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CCHS Graduates Toss Caps as Sun Sets on Class of 2026

Against a colorful Nevada sunset, members of the Churchill County High School Class of 2026 celebrated the completion of their high school careers by tossing their caps into the air following the graduation ceremony June 5 at the Edward Arciniega Athletic Complex in Fallon. Graduates received diplomas following a ceremony that included a keynote address by Churchill County High School head football coach Calvin Connors and was attended by Superintendent Derild Parsons and school trustees. Photo courtesy of the Churchill County School District.



Commissioners Formally Acknowledge Receipt of AG's Findings Regarding Open Meeting Law Violation Complaint

By Leanna Lehman

Churchill County commissioners formally acknowledged findings from the Nevada Attorney General during the June 4 Churchill County Commission meeting, concluding the county violated Nevada's Open Meeting Law during the 2025 hiring process for county manager.

The Attorney General's investigation was triggered by an Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Clay Hendrix on June 12, 2025, accusing the county of improperly conducting portions of the county manager hiring process outside publicly noticed meetings.

In the complaint, Hendrix, who had applied for the position, alleged violations of due process, equal protection, and state hiring standards. He named multiple defendants in both their individual and official capacities, including Commissioners Myles Getto, Matt Hyde, and Eric Blakey. Additionally, the suit named Jim Barbee, who previously served as county manager; County Manager Chris Spross, who recently submitted his resignation; Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford, District Attorney Art Mallory, and the Churchill County District Attorney's Office. Mayor Ken Tedford and 10 other defendants that Hendrix believed were involved or liable were also named.

In addition to the complaint, Hendrix filed a federal lawsuit alleging the county's hiring process was improperly handled and unfairly favored Spross, who at the time served as assistant county manager. On April 15, commissioners approved a \$5,000 settlement agreement resolving the lawsuit between Hendrix and the county.

Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner told commissioners that the county had recently received the Attorney General's findings and conclusions.

"This item is just to acknowledge receipt of those findings and conclusions and to allow us to submit a response related to the legal complaint in regards to that," Carner said.

Commissioner Eric Blakey asked whether the county intended to dispute portions of the findings.

"The statute allows for a response, but it's unclear as to what happens after that," Carner responded. "I would hope that the Attorney General would read and consider our response and potentially issue a settlement, but I can't guarantee that."

Blakey also asked whether commissioners would have an opportunity to review the county's response before it is submitted. Carner replied that the county is operating under a limited timeline to respond.

The Attorney General's Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law, dated May 20, 2026, concluded Churchill County violated Nevada's Open Meeting Law by allowing candidate deliberations and recommendations to occur through a working group and recommendation panel outside publicly noticed meetings.

According to the findings, the issue traces back to April 3, 2025, when then-County Manager Jim Barbee formally submitted his resignation and presented a recruitment plan to commissioners for approval. The board approved the plan by a 2-1 vote.

Under the approved plan, Barbee was authorized to create a recommendation panel of up to three members tasked with reviewing applications and narrowing the field to approximately three to five finalists for interviews before the county commission.

The plan also assigned Barbee and Human Resources official Kim Brontsema responsibility for prescreening applications before forwarding them to the panel. Brontsema was additionally directed to compile scoring sheets and "help reach a consensus" among panel members.

According to the Attorney General's findings, the recommendation panel ultimately consisted of Barbee, Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford, and former Churchill County Commissioner Justin Heath.

The Attorney General determined that after

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log: Next Steps

By Rachel Dahl

Now that we're up and running in the Winnemucca office, the real work of pulling all the pieces together into a well-oiled machine begins...

For those of you new here, the quick version of this Local, Community News machine goes like this:

In January of 2019, with the help of a dear friend who hated being recognized, I started *The Fallon Post* as an online news source for Fallon, with no intention of ever printing a newspaper. After much peer pressure, we agreed to one Special Section, which was successful enough that we printed one a month until the pandemic hit and the whole world shut down.

Luckily, people turned to us for reliable news they could trust in what had become an avalanche of questionable information. We figured out how to start printing in November of 2020 and added a weekly print edition to our daily online news.

In October of 2024, we added *The Fernley Reporter* to our print editions, and in December that year, *The Pershing Post*, both online and print.

Last summer, we had the chance to acquire

RANGE magazine, a national, quarterly magazine focusing on the American West and the ranching and farming industries that sustain rural communities on this side of the Mississippi.

And then this spring we were lucky enough to buy the Winnemucca Publishing papers – the weekly *Great Basin Sun* and the monthly *Nevada Rancher* magazine.

With some fancy footwork, the Winnemucca crew stepped up to the task, and we immediately split the *Great Basin Sun* back into the historical community papers – bringing back the *Battle Mountain Bugle*, the *Humboldt Sun*, and turning the *Pershing Post* into the *Lovelock Review Miner* as local editions of the GBS.

And now here we are – in great need of streamlined processes, organized efficiencies, and four uninterrupted hours of sleep.

So, while we assess our resources, make talent adjustments, expand coverage, and pull it all together, we'll still be right here...

...Keeping you Posted.

— Rachel

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the prescreening process, panel members collectively reviewed applications, scored candidates, and reached consensus on which applicants would advance to interviews before the commission.

However, no meetings of the recommendation panel were publicly noticed or conducted in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

The findings further stated that the panel's recommendations directly determined which candidates were interviewed by commissioners and noted that commissioners did not independently review all applications before interviews occurred.

Nevada's Open Meeting Law is designed to ensure the public can observe how government decisions are made, particularly when those decisions involve public funds, public employment, or official actions by elected bodies. In simple terms, the law is intended to prevent government business from being conducted behind closed doors without public notice or oversight.

Under Nevada law, meetings involving deliberation, recommendations, or collective decision-making by public bodies or appointed committees generally must be publicly noticed, open to the public, and properly documented.

The Attorney General's opinion explains that Nevada's Open Meeting Law broadly defines a "public body" to include not only elected boards, but also advisory groups, subcommittees, and working groups created by those boards if the groups are authorized to make recommendations influencing official decisions.

The Attorney General concluded the county's recruitment process violated the law in two separate ways.

First, the Attorney General determined Barbee and Brontsema themselves constituted a "working group" because the commission formally assigned

them joint responsibilities within a structured hiring process approved by the board.

The opinion states their collective review and handling of applications amounted to "deliberative activity" because their actions shaped which candidates advanced through the hiring process.

Second, the Attorney General determined the recommendation panel also qualified as a public body because it was specifically tasked with reviewing applications, scoring candidates, narrowing the applicant pool, and recommending finalists to the commission.

The opinion rejected the county's explanation that the panel was merely a consultation group made up of community members. Instead, the Attorney General concluded the panel exercised meaningful influence over the final hiring decision by determining which candidates advanced to public interviews.

The findings repeatedly emphasize that narrowing candidate pools and collectively scoring applicants outside a publicly noticed meeting constitutes "action" under Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

Although the Attorney General found violations occurred, the opinion does not invalidate Spross' hiring or impose any financial penalties. Instead, Nevada law requires the commission to formally acknowledge the findings during a public meeting and include the Attorney General's opinion in the meeting's supporting materials.

The opinion was issued by Deputy Attorney General John M. Nolan on behalf of Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford. During the June 4 commission meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the Attorney General's investigation findings and authorize the District Attorney's Office to submit a response.



PETS OF THE WEEK

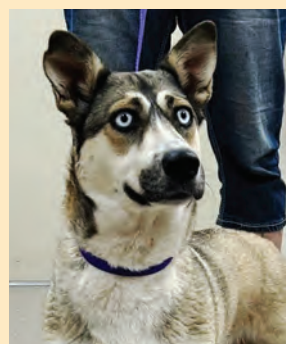
Meet Honey Badger

This 2-year-old mixed-breed dog is a gentle, affectionate companion looking for a family to call her own.

Fully house-trained and well-mannered indoors, she is happiest when she can stay close to her family and be part of daily life.

After being attacked by another dog as a puppy, she became cautious around other canines. With slow, supervised introductions, she has the potential to form positive relationships with other dogs.

Honey Badger is ready to find her forever home. Those interested in adopting her or learning more about her can contact the City of Fallon Animal Shelter.



Meet Mufasa

Mufasa is a handsome black cat with a regal presence and a personality all his own.

Mufasa is not the type of cat to make instant friends, but patient adopters will find he is well worth the wait. He enjoys companionship on his terms and has a way of making himself an important part of the household.

Mufasa would do best with adopters who understand that trust is built over time. In return, he offers a special connection that can only come from a cat who chooses his people carefully. Those interested in meeting Mufasa or learning more about adoption opportunities are encouraged to contact the Fallon Animal Welfare Group.

Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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



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FEATURES

The Agriculture Experience Returns to Cultivate Knowledge and Grow Futures

The Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair is almost here—a celebration of sweet traditions and strong roots.

By Shania Brown

Visitors to the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair will have the opportunity to explore Nevada agriculture firsthand through the Agriculture Experience, an interactive exhibit designed to connect festival-goers with the farmers, ranchers, and agricultural professionals who help feed their communities.

For generations, agriculture has been the heart of Churchill County, and the festival is a proud reminder of that legacy. From the fields to your table, our community has always worked hard to grow, harvest, and share the best of Nevada. The Agriculture Experience at the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair was created with a simple but important mission: to help people understand where their food comes from and to connect our community with the farmers, ranchers, and agricultural professionals who make that possible.

In a world where many children and adults are several generations removed from the farm, the Agriculture Experience offers hands-on opportunities to learn about the journey from field to table. Through interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and conversations with industry experts, visitors can explore topics ranging from crop production and livestock care to water management, pollination, dairy technology, and the future of agriculture in Nevada.



What started as a few youth-oriented learning booths has expanded over the last few years into a growing focus at the festival, thanks to the leadership and organization of Joe Frey, Michelle Gabirola-Rogers, and the Ag Experience committee.

The goal is to spark curiosity and help the next generation not only learn but appreciate the hard work, science, technology, and stewardship that go into producing food. The Ag Experience brings together local producers, organizations, educators, and businesses by highlighting the people and innovations that continue to sustain agriculture today.

Although the exhibit is designed with youth in mind, festival-goers of all ages can connect with nature and learn about the vital role agriculture plays in our daily lives. Included with festival admission, visitors can explore real farm equipment, meet local animals, try interactive ag-tech displays, and discover why agriculture remains one of the most important and dynamic industries in our region and across Nevada.

Popular returning exhibits include Moolisa, the friendly dairy cow learning station, Wool Spinners, and learning to make rope. Also returning this year, but with a new twist, are the Ag Experience Passports, where “Ag Explorers” can collect stamps from each station and turn them in for a prize.

More information and updates can be found on the official Fallon Cantaloupe Festival social media pages and website.

Longtime Resident Roger Sorensen to Be Featured in a Documentary

By Carmen Schank

Who knew? How exciting is this: a local Fallonite being portrayed in a documentary and proposed movie!

In the early 1960s, a small group of American missionaries, local and longtime resident Roger Sorensen among them, arrived in Denmark with a simple goal—to share their faith. Instead, they sparked something far bigger. Facing cultural barriers and prejudice, they struggled to connect until they turned to the universal language of music.

