skills in the arena and the importance of health and fitness. This year, six-time world champion bareback

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## Senator Robin Titus Discusses Critical Nevada Issues

By Rachel Dahl

During the KUNR Purple Politics Nevada forum on March 4, Nevada State Senator Robin Titus (R-SD17) addressed Medicaid funding, the state budget, and film tax credits. The discussion, moderated by Lucia Starbuck, was part of a community forum hosted by the Sierra Nevada Forums, in collaboration with the AAUW Capital Branch and the League of Women Voters of Northern Nevada. Co-sponsored by the Nevada Appeal and KUNR Public Radio, the event allowed attendees to hear directly from their representatives and ask questions.

A key topic was how federal budget cuts might affect Medicaid. Titus, who represents six rural counties, including Churchill and Lyon, acknowledged concerns but downplayed the likelihood of dramatic changes.



Nevada Republican Minority Leader Sen. Robin Titus, (from left), Democratic Assemblywoman Erica Roth, and KUNR’s Lucia Starbuck during Purple Politics Forum. Photo by Manel Holguin, KUNR Public Radio.

“I think there’s a lot to do about nothing, if you follow Shakespeare,” she said. “The president has made it clear that Medicare is not being cut. Medicaid may see reductions, but let’s remember how we got here. During COVID, the federal government expanded Medicaid to cover childless adults. I warned back then we were setting ourselves up for a fiscal cliff.”

Titus pointed out that some of Nevada’s largest employers—including Walmart, Amazon, and even the state—have employees enrolled in Medicaid. She suggested that large corporations should be held accountable instead of taxpayers shouldering the burden.

“We want patients to have access to healthcare,” she said. “But should Nevada taxpayers foot the bill for companies that receive massive tax breaks? That’s a conversation we need to have.”

Titus reminded viewers that the state has financial safeguards.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Peter Falk



By Rachel Dahl

I’m down in Vegas this week visiting my mom and sister after Granny had some procedures to keep her ticker going. We used to make fun of our mom the older she got for making “old lady noises” while she went through her day.

Now we’re laughing at ourselves for doing the same thing.

My sister and I have spent the week providing personal sound effects for our every move and laughing at each other as we realize that it’s come to this.

Recently, at the office, there were three of us working away, each of us happily carrying on our very own conversations with ourselves at the same time. WE used to enjoy companionable silence and now we laugh at our collective, aging groans. Denice says she sometimes even has full-on conversations with the dog.

What is it about old age that we carry on a running commentary as we go about our day? It’s like our very own play-by-play. I’ve become the color commentary for my own life. Along with the heavy sighs and random grunting as I rise from the floor or lower into a chair.

There was a time when I wouldn’t travel with old gals who did this, and now I often catch myself saying, “I sound like the grandpa in The Princess Bride.” Grunting and creaking, patting and checking my pockets as I assess (try to remember) what I was going to do next.

So while we entertain ourselves finding the humor in our advancing age, we’ll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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Kade Bruno, 2x NFR Qualifier on Sankey Pro Rodeo Company and Phenom Genetics “Mugilla.”

bronc rider Kaycee Feilds, and Luke Branquinho, fourteen-time NFR qualifier and 5-time world champion steer wrestler, will be among the professionals sharing their knowledge of what it takes to be a champion.

The schedule change also benefits stock contractors, who must meet summer rodeos’ demands in California, where contestants and contractors participate in multiple events on the same weekend. Battle Born Broncs stock contractors will bring their top PRCA bucking horses - thirty bareback and thirty saddle bronc, to test their mettle against top-ranking riders.

Riders will compete for \$50,000, two coveted trophy bronzes, and other prizes valued at \$10,000. All money won at this event counts toward the PRCA World Standings, determining the fifteen contestants qualifying to compete at the Las Vegas National Finals in December.

Vendors will be set up in the mezzanine Friday through Sunday, closed Saturday from 2-5 p.m. to allow set up for the Saturday night PRCA bareback and saddle bronc performances. The Welcoming Party is on Friday, April 18, at 6 p.m. at Rafter 3C, featuring The Cash Prophets band (the gospel according to Johnny Cash). Sponsored by Sizemore Construction, the event is open to the public. The Cowboy Calcutta will be on Saturday, starting at 7 p.m., at the Rafter 3C Complex during the competitor’s dinner. The performances will begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Cowboy Channel will be filming the action and airing the following week. The way to see the excitement in real time is to attend the performances. Tickets can only be purchased online at [battlebornbrons.com](http://battlebornbrons.com).



FEATURES

# The Thank You Returning Soldiers Never Got

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day

By Stuart Cook

A day has come to acknowledge and honor those who served in the Vietnam War, including the 58,479 Americans who never made it home. Join us on March 29 at 11 a.m. in the courtyard behind City Hall as we remember those who were called and served in the Vietnam War.

March 29 marks the day in 1973 when the last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam. For those of us who were there, those memories will never fade.

I was just 19. I grew up on the Jersey Shore, surfing and racing my '56 Chevy. The day I shipped out, my father—a World War II combat medic wounded on Iwo Jima, Tinian, and Saipan—drove me to the airport. A man who had seen hell and never cried was sobbing as I walked away.

At Travis Air Force Base, I spent three days in a barracks without air conditioning, sweating in 100-degree heat. When we landed in Saigon, the air smelled of fish heads and rice. A bus took us to the Annapolis Hotel, where we were told to keep an eye out for anyone attaching a bomb to the bus. I got my first security watch that night, from midnight to 4 a.m. They handed me a plastic M-16, a so-called “Mattel toy gun.” I had never seen one before.



Trophies of War 1970-1971.

The next morning, I turned on the news. There was a riot. Then I saw the caption: Asbury Park, New Jersey—my hometown. Days later, when mail caught up to me, I learned my father had been the Incident Commander for the fire response. He had pulled his crews back after the truck he was standing next to came under fire.

### “TOTO, WE’RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE”

The next day, I stepped outside, hoping to find a French restaurant I’d heard about. A young boy on a Honda 50 zipped past a U.S. soldier, grabbed his watch, and took off. A White Mice police officer—the South Vietnamese police force—fired a single shot, killing both boys. The soldier calmly picked up his watch and kept walking. He had been here too long.



I wanted to take this apart and mount it on our ship. Photos courtesy of Stuart Cook.

I looked down at the short-timer calendar someone gave me. It was a picture of a woman, her body divided into 365 squares. I shaded in four days. I had 361 left.

Soon, I was headed to Nha Be, sweeping for mines in the Saigon River to keep supply freighters safe. Our 56-foot boat, classified as a Minesweeper River, was loaded with firepower—three .50 caliber machine guns, an M-60, an M-79 grenade launcher, and two M-16s. When we weren’t clearing mines, we were a gunboat, a troop carrier, a supply runner. When things got rough, we called for Seawolves (Huey helicopters) and Black Ponies (OV-10 attack planes).

### “WHO GIVES A 19-YEAR-OLD A .50 CAL?”

I manned a .50-caliber machine gun—something I never imagined doing. I also had to teach Vietnamese sailors how to operate the boat’s twin 6-71 Detroit Diesel engines. They had only ever plowed rice fields with water buffalo. There were no Vietnamese words for the things I needed to teach them.

