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## In Dire Straits - Library Closed for a Week to Regroup

*Board Chairman Kelli Kelly resigns, as does the last remaining full-time staff member, leaving Library Director and two part-time pages*

By Rachel Dahl

During an Emergency Meeting held on May 23, the decision to close the Churchill County Library for a week through May 31 was made. This will give Library Director C.L. Quillen time to train volunteers and work through a contract with Manpower for temporary staffing.

The last remaining full-time library employee resigned on May 22, leaving Quillen with only two part-time pages going into June. June is typically one of the busiest library months, with school children out for the summer and the launch of the Summer Reading program.

Since the beginning of the year, five of the 6.5 library employees have either retired or resigned.

As a result, the library was closed that day without prior notice. A sign was put on the door, and a notification was posted on the library and county



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# From the Publisher

## Captain's Log - 104 and Counting

I may have a plant problem. I mean, I don't think it's a problem, but the civilized world might. My house is fairly small, and out of curiosity, there was a tally taken this morning. There are 104.

My sisters and I have always loved plants. Loved gardening. Our mom has a green thumb and comes from generations of gardeners and growers who cultivated orchids, hydrangea, ferns, iris, and hollyhocks. We spent many a summer morning out in the garden picking weeds and learning what grew next to what and never plant before Mother's Day and how to plant roses with bone marrow and other potions.

Our dad is a grass grower—a master of the greens. A beautiful velvet carpet of rye and clover drape the yard at Yeoman Lane, and from him, we learned the art of the lawn. We also learned how to start trees from a cutting and, for the brave soul, the art of grafting fruit trees.

The Dahl girls all have houses full of plants, too, so it seems fairly normal to be overrun by the green and lush in every window sill. We trade plants and rehome them to each other when we move and raise our children to be plant lovers.

Our mom started us on the ever-familiar, grocery store version of the Golden Pathos and we propagated those until we had one in every room. But now I belong to the plant-of-the-month-club where they send you three fabulous plants you've never heard of every month to increase your diversity and test your talent.

Every month, the thought that canceling that subscription might be a good idea goes through my head, but then I forget, and then they send the email that the new ones are on their way, and I get all excited and now it's two years later and I'm still a member.

While the Golden Pathos winds around the ceiling in the bathroom and drapes through the shower, we also have Monstera and Philodendra of various versions, Arrowhead, Taro, Heartleaf Phil, Watermelon peperomia, the very fun Tradescantia, even an Arabica coffee plant, and my favorite but don't let the others know — the Pink Princess Philodendron.

When I first moved into this house, several plants went to Oakland with my oldest and to Bek in Vegas, and it only took one gallon jug of water once a week to hydrate the precious who made the cut. This Sunday, water day, there were six trips to the sink to refill the water jug to get everyone taken care of.

You know the issue has reached a new level when your friends call for you to come get the raggedy, barely alive sticks they can't throw out but cannot revive. You are now the plant hospital. There is nothing more gratifying than bringing some straggler back to life, taking cuttings from it, and starting a new generation from something that was only mostly dead.

So this morning, I'll take some cuttings off this gorgeous Persian Shield, and we'll be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.  
Rach

*A mere few of the dear little  
green children. Photos by  
Rachel Dahl.*



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Facebook page. However, parents were already arriving for Storytime.

"I pulled up with my children to drop them off to volunteer for story hour like they do every Wednesday. All of the library kids and their library grown-ups were on the lawn. We all came all the way there to find that the library was not open," said one mother.

Typically, an average of 90 children ages 0-5 access the children's programming every week.

Civil Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed said during the emergency meeting that one of the remaining two part-time pages also gave notice to leave.

A member of the public, Kate-lyn Hansen, a mother who takes her children to the library several times a week, gave public comment at the beginning of the meeting. "You board members were made aware of the problem the library was facing many weeks ago. Instead of facing the facts, you decided to give C.L. more time to fix the problem she has created. She has had enough time... you should be ashamed of yourselves. You have failed

the patrons of the library and the community."

The emergency meeting follows on the heels of a regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees held on May 16, where the board approved Quillen's annual evaluation and step increase with the caveat that they would implement an improvement plan that included mediation with staff, conflict management training, monthly reports at the board meetings from Quillen on the progress of these actions, and a three-month evaluation at the August Board Meeting.

The August agenda item will allow the board to take administrative action should it be warranted.

Quillen read a lengthy, prepared statement when asked if she had any input into the situation.

"I do have rather a lot to say," Quillen said. "My goals have been to build on what Carol Lloyd had done. My goals were to create a welcoming third space where our community finds books and information that matches a broad variety of interest. Where they have access to new technologies, and this remains a place where the community can come... to a place that is

free, and open to everyone..."

She continued, saying that if "all these things were happening, staff had many opportunities to bring it to HR or the board so my alleged behavior could have been addressed and corrected. If my behavior was so egregious it's really hard for me to imagine why these staff members didn't go to HR or discuss the issue with board members. Unfortunately, there are no concrete examples or specific instances that have been related to these accusations."

Addressing the accusations of being contentious and hostile, Quillen said, "I think there is a misunderstanding of contentious. Not being allowed to do something does not make me contentious. It makes me a protector of library policy and patron privacy."

A motion to approve the evaluation passed on a 4-1 vote, with Tara Price-Gritzmacher, Jessica Rowe, Ashlee McGarity, and Jo Petteruti voting yes and Chairwoman Kelli Kelly voting no.

Board members also voted to cut the hours of the library from 55 per week to 48 hours per week for the next six weeks to keep the library open with


the few remaining staff available at the time. The library policy requires there to be two staff members in the building when it is open for safety reasons.

The decision to cut hours will be revisited at the regular board meeting scheduled for June 27.


Immediately following the May 16 meeting, Chairwoman Kelly resigned from the board, effective immediately. "It was clear to me that I am not the best person to lead the board," she said.

A special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 55 W. Williams, for the four remaining board members to consider the job performance of Library Director C.L. Quillen, including her professional competence. According to the agenda posted last week, the board can take administrative action, which could include terminating Quillen's employment as the library director.

A complete agenda can be found at <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes>, and public comments can be submitted to [pam.moore@churchillcountynv.gov](mailto:pam.moore@churchillcountynv.gov).



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# Obituaries

## Richard E. (Dick) Hurstak

Richard E (Dick) Hurstak, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, passed away suddenly on May 11, 2024.

The son of Robert J. and Elizabeth C. Hurstak, Dick grew up in Concord, Massachusetts. He was born in Medford on December 9, 1944, and attended Concord Carlisle High School.

After graduation, Dick enlisted in the Marine Corps. He valued this service highly and attained the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. As part of this service, he did two tours of duty in

Vietnam and received multiple commendations.

Dick had a love and respect for the ocean; he and Kathy lived in Hawaii for over 30 years.

After his retirement, he and Kathy moved to Fallon, Nevada, where he was heavily involved with the local VFW as a Post and District Commander.

Dick is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Anderson), daughter Heather (Lillywhite), son Richard Jr, three grandchildren, and two great-grand-

children. He was also survived by his brothers, Bob, Dan, and Peter. He was preceded in death by his brother John.

He'll be remembered for his hearty laughter when he heard a good joke and his love of all sports teams in New England. He loved golfing, camping, sport fishing, NASCAR, and a cold beer.

As per his wishes, no services will be held.

Please consider a donation to the Lawton Silva VFW Post 1002.



## Barbara Kettering Kent

Barbara Kent was born to Suzanne (Dorothy) and Frank Kettering on November 6, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois. She had moved to Tempe, AZ, in 1943, where she attended Tempe Union High School and self-taught violin, flute, and snare drums. Barbara played the violin in the school orchestral, flute, and snare drums in the marching band and was a Pom Pom girl Jr. and Sr. year.

She graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1961 with a degree in English. Over the years, she served as secretary for the DA's office in Reno, Hidden Valley Country Club, Southern Nevada Junior Golf Association, UNLV Foundation, and Spanish Trail Country Club.

On June 8, 1963, she married Gary H. Kent from Fallon, Nevada. They were married 57 years before his death on August 3, 2020.

In 1974, Gary and Barbara earned their pilot licenses and enjoyed many hours of flying in their Cessna 702.

In the early 1980s, Barbara became the bookkeeper for Gary H. Kent, Inc., a commercial real estate appraisal firm, until 2007. During this time and when they were nearing their empty nesters stage, Barbara earned her Emergency Medical Technician State of Nevada Certificate on April 1, 1989. After a few experiences in the UMC emergency room, she quickly realized that while bookkeeping was dull, it was not all

that bad.

Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, Barbara made a formal turkey dinner with eleven side dishes and enjoyed entertaining friends and family throughout the year. When she wasn't cooking a feast, Barbara enjoyed golfing and playing bridge. She was known as the kingpin of her bridge group. In her spare time, it was easy to catch her focused on a crossword puzzle.

She was survived by her two daughters, Hella Pollizi (Monte Pollizi, husband) and Heidi Meidenbauer (Eric Meidenbauer, husband), and grandchildren, Remington Brown (26) and Haley Meidenbauer (18). Barbara will be cherished by all whose lives she touched.

## Nancy Jane McMindes

Nancy Jane McMindes passed quietly in her sleep with her husband by her side in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 16, 2023. She was a wife for 68 years and a mother.

She worked for AAFES for over twenty years at several military bases throughout her working career. She was a proud member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for over 30 years. Her other affiliations were The Daughters of the American Revolution, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Eastern Star, and Girl Scouts.

She was one of the original fans of the Golden State Warriors. She loved

golf, tennis, gymnastics, and ice skating.

Nancy was born to parents Wesley and Hazel, who were both schoolteachers and raised in Nebraska. While basically quiet and reserved, she had a fondness for horseback riding and animals. Attending college in Lincoln, Nancy met her husband, Jack.

She is survived by her husband Albert Jackson, daughter Stephanie Tracy and son David Barney. Grandchildren Russell, Erin, and Jacob. Great-grandchildren Justin, Alexis, Mia, Gloria, Mason, Fiona, AJ, Micah, Manual, Parker, and many more family members too numerous to list.



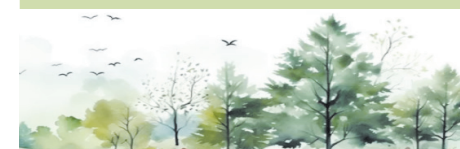
A small memorial service will be held in Park City, Utah, the week of Father's Day, June 2024. It was the last destination of a family trip she enjoyed.

We miss you, mom.

### With Our Thanks

*Thank you to everyone for all the kindness, thoughtful words, food, and outpouring of support during this difficult time. We are grateful and blessed for friends like you at this time of sorrow.*

*-Family of Ben Peck*





# Local Author's Novel Debuts

Staff Report

Embark on a thrilling adventure of self-discovery with local author Victoria Jones and her debut novel, "The Pegasus Passion." Join Jillian as she sets sail on The Pegasus. This vessel will lead her to uncover mysteries beyond her wildest dreams and navigate the realms of adventure, romance, and self-discovery.

In "The Pegasus Passion," Jillian is kidnapped by pirates and whisked away to a world she never knew existed. As she faces newfound powers and mysterious connections to two men—one a lover, the other a threat—she sets sail on a voyage of self-realization. Amidst the windswept seas and unpredictable twists of fate, Jillian discovers her identity and role in shaping her destiny. Victoria James creates a blend of adventure, romance, and intrigue. "The Pegasus Passion" promises an unforgettable journey into the unknown.

"The Pegasus Passion" is a reminder that our journey of self-discovery and personal growth is a continuous process filled with hidden potential that we may not yet understand. It's an invitation to embrace the unknown, be open to new experiences, and trust this process, even when unfamiliar or strange. Ultimately, it's a guide to understanding oneself, finding our place in the world, and contributing meaningfully.

Victoria James was born and raised in Nevada and dreamed of a life beyond her community. Inspired by her son's writing assignment, Victoria began her writing journey and completed "The Pegasus Passion" after 20 years of work. Inspired by her four children and five grandchildren, Victoria achieved her dream of escaping the confines of her life and brought to light the characters in her mind. Victoria continues to write and work helping people through her Private Practice as a Mental Health Therapist in Fallon, NV.



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# Elections

## 2024 Candidates' Night Sparks Conversation and Contention

*The Fallon Post* and *Lahontan Valley News*, along with the Churchill County Republican Central Committee, and *Lahontan Valley Broadcasting Company*, sponsored Candidates' Night, which was held on Monday evening, May 20. Both newspapers are sharing articles on the candidates seeking elected office with Churchill County Commission, Justice of the Peace, and for the mayor of Fallon.

The event was broadcast by KVLV-AM and KKTU-FM radio stations and streamed live on Network1Sports. For the *Lahontan Valley News*, Editor Emeritus Steve Ranson reported on the mayoral candidates. Publisher and owner of *The Fallon Post*, Rachel Dahl, reported on the challengers for county commission, and Leanna Lehman, editor of *The Fallon Post*, reported on the three Justice of the Peace contenders.

Complete candidate profiles and responses to multiple questions relative to the position they are seeking can be found in the *Lahontan Valley News* online or on newsstands, as well as in the *Primary Election Voter Guide* in the May 24 edition of *The Fallon Post* or online at <https://bit.ly/3yv9r4u>.

### Three Mayoral Candidates Dig Deep into City Issues

By Steve Ranson

Candidates for mayor include Luai Ababneh, Jacob Robertson, and incumbent Ken Tedford. Robertson drew the first response in a drawing before the questions, followed by Ababneh and then Tedford.

The candidates first discussed their background and reasons for seeking the mayoral position.

Robertson said he has spent more than two decades living in Fallon. Many of his friends wanted to leave, but as time went by, he and others also found the city has a special charm. Robertson said many residents his age are not involved, but he wants to do his part.

"We need a fresh face and new look and see what problems the town has," he said. "I want to do everything in my power to keep this town great."

Ababneh was born in Saudi Arabia but grew up in Jordan. He spent several years as an interpreter for the U.S. Army before coming to the United States. He said being a Christian in the Muslim world was difficult. Ababneh said he's rolling up his sleeves and relying on others' support in his candidacy for mayor.

"I believe Fallon is a beautiful city," he said. "It has a small-town charm and doesn't have big city problems."

If elected, Ababneh vows to listen to the residents' concerns and close the city offices for half a day each week so that the employees can meet with them and help them with their concerns.

Tedford, who has been mayor since 1995, grew up in Fallon and attended schools here and then the University of Nevada, Reno. His parents began Tedford Tires in 1947, and they instilled in him the need to lead and the importance of involvement.

"I take this position quite seriously," Tedford said. "That's why I walked door-to-door. I love this community, and I love its citizens." Tedford said he's always thinking of ways to better the future needs of the residents and their children.

"People are my guiding light, and I try to keep that in mind," he said.

Tedford said the mayor is the city's chief executive officer, and with that comes many roles. He also said he focuses on senior citizen issues and established a Mayor's Youth Fund. Tedford said he strongly supports the military and veterans.

#### Should Fallon Annex Land?

Candidates were asked if they would annex more land if needed.

Tedford said he would not favor annexing more land because the city's northeast and southwest areas still have room for growth. He said the land should be developed within the city, and the council needs to follow the master plan.

Ababneh believes the city could expand because Naval Air Station



Luai Ababneh, center, discusses his candidacy for mayor while Jacob Robertson, left, and incumbent Mayor Ken Tedford listen. The mayor's forum was part of Candidates' Night held Monday at the Fallon Convention Center. Photo courtesy of Nevada News Group.

Fallon will be adding personnel in another year or two. To expand, Ababneh said Fallon must improve its infrastructure. "Development has to happen in an organized way," he said, adding he saw haphazard growth in Washington state when the McChord-Lewis Joint Base encroached against Tacoma.

"Expansion within the city has to be developed wisely," Robertson said. He said big business would come if Fallon expanded reasonably.

#### Quality of Streets

The quality of streets in Fallon was another concern among the three candidates.

Ababneh said some streets need improvements, but the infrastructure found underneath the streets would also need improvement. "Planning for the streets and the people living along the streets is very important," he said.

Robertson, though, specified streets he would like to see improved. "People are taxed for the roads, but it's sad when people pay into the system, and they don't see the work being done," Robertson said. Robertson said funds can be used wisely. "We need transparency in local government," he added. Robertson said the city must listen to the people and make wise decisions based on their input when repairing future roads.

Tedford said the Nevada Department of Transportation repaired and improved Taylor and Maine streets and Williams Avenue, which are also federal highways through the city. Tedford added that the city has paved numerous streets in the past 18 months, especially the connector streets that run parallel and perpendicular to U.S. Highways 50 and 95. Tedford said government money subsidizes the repaving of many streets, as does 13% of the property tax, which goes to the general fund. "We will try to do the internal city streets now," Tedford added.

