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## Fighter Squadron Welcomes New Commander *SEAWOLF Honors Final Flights*

Story and photos courtesy of NAS Fallon

Naval Air Station Fallon marked two significant milestones in its aviation community this month, with a formal Change of Command for VFC-13 and a final flight tribute honoring two long-serving leaders of the SEAWOLF Rotary Wing Weapons School.

On Friday, July 12, Fighter Squadron Composite (VFC) 13 held its official Change of Command ceremony as Commander Rob “MER-man” Blackwood transferred command of the “Fighting Saints” to Commander Traver “Jody” Fordham. CDR Blackwood, whose leadership has left a lasting impression on the squadron, was recognized for his dedication to mission readiness and the professional development of his team.

As CDR Fordham steps into the new role, NAS Fallon leadership extended best wishes to CDR Blackwood in his next assignment, and congratulations to CDR Fordham as he takes the helm.

In a separate send-off steeped in naval aviation tradition, the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) and



CDR Traver “Jody” Fordham of VFC-13 the “Fighting Saints” speaks at the Change of Command on board NAS Fallon July 11, 2025. Photos by Gavin Graham, Public Affairs Officer NAS Fallon



LCPO Mike “Mikey” McKnight with his wife Helen and sons, Arthur and Benjamin.



CAPT Dan “DT” Thomas with his wife Erinne and sons Dylan and Davis.

SEAWOLF Rotary Wing Weapons School honored Captain Dan “DT” Thomas and Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike “Mikey” McKnight with final flights, signifying the conclusion of their active duty flying careers.

CAPT Thomas has served as SEAWOLF’s department head since July 2023, playing a key leadership role in the rotary wing community. He now departs for his next assignment. LCPO McKnight retires after 23 years of service, including two tours with SEAWOLF.

Their final flights were attended by colleagues, family, and fellow aircrew, who gathered to honor the years of mentorship and impact both men have had on naval aviators.

“These flights are more than tradition,” one officer said. “They’re a way of saying thank you for a career spent in service, and for shaping the next generation.”

The NAS Fallon community extends its gratitude to both men and wishes them fair winds and following seas.

## Record Breaking Blood Drive – Fallon PD Notches 5th Win in Battle of the Badge

Staff Report

*The numbers are in from this year’s Battle of the Badges blood drive, and Fallon just raised the bar again.*

Held last week at the Fallon Convention Center, the friendly competition between the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office and the Fallon Police Department brought out the best in the community. Neighbors, families, first responders, and volunteers packed the room, rolling up their sleeves in more ways than one.

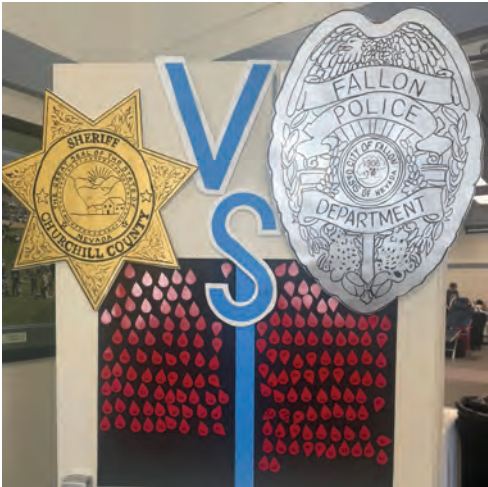
When the final tally was counted, Fallon Police

came out ahead with 88 pledges to the Sheriff’s Office’s 77, marking the department’s fifth win in the annual contest. But no one left the event thinking of it as a loss.

“We’re all on the same team when it comes to saving lives,” Shannon Perez, longtime organizer, said.

This year’s turnout shattered previous records:

- 126 donors
- 89 whole blood donations
- 37 Power Red donations
- 162 total units collected



Fallon PD shows off their lead. Photos by Shannon Perez.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# Captain’s Log

## Mea Culpa

By Rachel Dahl

There are so many things to write about, but since this column originated to document the life of the paper, today I have to apologize and confess to a big mistake we made last week. We have begged forgiveness from the school district and worked with them to get the right information and have got it all fixed now, and hope the redo will restore your confidence. See the School Board story on page eight.