We were kids, really. I don’t think people back home understood what it meant to be 19 years old and responsible for weapons and machinery that could take lives. Some days, it felt like we were just trying to survive until the next mail call, marking off the days on a calendar we weren’t sure we’d finish.

Our hero on the rivers was James E. Williams, a boatswain’s mate and Medal of Honor recipient. On October 31, 1966, he led two Patrol Boat Rivers into an ambush, taking on dozens of Viet Cong sampans. He and his crew killed nearly 1,000 enemy combatants and destroyed over 50 boats. He was the most decorated enlisted sailor in U.S. Navy history.

### “THE WAR DIDN’T END WHEN I GOT HOME”

A month before I was set to leave, I got a Dear John letter from my girlfriend. Along

with my high school photos and souvenirs, she was gone. So were my friends. The same people who threw me a going-away party had turned against me. I was spit on in the airport when I came home.

I don’t go back to my hometown. The same hatred I saw in the ‘70s, I see in today’s universities.

We didn’t lose that war—the politicians did. Our hands were tied by rules of engagement designed to “protect civilians” but cost American lives instead.

My boat captain had it right. When he requested permission to fire, he said, “If I don’t hear that .50 barking, something’s wrong.”

I stayed in the Navy for 10 years, making Chief Petty Officer in eight—but I walked away to become a federal firefighter. I spent the rest of my career protecting those who protect our nation, rising to Fire Chief at NAS Fallon.

### “MARCH 29: A DAY TO REMEMBER”

I tell my story not for sympathy but so people understand.

I never want another generation of veterans to experience what we did. But when I see today’s troops welcomed home with cheers, flags, and handshakes, I can’t help but feel it’s too late for us.

The war never really ended for us. It followed us home in ways most people will never understand. It was in the looks of people who used to be our friends, in the silence at the dinner table when we tried to talk about what happened, in the nightmares that never went away.

On March 29, 2025, fly the American and POW/MIA flags. Remember those who never made it back. And, if this country ever sends another generation to war, let’s do it differently—better. Let’s support them, stand behind them, and let them win.

God bless our veterans. Welcome home, brothers.

**The Churchill County Museum presents:**

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<b>TUESDAY, March 18th, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Commander Steven M. Endacott,</b> USN (Retired) "The Magic of Flight" From the Wright Brothers Flyer to modern day jet fighter aircraft, what makes them fly?	<b>TUESDAY, March 25th, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Chris De Witt,</b> Supervisor of Restoration, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City "Lumbering Through the Sagebrush" An overview of timber production for Virginia City and the restoration of locomotive "Dlenbrook".	<b>TUESDAY, April 1st, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Loren Marcus</b> Wagon Builder and Wheel Wright, Marcus Wagon Works "Holy Smoke!" Every wagon has a story to tell.	<b>TUESDAY, April 8th, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Corey Koura</b> LT USCG (Retired) Split Tongue Restorations "The Attachment We Have To Our Vehicles"
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# BINGO

## NIGHT

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\$20 Buy-In includes pack of 5 games of 3 Bingo cards and a dauber. Additional game packs at \$10 each and a 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds will go to benefit local youth scholarships and youth leadership programs! 3C's BBQ food truck and the Tippy Tumbleweed mobile bar will be at the event!

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PETS OF THE WEEK

**Leo is Available for Adoption**

Say hello to Leo – your future best friend. Leo is a 1.5-year-old male brown tabby with a heart full of love and a playful spirit. This handsome boy has been through some changes and is a little unsure since coming back to us, but his sweet personality shines through. He loves to play, be petted, and cuddle. Leo is neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped-completely ready for his forever home. If you’re looking for a friendly and affectionate companion, Leo would love to be part of your family. Call 775-217-4745 to schedule an appointment. We would love to help you find your next furry friend.

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

CAPS Pet O’ the Week

Meet Inali, the oldest dog at the shelter. She is an 8-year-old pit bull and a very sweet girl who loves people. She is fully house-trained and would love a home with a cozy spot to curl up in.

Inali does well with some dogs but tends to get excited during first encounters. She has a lump on her belly, which the vet believes is a benign fatty growth. It is being monitored for changes, but it does not currently bother her or require special care.

The No Flea, Flea Market is April 4-5, with item drop-off on April 3. The shelter is now officially open to the public again, so no appointments are needed for donation drop-offs or to meet adoptable pets.

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City of Fallon Animal Shelter

This is Lumi (D-154). She is right around 3 years old, and oh, what a love she is. Lumi is a funny dog who has silly zoomies. We were told she likes to pick and choose her friends, so we highly recommend a meet and greet.

She’s house-trained, leash trained, and looking for her new home.

If you think she would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call or come check her out.

**City of Fallon Animal Shelter**  
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# CCHS Students Visit UNR

Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura

Fifty Churchill County High School students attended Nevada Bound on March 12, where they explored college life and learned about the requirements to attend the University of Nevada, Reno.

Churchill County School District established a memorandum of understanding with UNR last year to pre-admit seniors to the university.

Since January 2022, CCHS attendance has increased by 213%. Of the students who attended Nevada Bound on March 12, 78% said UNR is their first-choice school.



Soroptimist International of Fallon recently awarded New Frontier Treatment Center a check for \$1,000 to assist in their expansion endeavors. Accepting the check are New Frontier Executive Director Lana Robards (second from L) and Director of Client Services Kasey Chu (to her right). Presenting the check is SI of Fallon President Katelin Byington on the left and President-elect Anne Bloomfield on the right. Funding supports the mission of Soroptimist to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Photo courtesy of SI of Fallon.

# Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

We invite you to unwind with two unforgettable films at the Fallon Theatre this weekend. Whether you’re looking for a heartwarming animated adventure or a classic story filled with emotion and humor, our screenings offer something for everyone. Before the movie, why not explore the local gems of downtown Fallon? Enjoy shopping, dining, and drinks, all just a short walk from the theater.

Join us at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday for a captivating and beautifully animated journey with “Migration,” a heartwarming story about a young family of ducks migrating across vast and breathtaking landscapes. Full of adventure, family values, and stunning visuals, this movie is perfect for all ages. Don’t miss the chance to experience this modern animated film on the big screen. This film is rated PG and runs for 1 hour and 23 minutes.

Alongside “Migration,” we have “Steel Magnolias,” the beloved 1989 classic that tells the story of a close-knit group of Southern women who navigate love, loss, and friendship with strength and humor. Featuring an all-star cast including Sally Field, Dolly Parton, and

Julia Roberts, this film is a perfect blend of comedy and heartfelt moments. Grab your friends and enjoy this timeless favorite with us on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. This PG-rated film runs 1 hour and 57 minutes and is generously sponsored by Soroptimist International of Fallon.

We’re sorry to inform you that our Heritage of the West event, originally set for Saturday, April 5th, has been canceled. However, we’re excited to share that The Lincoln Highway Band will take the stage that evening for a full concert at 7 p.m. With their dynamic mix of country, rock, and classic ‘50s hits, this performance will surely be an evening full of energy and great music you won’t want to miss!