Calling themselves The Singing Mormons, they performed folk songs, African American spirituals, and American tunes. What began as a way to meet people quickly grew into a national phenomenon. Their music opened doors, softened hearts, and created connections that would last for generations.

Then history intersected with their story. During a televised concert, Denmark’s first transcontinental satellite broadcast interrupted its program with news of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In that moment, The Singing Mormons became a part of a shared global memory. That sparked a rapid rise to fame. Show requests poured in, leading to a record deal with Domino Records, approved by then-President David O. McKay. Their albums stood alongside The Beatles in Danish record stores.

They toured the country in a Volkswagen Bus,

performed for crowds of up to 80,000 at a two-day fair, visited 70-plus high schools, and even sang for the Royal Danish family, all while retiring each night to hardwood church gym floors in sleeping bags. As they departed, their original song, “Farewell to Copenhagen,” played over airport speakers, a powerful symbol of how fully they had been embraced. Their music still lives on.

This summer, actors and performers reminiscent of the Singing Mormons’ 1960s Danish music group will be going, along with Roger Sorensen, production and camera crews, to film a documentary; they will be telling Roger’s story. The documentary will be used to promote the movie.

Roger Sorensen, along with his deceased wife, is the parent of eight children. He has since remarried Betty McQuain. Roger has farmed in Fallon his whole life. He is a professional musician and has worked as a music teacher, choir director, and orchestra director for literally thousands of Churchill County School District students for 30 years. He served as a Danish missionary for 2 1/2 years and as a Stake President for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day



Roger Sorensen.

Saints locally for 9 years.

Roger is currently teamed up with Kaleidoscope Pictures, a trusted film studio and media production company. (They produced the movie, “Truth and Treason,” in conjunction with Angel Studios.) Actor Kirby Heyborne and American film producer, director, and writer Garrett Batty are working in conjunction with the Help Them See Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to take on this Singing Mormons project.

More information can be found on Facebook. The end goal is to create a proposed, fine-and-moving, family-friendly, full-length feature film for American families to enjoy! We need more good in the world. Of note, most of the original group are still alive in their mid-eighties; so, this is a living, breathing work.

Fallon, you are in luck! The New Singing Mormons musicians and actors will be debuting their music in Fallon at a concert just for you! It will be performed Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Churchill County High School Auditorium.

Guest performers are The American Footwork’s dance team and a bluegrass band. Believe me, you are in for a real treat! Local gifted musician Roger Sorensen will be performing at the concert!

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

Justice Court and Court Services

By Sydney Trainor

Justice Court and Court Services play key roles in Churchill County’s judicial system, handling everything from misdemeanor cases and traffic violations to defendant supervision and court-ordered monitoring programs.

Among its responsibilities, Justice Court presides over misdemeanor cases, traffic violations, small claims disputes, landlord-tenant matters, temporary restraining orders, and preliminary hearings in felony and gross misdemeanor cases. The court also performs marriage ceremonies, processes records requests, and works to provide fair, impartial, and timely access to justice.

During the Feb. 20 budget meeting, Justice of the Peace Ben Trotter said the court’s budget includes funding for a possible audit of its accounting system, which is conducted every four years. A previously proposed \$15,000 capital outlay was moved to contract services by the comptroller’s office.

Trotter also included funding for the reclassification of a court clerk position after the employee completes two years of service. Other changes included a small increase in shredding costs as the court continues to



digitize civil case files and dispose of paper records to free up storage space.

Court Services conducts pretrial interviews and investigations for defendants, verifies information for the courts and attorneys, and provides recommendations regarding release conditions. The department also monitors defendants released under court-ordered conditions, administers drug and alcohol testing and electronic monitoring, tracks court appearances, and coordinates referrals to community services.

Court Services Director Brenda Ingram said caseloads remain high at around 100 active cases, allowing the department to maintain its current level of resources. Because the department has not experienced price increases for drug testing or ankle-monitoring services in 15 years, no additional funding was requested for services and supplies.

The only proposed change was funding for the reclassification of a court services specialist position to a senior court services specialist role, reflecting additional duties and limited supervisory responsibilities at an estimated annual cost of about \$4,300.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMFUN Registration Open for Summer Day Camp

Staff Report

Churchill County Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for its SUMFUN Summer Day Camp program. SUMFUN provides a full summer of supervised activities for children ages 6 to 12, running June through August. The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Each week features a different theme and includes games, crafts, snacks, field trips, swimming, and other recreational activities designed to keep children active and engaged throughout the summer. Financial assistance is available for qualifying families through local assistance programs.

Registration is available through Churchill County Parks and Recreation. Parents and guardians can find additional information and register online through the county recreation website. For more information, contact Churchill County Parks and Recreation at 775-423-7733 or at churchillcountynv.gov.

Fallon Cake Picnic

By Sydney Trainor

The City of Fallon is inviting the community to celebrate the Fallon Cake Picnic on Saturday, June 20, at Oats Park, for an evening of cake, music, and patriotic fun.

This picnic is part of the nationwide America 250 celebration and will feature a cake contest, cake tasting, family activities, and a free concert by Micky and the Motorcars.

Guests are encouraged to bring a cake to share. Cakes can be dropped off between 4:30 and 5 p.m., with the picnic beginning at 5 p.m. Anyone who brings a cake will receive free admission for up to four guests, and general admission for cake tasters is \$10.

Participants can choose from five categories to compete in, including Most Patriotic Cake, Best Red/White/Blue Cake, Best Historical Theme Cake, Best Fallon Pride Cake, and Best Overall America 250 Cake. Alternatively, participants can sign up for the "Cake Contributor" category to bring a cake without competing.

Anyone bringing a cake must preregister beforehand.

For cake registration and more information, visit fallonnevada.gov/cake-picnic/.



May Marriages

- 5/1/2026 Timothy James Aldredge, 33, to Lettie Mae Owens, 27, both of Fallon
- 5/5/2026 Constancio Castillo-Estrada, 59, to Martha Elida Gonzalez-Salazar, 60, both of Fallon
- 5/6/2026 Rickey James Miller, 37, to Tasha Ereann Austin, 34, both of Fernley
- 5/6/2026 Schneitcher Louis-Jeune Ulysse, 30, to Madeline Elizabeth Wolz, 22, both of Fallon
- 5/11/2026 Brandon Dean Brimm, 36, to Morgan Ann Mace, 39, both of Fallon
- 5/12/2026 Cody Dean Shelton, 23, to Sativa Lerose Clark, 21, both of Fallon
- 5/12/2026 Remy Oliver Fabel, 34, to Laura Ashley Nelson, 32, both of Fallon
- 5/13/2026 Michael Eugene Elwess, 73, of Crestline, California, to Myrna Hilado Bergquist, 82, of Fallon
- 5/14/2026 Talalemotu Jack-Matua Mauga, 27, to Angelica Saenzpardo Lucero, 25, both of Fallon
- 5/14/2026 Christian Delano Denney, 31, to Brenna Leann Lambert, 36, both of Fallon
- 5/14/2026 Jonathan Richard Bailey, 44, to Sarah Nina Carnes, 43, both of Fallon
- 5/15/2026 Eric K. Bickel, 50, to Dusty Lynn Edgmon, 44, both of Fallon
- 5/15/2026 Prestin James Cook, 27, to Victorea Catherine Bailey-Babbitt, 23, both of Fallon
- 5/15/2026 Devin Anthony Zumwalt, 24, to Franchezka Nicole Buan Rehwalt, 23, both of Fernley
- 5/15/2026 Joshua Frederick Thomas Clark, 34, to Dalynne Michelle Rueda, 30, both of Fallon
- 5/22/2026 Brock William O'Connell, 25, to Rylee Ann Buckmaster, 25, both of Sparks
- 5/27/2026 Joshua David Graves, 37, to Rose Mary Lopez, 37, both of Fallon
- 5/27/2026 Shawn Lee Moore Jr., 32, to Judy Kim Thomas, 47, both of Fallon

Fallon PRCA Rodeo

By Sydney Trainor

The Fallon PRCA Rodeo will return to Fallon this June, bringing two nights of professional rodeo action, patriotic celebrations, and community support to Fallon. The rodeo will take place June 16 and 17, with tickets starting at \$20. Children 12 and under are admitted for free.

This year's rodeo will also serve as a fundraiser for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), with proceeds and fundraising efforts supporting local children in foster care. CASA volunteers advocate for children involved in the court system, helping provide stability and support during challenging times.

"We have chosen to partner with CASA this year and direct our fundraising efforts toward helping children in our community who need a voice and an advocate," organizers said.

Every ticket purchased helps support CASA's work advocating for local children in foster care. For more information and tickets, visit the Fallon PRCA Rodeo website.

Greenwave PickleBALL Tournament Set for Saturday

Staff Report

The Greenwave PickleBALL Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, in Fallon as a fundraiser benefiting the Lady Wave basketball program.

A total of 21 teams have registered for the tournament, which will feature beginner, intermediate, and advanced divisions. Competition is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will take place at several Fallon locations, including the Churchill County High School auxiliary gym, the Venturacci City/County Gym, and the Oats Park pickleball courts.

The tournament will use a round-robin format, with each team guaranteed four games. Awards will be presented in each division.

Proceeds from the tournament will support Lady Wave basketball activities and expenses throughout the year. Community members are invited to attend and support the players.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, June 15

Swiss Steak w/Tomato Sauce
Brown Rice Pilaf
Layered Salad
Bran Muffin
Mixed Berries

Tuesday, June 16

Dill Pickle & Krab
WW Pasta Salad
White Beans
WW Bread
Fresh Orange

Wednesday, June 17

Spanish Omelet
Seasoned Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Veg
Bran Muffin
Apple Crisp

Thursday, June 18

Biscuits & Gravy
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Peach Cobbler
Fruit Yogurt
Orange Juice

Friday, June 19

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Monday, June 15

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Salad & Dessert

Thursday, June 18

Chili Chicken Casserole
Salad & Dessert

Monday, June 22

Chili Chicken Casserole
Salad & Dessert

Thursday, June 25

Clam Chowder
Salad & Dessert

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

OBITUARIES

RENEE MARY MOORE

March 5, 1952 – June 3, 2026

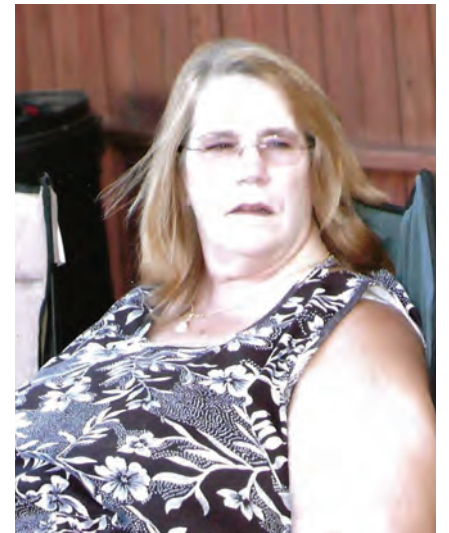
The family of Renee Mary Moore is deeply saddened to announce her passing on June 3, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was born on March 5, 1952, in Henderson, Nevada, to Raymond and Merelle Taylor. Renee devoted her life to her family and her faith, raising her three children with love and patience.