We take this situation very seriously, and three of us spent a sleepless Friday night agonizing and troubleshooting to figure out how we managed this—and more importantly, how to ensure it never happens again.

For the past year, we’ve been struggling with the cloud service we use for all our files and from which we all work each week to produce the paper. I will refrain from naming the program (which we call an unholy menace). Uttering those two words results in an immediate twitch in my left eye and has been known to induce a full-blown anxiety attack. Suffice it to say we struggle. Files don’t sync properly and, and, and... I’ll spare you the distressing details and the agony it’s been trying to keep everyone on the same page.

We all finally grew tired of this very popular and commonly used platform that never worked properly, so much so that our Leanna, the highly talented investigative reporter and editor (to whom all technology problems are defaulted), pulled the plug and found us another platform that has worked like a dream. However, we are still learning how to navigate the dream.

You know what they say about technology, however: “Garbage in, garbage out.” Riggin is one of our most dedicated and capable interns—driven, eager to learn, and always willing to tackle big assignments. He took on the responsibility of covering the school board meeting and worked hard to write two stories he felt were important: one about the board’s recent conference, which was scheduled to run last week, and another that focused on the meeting and financial matters, which was supposed to run this week.

Unfortunately, the rough, unedited version that addressed the fiscal decisions made at the meeting was mistakenly saved under the filename for the convention story. That error resulted in the entirely wrong article being published online and in print.

And from there it all went badly.

We all sincerely apologize for letting that story slip through.

So, while we hang our heads over here and work on perfecting our processes, please know that we always aim to get it right in the first place. When we don’t, we will always make it right, and we are grateful you let us remain right here...

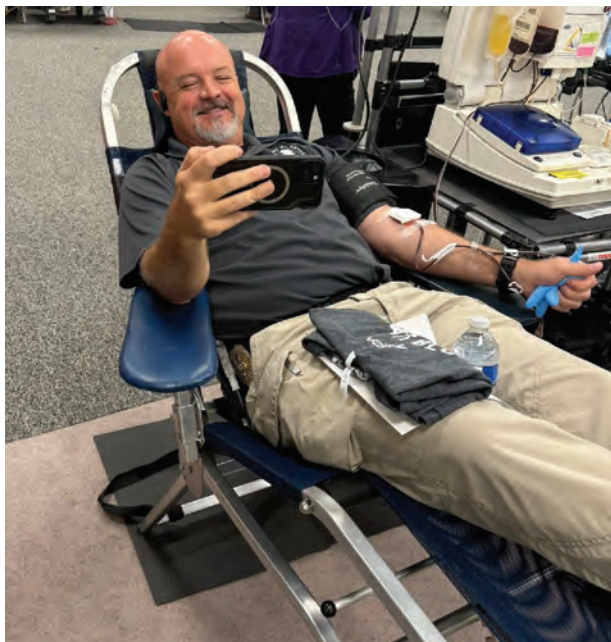
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*Rach*

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Sheriff Richard Hickox and Undersheriff Lee Orozco.



Fallon Police Department's Captain John Riley.

That’s enough to potentially save 486 lives, a staggering impact for two days of donations in a town our size.

Behind the scenes, a small army of supporters made it all happen, including Vitalant, the City of Fallon, and the Ladies Behind the Badge, a volunteer group that’s been the quiet backbone of the event for years.

First-time donors stood shoulder-to-shoulder with regulars, some of whom have been donating for decades. “Throughout the day, we heard incredible stories of how blood donation has made a difference, and it reminded us all exactly why we do this,” Perez said.

Sheriff Richard Hickox added his appreciation, saying, “I want to thank Shannon Perez and the rest of the crew that organized, facilitated and ran such a great event this week. The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive is one of my favorite events to participate in as it makes such a huge and immediate impact in people’s lives. Thank you again and congratulations to the Fallon Police Department for the win. Thank you to all who came out and participated and supported the Sheriff’s Office and the Police Department, we appreciate you and your generosity of life-saving blood.”

The event continues to grow as one of Fallon’s most impactful community efforts.

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FEATURES

Cantaloupe Festival Returns August 22-24

By Nancy Chapman

For those new to Fallon—or those who may have forgotten the history behind the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival—there’s a sweet reason this community celebrates a melon.