In May, we’re thrilled to welcome Head Over Feet, a talented Alanis Morissette tribute band, to the stage on the 5th at 7 p.m. If you’re a fan of ‘90s alternative rock, don’t miss this night of amazing music and powerful vocals! Admission is just \$15, so get your tickets now!

Looking for the perfect place to host a celebration, party, or special event? Contact us today at 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com to book our auditorium. We’d love to help make your event memorable.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF FALLON

# Women’s History Month

Soroptimist International of Fallon is sponsoring a chic flick movie for Women’s History Month in March. We celebrate Women’s History Month to recognize the incredible success and achievements of strong women all over the globe.

**“Steel Magnolias”**

1989 American comedy drama film starring some of our favorite and award winning actresses, Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis, Julia Roberts.

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Obituary

FLEMMING MÆRSK PEDERSEN



Flemming Mærsk Pedersen, 68, of Santa Rosa, Calif., a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 28, 2025, in Anchorage, Alaska, while looking forward to exploring the Last Frontier.

Born in Denmark in 1956 to a family in machinery, Flemming carved his own path, becoming an expert in furniture and home goods as well as an amateur baker. He brought his heritage of

hygge to America, where he lived a life of purpose and connection.

A master salesman, Flemming blended charm and expertise, earning respect and trust while improving any endeavor he set his hands and mind to. Yet his true joy was serving others from the kitchen, creating Danish specialties such as flæskesteg (pork roast) and wienerbrød (Danish pastries), delighting friends and strangers alike with his skill. A devoted follower of Jesus Christ, he lived his faith through hospitality and generosity, touching many lives with his warm spirit and humor.

Flemming’s greatest treasure was his family: his wife, Mary; children, Nicolai and Johnny; five cherished granddaughters; and two treasured grandsons. His love for them was abounding, and he took pride in seeing them grow. He is also survived by a brother, Henrik, and a sister, Birget.

A memorial service celebrating Flemming’s life will be held at Hessel Church in Sebastopol, Calif., on March 29, 2025, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cadets Scholarship Fund, a ministry of Bethany CRC in Bellflower, Calif., and/or PURSU Ministries, causes he supported. Flemming’s legacy of faith, family, and sweet traditions will endure in the hearts of all who knew him.

CCHS Intern Spotlight

Story and photo by Dr. Sue Segura

*As the work-based learning coordinator, Dr. Sue Segura helps students plan their careers.*

One day, CCSD student Allison Keller met with Segura and shared that she wanted to be a waitress. Already working full-time at Mills Dairy, she loved working on the farm but was interested in gaining experience in the restaurant industry.

Segura suggested she apply to the Courthouse Cafe, believing it would be a great fit. With a newly updated resume and letter of interest, Keller reached out to owner Debbie. Before long, she was given a trial shift, and just as expected, Debbie saw her potential.


Thank you to the Courthouse Cafe for giving Churchill County High School senior Allison Keller this opportunity.



Allison with Courtyard owner Debbie Nelson.



Allison with Ruth Olsen of Olsen’s Hillside Dairy, and a granddaughter Shannon Clevenger.



### WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken March 18, 2025, at 8:55 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	200,500 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	28.8 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	77.7cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	128.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	291.0cfs

March 18, 2024	March 18, 2023	March 18, 2022
265,070 acre feet	149,730 acre feet	124,721 acre feet

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

### MEETINGS

## March 24–28, 2025

**CCSD Board of Trustees**  
Wednesday, Mar. 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
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**County Meetings**  
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**Insurance Advisory Committee**  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, Mar. 25, at 1:30 p.m.


**Planning Commission**  
Wednesday, Mar. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

**Budget Workshop**  
Wednesday, Mar. 26, at 2 p.m.

**Library Board**  
Special Meeting,  
Wed., Mar 26 at 3 p.m.  
Regular Meeting, Thurs.,  
Mar 27 at 3 p.m.

**Commissioners' Budget Workshop**  
Wednesday, Mar. 26, at 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Mar. 27 at 5:15 p.m.





## SENIOR CENTER MENU

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<b>Monday, March 24</b> Chicken Piccata Rice Pilaf Italian Blend Vegetables WW Bread Apple Sauce	<b>Tuesday, March 25</b> Biscuits & Gravy Tator Tots LS Turkey Sausages 4 Bean Salad FF Blueberry Yogurt	<b>Wednesday, March 26</b> Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Zucchini Green Salad Garlic Bread Orange Mango Cup	<b>Thursday, March 27</b> Chicken Nugget Bowl Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn WW Dinner Roll Fresh Pear	<b>Friday, March 28</b> Turkey Chili Layered Salad Rye Bread
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## FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESERALDA AVE., FALLON NV | 775-423-4714  
Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m.

<b>Monday, March 24</b> Buffet Night Salad Cupcakes	<b>Thursday, March 27</b> Turkey Bacon Melts Tater Tots Salad	<b>Monday, March 31</b> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Salad & Bread	<b>Thursday, April 3</b> Rotary Night
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**Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.**



BUSINESS

Patriot Junk Removal

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

The Fallon Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Patriot Junk Removal on March 14, helping owners Patrick and Tessa Holcomb celebrate their first year of business.

The Holcombs hauled their first load of junk on April 11, 2024, after living in Fallon all their lives. Patrick and Tessa said they recognized a need and decided to help the community properly dispose of unwanted, worn-out items.

The couple works with residents to clean their property, remove junk, haul material to the dump or metal scrap yard and will assist with demolitions. They give free estimates and are always ready to remove unwanted items.

Do you have an old washer or dryer, refrigerator, TV, or stove you would like to eliminate? How about furniture, metal, trash, automobiles, old tires, or other items you would like to see gone? They charge \$25 to pick up and dispose of your old appliances.






Patriot offers discounts for active military, veterans, and seniors, with a cash discount as well. Patriot Junk Removal is also working to clean the deserts of illegal dumping. Contact them to join Patriot’s efforts or for more information on removal services at 775-423-9149 or email PatriotJunkRemoval225@gmail.com.



R to L, Owen Holcomb, Patrick and Tessa Holcomb, owners of Patriot Junk Removal, Lucas Holcomb.



L-R: Ava Case, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Director, RaeAnn Smith, Drew, Chloe, and Winsley Hansen, Tara and Adam Gregory, Allison Favier, Owen Holcomb, Patrick and Tessa Holcomb, owners Patriot Junk Removal, Lucas Holcomb. Back Row: L-R Teresa Little, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Michael Spingola, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Davey Munoz, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Michelle Gabiola-Rogers, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Betsy Holcomb, Kaylene Holcomb, Sherri Del Soldato, Mike Holcomb.



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GOVERNMENT

Koenig Provides Update on Key Rural Nevada Bills

By Rachel Dahl

Assemblyman Greg Koenig (R-AD38) is on a mission to help rural Nevada. During this legislative session, he focused on infrastructure improvements, healthcare shortfalls, agriculture, and emergency services. While some bills have moved forward, others have faced ongoing roadblocks.