She was an active member of several church parishes and enjoyed cooking, gardening, and donating.

Renee is survived by her loving husband, Gary; her children, Robert, Michael, and Daniel; her sisters, Elaine and Michelle; her brothers, Mark and Steven; and 17 grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass service will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on June 20, 2026, at 11 a.m. The family invites friends to share memories and celebrate her life.

The family thanks hospice, hospital staff, caregivers, and the devoted volunteers at St. Patrick's for their compassion and care.



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MEETINGS
June 16 – July 8, 2026

Board of County Commissioners
Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: June 17 at 8:15 a.m.

Churchill County School Board
690 S. Maine St.
Next Meeting: June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

CC Communications
Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: July 2 at 11 a.m.

Central NV Health District
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: July 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees
Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: June 25 at 3 p.m.

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Measurements Taken June 8 at 8 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	227,700 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	549 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	135 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	100 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	148 cfs

June 8, 2024	June 8, 2023	June 8, 2022
301,616 acre feet	205,605 acre feet	153,764 acre feet

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

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Movie Day Coalition for Senior Citizens The Fallon Theatre Every third Friday at 1 p.m.	Fallon PRCA Rodeo Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Fairview Arena June 16-17	Greenwave Youth Baseball Camp Greenwave Dugout Club Contact greenwavedugoutclub@gmail.com to register. June 19-20 from 8 a.m. to noon	Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social Churchill County Museum 1050 S. Maine St. June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Queen of Hearts Barrel Race Queen of Hearts Rafter 3C Event Complex June 12-14	Summer Art With Mrs. Sorenson Oats Park Art School Oats Park Art Center June 16, 18, 19, ages 6-8 from 9 to 10 a.m., ages 9-12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Kids Crafts: "Digging into the Past" Bea's Days of Summer Churchill County Museum June 20	Black Light Paint n Sip Fallon Elks Lodge 93 W Center St. June 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
		Bingo Night Fallon Animal Welfare Group Pennington Center June 26 at 6 p.m.	The Singing Mormons Concert American Footworks High School Auditorium off Sheckler Rd July 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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COMMUNITY

Dog Agility Contest



Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Dog-and-handler teams from Nevada, California, and Oregon gathered in Fallon June 5-6 as the Ready 2 Run Dog Agility Club celebrated its 25th anniversary with a two-day competition at Rafter 3C Arena.

The club, which is based in Reno, held the competition in Fallon for the third consecutive year. The Ready 2 Run Dog Agility Club is affiliated with the North American Dog Agility Council.

NADAC agility trials demonstrate the ability of a dog and handler to work as a smoothly functioning team. The courses are traditionally fun and fast because of the flow and distance between obstacles. The goal is to maintain an environment that tests dog-and-handler teams with appropriate challenges while combining speed, accuracy, distance, and teamwork.

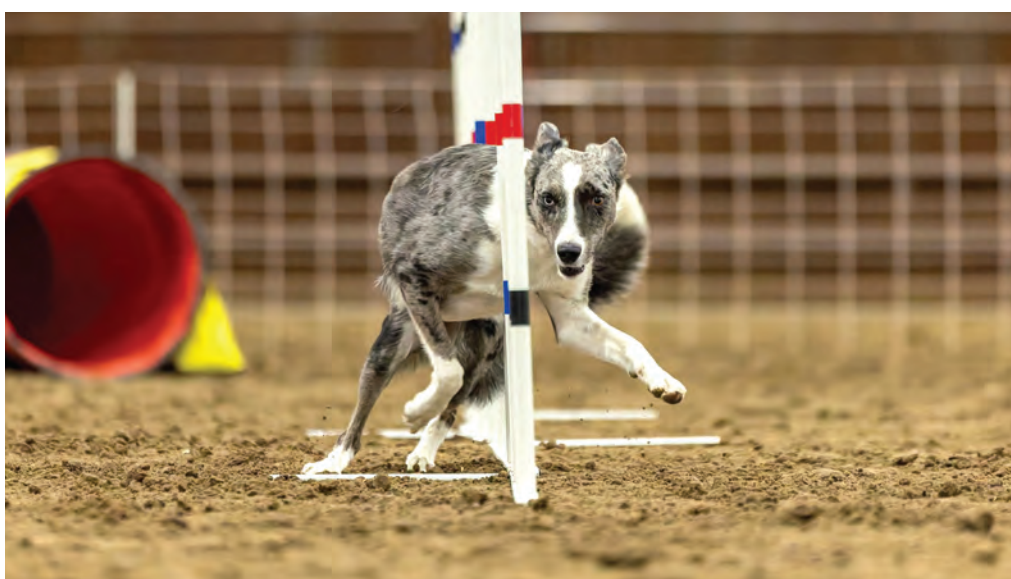
Tony and Terry Kopas were instrumental in bringing the competition to Fallon. Terry Kopas said she and her husband requested that the event be held in Fallon.

"Jesse Segura, Rafter 3C operations deputy, made it happen for us," she said.

Kopas said holding the competition indoors is cooler and healthier for the dogs.

The competition is one of many events hosted at Rafter 3C, a popular venue for equestrian, livestock, and community events in Fallon.

A welcome display greets participants and spectators during the Ready 2 Run Dog Agility Club's 25th anniversary event at Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon.



A dog navigates weave poles during the Ready 2 Run Dog Agility Club competition at Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon.

Terry Kopas and her dog, Gus, run a course during the Ready 2 Run Dog Agility Club competition June 5-6 at Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon.

Tribe Honors Graduates

Story and photos by Christina Rodarte

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe recognized 35 graduates during its 2026 Graduation Recognition Banquet on June 2, celebrating students who completed college, adult education, and high school programs.

Held at the Tribal Gym, the banquet honored four college graduates, three adult education graduates, and 28 high school graduates. Tribal officials said a record number of family members and friends attended the ceremony, with nearly every seat in the gym filled.



Kiley Grace Gutierrez, Hailey Jo Teton, Canberra T. Redner, and Presley-Jean Gallardo were honored during the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe's 2026 Graduation Recognition Banquet on June 2.



Mirabel WindRiver, left, and Millie Brigham are recognized during the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe's 2026 Graduation Recognition Banquet on June 2.

Chairwoman Catherine Williams-Tuni congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to take pride in both their accomplishments and their heritage.

"Be proud of who you are — a Native American graduate — and of all that you have accomplished," Williams-Tuni said. "Don't ever forget who you are or where you come from. We will always be praying for you, thinking of you, and reading about your accomplishments."

The ceremony included opening and closing prayers by Elder Mille Brigham. Colton Tohannie

performed two Honor Songs, Everett George served as keynote speaker, and Cody Ann Baker offered closing sentiments.

Each graduate received a custom graduation stole made by Elizabeth Works, along with a commemorative blanket recognizing their achievement.

The annual banquet celebrates the educational accomplishments of tribal members and recognizes graduates as they prepare for the next stage of their academic, professional, and personal journeys.

Middle School Promotes Class of 2030

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

Churchill County Middle School's Class of 2030 celebrated a major milestone June 4 as 165 students crossed the stage during the school's eighth-grade promotion ceremony at the Churchill County Fairview Outdoor Arena.

The ceremony marked the students' promotion to high school and included the presentation of promotion certificates, with family members, friends, teachers, and school officials gathered to recognize the accomplishment.

A moment of silence was observed for Darius Fruzza, a class member who passed away in 2025. The tribute honored his memory as classmates prepared to begin the next chapter of their education.

School Superintendent Derild Parsons, school board members, middle school teachers, and Principal Deana Porretta congratulated students on reaching the milestone and encouraged them as they continue their educational journey.



Churchill County Middle School students gather before family members, educators, and school officials during the school's eighth-grade promotion ceremony June 4 at the Churchill County Fairview Outdoor Arena. The event celebrated the promotion of the Class of 2030 into high school.

Congratulations!

BUSINESS

Fallon Native Brings Aviation Career Camp Home



Students and mentors gather during an Operation Aviation Foundation Career Education Camp in Alabama. Photo courtesy of Flyin' Tiz Aviation.

By Amber Hardin

Fallon native and aviation professional Anthony “Judge” Tisdale is bringing a nationally recognized aviation career camp to his hometown this month through Flyin’ Tiz Aviation, giving local students hands-on exposure to careers in flight and aerospace.

The three-day Operation Aviation Foundation Aviation Career Education Camp will take place June 17-19 and is designed to introduce students to aviation through hands-on activities, mentorship opportunities, and exposure to a variety of aviation career pathways. The camp will conclude with a Winging Ceremony on June 19, where students will be recognized for their participation and accomplishments.

According to organizers, this year’s camp marks the launch of the Nevada chapter of the Operation Aviation Foundation, a nonprofit organization focused on introducing young people to aviation careers and helping develop the next generation of aviation professionals.



Anthony Tisdale demonstrates flight equipment in Fallon during a local presentation. Photo by Rachel Dahl.



Students participate in an aviation training exercise during an Operation Aviation Foundation camp in Alabama. Photo courtesy of Flyin’ Tiz Aviation.

Tisdale, an Air Force fighter pilot, FedEx pilot, aviation instructor, and designated pilot examiner, began flying at age 19. He earned a degree in economics from the University of Nevada, Reno, before advancing through professional flight training and later attending U.S. Air Force pilot training. He currently serves as a fighter pilot with the Nevada Air National Guard.

Tisdale has previously conducted three Operation Aviation Foundation Aviation Career Education Camps in Alabama while serving as an active-duty Air Force officer. The Fallon event will be the first ACE Camp held under Nevada’s newly established chapter and the first ACE Camp hosted in Fallon.

Organizers say the program provides students with real-world aviation experiences while connecting them with

mentors working in the aviation industry. Through flight-related activities and career exploration, participants gain firsthand exposure to opportunities available in the aviation and aerospace fields.

Flyin’ Tiz Aviation officials said they hope the program will inspire local students to pursue careers in aviation while expanding educational opportunities for youth in rural Nevada.

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Churchill County New Businesses May 2026

Nevada Storage

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Boat/RV/Commercial Storage
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Ranch and Art, Magnet Crafts
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Equipment Rental and Sales
1025 Carlin Trend Drive

Aspen Creek Construction LLC

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Sanford Named Interim County Manager; Search Begins

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County commissioners unanimously appointed Joe Sanford as interim county manager June 4 while beginning the process of recruiting a permanent replacement for former County Manager Jim Spross.

The board directed the District Attorney's Office to seek proposals from outside recruitment firms to conduct the county manager search and approved keeping Sanford's salary at its current level for the first 120 days of the interim appointment.

Discussion focused on how to proceed with the hiring process following concerns arising from the county's previous recruitment effort, which led to an Open Meeting Law complaint and findings by the Nevada Attorney General.

Commissioners discussed several options, including hiring an outside executive recruitment firm, accepting applications directly through the county, or making a direct appointment. Board members generally agreed that using an outside firm would provide a more transparent process while protecting applicants who may not want their applications made public.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner said recruitment firms typically charge a percentage of the position's salary.