#### Housing Needs

Housing has been a concern in the area, especially with balancing single-family houses and multi-unit housing projects such as apartments or townhomes.

Robertson said expansion refers to infrastructure, which means good drinking water and roadways. "We can invite more people to move here to start their lives here," he said.

With improved infrastructure, he said growth will occur.

Tedford said that years ago, the federal government forced Fallon to pay \$20 million to clean the water with arsenic treatment. That project has helped with Fallon's growth, and

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Tedford said the city has a master plan with many developments either proposed or approved. He said some housing projects are in the planning stages, while some have been approved but not been built.

Ababneh said residents might be opposed to housing units, but they will also benefit from them. He also said infrastructure must be in place before additional housing is approved. Ababneh stressed the need for additional housing because of the proposed base expansion. He reiterated that he doesn't want the lack of housing to be a blight on the Fallon area like it has affected the Tacoma, Washington, region.

### ***Economic Growth and Development***

The three candidates answered questions about economic growth and the roles of the Churchill-Fallon Economic Development Association and the Churchill Entrepreneurial Development Association in attracting new business.

Tedford said both agencies are critical partners to the local economy. Former Sparks Mayor Bruce Breslow heads up CFED, which is working with the Governor's Office of Economic Development to attract domestic and global businesses to Churchill County.

Tedford said the city entered into an agreement with CEDA in 1985. Recently, Tedford announced Amazon was planning to build a "last mile" distribution center in Fallon, located in the city's industrial park east of Har-rigan Road near the dry milk plant.

Ababneh believes in a free market and that economic development is very important. He proposes reducing the bureaucracy of the application requirements and reducing or eliminating business fees for the first two years.

Robertson, though, said he hasn't heard too many good things about CEDA. He said every town has an agency dedicated to business and

economic development; he would like to see the city be independently strong with its businesses.

### ***Working with Others***

The final question asked each candidate was about their vision for working with state and congressional leaders to fund projects.

All three candidates said it is vital to work with state and national leaders, such as the governor, senators, and congressman.

Ababneh focused on renegotiating with elected representatives with the amount of money coming into the city. Robertson said it's important to maintain an open line of communication.

Tedford said the mayor must work with state and federal colleagues. He cited the importance of the mayor, for example, working with a senator while the city staff meets with their counterparts to discuss similar problems and solutions.

In closing, Ababneh asked how the city can serve its citizens. He said transparency is important, and as an example, he said the budget may be hard to understand by the residents. Ababneh said he would also like to establish a program like a town hall where the mayor could talk to the public about various topics, citing gun safety as a topic. "I'm a big proponent of the Second Amendment," he said.

Robertson echoed the idea, saying he would like to see more community involvement and more transparency in city government. He added that he would like to have a public platform where residents can speak with their mayor and city council.

Tedford asked for the residents' vote and reiterated the mayor is not a figurehead but a CEO.

"Fallon has no city manager. It has a mayor," he said. Tedford said since Fallon's founding in 1908, the long line of mayors has governed well.

## **Commission Candidates Offer Differing Views on County's Ideal Future**

*By Rachel Dahl*

Candidates for County Commission District 1 are Julie Guerrero-Goestch and Matt Hyde. County Commission District 3 candidates are Eric Blakey, Rusty Jardine, and Todd Moretto.

Matt Hyde is running for County Commission District 1 and serves on the Churchill County School Board of Trustees. He has completed the Certified Public Officials course at the University of Nevada. He is married to Nicole, and they have raised their family here. He said he was encouraged by Assemblyman and former commissioner Greg Koenig to run for the seat. "I am committed to this community and will be no matter how the election goes," he said.

Rusty Jardine is running for the District 3 seat and said he was encouraged by Assemblyman Koenig, Senator Robin Titus, former Commissioner Pete Olsen, current commissioners Justin Heath and Bus Scharmann, and Ernie Schank to run for the position. He has four college degrees; one is a juris doctorate, and he is a former prosecutor. "I have been a public servant all my life; for 25 years, I have represented public bodies, including three county commissions, and eight years as a deputy civil district attorney for the Churchill County commission." He then served at the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District as the general manager and traveled the west for many years to support water rights. "We speak ag, we speak water," he said. "Water will sustain the growth we need. In order to do that, we need the infrastructure, and that means water."

Julie Guerrero-Goestch is running in District 1 and has lived in Churchill County for 24 years and raised her family here. Her husband is a Navy veteran, and she has two daughters. She has served the county for the past 20 years and is Administrative Services Manager and a School Board Trustee. She has served on many other boards and committees, and wants to take that experience and transition

into serving as a county commissioner. "I believe in service above self and I will listen to the community." She said she has direct, relatable experience she wants to put to work for the community. "In January we will seat two new commissioners to the board, of a board of three, so now more than ever experience really matters."

Eric Blakey is running in District 3. He is a local businessman, owning Hotwire Electric for the past 17 years, providing service to the community. He said he also has a strong public service career. He is the Churchill County Planning Commission chairman and a Churchill County Federal Credit Union board member. He is a retired member of the Fallon/Churchill Fire Department, where he served for 20 years; nine of those years were in the command division. He served as a reserve deputy sheriff from 2012 to 2018 and was a coach and board member of the Churchill Youth Softball Association. Blakey has been endorsed by the Sierra Nevada Realtors Association, which is 3,800 members strong. "I have spoken with many citizens who have said they are ready for new and fresh leadership. I have a strong voice, strong opinion, and I'm someone who asks questions and demands answers. I am worried about the direction of this county if we don't manage growth correctly," he said.

Todd Moretto, running in District 3, commended his fellow candidates for their service to the community. "I'm not a politician. I'm the local Fallon guy, and I have absolutely nothing to benefit from being your county commissioner and have no ulterior motive. I see what this community does well and that's the stuff we need to preserve. There's a lot of stuff we do that we don't need to do. Free enterprise takes care of a lot. We need to bring in entertainment, housing, and development; we need hotels and motels."

### ***Q1 Budget Deficit***

Jardine said this is a crisis we faced many years ago. Oftentimes, this means reducing the number of departments by as little as 5%. "As I see the county, we are in good shape, we have funds, and I'm proud of that. The single most important policy decision to be

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made every year is the budget. As any commissioner, you have fiduciary duties, and the importance is to be cautious and strict about the expenditure of public funds. That is a sacred trust."

Guerrero-Goestch said that as a county employee, she faces this daily: "Projected revenues and budget requests are imbalanced, which tells us we have to pull back the reins." This is not the county's first encounter with these kinds of challenges. She said the county works together as a team to ensure they are good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Blakey said that when the numbers don't align in a budget, we must factor in change, ensure every dollar is accounted for, and work together. "As a commissioner, I will provide guidance on how we can move back in line."

Moretto said, "I don't understand why we have a hard time with this. Stop spending money on stuff we don't need. We do not need to be in land development, don't need to relocate county offices. We are moving departments to good property on Maine Street that we could have businesses in."

Hyde feels the short term has been taken care of with the current cut plan, but "For the long term this is going to take a lot of discussion at the commission level." He wants to see budget-to-actuals at every meeting and review accounting protocols. "We need to be cognizant of grant spending and realize these projects come with operating expenses."

## High-Density Development and Relationships with Developers

Guerrero-Goestch said it is no secret this community needs housing. "Inventory is low, and we need housing to serve existing residents, not just serve potential growth." She said no proposed projects are being built because we need to complete the infrastructure first. We need diverse options that are more affordable.

Blakey said high-density housing is coming, and we can either manage it now or after the fact. "We have time to get infrastructure in place, so when

developers start building, the housing will be where we want it."

Moretto said high-density housing does strain the relationship between developers and our county. Referencing property the county purchased off Coleman Road, he said the project will not happen because a builder can't make any money from it.

Hyde referenced Captain Tanner from NAS Fallon, who recently reported to the school board that the base will grow 35% by 2026. "High-density housing will be a must and will have to be embraced." The issue is where it will be located, and the rights of property owners must be balanced with neighboring communities. Existing zoning has to be respected.

Jardine asked, "Do we care?" We have a master plan for this kind of development. We have a way of doing things here with sustained, slow growth according to our plan, and we have a plan for changes in zoning.

Higher density - New Codes, Enforcement of Existing Codes

Blakey said when high density meets single-family homes, certain things must happen: developers must submit plans to mitigate, and county responsibilities must be specified.

Moretto said he lives in the county. Codes are not being enforced, and we need to do something to fix that.