One of Koenig’s greatest frustrations this session was his county road construction bill, which failed to pass. Under current law, counties can only manage road projects up to \$250,000—an overly outdated cap that hasn’t kept pace with inflation. His proposal to raise the cap to \$500,000 would help rural counties handle mid-sized projects without relying on

private contractors. The bill had bipartisan support but stalled due to union opposition over prevailing wage requirements. “They wanted counties to pay employees up to \$150 an hour for roadwork,” Koenig said. “That wasn’t realistic, so they packed the hearing with opposition, and the bill died.” One of his biggest wins was creating a Level IV trauma designation for rural hospitals. Nevada has major trauma centers in Las Vegas and Reno, but nothing in between. “This gives rural hospitals a real emergency care designation,” Koenig said. “It helps recruit doctors and ensures better access to lifesaving care for people who get in accidents in the middle of nowhere.” Koenig also helped pass a bill allowing mobile meat processing for commercial and custom use. Now that Nevada can conduct state-level meat inspections, ranchers can process livestock locally instead of hauling

animals across state lines. “This keeps money in our local economy and makes it easier for ranchers to sell directly to consumers,” he said. Koenig backed a bill providing a \$350 vehicle registration credit for those who serve at least six months to address dwindling volunteer firefighter numbers. “Volunteer numbers are way down,” he said. “Lovelock had 30 firefighters five years ago—now they have 15. Every little bit helps.” Another bill important to Koenig ensures domestic violence victims get free access to court documents, the same benefit already available to sexual assault survivors. Koenig said rural Nevada has strong representation in Carson City, with Senator Robin Titus as Minority Leader and himself as the Assembly’s Floor Minority Leader. “That gives our district a strong voice at the state level,” he said.

[ Senator Robin continued from page 1 ]

“We have a \$1.9 billion rainy-day fund, despite talks of federal cuts. Nevada is fiscally sound,” she said. Discussing the state’s financial picture, Titus noted Nevada’s constitutional requirement to pass a balanced budget with a 5% reserve. “We aren’t like the federal government—we can’t just print more money,” she said. “We have to balance our budget, and we do. There’s a lot of fear-mongering, but Nevada is in good shape. If adjustments are needed, we will make them.” Titus believes Nevada’s real healthcare problem isn’t Medicaid—it’s the shortage of providers. “You can have all the insurance in the world, but if there aren’t enough doctors, you’re still not getting care,” she said. She cited efforts to expand medical education programs, increase nurse apprenticeships, and streamline credential transfers

for out-of-state providers. The senator also voiced opposition to expanding film tax credits from \$10 million to \$95 million annually. “The state is discussing budget cuts while proposing to give \$95 million to Hollywood. Does that make sense?” she asked. “For every dollar we put in, we only get about 50 cents back. That’s not a smart investment.” Beyond tax credits, Titus questioned the long-term viability of Nevada’s film industry. “This bill locks us into a 15-year commitment. With AI and digital advancements, who knows what the film industry will even look like in 15 years?” She welcomed efforts to diversify Nevada’s economy but argued the state should focus on industries with lasting stability. “Look at the Vegas Golden Knights—they came here without taxpayer handouts and are a massive success. If the film industry wants to come to Nevada, great—but they should do

it on their own dime.” Titus stressed the need for legislative cooperation. “There are areas where both parties can find common ground,” she said. “Expanding healthcare access through workforce development is one of them. But we have to be responsible with taxpayer dollars and prioritize what matters—healthcare, education, and infrastructure, not unnecessary tax credits.” A special session may be possible if federal budget cuts create funding gaps. “I don’t see it happening,” she said. “Nevada is prepared. We have financial reserves, and we’ve built flexibility into our budget.” With less than 100 days remaining in the legislative session, Titus remains focused on ensuring Nevadans have access to essential services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. “At the end of the day, we’re here to make sure Nevada is strong—both today and for the future.”



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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

# New River Township Justice Court, March 13

By Leanna Lehman

*The New River Township Justice Court in Churchill County convened Thursday, March 13, 2025, with Justice of the Peace Benjamin Trotter presiding over multiple cases, including domestic battery, a second offense DUI, and sentencing compliance hearings.*

Megan Rodriguez entered a no-contest plea to one count of Domestic Battery, a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Rodriguez appeared with Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel. Judge Trotter advised Rodriguez of her rights and the consequences of her plea, including the loss of firearm possession rights. “The court will accept the no contest plea and the factual basis,” Trotter ruled upon Noel informing the court of his client’s intended plea. The court scheduled sentencing for March 27 to allow prosecutors to notify the victim under Marsy’s Law, which grants victims the right to provide a statement before sentencing.

Donnie Brown was ordered to serve 13 days in jail after failing to comply with sentencing requirements from two prior convictions for Domestic Battery, a misdemeanor carrying punishable by alito six months in jail, and a \$1,000 fine per offense. Brown, represented by Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer, admitted in court that he had not completed his required community service, domestic violence counseling, or fines. “You have to do the community service and counseling, or we’ll just keep running into each other over this indefinitely,” Trotter warned. The court applied a \$150-per-day jail credit to resolve outstanding fines, requiring 13 days in custody. However, Brown still owes a \$70 domestic violence assessment fee.

Trotter extended Brown’s deadline to March 15, 2026, to complete 148 hours of community service and 78 domestic violence counseling sessions. His 60-day suspended sentence remains in effect until July 2026. Judge Trotter set a status hearing for his remaining cases on March 27.

Brian Barbosa pleaded no contest to Driving Under the Influence, Second Offense, a misdemeanor carrying a mandatory jail sentence of 10 days to six months, along with fines, license suspension, and a substance abuse evaluation. Retained defense attorney Steve Evenson represented Barbosa, while Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills represented the state.



Barbosa’s first DUI conviction occurred in 2023, qualifying the current charge as a second offense under Nevada law. Judge Trotter informed Barbosa that sentencing could not proceed until he completed a required substance abuse evaluation. The court directed Barbosa to schedule the assessment within one week through either New Frontier or High Desert Counseling. The court continued sentencing for 45 to 60 days to allow time to evaluate and finalize blood test results. “Stay in contact with your attorney—he’ll let you know your sentencing date,” Trotter advised. Barbosa remains out of custody pending his sentencing hearing.