"That's the typical fee structure for those types of recruitments. You know, unfortunately, we were trying to save the taxpayers' money last time. It didn't work out as we had planned, so it's going to cost money this time," Carner said.

Commissioners also emphasized the need to maintain county operations during the hiring process, which they estimated could take up to 120 days.

Sanford, who currently serves as assistant county manager and Human Resources director, said he was willing to assume the interim role



Joe Sanford. Image via YouTube, courtesy of Churchill County.

and noted that he has worked closely with Spross on county operations, projects, and day-to-day management.

"I am briefed on the vast majority of actions that are currently going on in front of the county, operations, and day-to-day activities. And so, yes, I would be willing to be the interim county manager," Sanford said.

Commissioners also discussed the future structure of the county manager's office, including whether the assistant county manager and Human Resources director positions should remain combined.

Commissioner Eric Blakey expressed concerns about housing Human Resources within the county manager's office.

"I do have a concern with the HR director being in the county manager's office. I feel that it needs to be separate," Blakey said.

The board also considered whether Churchill County still needs an assistant county manager position. Some commissioners supported retaining

the position because of the county's workload, while others questioned whether a grant writer or another position might provide greater benefit.

Commission Chair Myles Getto spoke in favor of retaining the position, citing ongoing NAS expansion projects, range expansion work, and administration of major grant-funded projects.

"The amount of work that the county manager's office has to do to get all this done and get it done correctly. I think you need that other position to help out with that situation," Getto said.

Alexa Robinson also supported maintaining an assistant county manager position.

"I just see the value in the position because the county manager's position, they're making daily, high-level, intense decisions. A lot of it can become a decision vacuum," she said.

While no formal action was taken regarding the office structure, commissioners generally agreed they would likely separate the positions in the future while leaving the current arrangement in place during the transition.

Fallon City Council Approves Merchant License, Fire Department Ordinances

By Amber Hardin

The Fallon City Council approved ordinances June 1 creating a temporary merchant licensing process and updating regulations governing the Fallon Fire Department.

One of the primary agenda items was the adoption of Bill 810, which establishes regulations for temporary merchant licenses within the city. City officials said the ordinance was developed to provide a faster and more efficient licensing process for vendors participating in special events and short-term activities.

Mayor Ken Tedford explained that the traditional business licensing process can be time-consuming and often requires council review, making it difficult for vendors seeking to participate in weekend events or other temporary activities. The new ordinance creates a streamlined option for short-term merchant licenses, helping small businesses participate in community events while maintaining appropriate city oversight. Council members noted that similar programs already exist in neighboring jurisdictions.

The council also adopted Bill 811, updating portions of the Fallon City Code related to the Fallon Fire Department, Fire Board, and department officer qualifications and duties. City officials described the ordinance as a modernization effort intended to clarify existing regulations and align city and county provisions governing the jointly operated fire department.

Before voting on the measure, council members thanked city staff, legal counsel, and fire department leadership for their work coordinating the revisions and ensuring consistency between city and county ordinances. The ordinance was approved unanimously by the council members in attendance.

Council members also approved a retail establishment off-premises liquor license for Grand Slam Market. The license allows the business to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption. City staff recommended approval of the application, and the council voted unanimously among members present to grant the license.

Public comment included remarks from a resident regarding free speech concerns and traffic issues near a subdivision, including complaints about motorists failing to stop at intersections.

During council and staff reports, members highlighted the success of recent festivals, praising organizers and noting strong attendance and positive community participation throughout the events.

County Commissioners Meeting Summary

By Sydney Trainor

Churchill County commissioners appointed Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director Joe Sanford as interim county manager during their June 4 meeting, while also acknowledging findings from the Nevada Attorney General regarding an open meeting law violation that occurred during the county's 2025 county manager hiring process.

Sanford will begin serving as interim county manager on June 13. Commissioners approved the appointment with no salary change for the first 120 days and discussed separating the assistant county manager and human resources director positions, as well as whether the assistant county manager position remains necessary.

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Attorney General's findings of fact and conclusions of law related to the 2025 county manager hiring process and authorized the District Attorney's Office to submit a response.

During public comments, Pam Hucke expressed concerns about data centers, including water use, environmental impacts, and transparency. Former Life Center employee, Lisa Goodell, criticized the county manager hiring process, citing the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law findings.

Sanford also presented an update on implementation of the county compensation study, employee notifications, and step placement based on years in position. He said departments had received employee-specific placement information and that a countywide question-and-answer session would be held to address employee questions and verify position and service-time data. Commissioners unanimously approved the final implementation plan.

Churchill County Clerk-Treasurer Linda Rothery presented Rules of Procedure revisions to the commissioners to improve meeting operations, agenda preparation, and compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law statutes. The revisions were approved unanimously.

Commissioners appointed David Halloran to the Board of Directors of Fallon Golf Course Inc. through Dec. 31, 2028. They also appointed Brittany Burton, human services specialist with Social Services, as interim public guardian to fill the vacancy created by former Social Services Director Shannon Ernst's resignation.

The board unanimously approved a request from the Churchill County

Sheriff's Office a lateral-hire detention deputy with nearly four years of experience. Commissioners also approved Sheriff Lee Orozco's request to present retiring Capt. Chad Sweeney with his duty weapon in recognition of 25 years of service.

Commissioners approved an agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation to begin engineering and environmental review work for the proposed Moody-Coleman Connector project, which will be funded through a previously awarded \$4 million federal grant. They also approved an agreement transferring a portion of Curry Road and Lone Tree Road from the State of Nevada to Churchill County, along with \$800,000 for future maintenance.

In other business, commissioners approved the county's annual Indigent Defense Plan submitted by the Churchill County Public Defender's Office, and Resolution 08-2026, authorizing county officers to dispose of broken county property. Planning department staff also presented a request to rezone six parcels south of Interstate 80 from RR20 (Rural Resource) to I-3 (Heavy Industrial), and the request was approved unanimously.

Commissioners set a June 17 appeal hearing for George Pomeroy of GP Global, LLC, following the Planning Commission's denial of a request for variances from the per-parcel sign area limitation to allow five signs along the railroad right-of-way, establishing a consistent and intentional sign pattern in a designated area.

District Court Clerk Tiffany Josephs presented proposed court for the newly approved child support hearing master program. Commissioners approved budgets totaling \$14,341.28 for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

Commissioners also ratified a \$111,387 grant agreement to support outreach services, homeless case management, data collection, and community stabilization efforts.

The next County Commission meeting is scheduled for June 17.



COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, June 2, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Charles Ray Bowie Jr. appeared for sentencing on two counts: Count I, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Count II, Attempt to Possess a Controlled Substance, a wobbler that can be sentenced as a Category E Felony, punishable by 1-4 years in prison, or as a Gross Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Count II would be sentenced as a gross misdemeanor with the condition that Bowie participate in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program. Upon successful completion, the court will dismiss Count I. Should Bowie fail or quit Drug Court, Count II will be dismissed, and he will be sentenced on Count I.

Judge Stockard held Count I in abeyance, meaning the charge will be temporarily suspended pending the outcome of Drug Court. On Count II, he granted Bowie probation on a suspended term of 364 days in jail and ordered him to successfully complete Drug Court.

Thomas Roy Bonner pleaded not guilty to two charges: Category B Felony of Ex-felon Not to Possess a Firearm, punishable by 1-6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000; and Gross Misdemeanor Discharging a Weapon Where a Person Might be Endangered, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000.

Bonner waived his right to a speedy trial. At the request of the defense, a settlement conference will be set administratively. During the settlement conference, a senior district court judge will hear cases presented by both the state and the defense. If no resolution is reached, the matter will be heard by a jury on Dec. 2-4, with a trial date on Count II to be set following resolution of the felony charge.

Aaron Wendel Denshire, in custody, admitted to a non-technical sentencing violation for absconding from probation after being sentenced on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The court noted Denshire had absconded for more than 1,000 days.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills explained that the Division of Parole & Probation attempted to work with the defendant “every way they could,” but Denshire’s response was essentially “‘not going to work with you’ the entire time.” Mills stated, “If we want to have a civil society, rules need to be enforced.” He argued that Denshire was not amenable to probation and requested the imposition of the underlying sentence of 12-36 months in prison.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel asked that Denshire’s mother be allowed to address the court.

Frances Denshire told the court that since her son stopped reporting to probation, he has stayed out of trouble. She said she has seen significant changes in him and no evidence of drug use. She said Aaron does have a problem with going by the rules. “I think this is a wake-up call.” She also told Judge Stockard that if she and the defendant’s girlfriend understood the terms of probation, they could help ensure compliance.

Denshire told the court, “I take full responsibility for my actions. I shouldn’t have absconded.” He said he and his fiancée have started two businesses, he has stayed out of trouble for two years, and has become sober, adding, “I don’t need drugs in my life anymore.”

Judge Stockard reinstated probation with the condition that Denshire enter and successfully complete the Drug Court program. He told Denshire, “It’s not your mom’s job to babysit you ... It’s time to start acting like you’re an adult.”

Angela Marie Westerlund, in custody, pleaded guilty to Attempt to Commit Home Invasion, a Category C Felony punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. In a separate case, Westerlund also pleaded guilty to three additional counts: Category C Felony of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle and Category C Felony of Buying, Possessing, Receiving, or Withholding Stolen Property, both punishable by 1-5 years in prison; and Unlawful Occupancy, a Gross Misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in jail.

The factual basis stated that the defendant

forcibly entered a residence by breaking a window, was found in possession of a stolen vehicle and stolen property, and later returned to the same property.

Senior Deputy Public Defender Jeffrey Weed addressed his client’s custodial status. He requested that Westerlund be released on her own recognizance and provisionally placed into Specialty Court. Weed said she understands and accepts that her behavioral health concerns need to be addressed. He argued that while the charges are serious, they are property crimes and not crimes of violence.

Weed told the court Westerlund has a job opportunity doing payroll for \$25 an hour and plans to live with her adult son in Sparks, who would transport her to Fallon each week for specialty court appearances.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford argued that just hours after being released on her own recognizance in Justice Court, Westerlund returned to the same property involved in the case. Sanford also expressed concern that relying on an 18 or 19-year-old son for transportation from Sparks to Fallon each week was not a realistic plan for success and opposed release on her own recognizance.

Judge Stockard, in response to details of Westerlund’s potential employment, said, “‘a man who is going to pay me \$25 an hour to do payroll’ is a bit nebulous.” He added that while he believes she needs Specialty Court and a support system, weekly transportation from Sparks would place a significant burden on her son.

Westerlund was provisionally admitted to Specialty Court with the conditions of Court Services supervision, daily check-ins, random testing, and no contact with felons, nor may she return to the property where the offenses allegedly occurred. Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentencing Investigation and set sentencing for Aug. 4.

Chad Austin Jenkins, in custody, appeared for arraignment. At the request of the defense, the case was continued to June 9.

Nevada State Police Identify Suspect in 1979 Churchill County Homicide

Staff Report

More than 45 years after the body of Edgar Anders was discovered north of Fallon, Nevada State Police say advances in forensic technology have allowed investigators to identify the man believed responsible for his death.