Hyde said there are good ways to build multi-unit housing. He feels that people are confused between multi-unit housing and government-subsidized housing. Restrictions must be implemented, and he will ensure the county gets them right.

Jardine said it is a delicate balance of what the government can impose on developers. Regarding public safety, the government can set conditions and ensure those conditions are satisfied.

Guerrero-Goestch said higher-density housing requirements depend on the subdivision itself. Multi-family or mixed-use developments have different requirements, such as open space, road standards, sidewalks, and street lights, with enforcement requirements. We have to be careful about what we're approving.



County Commission candidates (L to R) Matt Hyde, Rusty Jardine, Todd Moretto, Julie Guerrero-Goestch, and Eric Blakey. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

## Master Plan

Moretto said he would like to see several changes to the master plan. "The 3C Event Center is fabulous, but the fairgrounds need a lot of work." He referenced the \$32 million grant application through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act and said that when things are built with grant funding, we have to figure out how to pay for operations after the fact. As a member of the Cantaloupe Festival, he said the event is outgrowing the facility, and the community misses out on many events because there are not enough hotel rooms to accommodate attendees.

Hyde would like to see the Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association and Churchill Fallon Economic Development work together to recruit someone to build a hotel. He referenced the \$32 million grant application for fairgrounds improvements and said the project needs to be as maintenance-free as possible.

Jardine referenced the 3C Complex as a tremendous asset, saying we've had 303,000 visitors in the past year with 549 event days and added \$9 million to the economy. He said we should accentuate our successes and increase our tax base. Under mandates from the state, we must increase the public defender's office and the number of employees at the sheriff's office. "We have to plan to continue to build from our successes."

Guerrero-Goestch said the master plan is the guiding document and should reflect what this community wants to see as its future. Community

involvement is encouraged. We must not forget that our economy is rooted in agriculture. She has worked on the conservation easement program designed to protect agriculture and support the Navy mission from encroachment and is proud that Churchill County is a green energy exporter.

Blakey said the Planning Commission has been revising and updating the master plan. He can confirm that the ideas and goals are current. "We are finding that zoning needs correcting, and we are working to support attracting people to 3C Complex with hotels and entertainment." They are also working to support green energy development.

Commission Districts cover the county and are divided based on population and geography. The three commission districts also cover the City of Fallon, as the city is located inside the county boundaries, giving city residents representation at the county level and the opportunity to vote for their representatives. Citizens of the City of Fallon are divided approximately equally between the three County Commission Districts. Therefore, each commission district is elected from approximately one-third of the city residents. Although commissioners must live within the boundaries of the seat they are elected from, they serve "at-large" and are voted for by everyone in the county, not just the voters in their district.



## Justice of the Peace Race Heats Up During Candidates' Night

By Leanna Lehman

During the forum, candidates answered questions given to them in advance by event hosts.

### What is the role of Justice of the Peace?

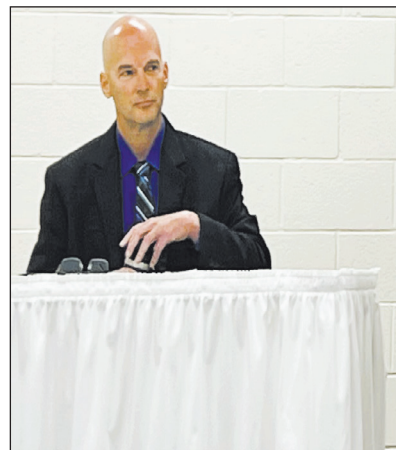
Judge Ben Trotter began by answering the first question, which asked what the Justice Court does and the role of the JOP. Trotter explained that it is the court where every Churchill County case begins, excluding those handled in Fallon Municipal Court. The court handles traffic infractions, evictions, misdemeanor, and felony cases. And, of course, marriages, which Stuart Richardson generally performs as Justice Court Pro-Tempore.

According to Trotter, the Justice Court office is extremely busy, with several court clerks performing many tasks inside and outside the courtroom. In addition to judicial duties, the JOP is head of the department, ultimately responsible for his staff, and

must act in a supervisory capacity.

Ingram deferred to Trotter's explanation and quickly launched into her two-minute time allotment by criticizing Trotter on multiple fronts. First, Ingram openly disagreed with what she considers Trotter's routine practice of allowing defendants to be released from custody on their own recognizance (OR), which means they do not have to post bail. She believes this poses a danger to the community and feels Trotter's overall interpretation of the Nevada Supreme Court Valdez-Jimenez ruling that governs how courts handle bail hearings is inaccurate.

According to Ingram, Trotter is too loosely interpreting the ruling, routinely granting OR releases to defendants, upon which many quickly abscond or fail to meet the terms of their release and must be brought back into custody at taxpayers' expense. Further, Ingram stated several of these defendants are often granted another OR release, and the cycle continues, potentially jeopardizing the safety of the community and victims. "He has interpreted the law to mean he has to release these people,



JOP Candidates, L to R, Judge Ben Trotter, Stuart Richardson, Esq., and Brenda Ingram.  
Photo by Leanna Lehman.

and that is absolutely not the case."

Ingram also criticized Trotter's work practices by stating he is often out of the office, leaving what she alluded to as his overburdened staff to shoulder an immense load. As a former Chief Clerk of Justice Court, Ingram said Trotter's routine absences are unacceptable. "It is a very busy office, which is why a justice of the peace should be there all day."

Trotter responded that he firmly stands by his interpretation of the 2020 ruling and explained how it "flipped the script" on OR releases. Now, prosecutors must prove that a defendant does not qualify for an OR and demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence the need for detention when asking for unattainable cash bail.

In rebuttal to Ingram's disapproval of his management style, Trotter said, "I am absolutely available...and have been available to my staff 24/7, and I have been available to this entire community 24/7, 365. When it's alleged that I show up at work and am gone in an hour and a half, that does happen on occasion. I do not get vacation; I do not get sick time; I am an elected guy on a salary." He also noted that he has accumulated over 750 hours of judicial training during his time away from the office.

Stuart Richardson proved to be an able buffer and amiable contender. He shared how passionate he is about what a JOP does. "It's an awesome experience," remarked Richardson. He also addressed a JOP's time away from the office, stating, "The JOP is on

call 24/7." In cases where individuals are arrested, the statute requires their arraignment within 48 hours. Thus, anyone arrested on a Friday night must see the judge before Monday, which requires them to work outside regular court hours. Richardson feels the system is working, and the judge's full-time presence in the court office is not always critical to his or role as JOP.

### A Second JOP for Fallon?

The second question asked if the candidates felt Churchill County needed a second JOP. According to all three, a county's number of justice court judges is based on population and must reach 50,000 before another judge is needed.

As this question was quickly answered, the candidates again used their allotted time to address Ingram's belief that Trotter's current job performance is lacking. The clerk's office is so busy that they routinely visit her at Court Services for help. She feels that in his leadership role, Trotter should be in the office, offer real assistance with the daily operations of the court, and act as the clerk supervisor since that position is currently vacant.

Trotter acknowledged that he has not filled the chief clerk position, which is at-will, stating, "It would be completely unfair to whoever took that position because during an election process, they could potentially lose their job."

Richardson, also jumping back to the Ingram-Trotter discourse, painted

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# Law & Order

## District Court May 14

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, May 14, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

*Joseph James Souza*, in custody, pleaded not guilty to three counts of the Category A Felony of Lewdness with a Child Under the Age of 14. Each charge is punishable by life in a Nevada State Prison with the possibility of parole after ten years. Souza also pleaded not guilty to Category D Felony of Attempt to Commit Sexual Assault on a Child Under the Age of 14 years, punishable by 2-20 years. All four counts carry mandatory registration as a sex offender and lifetime supervision by the Division of Parole and Probation (P&P). Souza invoked his right to a speedy trial. A settlement conference is



Joseph James Souza. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

scheduled for May 21. If a satisfactory outcome is not reached, the court will set the matter for trial by jury.

*Salvador Pena-Gonzalez* pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance, punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Judge Stockard provisionally placed Pena-Gonzalez in the Western Regional Drug Court program and ordered supervision by Court Services with daily check-ins and random drug testing, with sentencing set for July 16.

*Jeremy Wayne Southard* pleaded guilty to two counts: Count I) Gross Misdemeanor charge of Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child not Causing Substantial Mental or Physical Harm, punishable by 364 days in the Churchill County Jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. For probation to be considered on this charge, Southard must submit to a Psychological Risk Assessment and be deemed not at a high risk to reoffend. Count II) Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence, misdemeanor, punishable by two days to six months in jail, 48-120 hours of community service, a fine of \$200-1,000, and domestic battery counseling. Judge Stockard set sentencing for July 16.