# Bail Set at \$200K in Sexual Assault Case

By Leanna Lehman

New River Township Justice Court Judge Benjamin Trotter set bail at \$200,000 for a California man accused of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault following his extradition to Nevada. Brandon Herrera, 27, appeared before Judge Trotter on March 13, facing two felony charges from alleged incidents between January and July 2023. According to the allegations, Herrera is facing one count of sexual assault, a Category A felony punishable by 10 years (up to 25 years) to life in prison, depending on the age of the victim. Herrera is also charged with attempted sexual assault, a Category B felony punishable by 1-5 or 1-10 years in prison. The criminal complaint alleges that between January 10 and July 28, 2023, Herrera engaged in non-consensual sexual acts with the victim while she was sleeping. The second charge further alleges that on July 23, 2023, Herrera attempted to force a sexually related act upon the victim without her consent, also while she was asleep. Herrera, who told the court he has no income or assets to afford an attorney, was appointed representation by Hampton Young with the Churchill County Deputy Public Defender’s Office. During the hearing, Young argued for Herrera’s release on his own recognizance, noting a moderate risk level for failure to appear



Brandon Herrera. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

in a Court Services risk assessment. Young said he believed Herrera was not a danger to the community and was entitled to bail. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker opposed the release, asserting that Herrera poses a high flight risk given his lack of ties to Churchill County and his prior criminal history in Ridgecrest, California. Baker detailed Herrera’s criminal history, which includes battery, DUIs, failing to appear in court, and driving on a suspended license. She also reported that Herrera was extradited from California at the state’s expense and has no residence in Fallon. Judge Trotter ruled bail was necessary, citing the nature and severity of the Category A felony charge. “I think anybody charged with a Category A felony is an inherent flight risk because of the substantial penalties associated with that level of offense,” Trotter said. “Bail is intended to either protect the community or ensure that you show up for court—or both.” Herrera’s bail was set at \$200,000 bondable, with the possibility of a future bail review. If convicted, Herrera faces a mandatory prison sentence for the sexual assault charge. This case remains under investigation by the Churchill County District Attorney’s Office. Judge Trotter set the case for a status update on Thursday, March 27.

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CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Janice Bice directs the CCHS Minor Details Choir during the 2025 NZNMEA High School Choir Festival on March 12.



Trent Lambert, Reed Lister, and Hunter Johnstone working with fraction tiles.

**CCHS**  
On March 12, Churchill County High School hosted the 2025 Northern Zone Nevada Music Educators Association (NZNMEA) Choir Festival. “This is the only choir festival in our area, and provides students with an opportunity to showcase their talents,” CCHS Minor Details Choir Director Janice Bice said. The festival brought together 12 choirs from seven schools, each delivering impressive performances throughout the day. The CCHS music department extends a special thank you to judges Mr. Thomas Flemming and Ms. Nicole Heglund. They also share their appreciation for Mrs. Ashley Adams for the use of the auditorium and the entire CCHS staff and community for their ongoing support of the music program.

**CCMS**  
Daire Ochs’ students are learning color theory and how to mix secondary and tertiary colors using primary colors. They are now mastering blending colors to create different effects. “Coming soon is the start of a permanent installation where student work

will be used to create a beautiful canopy for a tree in the school hallway that students can add to for years,” Ochs said.

**NUMA**  
Last week, Kristina Lee’s fifth-grade class prepared for state testing by training to become spies. Students tested their knowledge through a series of missions. They used volume and geometry to build a secret base and applied their understanding of cells to rescue a kidnapped dog. “Students had to put all the skills they’ve gained this year to accomplish their missions, become the world’s greatest spy team, and ace the test, of course,” Lee said.

**E.C. BEST**  
Students in Stacey Stults’ third-grade class are using fraction tiles to help them learn where fractions go on a number line. Students Gage Lewis, Lacey Howells, and Jace Harnar shared that putting fractions on a number line is way easier than they thought. “They just started learning about fractions a couple of weeks ago in their

iReady math book and are catching on fast,” Stults said.



Birdie Hartley and Enrique Saenzpardo show off the leprechaun trap they made.

**LAHONTAN**  
Last week, students in Theresa Moon’s class celebrated the 100th day of school and got creative in planning and constructing leprechaun traps. Then, students wrote about what they thought they would be doing when they turned 100. To conclude the week, students prepared for St. Patrick’s Day by constructing leprechaun traps.

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THIRD GRADERS STEP BACK IN TIME WITH ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRATION SIMULATION



Brielle Davis and Claire Oylar.

Oasis Academy third graders took a trip back in time last week, stepping into the shoes of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island. The activity, part of their history curriculum, gave students a look into what millions of immigrant newcomers went through in the late 1800s and early 1900s when they came to America. Dressed in period clothing, students went through health checks, baggage inspections, and interviews and even learned what might cause deportation. —just

like real immigrants once did. After making it through the process, they received stamps on their passports, earned their citizenship, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to celebrate the end of their journey. “One of the things I love most about this project is that we get to teach an important history lesson in a way that truly engages students,” said third-grade teacher Jolene Coverstone. “From researching their own family history to experiencing what an immigrant faced in the 1800s and 1900s, it’s a powerful, hands-on experience.” Research says Ellis Island processed more than 12 million immigrants between 1892 and 1924, and this activity helped students understand the struggles and opportunities they faced. By stepping into history, students gained a new appreciation for the resilience and determination of those who helped shape America.

STUDENTS ADVANCE TO STATE FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

Oasis Academy students are heading to the state competition for National History Day after an impressive showing at the regional event held on March 7 at the Nevada Museum of Art. Students presented their projects to judges and answered interview questions about their work. Students who placed and will be competing at state:

**7th Grade:**  
Sawyer Schank, first place, individual website  
Jackson Frey and Luke Moffitt, second place, group website  
Jacob Pilarski, first place, paper  
Pia Doyen, first place, individual exhibit  
**8th Grade:**  
Mandy Wadsworth, second place, individual documentary  
Kinsley Viera and Annie Sorensen, first place, group documentary  
Sophia Moya and Jesselle Bayoneta, third place, group exhibit  
Students will compete virtually after refining their projects based on feedback from regional judges and have the option to submit recorded responses to interview questions. “Our 10 students heading to state have worked so hard,” said teacher Kelly Nott. “They’ve taken judge feedback seriously, met with teachers, and fine-tuned their projects. I’m incredibly proud of their dedication and can’t wait to see how they do at the next level.”

BANNER AUXILIARY DONATES CHOKING DEVICES TO OASIS ACADEMY

With nearly 5,000 deaths per year from choking, veteran registered nurse and school nurse Shawna Harper knew Oasis Academy would benefit from having LifeVac devices readily available at the school’s two buildings. Oasis Academy Registrar Susan Richards knew the perfect group to help and reached out to the Banner Churchill Hospital Auxiliary. LifeVac is a simple, noninvasive tool designed to clear airway blockages fast. Each kit comes with adult and pediatric masks, making it suitable for anyone in need. Choking can happen in an instant—especially in schools during lunchtime or classroom activities—so having these devices on hand could make all the difference. Longtime volunteer Doris Joslyn first brought the LifeVac program to the Auxiliary’s attention. The group, founded in 1957, has always been dedicated to supporting healthcare efforts in Churchill County. “It is our hope that by providing LifeVac for every public school in the county, each will be prepared should a choking incident happen—and hopefully, they never have to use them,” said Auxiliary member Brenda Green.