According to Nevada State Police, detectives determined that Christopher Marvin Fox was responsible for the 1979 homicide investigation. Fox died in 2022 and cannot be prosecuted. However, after reviewing the evidence developed during the renewed investigation, the Churchill County

District Attorney’s Office concluded Fox would have been charged with open murder, a charge that allows prosecutors to pursue either first- or second-degree murder depending on the evidence.

The case began April 24, 1979, when a Southern Pacific Railroad work crew discovered Anders’ body approximately 22 miles north of Fallon near U.S. Highway 95. Investigators determined Anders died from a stab wound.

Authorities said detectives at the time located signs of a violent struggle near the scene, including bloodstains, personal belongings, and a partial footprint believed to belong to someone other than the victim. Evidence also suggested a vehicle fled the area after the killing. Anders’ vehicle was later recovered in Sacramento, California.

Nevada State Police said preservation of evidence collected in 1979 ultimately proved critical decades later. Through renewed investigative efforts involving familial DNA analysis, which identifies potential relatives through DNA comparisons, and modern forensic testing, investigators were able to eliminate potential suspects and eventually identify Fox through evidence tied to the crime scene, the victim, and Anders’ recovered vehicle.

The investigation was reopened at the request of the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office and involved assistance from the Washoe County Forensic Investigation Section.

“This case is a shining example of the steadfast dedication of generations of detectives who refused to let this investigation be forgotten,” Nevada State Police Investigation Division Lt. Joel Martin stated in a release. “While we cannot change the events of 1979, we can provide answers and bring a conclusion to a case that has remained unresolved for decades.”

Officials said they hope the resolution provides some measure of closure to Anders’ family and loved ones.



May Divorces

- Weaver, Scott & Weaver, Leslie
- Jin, Ruifeng & Ren, Chunping
- Hays, Danny Dean & Hays, Susan Lynn
- Pence, Robert Lee & Pence, Penny Lynn
- Torres, Alma Lorena & Torres Jr., Jesse Steven
- Simonsen, Sara & Simonsen, Jeremy M.
- Wilson, Stephen & Brown, Gabrielle
- Sarmiento, Rene & Heckert, Janice Ranee
- Burns, Charidy v. Burns, Marvin
- Sterling, Mary v. Sterling, James
- Oseguera, Jazlyn & Singh, Karanvir
- Conrad, Shaneal & Johnson, Clyde
- Maresca, Deena Monique & Maresca, Timothy Michael
- Huang, Cuiwen & Zhuo, Yong
- Gomez-Cabrera, Andrea Adilet & Ramirez, Cristian Perez
- Gilliam Jr., McKenzie Ross & James, Jasmine Denisia
- Santacruz, Diana Laura & Velez Jr., Edwin
- Rice, Shauna Lavonne & Stiles, Joshua Shane

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- Crook, Lori L. & Crook, Jason H. Decree of Divorce
- Tajyar, Shawwna Deanne & Encinas, Roberto Alvidrez Decree of Divorce
- Murphy, Cecilia & Murphy, Jeffery Decree of Divorce
- McCarthy, Roman v. McCarthy, Kiani Decree of Divorce
- Bender, Alicia Marie Ganshorn & Bender, Richard A. Decree of Divorce
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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera



Blake Brandenburg qualified for the National History Day Finals Competition in Washington, D.C., with his website project focused on the United States Constitution.



Abel Hernandez displays his medal after qualifying for the National History Day Finals Competition in Washington, D.C.



Jacob Pilarski qualified for the National History Day Finals Competition in Washington, D.C. Pilarski also qualified for nationals last year with a paper entry.

THREE OASIS ACADEMY STUDENTS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three students from Oasis Academy are advancing to the National History Day Finals Competition in Washington, D.C. The students have earned this achievement by their projects advancing through school, regional, and state-level competitions. Jacob Pilarski, Abel Hernandez, and Blake Brandenburg will now travel to Washington, D.C. to compete against top students from across the country.

The theme for this year's projects is Revolution, Reaction, and Reform. Students were able to choose a topic fitting the theme and select a presentation method, including a paper, website, documentary, display board, and oral presentation.

Brandenburg qualified as an individual with a website focused on the United States Constitution.

Pilarski and Hernandez worked together on a group website, combining their efforts to produce a well-developed website focused on chemical warfare in World War I, with a focus on the Second Battle of Ypres. This marks a notable accomplishment for Pilarski, who also qualified for nationals last year with a paper entry.

The students will be accompanied by one of their teachers, Kelly Nott, and will spend five days in Washington, D.C. During their time in the nation's capital, they will not only compete but also take part in educational and cultural opportunities, including meeting with Nevada's U.S. senators, visiting many of the Smithsonian and other area museums, touring national monuments, Mount Vernon, and attending a Washington Nationals baseball game at Nationals Park.

Nott has also been named Nevada's Junior Division finalist for the National History Day Teacher of the Year award. As Nevada's

representative, she will join finalists from every state and international schools for consideration for the national honor. The winner of that award will also be announced during the competition.

This marks the second consecutive year that Oasis Academy students have qualified for the national competition, underscoring a growing tradition of excellence in historical research and academic competition. Their achievement highlights months of dedication, collaboration, and perseverance, and represents a significant milestone for the students, their teachers, and the school community.

D&D CLUB CONCLUDES YEAR WITH FINAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION

The Dungeons & Dragons Club at Oasis Academy recently held its end-of-year celebration, marking the conclusion of a year filled with imagination, collaboration, and storytelling. The event brought together all participating groups for one final, large-scale session in which students joined forces to face a common in-game challenge.

The club, which includes more than 30 students in grades 5 through 12, has met weekly on Tuesdays since the beginning of the school year. Designed as an inclusive space for students of different ages and experience levels, the program has fostered a unique community built around creativity, problem-solving, and shared storytelling.

The final session served as both a culmination and celebration, as students worked together to complete their last campaign adventure. Alongside the gameplay, students enjoyed pizza, treats, and time to reflect on the year's experiences, friendships, and memorable moments from their campaigns.

"We are deeply appreciative for the volunteer Dungeon Masters (DMs) who dedicated their time each week to planning adventures, guiding gameplay, and supporting student participation," said Shannon Garcia, K-6 Vice Principal. "Their commitment made it possible for students to consistently engage in rich, structured storytelling experiences throughout the year."

Beyond the game itself, Dungeons & Dragons helps students develop valuable skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, communication, creativity, and leadership. Through collaborative storytelling and problem-solving, students learn how to strategize, adapt, and work together toward shared goals.



From left, Karter Owens, Jazmine Mayer, Cadence Garber, Adam Revels, Lilianna Freeman, Connor Butcher, and Alexander Calhoun participate in the Oasis Academy Dungeons & Dragons Club's end-of-year celebration.

FIRST GRADERS SHINE A LIGHT ON SCIENCE

Oasis Academy first-grade students recently explored the fascinating world of light through a hands-on science lesson. Using flashlights and a variety of everyday materials, students investigated how light travels through different objects.

As part of the activity, students learned to identify the differences between transparent, translucent, and opaque materials. They shined flashlights through items like water bottles and paper to observe how much light passed through each object. Students discovered that transparent materials allow most light to pass through, translucent materials let some light through, and opaque materials block light completely.

The engaging experiment gave students the opportunity to practice observation and critical thinking skills while learning important science concepts and vocabulary. Through exploration and discovery, first graders gained a better understanding of how light interacts with the world around them.



Kase Kamps, left, and Jaxen Guthrie explore the properties of light during a hands-on science lesson at Oasis Academy. Students investigated transparent, translucent, and opaque materials using flashlights and everyday objects.

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EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

By Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD

DEAR CHURCHILL CSD FAMILIES AND STAFF,

This week marks the end of another incredible school year. I find myself reflecting not only on the many moments that made this year special, but also on the incredible journey I have shared with the Churchill County School District as an employee for nearly three decades.

This is not only the final message of the school year, but also my final message as Superintendent before retiring. It is difficult to put into words what this district and this community have meant to me throughout the years. Churchill County School District has been more than just a workplace. It has been home.

Over the course of my career, I have had the privilege of serving this district in many roles, from teacher to administrator to superintendent. In every position, the heart of this work has always remained the same: supporting students and helping create opportunities for them to learn, grow, and succeed.

One of the greatest blessings of my career has been the relationships built along the way. I have had the honor of working alongside extraordinary educators and staff members whose dedication to children continues to inspire me to this day. I have watched students grow into graduates, and graduates go on to build successful careers, serve their communities, raise families, and make meaningful impacts in the world around them. That is something I will never take for granted.

This district is filled with people who care deeply about one another, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. We have experienced moments of great success and moments of heartbreak. Through it all, our path has always been defined by resilience, growth, and a community that comes together to support each other during both the best of times and the hardest of times. This year has been a beautiful reminder of why public education matters so much.

As we head into the final week of school, there is much to celebrate. Graduation for the

Churchill County High School Class of 2026 will take place on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at the Edward Arciniega Athletic Complex. It will also be livestreamed on the ChurchillCSD Facebook page for those who are unable to attend in person. Graduation is always one of the most meaningful events of the year, representing not only achievement but also hope, perseverance, and the bright futures ahead for our students.

It feels especially fitting that such an incredible school year will also mark the conclusion of my career in education. I could not have asked for a better way to end this chapter.

To our students: thank you for being the reason we do this work.

To our staff: thank you for your commitment, compassion, and tireless dedication to children.

To our families and community: thank you for your trust, partnership, and support throughout the years.

Thank you for the opportunity to do this great work that truly matters. Education is about far more than academics. It is about relationships, service, growth, and making a difference in the lives of others every single day.

My biggest hope is that everyone will take some time to reflect upon their own impact, evaluate it, and ensure it is what you want it to be. I can guarantee that each of us makes a difference every single day. Our influence as parents and educators shapes our children and our community. I know without question that ChurchillCSD will continue making a meaningful impact for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of this journey with me. I hope everyone has a safe, restful, and wonderful summer.



With sincere gratitude,

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Churchill CSD
Superintendent

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

By David Ernst

As another successful school year came to a close, the final weeks at Veritas Preparatory School were filled with activity, celebration, and lasting memories. From special events and field trips to graduation ceremonies and classroom festivities, students and staff enjoyed a busy and rewarding finish to the academic year.

One of the highlights of the season was the kindergarten graduation ceremony. Family members gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the youngest Veritas students as they completed their first year of formal education. The graduates proudly presented group recitations and songs, and received their certificates, marking an important milestone in their educational journey.

Another favorite event was the school trip to Top Gun Skate. Students spent the day skating, laughing, and enjoying time together outside the classroom. The trip provided a fun opportunity for students from different grade levels to interact and celebrate the conclusion of another successful year.

As the last day of school arrived, excitement filled the campus. Students spent the morning wrapping up final activities, cleaning classrooms, and saying their goodbyes. Then came a special surprise that quickly became the highlight of the day — the arrival of the Sprinkle Ice Cream Truck.

Thanks to the generosity of the Unite Parent Group, every student was treated to ice cream to celebrate the end of the school year. Students eagerly gathered around the truck, choosing their favorite frozen treats and enjoying a well-deserved reward for their hard work throughout the year.