*Colt Kendrick Bishop* pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liqueur or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, a third or subsequent offense, punishable by 1-6 years in prison and a fine up to \$2,000-\$5,000. This offense carries a mandatory prison term unless Bishop qualifies for and is granted DUI

Diversion. Judge Stockard ordered a PSI, provisionally placed Bishop into the diversion program, and scheduled sentencing for July 16.

*Danielle Arly Williams*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy to Commit Assault with a Deadly Weapon, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. According to the allegations, a domestic dispute occurred involving a knife. Lane Mills, Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA), told the court that the victim does not want to see Williams saddled with a felony and is concerned that the defendant has substance abuse issues involving marijuana and alcohol. Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer asked that Williams be placed on probation with the condition that she enter and complete the drug or specialty court program. Judge Stockard granted probation on a suspended 364-day jail sentence. Williams must obtain a substance abuse evaluation, comply with all recommendations, and remain in custody until her first appearance in Drug Court the following day.

*Robert Henry Lisenbee* pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Failure to Stop on the Signal of a Peace Officer, punishable by 1-6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. A Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) was ordered, and sentencing was set for July 16.

*Stacy Karyn Babb*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine

up to \$5,000. At the request of Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel, she was released on the condition that she test clean before release. Judge Stockard granted the request ordering Court Services supervision and provisional placement in Drug Court.

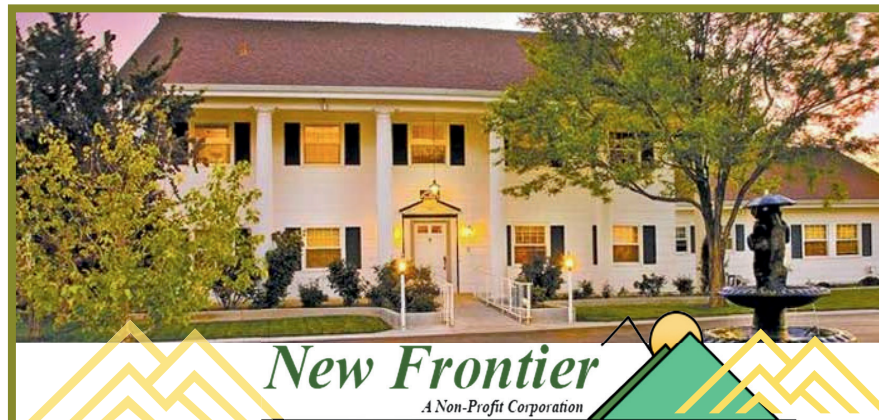
*Angelica Leticia Lopez Rickards*, in custody, pleaded guilty pursuant to Alford to the Category B Felony of Attempt to Commit Robbery, punishable by 1-10 years in prison. An Alford plea allows a defendant to offer a guilty plea without admitting guilt. Judge Stockard provisionally placed Rickards in the Specialty Court program and set sentencing for July 16. Rickards was ordered to remain in custody until her first appearance in Specialty Court the following day.

*William Stephen McHaney* appeared for sentencing on the Gross Misdemeanor of Abuse Neglect or Endangerment of a Child not Causing Substantial Mental or Physical Harm and on Misdemeanor Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence, both to which he pled guilty in October.

According to his Psychological Risk Assessment, McHaney is at low risk of reoffending and thus eligible for probation. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker told the court that this was a situation where a difficult child was fighting back against discipline, and McHaney went beyond discipline, punching her and putting his hands around her throat.

Baker asked for probation with the condition that McHaney attend

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anger management classes so he can learn this is not an appropriate way to interact with loved ones and, if P&P requires it, parenting classes along with the mandatory domestic violence counseling and fines.

Defense attorney Paul Wolfe, Esq. told the Court that McHaney is not a violent man, and the underlying issue is alcohol. Wolfe said the assessment shows he is not a risk unless impacted by his use of alcohol. He understands that now – he is an alcoholic with addiction issues. Wolfe added that his client has been sober now for 14 months, has maintained full-time employment, and has been attending counseling that consolidates anger management, domestic violence, and parenting since January. He has completed 75 hours of community service and accepts full responsibility for his actions.

McHaney apologized, stating he realized he did not handle this situation well and that alcohol is his downfall, telling the court he has gotten a lot of help since the incident, that he no longer drinks, and he will never do this again.

The victim took the stand, and when asked to tell the judge how the incident had affected her, she stated, “It really hasn’t affected me a lot. I feel it’s affected his behavior a lot because ever since the incident, he’s really tried to change, and he’s a whole different person.” She said that she has had a much better relationship with him ever since he stopped drinking.

Judge Stockard granted McHaney probation on a suspended 364-day jail sentence on the child endangerment charge, two days in jail, and a fine of \$200 on the misdemeanor battery, with credit given for time served. He must obtain a substance abuse evaluation, complete domestic violence

counseling as mandated by the state, and complete 48 hours of community service. Judge Stockard told McHaney it sounds like he has made many changes. “Let’s keep it going.”

*Silvestre Barco Nevarez* appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to a Controlled or Counterfeit Substance, to which he pled guilty in February. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas expressed the state’s concerns about the possession of 22 grams of methamphetamine and a pair of brass knuckles found in his possession upon arrest. Nevarez said he lost his focus on who he was and made a bad decision. Judge Stockard granted Nevarez probation on a 14-48 suspended prison sentence and must obtain a substance abuse evaluation, following the recommendations therein.

*Travis Wade Souza*, in custody, admitted to the non-technical probation violation of being removed from the Drug Court. DDA Thomas told the court Souza was removed due to a positive drug test, missed appointments, and failure to appear in court. His participation in the program was reported as “lackluster and not very interested, just going through the motions.” According to Thomas, Souza said he does not have a substance abuse problem and is not interested in treatment. The state recommended that no further resources be spent on Souza.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer said that while his client made those statements, his effort was lacking, and he regrets it. Sommer asked that Souza be reinstated on probation, lose his advantage of the diversion, but still attend Drug Court.

Judge Stockard told Souza that by his count, Souza had failed or missed six tests. “This is as bad a performance in Drug Court as I have ever seen. It’s disgraceful,” said Stockard. “And... it’s not an addict who wants to get better, it’s an addict who’s in freefall.” Stockard rescinded diversion, granted Souza probation on a suspended 19-48-month prison sentence, and ordered 120 days in jail with Souza to attend Drug Court while in custody. Upon release, he will obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation and complete the Drug Court program.

*Isaac Jayson William Davis* appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, to which he pled guilty in March. Davis read a prepared statement acknowledging he accepts full responsibility and humbly asked for leniency. Judge Stockard suspended the proceeding for 12 months, placing Williams in Drug Court. He is to obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse and pay restitution of \$3,703.53.

*Jacob Randall Granger*, in custody, appeared for sentencing on the Category C Felony of Attempt to commit Residential Burglary, punishable by 1-5 years. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said Granger has an extensive criminal history, and every time he’s been given probation or drug court, it has ended in failure. She said the state echoes the feelings of the victim for a lengthy prison sentence. CCPD Sommer said his client recognizes this is a problem of his creation, which he regrets. Judge Stockard sentenced Granger to 24-60 months in prison. He was remanded to the Churchill County Sheriff’s custody for sentence imposition.

*Colby James Lafrance* appeared for sentencing on the Category D Felonies of Obtaining or Possessing a Credit Card or a Debit Card Without the Consent of the Owner and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or Debit Card Without the Consent of the Owner, to which he pled guilty in March. CCPD Sommer, before this incident, has been a responsible young man. He found himself in the midst of an addiction. Still, he has done much in the last month, including gaining employment, paying full restitution, resolving his Justice Court matter, and attending counseling. According to Sommer, Lafrance is penitent for what he has done. Lafrance apologized for his dishonorable, absolutely unacceptable behavior. In addition to the improvements mentioned, he said he has terrific support from his fiancé and family. Lafrance received probation on two consecutive sentences of 19-48 months in prison for an aggregate sentence of 38-96 months. He must obtain and follow the recommendations of a substance abuse evaluation and complete Drug Court.

*Torie Rae Turner*, in custody, admitted to a technical sentencing violation of consuming alcohol. Judge Stockard revoked Turner’s probation for thirty days and ordered her to serve those thirty days in jail.