Veritas – Classical and Christian  
Students Shine at Night Under the Stars

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas

Veritas Preparatory School hosted the second Night Under the Stars family event on March 7 at the Rafter 3C Arena. Families in attendance enjoyed carnival games, specialty drinks, desserts, and both live and silent auctions. Mendoza’s and Brother’s Indian food trucks also provided meals on-site. The highlight of the night was the student performances. Twenty-seven talented Veritas students and several friends from other schools graced the stage with a wide range of acts. From piano playing and comedy routines to singing, dancing, and science demonstrations, the students impressed parents and guests with their preparation and skill. At Veritas, students learn to continually strive for excellence in all things to the glory of God. This attitude was on full display at Night Under the Stars. In addition to the student performances, the winners of the recent Speech Meet presented their speeches to the audience. Students from kindergarten, first, second, fourth, sixth, and eighth grades spoke on topics ranging from the nature of war to faking a sick day to get out of school. Eighth-grader Jonathan Oranebo delivered an original speech on “The Ethical Use of ChatGPT.” Veritas would like to extend its gratitude to the many donors who contributed to the event’s success, with special thanks to Frey



Veritas student Madeleine LaValley.

Ranch Distillery and the City of Fallon for their generous contributions. We also thank the many parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event possible. The night was a tremendous success and was a much-needed fundraiser supporting the school.

Logos Fundraising Gala a Success

Story and photos courtesy of Logos

Logos Christian Academy’s 25th Anniversary Silver Linings Fundraising Gala was a success. We cannot express enough gratitude to the people who made this event possible. A special thank you to Brenna Goings, Whitney Brown, and the fundraising committee for organizing this year’s event - making it beautiful and seamless. Our enthusiastic UPLIFT parent volunteers took charge of the drink stations, photo vignettes, and stunning decorations. A huge shout out to Cori and 3C’s Catering for the incredi-



ble food that did not disappoint, with mouthwatering tri-tip, crispy green beans, and potatoes au gratin that would make anyone weak in the knees. If you are familiar with private schools, you know that fundraising events like these are crucial. Logos is incredibly blessed to have such an outstanding group of parent volunteers, staff, and donors. We appreciate the efforts of all who elevate these events into something spectacular. The DJ kept spirits high during the long food line, and our auctioneer, Colonel Anthony R. Mendoza III, excelled at his role and brought character and charm to the event. This was his ninth auction for Logos Christian Academy. He and his wife Vada traveled from Middleton, ID, helped make the event as successful as it was fun. Thank you, Colonel Mendoza III! To all our families and friends, whether you volunteered your time on campus, donated auction items, helped organize the auction, or attended the event—we are grateful for your support. Through the contributions of families, faculty, staff, and generous donors, we have cultivated an environment that fosters intellectual growth, spiritual development, and a love for Christ. “Each of you should give as you have decided in your heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7.



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Fallon Youth Basketball League Crowns Champions



Photos courtesy of FYBL parents Heidi Fait and David Faught.

The Fallon Youth Basketball League wrapped up its season with exciting postseason championship games on March 13, demonstrating Fallon's young athletes' talent, teamwork, and determination. Players in the 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade divisions battled it out for the league titles, making for an action-packed conclusion to the season.

The young players in the 3rd/4th grade division put on a stellar performance, with teamwork and perseverance leading them to victory. The championship team included: 3-4th grades, back Row (L-R): Coach Loni Faught, Reece Boni, Denton Faught, Gabriel Pacheco, Laylan Pellandini, Luca Pellandini, Coach Blake Cooper. Front Row (L-R): Derrick Rule, Roczen Reid, Winston Brooks, Graesyn Vasquez, Pierce Cooper.

Players in the 5th-6th grade division, not pictured, demonstrated skill and determination to secure the championship title. The winning team featured: Lindsey Pellandini, Jackson Lister, Toni Lynn Allegre, along with Manning, Benjamin Frey, Hayes Allegre, Colton Fait, Finn Pellandini, Anson Hyde, and Louie Pellandini.

The Fallon Youth Basketball League provides a fun and competitive environment for young athletes to develop their skills and sportsmanship. This season was filled with hard-fought games, impressive plays, and plenty of exciting moments. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and families who made this season a success!

As these young athletes celebrate their championship wins, they also build the foundation for future basketball success in Fallon. Great job to all the teams, and we look forward to seeing you on the court next season!

## CCHS Archery Team Takes State Championship Title

Staff Report

The Churchill County High School (CCHS) Archery Team has hit the bullseye—winning the Nevada State Archery Tournament in a stunning victory! Competing against 14 high school teams from across the state, these skilled archers delivered a dominant performance, securing the championship title with an overall team score of 3,207 and an impressive 126 perfect 10s (bullseyes).

Among the individual highlights, Pakela Malama-Gomes and Isabella Laplana stood out, both earning 2nd place in the state in their respective male and female divisions. Their precision and consistency helped solidify CCHS's reputation as a powerhouse in high school archery.

### MEET THE STATE CHAMPION TEAM

These dedicated athletes have been honing their skills since the beginning of the school year, and their commitment has clearly paid off. The championship team includes:

The championship team included Franklin Sabanovich (T), Kolby McFadden (T), Pakela Malama-Gomes (T), Chase Rothmeyer (T), Myles Coatney (T), and Dean Spencer (T), along with Wylie Boartfield, Lars Rasmussen, Zack Tom, Ava Buberl, Tayven Martinez, Willow Shults, and Alfredo Perez. Also on the roster were Cortnee Phipps, Patrick Silva (T), Victoria Dobbs (T), Isabella Laplana (T), Mariah Schafer (T), Alyssa Gardner, Mikayla Carnes, Sheila Miller, Jasmine Collier, and Melanie Mora (T). Cayden Walsh (T) rounded out the team. Students marked with (T) qualified based on their state-level scores. (Students marked with (T) qualified based on their state-level scores.)

### A SEASON OF DEDICATION AND HARD WORK

The journey to the state championship was not an easy one. The CCHS archers have been training relentlessly since the start of the school year, refining their techniques, focusing on consistency, and maintaining their composure under pressure. Their victory is a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and love for the sport.

The entire Fallon community is proud of these student-athletes and their remarkable achievement. Congratulations to the CCHS Archery Team—Nevada State Champions! Your hard work and perseverance have made your school and town proud.

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What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen

Baseball and Hotdog Season

By Kelli Kelly

At 3 a.m., my husband’s alarm went off to mark the start of the MLB season. The Cubs played the Dodgers in Japan—hence the awkward hour. I was up a mere 180 minutes later to head to the legislature for Agriculture Day! It’s a busy time, leaving almost no moments for the kitchen. So, in honor of springtime baseball, enjoy this throwback celebrating an all-American classic: hot dogs!



Kelli Kelly, Slinger of Produce.  
Slurper of Dumplings.  
Person of the Bean.

Spring ranks in my top two favorite seasons. As I typed that first sentence, I realized how wacky that sounds considering there are only four seasons—but it’s true. Give me a year made up entirely of spring and fall, with a sprinkling of “float the river” days and “braised meat and mulled cider” days, and I’d be a satisfied gal. I love the unpredictability of the transitions—wildly varying weather with hints of either the warm summer ahead or the nip of winter as the sun sets.

Spring also brings with it the start of one of my favorite (non-canonical) seasons: baseball!

Oh, how I’ve missed baseball. It always hits me in mid-January—a mix of nostalgia (remember when it was last baseball season?) and anticipation (how many days until pitchers and catchers report?). No food is quite as synonymous with baseball as the hot dog. So, in honor of Opening Day, here’s my salute to the mighty dog.