The entire school assembled on the field for one final time together before summer vacation. Students enjoyed their ice cream while signing memory books, playing games, and spending time with friends. Laughter and conversation filled the air as classmates shared favorite memories from the year and made plans for the summer ahead.

As students and teachers head into a well-earned summer break, the Veritas community looks forward with anticipation to what God has in store for the coming school year. Until then, we wish all of our families a safe, restful, and joyful summer.

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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

Some failures happen because of complexity. Others happen because of complacency. This one happened because I briefly believed I had outsmarted a 90-pound Rottweiler.

The incident occurred on an otherwise excellent Sunday. I started the morning by knocking out my least favorite yard work project before the day warmed up. Neil and I followed that with breakfast at the golf course, complete with Bloody Marys, pancakes, and a surprisingly successful driving range session. By afternoon, I had earned a long nap and was feeling pretty pleased with both my golf swing and my life choices.

Later that day, we headed to the grocery store to gather ingredients for dinner: a barbecued pizza destined for the smoker. I had plans. Prosciutto. Fresh figs. Orange blossom honey goat cheese. Balsamic glaze. Arugula. Truffle oil. This wasn't just dinner. This was an event.

Before heading home, we stopped at the American Legion to watch the Cubs play the Giants. Somewhere during the game, Neil looked over at me, smiled, and told me how content he was.

Then he shared a memory from his time in the Navy. Years ago, while standing watch in the North Arabian Gulf, he remembered thinking about what he wished he were doing instead. Nothing dramatic. Nothing ambitious. He wished he were sitting with me at a bar, watching a Cubs game, and drinking a beer.

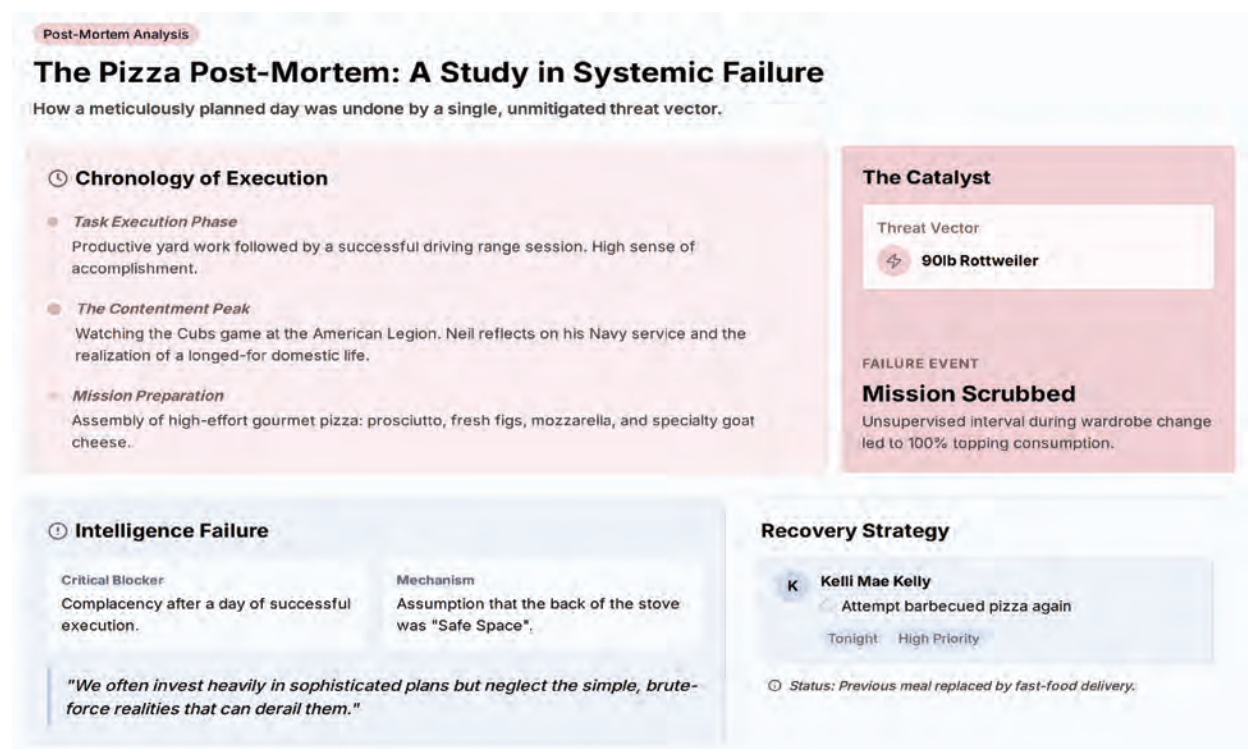
Now, years later, there we were doing essentially that very thing.

It struck me how often we spend years pursuing a future that, when it finally arrives, looks surprisingly ordinary. A game on television. A drink with someone you love. A quiet Sunday afternoon.

After the Cubs lost in extra innings, we headed home and I began assembling the pizza. The smoker was preheated. The dough was stretched. The sauce, cheese, prosciutto, and figs were in place. The goat cheese was in the freezer firming up so it would crumble more easily.

The mission was nearly complete. Unfortunately, this is where the system failed.

I left the assembled pizza on a sheet pan at the back of the stove, a location that had long been classified as Safe Space. I then stepped away to



change into pajamas.

During this brief interval, an unmitigated threat vector exploited a critical vulnerability.

The threat vector was my nearly three-year-old Rottweiler.

The first sign of trouble was a crash from the kitchen. By the time I arrived on scene, the event had concluded. The dog had consumed a portion of the prosciutto and figs, pulled the pan to the edge of the stove, and deposited the entire project onto the floor.

Neil stood staring silently at the wreckage. The dog appeared startled but not especially regretful. The pizza was unrecoverable.

Subsequent analysis identified several contributing factors. First, the assumption that the back of the stove remained outside the dog's reach was unsupported by current evidence. Second, known velociraptor behavior had not been adequately incorporated into operational planning. Finally, the system contained a single point of failure and no meaningful contingency plan.

The result was a complete mission scrub and an emergency pivot to takeout.

As I cleaned pizza toppings off the floor and

attempted to extract mozzarella from a broom that may never fully recover, I found myself thinking about that conversation at the Legion.

The ruined pizza didn't actually ruin the day.

The yard work was still done. Breakfast was still good. The driving range was still fun. The nap was still glorious. The Cubs game was still worth watching. The conversation about contentment still happened.

The pizza failed. The day did not.

Maybe that's the real lesson from this particular post-mortem. We often judge an entire day by its final disappointment, as though one bad outcome cancels everything that came before it. But life doesn't work that way.

Sometimes contentment looks like a carefully planned homemade pizza.

Sometimes it looks like cleaning up a disaster, ordering takeout, and laughing because the dog got there first.

And sometimes the future you've spent years hoping for arrives looking less like perfection and more like an ordinary Sunday, complete with a Cubs game, a good conversation, and a 90-pound reminder that no system is ever completely secure.



The Greenwave Plant Corner

Plant Systems Students Leave Deep Roots, Bright Futures

Story and photo by Jaime Sammons

Plant Systems grew together for another bountiful season, which wrapped up last week. We had quite a few seniors graduating this year, and they remind me of dandelions (as a beekeeper, I value them highly as an early-spring food source for my hives). The 2026 class is full of adaptable, robust "plants" — bright flowers that will disperse in the wind soon, no doubt, flowering productively in the near future wherever they land.



I didn't study much ecology in college; I'm a biology gal who loves her plants. You could, though, make a solid case that all gardeners are de facto ecologists. Even with a single pot of petunias on your stoop, you would certainly notice a hummingbird showing up for nectar, a deer that browsed a few stems, a pill bug (more often called a roly-poly) hiding out under the shade of the leaves, or a snail making small, slimy trails and holes in your petals. Petunias are repellent to most critters because of their smell, meaning you'll have no aphids and color all summer. They even withstand Fallon heat when watered well. Petunias, however, in the world of squirrels, are a much sought-after delicacy. While pinching your spent petunia flowers encourages more blooms, a squirrel "pruning" often

means a return trip to the garden center.

A garden teaches us so many things: patience, science, resilience, and awareness of the world around us. If you don't have a garden, I can't accurately describe the zen-like meditation of roaming around your yard on a warm Saturday morning, coffee in hand, admiring all. Just last week, I saw my first future monarch caterpillar munching away on a showy milkweed plant. Scientists say that monarchs can smell milkweed — if you've never smelled them, the butterflies are right: milkweeds do smell great. Milkweed is also an important seral species.

In the restoration world, seral plants are plants that help build a community, usually in successive stages. Early seral plants called pioneers often establish quickly on disturbed sites. Apricot mallow is one such plant. Sometimes called a fire follower, it grows quickly after fires, floods, or grading. Like most plants native to our great state, it rapidly develops deep roots that help anchor it and the surrounding soil, keeping it from blowing away. Globemallow is drought tolerant and grows in such a way that it helps prevent aggressive weed grasses from taking over in the same area it is growing in. Globemallow also provides needed biomass to the area where it's planted, which helps other plants colonize.

Additionally, globemallow is a pollinator magnet, providing a steady source of nectar and pollen for native bees, butterflies, moths, and honeybees. Inviting it to your yard will almost guarantee you will also be inviting the tiny globe mallow bees shown in the picture. These tiny gray bees are the sleepest; you'll often find them napping in the petals. Globemallow ecology is a bit of an analogy for my Plant Systems classes this year. They are a seral species, building a resilient community, putting down deep roots, and supporting others. Thank you for following along as we grew this year. We'll be back in September.

Allison's Book Report:
"Operation Bounce House"
by Matt Dinniman

By Allison Diegel

Summer has officially started in Fallon, and you know what that means — we are all looking for fun, summery reads that we can devour by the pool, at the lake, on a vacation, or even just from the comfort of our couch with the A/C cranked up. As far as these summery reads go, I usually gravitate towards fun, sexy rom-coms and twisty family dramas. Don't worry if those aren't your style, though, because I have something new that you might just love.

"Operation Bounce House" by Matt Dinniman is an absolute adrenaline rush of a sci-fi novel that perfectly showcases his signature chaotic, high-stakes storytelling in a standalone format. The story introduces us to Oliver, a relatively low-key guy living a quiet life on the backwater colony planet of New Sonora. Oliver is perfectly content just running his family farm, dealing with some mild relationship drama, and keeping under the radar. All of that peaceful country living completely goes out the window when a bizarre, video-game-style giant robot crash-lands on his property and tries to murder him. As it turns out, Earth's corporate-run government has decided to reclaim the resource-rich planet, initiating a brutal "eviction action." To maximize their profits, the colossal Apex Corporation decides against deploying standard AI troops and instead turns the entire invasion into a literal pay-to-play video game marketed to bored, toxic Earthers.