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# Veritas School Ribbon Cutting

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

By Nancy Chapman  
Veritas Preparatory School Headmaster Jill Rosario said the school holds its core values proudly. Veritas is a Christian school that teaches classic education focusing on the three R's, reading, writing, and arithmetic, and with an emphasis on public speaking as well. Teaching the children how to be smart, as well as how to articulate their knowledge now and in the future. There are several speech meets scheduled for the 2024-2025 school year.  
Headmaster Rosario explained the school accommodates kindergarten-4

through the eighth grade. The school is completely staffed for the 2024-2025 school year and is projecting more than eighty students for next year. She further explained that there are still some slots open for more students.  
The school layers in learning and fun for the kids. Several activities throughout the school year include parental participation with their children, such as a mother/son dance, a father/daughter dance, and a scavenger hunt. The sixth-grade students participated in Art in The Park last week, and the seventh and eighth-grade students toured the Coeur Rochester Mine in Lovelock.



Veritas celebrates Ribbon Cutting.



Genuine Beauty Parlor and friends dodge sprinkles during Ribbon Cutting.

# Red Carpet Rolled out for Genuine Beauty Parlor

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Genuine Beauty Parlor owners Shawnee and Isaac Cannady are excited to introduce their new business to Fallon. Shawnee has wanted to own a shop for as long as she can remember. When asked why the name "Genuine Beauty Parlor," she stated that her main goal is to welcome everyone who enters the salon with a home-town feeling.  
Shawnee brings eleven years of experience specializing in hair extensions and fashion color. The salon currently has two stylists and one esthetician. She plans to become fully staffed, allowing two nail stations and another esthetician.  
Downstairs are the stylists' stations, wash bowls, and nail stations. Upstairs is a beautiful esthetician room boasting quiet serenity for facials and skin treatments.  
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# Coach Miguel Applauds Fallon's Youth Athletes

Staff Report

What an incredible month May has been for Fallon youth sports. Coach Miguel of the SNFC Fallon Vipers took a few moments recently to mention the many achievements of Fallon youth athletes. From the CCHS track athletes who brought home several medals at the state competition, to the successes of Oasis softball and baseball teams who showed exceptional teamwork and skill, both Oasis and CCHS golfers who demonstrated their precision and focus, the CCHS swim team who set new personal records, CCHS baseball, and the CCHS softball state champions who displayed unmatched determination and resilience.

Naturally, Coach couldn't fail to mention the fantastic young ladies who brought another soccer tournament championship home. We join Coach Miguel in extending heartfelt congratulations to Lady Wave senior soccer players Sophia, Maddy, Zoe, Kira, Natalie, and the entire class of 2024 on their graduation. "Your talent, dedication, and passion for soccer and our community of Fallon have left an indelible mark on your team and generations to come in girls' soccer. As you move forward, know that you carry with you a legacy that will inspire future players in our community and will inspire [others] to continue to grow girls' soccer in Fallon," wrote Coach Miguel.

"Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. Keep shining bright on and off the field," he continued, commenting on their commitment to their programs, teams, travel clubs, and schools – day in and day out, 10-12 months straight.

Like Coach Miguel, all of Fallon is so proud of the youth in our community, and we echo his sentiments when he wrote, "Congratulations to all our amazing Fallon kids and their coaches for their hard work and dedication!"



Oasis Girls' Softball. Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy.



SNFC Vipers. Photos courtesy of SNFC Vipers.



CCHS Lady Wave Girl's Softball, Nevada State Champions. Photo by John Baker.



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# Education

## CCHS 2024 Graduation Photo Essay



*CCHS graduates celebrate their success.*



*Science teacher Steve Johnson congratulates a very happy Samuel Lords.*



*2024 CCHS graduation valedictorian Camryn Hook presents her speech while CCSD officials look on.*



*Graduates stand during National Anthem.*

*Photos by Kaitlin Ritchie, courtesy of Churchill County School District.*





CCHS graduating class of 2024.



CCHS Class of 2024 Salutatorian Alicia (Sophia) Basurto-Fernandez with a few classmates during the ceremony.



Trenton Chappell pauses for the invocation.



NAS Fallon fly by celebrating grads.



Mother Nature arrives for the ceremony.



## ALLISON'S BOOK REPORT



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.

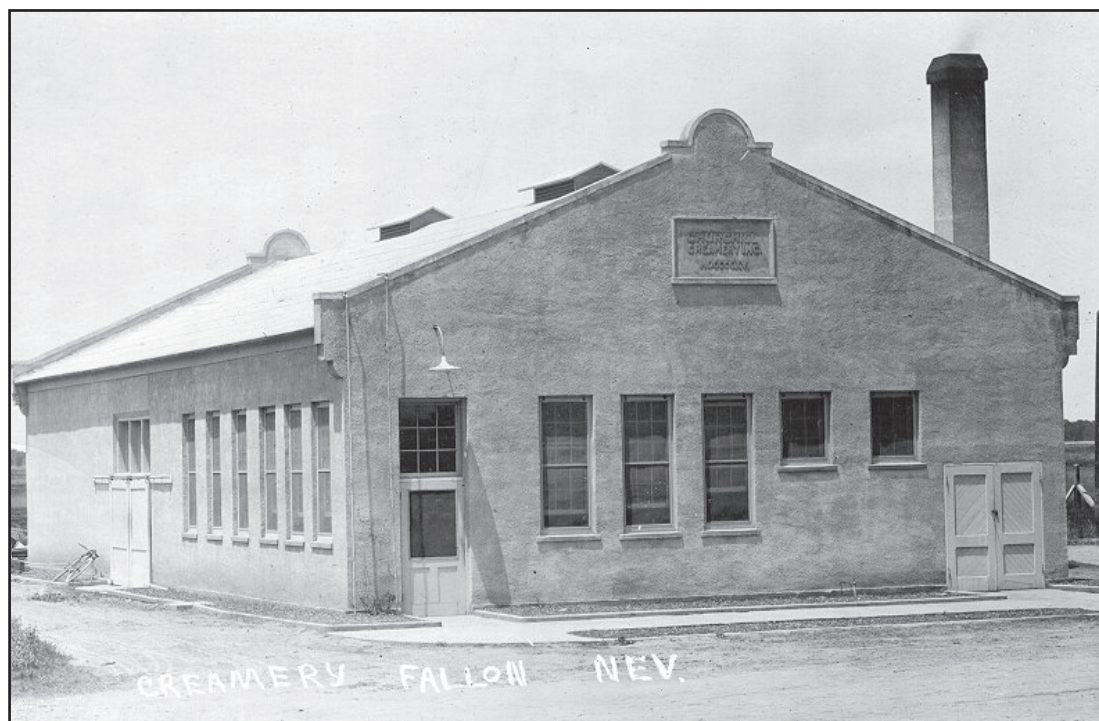
## Teen Takeover

School is out in Fallon! I have young teenage daughters who can't wait to spend long days in the pool with friends, stay up too late, and sleep in – and both are very excited to spend time with some great books. In that spirit, I thought I would let them take over the Book Report to tell you about a book each considers an excellent read for those summer vacation vibes. (Disclaimer: I don't censor what these guys read because I am happy they love reading - so please understand that their pick may not be right for all 8th or 9th graders or even adults.)

Hayden (age 14 going on 40) loves anything in the “romantasy” category, and her recommendation falls firmly in that category. “Fourth Wing” by Rebecca Yarros introduces readers to the brutal and elite world of a war college for dragon riders. Quiet and bookish Violet was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life amongst books and history. Her “tough as talons” mother is the commanding general, and she has different plans. She orders Violet, who has always been small and brittle, to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become one of the elite Navarre dragon riders. Death is always moments away for Violet because dragons don't bond with fragile people – they incinerate them. “Fourth Wing” is an excellent mix of adventure and romance and happens to be the first in a series, so there will be no shortage of dragon-related adventures to come.

Carly (age “almost 13” but going on 40) is a girl after her mama's heart and loves a classic summer romance. She will exhaust her very last breath telling the world that “The Summer I Turned Pretty” by Jenny Han is her favorite book, and I can confirm that it is a perfect summer read. Belly measures her life in summers. Everything excellent and magical happens between June and August. Especially for Belly's family, who spend summers at the beach house with Jeremiah and Conrad, the boys who have been her brother figures, her crushes, and everything in between. But this summer is different – both wonderful and terrible. This summer proves that the more things change, the more they end up just how they were meant to be all along. This pick is also the first in a book series and has a pretty solid TV series on Amazon Prime to keep hopeless romantics in that romantic frame of mind all summer.