MY HOT DOG RULES

- I have some strong opinions when it comes to hot dogs:
1. Mustard > Ketchup.
  2. Jumbo size or bun-length dogs are the way to go.
  3. I’m an all-beef hot dog gal.
  4. Premium buns are preferred.

That said, I’m up for a hot dog however you like it, and I promise I won’t shame you for your choices (ketchup).

THE BEST WAY TO COOK A HOT DOG

While you can throw a hot dog straight on the grill, I prefer a two-step method to keep them plump and prevent splitting. Heating a dog in a flavorful liquid before grilling ensures even cooking and enhances flavor. This method works especially well for raw sausages.

For the cooking liquid, use anything flavorful—beer, chicken stock, or bean broth all work. Season thoroughly with salt, and feel free to add onions, sauerkraut, bay leaves, and mustard.

HOW TO COOK HOT DOGS THE RIGHT WAY

1. Combine 2 cups of liquid with seasoning ingredients in a pan.
2. Add sausages and hot dogs.
3. Bring to a simmer over the hot side of the grill.
4. Cook until they reach 140°F internally.
5. Hold the hot dogs in the warm liquid until ready to serve.
6. Transfer to the grill and crisp on all sides.



HOT DOG TOPPINGS

There’s no right or wrong way to top a hot dog, but here are some of my favorites:

Chicago-ish Dog

Celery salt, tomatoes, onions, mustard, and a pepper.

Banh Mi Dog

Bacon-wrapped with quick-pickled carrots and cucumbers, jalapeño, cilantro, and Sriracha mayo.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Dog

Bacon-wrapped with peanut butter and Lattin Farms Jalaberry Jam.

Jalapeño Popper Dog

Bacon-wrapped with jalapeño, cream cheese, and cheddar.

Mexican Street Corn Dog

Grilled corn, chile powder, mayo, cilantro, and Sand Hill Dairy queso fresco.

Steakhouse Dog

Bacon-wrapped with blue cheese, grilled onions, and steakhouse seasoning.

The possibilities are endless! However you top it, let’s all lift our buns in salute—to spring, to baseball, and to the mighty hot dog.

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C O L U M N S

# Allison’s Book Report

## Romantic Comedy by Curtis Sittenfeld

I have been trying to read through some of the older books in my little library lately – the stacks are getting a little bit deep in there, and I have a lot of books I have had for what seems like forever. This week, I decided to crack open one of those lingering on my shelf for at least a year, waiting patiently for me to dig it out and give it a chance to shine – and let me tell you, it did not disappoint.

Romantic Comedy by Curtis Sittenfeld is a fun and witty take on love, relationships, and the world of celebrity culture. The story follows Sally Milz, a talented writer for The Night Owls, a popular late-night TV show in the vein of SNL. Sally is a smart, independent woman with what seems like a round and satisfying life – a successful career, a close family, and good friends – but she is becoming disillusioned by her own love life.

She has spent her career making fun of the way romance is often portrayed in the media, but she’s starting to wish for

something more than the occasional hook-up. When Sally’s friend and fellow writer, Danny Horst, begins dating a glamorous actress who guest-hosted the show, he joins the not-so-exclusive group of talented but average-looking and even dorky men at the show—and in society at large—who’ve gotten romantically involved with incredibly beautiful and accomplished women. Sally channels her annoyance into a sketch called The Danny Horst Rule, poking fun at this phenomenon while underscoring how unlikely it is that the reverse would ever happen for a woman. However, that all changes when she’s tasked with writing a sketch for Noah Brewster, a pop sensation who is both the guest host and musical guest on this week’s show.

Noah is sexy and charming, and Sally is instantly taken with him, despite his reputation for dating supermodels and other superstars. As they continue writing sketch after sketch, the chemistry builds up, and

Sally begins to wonder if there really are sparks between them. But this isn’t a romantic comedy—it’s real life. And in real life, someone like him would never date someone like her...right?

Romantic Comedy is a lighthearted yet thoughtful read that offers a fresh take on the rom-com genre. Sittenfeld mixes humor with deeper reflections on what it means to be seen and loved for who you truly are. It’s a perfect book for anyone who loves a good love story but also wants something with a little more depth and nuance.

I hope you enjoy this week’s deep dive into my piles and piles of books. Don’t forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader and tell me what you think I should read next.

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.

L E G A L   N O T I C E S

**CITY OF FALLON**  
**NOTICE OF DEPOSIT**  
**OF COPIES AND**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO ADOPT BILL NO. 803**

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable City Council of the City of Fallon will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406, to consider possible adoption of Bill No. 803, an Ordinance Amending Fallon Municipal Code Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.64 Trucks, by Adding Section 10.64.020 Prohibiting the Use of Engine Brakes Within City Limits.

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

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE PROPERTY SALE**

Churchill County Treasurer

Will be conducting an online sale of delinquent tax properties to be held on **Thursday, April 17 thru Friday, April 18, 2025**

Bidding will begin at 8:00 AM on April 17th and conclude at 12:00 PM on April 18th

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See website for registration and bidding instructions

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007-021-47	BRICKNER, MYRON V. & DOROTHY A.	40.00	S31 T19N R26E SE1/4-SW1/4	100	\$738.82
007-891-02	BLANKENSHIP, RAYMOND & KARIE	1.00	3120 STARK LANE	200	\$ 2,093.38
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If you have any questions regarding this information or the tax sale, please contact us email: [taxes@churchillcountynv.gov](mailto:taxes@churchillcountynv.gov) or phone: (775) 423-6028

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Case No.: 25-10DC-0267

**IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**  
**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL**

In the Matter of the Petition of:  
JESSE J. GONZALEZ  
for the adoption of:

MAKAYLA KRISTINE-ROSE KONTNY,

An Adult.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change the applicant’s name from MAKAYLA KRISTINE-ROSE KONTNY to MAKAYLA KRISTINE-ROSE GONZALEZ.

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing her name for a fraudulent purpose. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of applicant’s name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

DATED: March 5, 2025.  
MAKAYLA K-R KONTNY  
Petitioner, In Pro Per

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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 on Thursday, April 3, 2025, beginning at 8:15 AM on the following:

An Application for a Zone Change filed by Thomas Inglis for property located at 2150 Mount View Drive, Fallon, Nevada, Assessor Parcel Numbers 008-811-06, consisting of 1.09 acres in the E-1 zoning district, whereby the Applicant is requesting a zone change from E-1 to C-1.

If you cannot attend the Board of County Commissioners’ meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, 155 N Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 PM April 2, 2025. A copy of the Application is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department. A scanned copy of the Application will also be published with the Agenda Packet by March 31, 2025 at the following: <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes>.

By: Pamela D. Moore,  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTIVE POSITION VACANCIES**

Churchill Area Regional Transportation, CART Board of Directors is seeking two community-minded citizens who are willing to serve as a member on the Churchill Area Regional Transportations Board. The board meets once every quarter and more frequently as necessary. This person will serve on a seven (7) member board who will be responsible for decisions associated and affecting Churchill Area Regional Transportation. It is desired that the board member be conversant and have an interest in supporting the CART program and their integrant’s. Interested persons may obtain an application at the following location: 952 S.Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406 or by calling Cathy Lucero at 775-428-2988 for more information.