Suddenly, Oliver, his sister, and a quirky crew of local friends find themselves fighting for their lives against massive war machines remotely piloted by wealthy gamers looking for a thrill. The titular "Operation Bounce House" is the corporate name for this cruel, dystopian game, but the colonists have zero intention of going down without a fight. Armed with an old book from Oliver's grandfather, a bucket of rusty parts, and a farm AI that is fiercely programmed to protect the land, the outgunned and outnumbered locals mount an incredibly scrappy resistance. What follows is a wildly entertaining, fast-paced battle of pitchforks versus spaceships. Dinniman masterfully balances laugh-out-loud comedy and sharp satire of corporate greed and gaming culture with genuinely heartfelt moments. The characters are incredibly memorable, the action crackles with explosive energy, and the pacing is so relentless that it keeps you hooked from the first page to the last. It's an anarchic, deeply original sci-fi war novel about regular people taking a stand against the ultimate corporate plutocracy, proving that even against impossible odds, a little bit of hometown grit can give the universe's biggest bullies the fight of their lives.

Not all summer reads are created equal, but this one is a winner for sure. I hope you give it a try and don't forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more summer reading ideas!

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.

COLUMNS

Postcards: Drop Me a Line

By Michon Mackedon

Now, in the 21st century, many of you record your lives and loves by posting photos on Instagram. But, as the cliché goes, there is nothing new under the sun. Variations, yes, including what could be seen as an early 20th-century version of Instagram, called the “Real Photo Postcard,” or RPPC.

Commercially made picture postcards had become a popular form of communication in the mid to late nineteenth century. The images were sold as souvenirs, as is often the case today. Postcards featuring the Eiffel Tower, built in 1889, were wildly popular, as were postcard images of the Chicago World’s Fair, held in 1893. These early postcards, however, did not have a divided back; there was space for an address but not for a message.



Then came one innovation and several new postal regulations, all leading to what is now called the Golden Age of the picture postcard, about 1903-1920.

The innovation was a new camera made by Kodak in 1903, the No. 3A Folding Pocket Kodak. The camera was designed to use postcard-sized film. Kodak also offered a preprinted card back that allowed postcards to be made from negatives.

Anyone with a No. 3A could take a photograph and have it printed on the back of a postcard. Entrepreneurs at once sensed an opportunity, and photographers soon roamed everywhere, town to town, recording local scenes ... parades, fire, floods, homes, and families and, of course, selling the local scenes to the local citizens. Communities like Fallon did not need an Eiffel Tower or a World’s Fair to garner the attention of the roving photographer. The result was an unprecedented photo history of America, particularly of small-town and rural America.



At the same time, postal regulations changed. Rural Free Delivery expanded mail service in places like Churchill County, where dwellings might be far apart. The price for mailing a postcard was lowered from 2 cents to a penny, hence the phrase “penny postcard.” Restrictions that had been placed on postcard design also changed, allowing for a divided back which left room to write a message.

The resulting national “postcard craze” quickly reached Fallon. In my personal collection, I have a real photo postcard of my father, Ernest Maupin, playing with a dog (shown here) and another one of him riding a bicycle, circa 1910. I also have a postcard of the Hotel Fallon (c. 1906) and one showing a crowd gathered, perhaps to watch a parade, by the side of a large two-story brick structure on the corner of Maine and Williams, where the Nugget parking lot is now located. The building is marked “People’s Bro’s.” I’m relatively sure that my grandmother had multiple postcards made from these images to send to her relatives in Missouri and elsewhere, probably the only photos they ever saw of Fallon and their Nevada kinfolk.

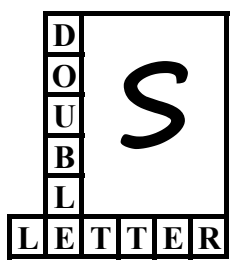
People also used real photo postcards to brag about their adventures away from home. Carol Cote (“In Focus, Volume 7”) cited a piece from the “Churchill County Eagle” (August 11, 1906) stating that the paper had received several souvenir postcards sent from Santa Monica, California. They were mailed by [Fallon resident] Manie Sanford and featured a photo of him “standing beside a 300 pound fish... which he says he caught (?)”

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

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

Crossword

By Peanut

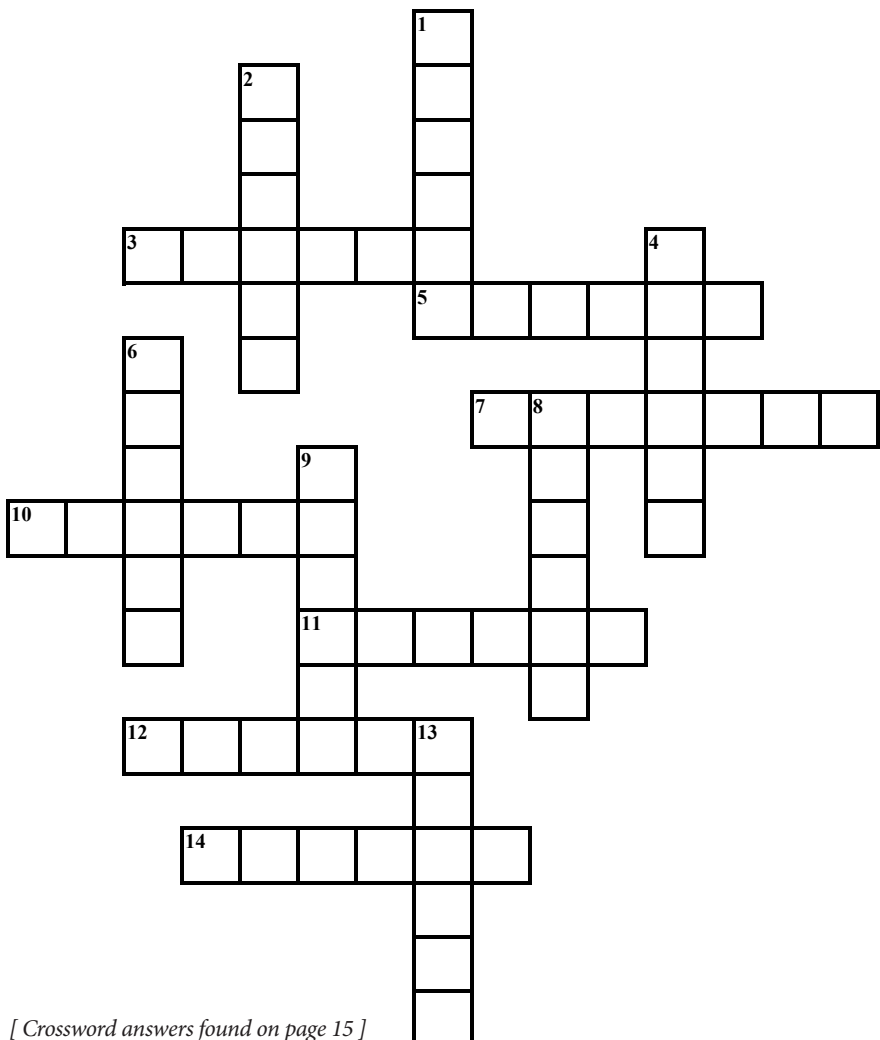


Across

- 3. Thin wrapping paper
- 5. Laddie's girl
- 7. Hound dog
- 10. Gown & tux affair
- 11. Help out
- 12. Dinosaur bone
- 14. Chocolate dessert

Down

- 1. Bivalve
- 2. Sailboat, chalice
- 4. Smoocher
- 6. Way too much extra
- 8. Not down
- 9. Go around
- 13. Instruction



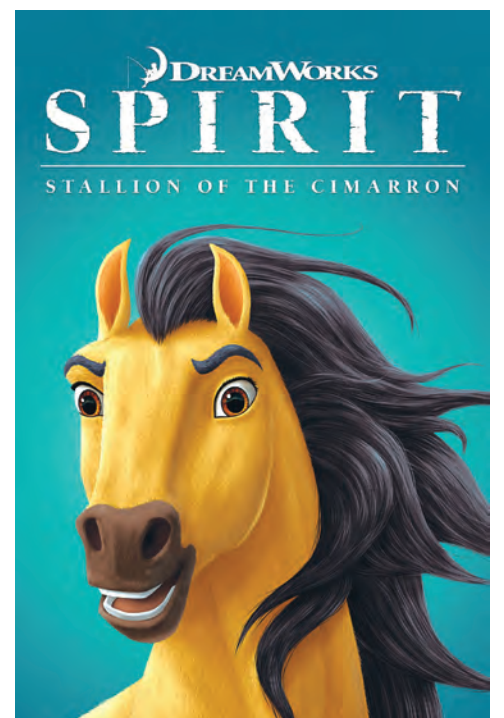
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Fallon Theatre Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who has been filling our seats and sharing their weekends with us at the Fallon Theatre as we dive into the beautiful month of June. With summer temperatures rising outside, our historic auditorium is ready to offer a cool escape.

At 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, we are galloping into adventure with the animated classic “Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron” (2002). This family film follows a wild Mustang stallion as he journeys across the American frontier, forms an unlikely friendship with a young Lakota brave, and fights to remain free. Featuring a hit soundtrack by Bryan Adams, it remains a timeless story of the West. Rated G, it runs 1 hour and 23 minutes.



At 7 p.m. both nights, the horsepower theme continues with the historical drama “Seabiscuit” (2003), proudly sponsored by The City of Fallon. Set during the Great Depression, the film tells the true story of three struggling men who transform an undersized racehorse into a national sensation. Rated PG-13, it runs 2 hours and 20 minutes.

On Friday, June 19, we are excited to welcome back The Coalition for Senior Citizens for its Third Friday Matinee at 1 p.m. This month’s feature is “Pride & Prejudice” (2005). While the screening is open to all ages, moviegoers 60 and older will receive a free small popcorn and a free small drink. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and enjoy this beloved story.

We are also thrilled to help kick off a fantastic local tradition as the De Golyer Bucking Horse and Bull Bash comes to the Fallon Theatre on Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m. for a free screening of the comedy classic “City Slickers” (1991). Produced by Cody and Kristina de Golyer, this annual hometown rodeo takes place on the last Saturday in June and offers an affordable family outing right here in Fallon. Before the action begins at the arena, we invite the community to enjoy a western adventure on the big screen. Any remaining rodeo tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby, cash only, while supplies last.

Looking ahead, Ventura Highway — The Music of America will take the stage Saturday, July 18, at 8 p.m. This concert celebrates the music of the legendary band America and promises an evening filled with familiar favorites. Tickets are just \$10.

As always, we are proud to serve as your community hub for film and live performances. If you are interested in renting the theater for a private event or seeing your name in lights on our marquee, please call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com for more information. We can’t wait to see you this weekend.

SPORTS

Fallon Rodeo Athletes Advance to National Finals

By Nancy Chapman

Several Fallon rodeo athletes have earned the opportunity to compete on the national stage after advancing through the Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals in Winnemucca.

The qualifiers will represent Fallon at two national events this summer. High school competitors will advance to the 2026 National High School Finals Rodeo, scheduled for July 19-25 at the Sandhills Global Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. Junior high competitors will travel to Guthrie, Oklahoma, for the 2026 National Junior High Finals Rodeo, set for June 21-27 at Lazy E Arena.

Athletes from across the United States, Canada, Australia, and Mexico will compete for national titles at the National High School Finals Rodeo, while junior high contestants from the United States, Canada, and Mexico will vie for top honors at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo.