Next week, I will be back at it, searching for the perfect summer rom-com, but I hope you give my girls' picks a read. Pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader to tell us what you think.



June is National Dairy Month. Dairies are fewer and larger these days than ever before, but before the mid-twentieth century, dairying was often a “side hustle.”

Countless Fallon families sold cream to the Fallon Creamery, pictured here, to be turned into butter. This gave the family a small cash flow throughout the year to help get them between large payouts at harvest time.





## What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - Basic BBQ Sauces

With warmer weather upon us, it is time to focus on outdoor food. This weekend, I dusted the cobwebs off of my smoker, refilled the pellet hopper, and oiled down the grates. It's barbecue season, ya'll. I know that, in a few short months, I will be clamoring for stews, roasts, and braises—longing for shorter days and more temperate evenings, but for now, my body is screaming for smoked meat.

There is something very primal-feeling about cooking food outdoors. Whether my grate is positioned over a wood fire, ash-covered charcoal, or a more contemporary heat source, cooking food outdoors makes me more aware of threads connecting us to past humans who gathered around fires to prepare their meals.

This will be the first in a multi-week series about food outdoors to celebrate the return of warmer climes. To kick us off, though, let's talk basic sauces. One of the greatest differentiating factors between regional barbecue styles is the sauce. I do not personally have a dog (or a hog) in this fight; I love them all. Stick this on your fridge, and try them all. Let's make 2024 The Summer of the Barbecue.

### Old-Time Eastern North Carolina Barbecue Sauce Recipe - by Joshua Bousel

**Ingredients:**  
1 gallon cider vinegar  
1 ½ c crushed red pepper  
2 T black pepper  
¼ c salt

**Directions:**  
Mix the ingredients and let stand for at least 4 hours.

### South Carolina Mustard Sauce Recipe - by Joshua Bousel

**Ingredients**  
¾ c prepared yellow mustard  
½ c honey  
¼ c apple cider vinegar  
2 T ketchup  
1 T brown sugar  
2 t Worcestershire sauce  
1 t hot sauce

**Directions:**  
Combine all of the ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Store refrigerated for at least 24 hours and up to two weeks.

### Kansas City-style Basic Barbecue Sauce - by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

**Ingredients:**  
1 c chicken broth  
½ c ketchup  
¼ c dark molasses  
1 onion, grated  
2 T Worcestershire sauce  
1 T brown mustard  
2 T apple cider vinegar  
2 t hot sauce  
2 T spice rub (see recipe below)  
1 t liquid smoke

**Directions:**  
Combine all sauce ingredients in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Whisk together and simmer until reduced to a glaze (15 minutes). Adjust flavor to taste with more molasses, vinegar, or hot sauce. Cool and store in a sealed container. Keep refrigerated for at least 24 hours and up to several months.



Kansas City-style Basic Barbecue Sauce by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt, courtesy of Serious Eats.

### All-Purpose Barbecue Spice Rub

**Ingredients:**  
½ c paprika  
¼ c dark brown sugar  
¼ c kosher salt  
4 t ground mustard  
2 t ground black pepper  
2 t ground coriander  
1 T dried oregano  
1 T garlic powder  
1 T onion powder

**Directions:**  
In a small bowl, whisk all rub ingredients to combine. Store in a sealed container at room temperature for up to 4 months.

### Alabama White Barbecue Sauce - by Joshua Bousel

**Ingredients:**  
1 egg  
1 c vegetable oil

2 c apple cider vinegar  
1 T kosher salt  
1 t ground black pepper  
2 t dried sage  
½ t dried thyme  
½ t dried marjoram  
½ t dried rosemary

**Directions:**  
Place egg in a blender and pulse until beaten. With the motor running, slowly pour in oil to form a thick emulsion. Add in vinegar, salt, pepper, sage, thyme, marjoram, and rosemary, and puree until combined. Store refrigerated for up to two weeks.

Next week, we will dive a bit deeper into some specialty sauces that are finger-licking good.



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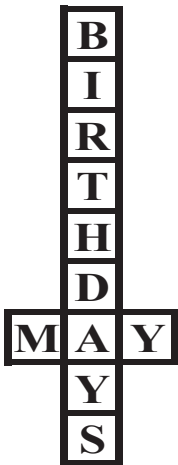
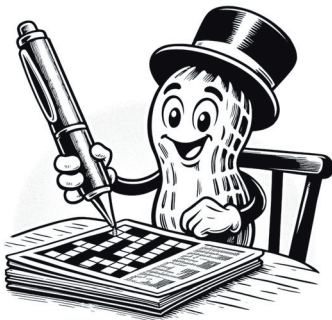


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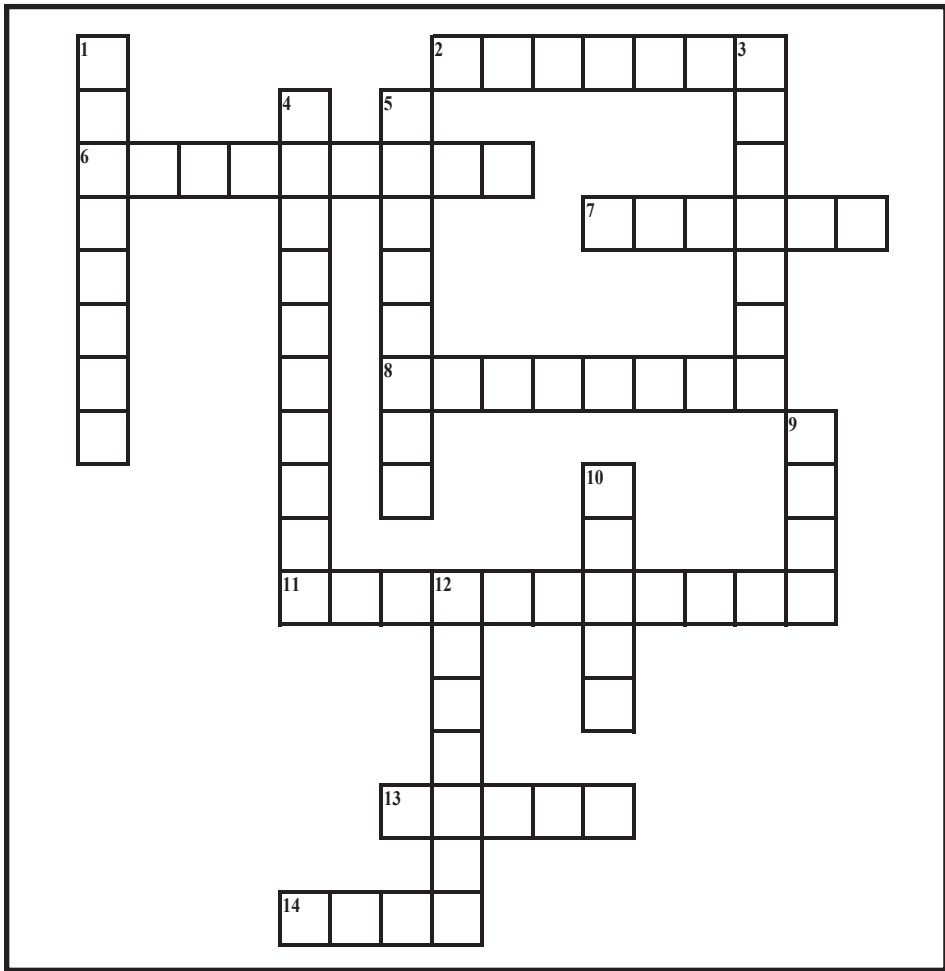


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- 2 Jeweler to the tsars
- 6 Empress of Russia
- 7 Peter Pan author
- 8 Gilbert's partner
- 11 Crimean War nurse
- 13 Holmes creator
- 14 Caine Mutiny author

Down

- 1 Empress of India
- 3 Ralph Waldo
- 4 Defeated Napoleon
- 5 Aviation pioneer
- 9 First woman in space
- 10 Colonial orator
- 12 Wild Bill



Movies & More

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We sincerely hope that everyone had a safe and fun Memorial Day weekend, and we appreciate all who supported our free events, including the fabulous concert featuring The Toiyabe Trio.