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**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

*Crossword found on page 12*

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C O L U M N S

# Postcards

## 710 West Williams Avenue

By Michon Mackedon

I was raised on Williams Avenue, 710 West Williams Avenue, to be precise, in a yellow stucco house that still stands, now wearing a lighter color. It currently houses Hendrix Insurance Agency. In 1946, my father, Ernest J. Maupin, Jr., commissioned Nevada architect Frederick DeLongchamps (1882-1969) to design the house for a growing family. Shortly before, my twin sister and I had made our rather unexpected entrance into the world. My parents were expecting a large boy. Pre-sonogram. Their bungalow on Maine Street was no longer large enough, and my mother was pregnant again.

I have tried to guess how and why my father was able to persuade the famous DeLongchamps to build the house on Williams Avenue. After all, by the time DeLongchamps designed my family home, he had become one of Nevada’s most prolific and best known architects, having designed imposing and beautiful buildings across the state, including the Washoe County Courthouse (1911), the Lyon County Courthouse (1912), Douglas County High School (1915), the Pershing County Courthouse (1921), the Humboldt County Courthouse (1921), Ormsby County Court House (1923). The list of DeLongchamps-designed buildings is ten times the length of the short list given here, and, more to the point, it also includes several recognizable Churchill County landmarks: Oats Park Grammar School (1914), Robert L. Douglass ranch house (now the Frey Ranch,1920), Fallon City Hall (1931),Dodge Construction Company Machine Shop (1937). The Churchill County list provides clues to my father’s acquaintance with DeLongchamps’ work. At the time the Dodge Company Machine Shop was built, my father was Vice President of Dodge Construction Company and was surely involved in the planning of the machine shop. I might also surmise that my father already knew DeLongchamps through his close connection to the Robert Douglass family. Whatever their relationship was based on, DeLongchamps must have respected my father enough to agree to design the house.

I have always thought that the house was emblematic of its time, then and now. It was fairly small by today’s standards,

about 1600 square feet, but the garage was free-standing and large enough for two coupes, one for my father and one for my mother. The front of the house was signature DeLongchamps, marked with white ionic columns, suggesting an entrance to a small courthouse. It was absent a white picket fence, but, better yet, sported two freshly painted white trellises extending to the East and West of the house, upon which roses rambled their fragrant way. My father took care of a large lawn surrounding the home. It was mowed, fertilized, manicured...weekly.

I still love to look at photographs of the original living room décor. The floors were hardwood. A very large picture window was draped with a tapestry-like fabric featuring green and red Chinese Pagodas, like window coverings borrowed from a 1940’s movie set. A sleek, black-tiled fireplace was flanked by wood storage boxes, whose hand-painted doors showcased fiery red and orange dragons! Glass bricks framed the southeast corner of the house, adding texture to the walls and filtering the sunlight. In the northwest corner of the room, long brass door chimes were installed into a niche dedicated to them. When someone rang the doorbell, the chimes sounded like carillons on a Sunday morning.

Sometime in the nineteen fifties, my parents, following the unfortunate style trends of the times, carpeted the floors, draped the window in an aqua polyester

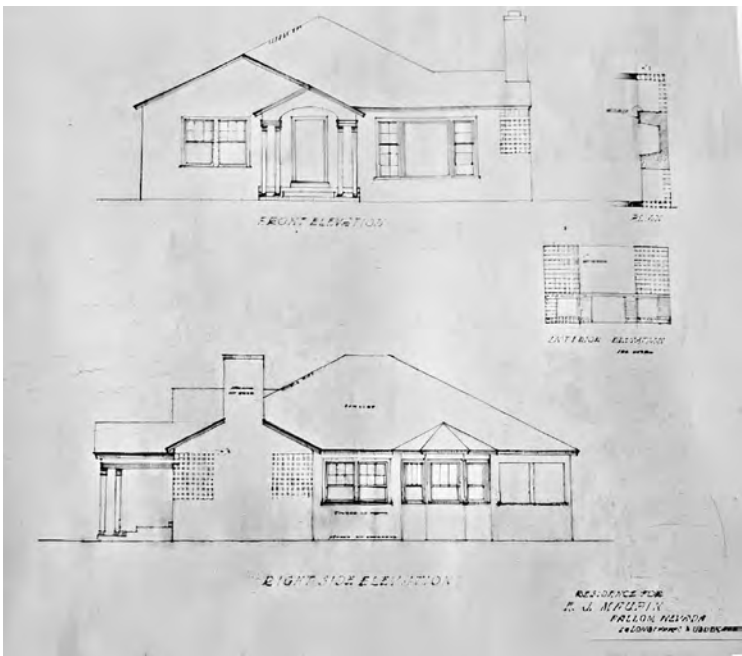


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fabric, paneled over the stuccoed walls, and painted over the dragons. But the heart of the house remained. My sister and I and my two brothers were nurtured there and tearfully launched out the columned entrance to experience college, careers, marriages, and different houses. My father died in 1979, and my mother, reacting to the increased noise and traffic on Williams Avenue, sold the house and moved to a quieter neighborhood. The house had fulfilled its domestic role, pleasingly, thanks to Frederick DeLongchamps.

Please send your stories, ideas for stories, and comments to [mackedon@phonewave.net](mailto: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.*

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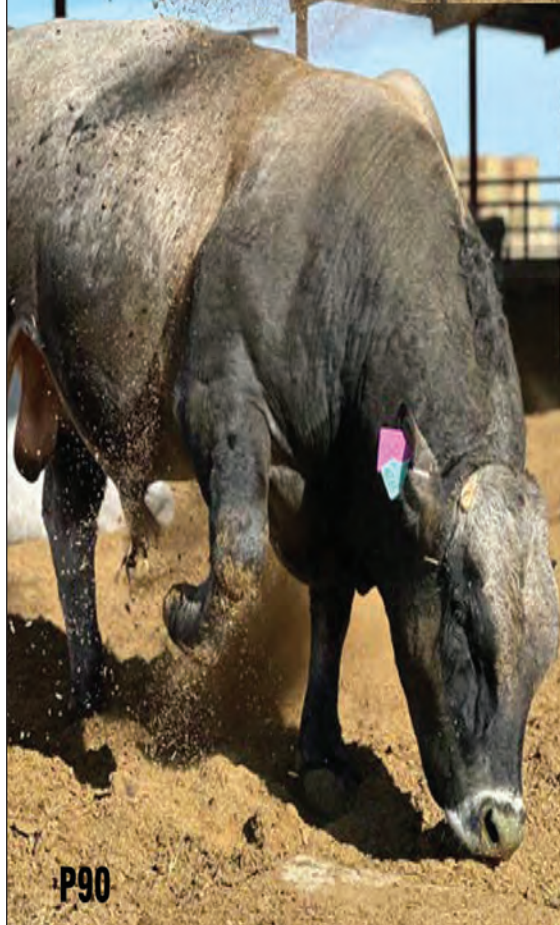
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