High school qualifiers from Fallon include Wyatt Peek, Caleb Edgmon, and Stix Lee in team

roping. Peek and Lee also qualified in calf roping. Lee earned an additional qualification in boys cutting. Rio Segura qualified in steer wrestling and saddle bronc riding. Brooke Allison and Megan Allison qualified in goat tying.

Junior high qualifiers include Rostin Snow in bull riding and bareback riding. Stella Lee qualified in barrel racing, girls breakaway roping, girls goat tying, pole bending, and girls ribbon roping. Chloe Kent qualified in girls goat tying and pole bending. Wyatt Greenwood earned qualifications in boys breakaway roping and boys ribbon roping. Stella Lee and Wyatt Greenwood also qualified as a team in team roping.

The National High School Finals Rodeo and National Junior High Finals Rodeo represent the culmination of a season of competition for these athletes, who secured their positions through their performances at the state finals in Winnemucca.

Fallon is proud of these young athletes and wishes them good luck and safe travels as they prepare to compete against some of the top youth rodeo competitors in North America.



Rostin Snow displays a championship buckle after earning qualifications in bull riding and bareback riding for the 2026 National Junior High Finals Rodeo. Photo courtesy of Shellie Oney.



Chloe Kent competes in goat tying during junior high rodeo competition. Photo courtesy of Diamond



Team roping partners Caleb Edgmon, left, and Wyatt Peek congratulate one another after a third-round victory at the 2026 Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals in Winnemucca. Photo courtesy of Amber Edgmon.

Youth Fishing Derby Returns to Liberty Pond Saturday

Staff Report

Young anglers and their families are invited to cast a line at the annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 13, at Liberty Pond in Fallon.

Hosted by the Fallon Lions Club in partnership with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), the free event will run from 10 a.m. to noon and is designed to introduce children to fishing in a fun, family-friendly setting.

Participants will have the opportunity to fish for stocked rainbow trout, compete for trophies in multiple age divisions, and enjoy a free barbecue beginning at 11 a.m. Age divisions include 5 and younger, 6-8, 9-12, and 13 and older.

No pre-registration is required, and youth may bring their own fishing equipment or use loaner rods provided at the event. NDOW typically stocks Liberty Pond with hundreds of rainbow trout ahead of the derby to increase fishing opportunities for participants.

The Youth Fishing Derby was first held in 2019 and has become a popular community event that encourages outdoor recreation while teaching basic fishing skills.

Liberty Pond is located along U.S. Highway 95 on the Schurz Highway south of Fallon. For more information, contact the Fallon Lions Club.



The free event will run from 10 a.m. to noon and is designed to introduce children to fishing



Young anglers fish at Liberty Pond during a previous Youth Fishing Derby. Photo courtesy of Churchill County.

Prepared Meals	
William Pennington Life Center Monday through Friday (hot lunch), 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 952 S. Maine St. <i>Free over 60</i>	Fallon NAZ Wednesdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 1520 Grimes St.
Wolf Center (Fallon Daily Bread) Mondays and Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 457 Esmeralda St.	Back Porch next to Wolf Center Wednesdays and Saturdays (sack lunches) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 280 E. Stillwater Ave.
Oasis Community Church Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m. 1520 S. Maine St.	Christian Life Center Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m. 1435 Kaiser St.
Food and Commodity Pantries	
Epworth Community Food Pantry Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 457 Esmeralda St.	FBNN Mobile Harvest Produce Second Thursdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. William Pennington Life Center, 952 S. Maine St.
New Frontier Food Pantry Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1490 Grimes St. <i>Available 24 hours by phone, 775-442-1686</i>	Commodities, William Pennington Life Center Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 952 S. Maine St.
Out of Egypt Food Pantry Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. 1075 Taylor Place	Fallon Cares (formerly Karma Box) <i>Food and hygiene products – two per visit</i> Front porch of Chamber of Commerce, 290 W. Williams Ave. Lobby of Churchill County Sheriff's Office, 180 W. A St. West entrance (outside), Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St. <i>Donations appreciated</i>
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**CITY OF FALLON
Consumer Confidence Report – 2026
Covering Calendar Year – 2025**

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are continually being made to improve their water systems. To learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact Deputy Public Works Director Adrian Noriega at 775-423-6774.

Our drinking water source is an underground basalt aquifer accessed through deep wells. To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from:

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Well 1	Ground Water
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Well 3	Ground Water
Well 4	Ground Water

We treat your water to remove several contaminants, and we add disinfectant to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the source water assessment, please contact us.

Message from EPA

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as storm water runoff, agriculture, and residential users. **Radioactive contaminants** can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system tested a minimum of 10 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television, or radio.

Water Quality Data

The tables below list all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2025 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 01, 2025 - December 31, 2025. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): a treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Testing Results for CITY OF FALLON

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2025				

Disinfection By-Products	Monitoring Period	RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2025	ND	ND	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES	2025	12	12	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper	Date	99 th Percentile	Unit	AL	MCLG	Typical Source
COPPER	8/13-15/2024	0.223	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD	8/13-15/2024	5.6	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	01/09/25 05/07/25 08/14/25 12/31/25	6.5 9.7 5 8	5-9.7	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
FLUORIDE	03/04/24	0.90	0.90	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
NITRATE	3/04/25	0.44	0.44	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaking from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	3/4/25	1.25	1.25	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & URANIUM	3/04/25	3.66	3.66	pCi/l	15	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	3/04/25	4.97	4.97	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL	MCLG
CHLORIDE	03/04/24	100	100	ppm	400	
MAGNESIUM	03/04/24	0.005	0.005	ppm	150	
MANGANESE	03/04/24	0.010	0.010	ppm	0.1	
pH	03/04/24	8.21	8.21	pH	6.5 to 8.5	
SODIUM	03/04/24	240	240	ppm		
SULFATE	03/04/24	140	140	ppm	500	
TDS	03/04/24	730	730	ppm	1000	

Health Information About Water Quality

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of naturally occurring arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic and of consumption in excess of EPA's standard over long periods of time as arsenic is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Fallon Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but does not control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. The current lead service line inventory can be found at: <https://pws-pid.120wateraudit.com/fallon-nv>. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACT ON RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT BUDGET

In accordance with the provisions of N.R.S. 354.598005, notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Churchill County, State of Nevada, will act on a resolution to augment and make such other revisions to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Revisions to funds that receive ad valorem taxes are the General Fund in the net amount of \$609,548; Social Services Fund \$42,000; Indigent Hospital Fund \$20,000; and Indigent Services Fund \$247,000; in order to appropriate greater than anticipated opening fund balances, and revenues to allow for increased appropriations as deemed necessary. The meeting will be held in the County Commissioners Chambers, 155 North Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406 on June 17th at 8:15am, at which time all persons may attend and be heard. Prior to the meeting written comments may be filed with the Clerk of the Board and will be considered.

Sherry Wideman, CPA
Churchill County Comptroller

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JOB NOTICE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSHING COUNTY

Pershing County is seeking a hardworking enthusiastic attorney to serve as the Deputy District Attorney. This position is under the general supervision and at the pleasure of the District Attorney, this is an unclassified position which assists the District Attorney in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of his or her office. The primary assignment of the Deputy District Attorney shall be the criminal prosecution and child support functions in the office. However, this position may require the person to prepare and try criminal and civil cases, furnish legal advice to the County departments, agencies, boards, and commissioners, and perform other duties as assigned. Starting salary is \$143,000 with PERS retirement benefits, medical, dental and vision insurance.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a Juris Doctorate received from an American Bar Association-accredited law school.
- 1. Must have membership in good standing with the Nevada State Bar or eligibility for a limited practice certification.
- 2. Ability to pass a background investigation.
- 3. Must possess a valid State of Nevada Driver's License.
- 4. Ability to work discreetly and confidentially with issues concerning personal information.
- 5. Ability to maintain composure under difficult circumstances.
- 6. Must possess and/or develop a positive working relationship with other County offices, employees, and the public.

Applications and a complete job description are available at the Pershing County District Attorney's Office, Pershing County Courthouse, 400 Main St., NV, between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or by calling 775-273-2613 for more information. Applications are also available on the County's website pershingcountynv.gov and click on the Employment Opportunities link. Position open until filled. Pershing County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Pershing County is a Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTIVE POSITION VACANCY

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking a public-spirited citizen who is willing to serve as a member on the Churchill County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners and will meet twice monthly. This person will be on a seven (7) member board responsible for decisions concerning Planning Department matters associated within Churchill County. This member will serve a vacant term that expires May 31, 2027. Computer knowledge and experience is essential. Familiarity with Churchill County and a broad understanding of Churchill County's governance, Master Plan, and land use planning policies is preferred. For more details, interested persons may speak to the Public Works Director for additional information about the Planning Commission, and what the position entails. Interested persons may obtain an application online at: <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3083/Churchill-County-Board-Application?bidl=> or at the Churchill County Human Resources Department, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 156, Fallon, Nevada 89406. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address **no later than 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2026.**

Linda Rothery,
Clerk/Treasurer

Notice prepared by:
Tara Adams,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Crossword found on page 13

ACROSS	KISSER
ASSIST	LASSIE
BASSETT	LESSON
BYPASS	MOUSSE
DRESSY	MUSSEL
EXCESS	TISSUE
FOSSIL	VESSEL

LEGAL NOTICES

**BILL NO. 811
ORDINANCE NO. 792**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE FALLON CITY CODE TO UPDATE, CLARIFY, AND MODERNIZE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE BOARD, DEPARTMENT OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Paul Harmon at the regular meeting of the City of Fallon City Council held on May 19, 2026, and was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Fallon City Council held on June 2, 2026, by the following vote of the City Council:

Those Voting Aye: Karla Kent
Paul Harmon
Those Voting Nay: None
Those Absent: Kelly Frost

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 12th day of June, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Fallon, Nevada has caused this Ordinance to be published by title only.

DATED this June 2, 2026.

/s/ Ken Tedford
Mayor
Attest:
/s/ Michael O'Neill
City Clerk/Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF OPEN
APPOINTIVE POSITION**

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking a public-spirited citizen who is willing to serve as a member on the Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board is a governing board that meets once a month. This person will serve on a five (5) member board and act as Library Trustee for the public library. This person will serve an unexpired term through October 31, 2026. For more details, interested persons may talk to the Library Director for additional information about the Library Board and what the position entails.

Interested persons may obtain an application at the Churchill County Human Resources Department, 155 N. Taylor St., Suite 155, Fallon, Nevada 89406, or by downloading at: <https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3083/Churchill-County-Board-Application?bidId=>. All letters and applications are to be submitted to the above address no later than 3:00 PM on June 17, 2026.

Linda Rothery,
Clerk/Treasurer

Prepared by:
Tara Adams
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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**BILL NO. 810
ORDINANCE NO. 791**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE FALLON CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY MERCHANT LICENSES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled Ordinance was proposed by Councilwomen Kelly Frost at the regular meeting of the City of Fallon City Council held on May 19, 2026, and was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Fallon City Council held on June 2, 2026, by the following vote of the City Council:

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/s/ Ken Tedford
Mayor
Attest:
/s/ Michael O'Neill
City Clerk/Treasurer

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