Showing this Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., we have the 2022 animated comedy adventure, "Minions: The Rise of Gru," rated PG. In the heart of the 1970s, amidst a flurry of feathered hair and flared jeans, Gru (Steve Carell) is growing up in the suburbs. A fanboy of a supervillain supergroup known as the Vicious 6, Gru hatches a plan to become evil enough to join them. Luckily, he gets some mayhem-making back-up from his loyal followers, the Minions. Together, Kevin, Stuart, Bob, and Otto - a new Minion sporting braces and a desperate need to please - deploy their skills as they and Gru build their first lair, experiment with their first weapons, and pull off their first missions. When the Vicious 6 oust their leader, legendary fighter Wild Knuckles (Alan Arkin), Gru interviews to become their newest member. It doesn't go well, to say the least, and only gets worse after Gru outsmarts them and suddenly finds himself the mortal enemy of the apex of evil. On the run, Gru will turn to an unlikely source for guidance, Wild Knuckles, and discover that even bad guys need a little help from their friends. The run time for this movie is 1 hour and 27 minutes, and admission is free.

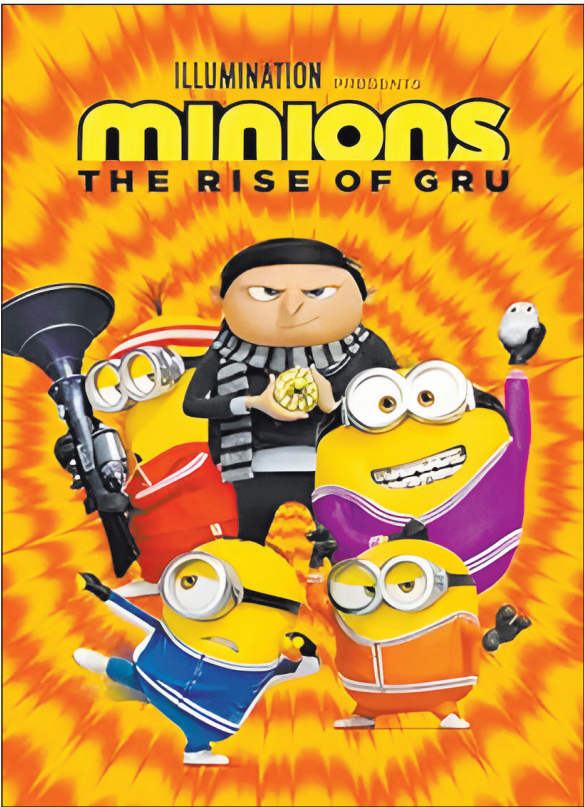
Also showing this Friday and Saturday, we have Tina Fey's 2024 musical comedy, "Mean Girls," at 7 p.m., rated PG-13. New student Cady Heron (Angourie Rice) is welcomed into the top of the social food chain by the elite group of popular girls called "The Plastics," ruled by the conniving queen bee Regina George (Reneé Rapp) and her minions Gretchen (Bebe Wood) and Karen (Avan-

tika). However, when Cady makes the major misstep of falling for Regina's ex-boyfriend Aaron Samuels (Christopher Briney), she finds herself prey in Regina's crosshairs. As Cady sets to take down the group's apex predator with the help of her outcast friends Janis (Auli'i Cravalho) and Damian (Jaquel Spivey), she must learn how to stay true to herself while navigating the most cutthroat jungle of all: high school. The runtime is 1 hour and 52 minutes, and admission is free.

What's coming up at the Fallon Theatre:

- Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, at 6 p.m.: "How to Train Your Dragon." Free admission.
- Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, at 7 p.m.: "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey." Free admission.

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## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LOCATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION, HIGHWAY COMMISSION, & CC COMMUNICATIONS' BOARD MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Commissioners have changed the **LOCATION** of their first meeting scheduled in June 2024. The meeting will occur on **Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 8:15 AM, at the Rafter 3C Arena, Buckland Room, 227 Sheckler Road, Fallon, NV.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 244.085, the Churchill County Highway Commission and CC Communications have changed the **LOCATION** of their first meeting scheduled in June 2024. The meetings will occur on **Thursday, June 6, 2024, 1:15 PM and 1:45 PM respectively, at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, Conference Room #102, Fallon, NV.**

Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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*...Justice of the Peace Candidates, continued from Page 9...*

a different picture of the court clerk's office. Rather than overwhelmed, harried, and overworked, Richardson believes the clerks are highly efficient and excellent in their duties.

### **Transparency and Expanded Justice**

The candidates were also asked about their thoughts on transparency and an expanded justice system through resources like Zoom and public access to the court. Trotter, Ingram, and Richardson widely support the current process of Zoom-accessible court hearings.

Ingram agreed that Zoom is a valuable component of expanded justice. However, she heartily disagrees with allowing defendants to appear by Zoom without facing the court or their victims. She noted one case where a defendant elected to appear by Zoom while parked outside the courtroom. Trotter stated that in all crimes against persons, defendants must appear in person and that Zoom is most beneficial in cases where the defendants are out of town or out of state.

Richardson commented that Zoom can significantly assist when it is necessary to arraign defendants outside of courtroom hours. Zoom offers a way to ensure constitutionally protected rights are available to all defendants at all times.

### **Judicial Committees and Outside Resources**

When asked how important judicial committees or other entities outside the court are in aiding with job performance as a judge, Richardson expressed the value of outside entities in offering education and support. He and Trotter commented on the benefits of having the National Judicial College at UNR nearby and easily accessible. Ingram also touted the importance of judicial committees. However, she also stated, "They must be done in a way that minimizes the risk of conflict with their duties as judge."

### **Personal and Judicial Ethics**

Finally, the candidates were asked to describe their ethics in relation to judicial ethics. Richardson told the room this is really what is at the heart of this job for him. "From the bench, you have to make decisions that are fair. I am a conservative Republican; I believe in the Constitution," said Richardson. "I don't think you can take away a person's liberty, life, or property without due process. That's my personal feeling, and as a judge, it's mandatory. You have to be sure in your mind that you are doing the right thing. For me, they are one and the same. I couldn't be any other way."

Trotter explained that the Code of Judicial Conduct is quite extensive. "The way I look at it is that I try to make decisions from the bench that build trust in the judiciary and adhere to the code. I disclose when I have more than a superficial relationship with a party, I don't use my position for personal gain, I try to give everybody a chance to present their case, and I don't delay my decisions," said Trotter. "Fair and impartial, professional and consistent are my goals and essentially what the code requires."

Ingram went on the record stating that as judge, "I will make my own decision, not what the attorneys agree to," again referring to the issue of OR releases. She summed up her personal belief by sharing a quote by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, who said, "Ethics is knowing the difference between knowing what you have a right to do, and what is right to do. I always strive to do the right thing," concluded Ingram.

The forum revealed intense competition for the Justice of the Peace role, with candidates presenting starkly different styles and beliefs. The June 11 primary election will determine which two candidates advance to the November ballot. Don't forget to vote!

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Parks & Recreation

Thurs., Jun 6, 8:15 a.m.  
County Commissioners

Thurs., Jun 6, 1:15 p.m.  
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Grand Slam Market	WaFd Bank

Lady Wave Basketball and *Special Guests*  
Present

**UPDATED**

# Girls' Summer Basketball Camp

Open to all girls entering grades 3-8 in Fall 2024

## June 28, 2024

CCHS Main Gym 9a-12p & 1p-4p

**\$50**

Register by scanning the QR Code.

For questions:  
Ladywaveba@gmail.com




## LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**New Frontier Food Pantry**  
775-423-1412  
Midday drive up service -  
call for details

**Out of Egypt Food Bank**  
775-428-2744  
Thursday 9:30 AM  
(come early)

**Fallon Daily Bread Meals**  
at Epworth Church Monday & Thursday  
5:30-6:30 775-423-4714

**The Food Pantry at Epworth Church**  
775-423-4714  
Monday 10:00-1:00

**Food Bank Calendar**  
<https://fbnn.org/gethelp/programschedules>



# 2024 YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

**JUNE 24-27**

**OPEN TO 4TH-8TH GRADERS**  
(BASED ON 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR  
GRADE LEVEL)

### LOCATION/TIMES

**THE CITY-COUNTY GYM**  
321 VENTURACCI LANE

**4-6 GRADERS:**

9:00-11:00 A.M.

**7-8 GRADERS:**

11:30-1:30 P.M.

**\$60**

**/PARTICIPANT**

INCLUDES T-SHIRT & BALL



**LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF VOLLEYBALL  
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CCHS HEAD  
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACH TRISTIN  
JOHNSON WITH HELP FROM VARSITY PLAYERS**

**REGISTER AT: [CHURCHILLCOUNTYRECREATION.ORG](http://CHURCHILLCOUNTYRECREATION.ORG)**

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