CC Communications is proud to sponsor the 2025 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & County Fair, set for August 22–24 at the Rafter 3C Events Complex.

The famed Hearts of Gold cantaloupe originated in the Swingle Bench area of Churchill County in 1911, when local farmer O.J. Vannoy began experimenting with crossbreeding seeds originally developed in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

These sweet, orange-fleshed melons thrived in the valley’s soil and climate, and demand quickly grew throughout the Eastern U.S. during the 1920s and 1930s. It’s even rumored that Hearts of Gold melons from Fallon were once served at the White House. Their thick rinds made them ideal for long-distance rail shipments, and the premium price per crate made them a profitable, if risky, crop for local farmers.

But not all good things last. By the late 1930s, the market crashed, and the once-booming melon business nearly disappeared. Alfalfa replaced melons as the more stable crop of choice in the Lahontan Valley, and the beloved cantaloupe nearly faded into history, kept alive only by a handful of Chinese immigrant families who continued to grow the variety. Thanks to them, Hearts of Gold never completely vanished.

A small number of local families later revived the crop, returning it to the region’s fields and farmers’ markets.



Photos courtesy of CFCF.



In 1985, a group of Fallon residents saw an opportunity. As local food movements grew and state fairs disappeared, they launched a festival to honor the town’s agricultural roots and spotlight its signature melon. That “golden return” sparked a new tradition that has become one of Fallon’s most anticipated events each harvest season.

Today, the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair holds the distinction of being Nevada’s largest and longest-running agricultural festivals.

The Fallon Festival Association continues to bring together food, entertainment, and agriculture in a celebration of local heritage. For more information, visit [www.falloncantaloupefestival.com](http://www.falloncantaloupefestival.com).

Museum Welcomes New Curator, Revives ‘In Focus’ Series

Story and Photo by Christy Lattin

Leticia Webb started her job as the Education Curator at the Churchill County Museum in early July, but she was no stranger to the institution. Webb served two and a half years as a museum assistant before stepping into the education curator role. She is excited to bring back some patron favorites and to begin new traditions.

One of her first goals is to start integrating the museum’s mascot into more activities. The “real” Beatrice Badger is a taxidermy badger gifted to the museum in 1995 from the Fallon Chamber of Commerce. She received her name during a naming contest held during the creation of the Discovery Room in 2007. Since then, Beatrice has become an ambassador for the museum and is featured in her own books and Facebook page. Lucky patrons might even see a 5-foot-tall badger roaming around the museum some days!

Webb would like to incorporate the furry mascot into arts and crafts, and draw more visitors to the children’s Discovery Room. She’s also brainstorming for programs she can create to entice teens and adults to the museum.

“Let’s find a way to bring the community into the museum,” Webb said. She needs to complete a few “finishing touches” to the Discovery Room, but added the children already love the manual typewriter and musical instruments.

While she doesn’t have a formal museum studies degree, Webb worked at the Historical Society in Elk Grove, Calif. for several years as a docent, cataloging items and creating exhibits. She also worked with children during her time at the Sacramento Zoo.

Webb and her family decided to relocate to Fallon eight years ago following a family visit.

“We loved it here,” she said. “We wanted our kids to grow up differently than we did.” She and her husband both come from larger cities, and they enjoy the small-town atmosphere in Fallon. Her family has been involved in the Fallon Youth Football League, and Webb volunteers for the Quarterback Club.

The museum also held its annual meeting and ice cream social on June 28, where Museum Director Mel Glover updated members on staffing, exhibits and events. Glover said he’s closer to a full staff this year and is excited about some new displays he’s working on. He’s got his eye on NAS Fallon and the real story behind Top Gun.

“The heart of any museum is a good story,” Glover said. “I want to get the stories behind the call signs.”

He said his crew will continue outreach to the community through events like parades, productions at the Fallon Theatre, the Cantaloupe Festival and the upcoming all-class reunion in August. He said they will provide some yearbooks at the reunion site at Oats Park, but said if folks want to see other yearbooks, “Come on down to the museum!”

Glover is also putting the final touches on “In Focus #24,” the museum’s journal that compiles stories from the Lahontan Valley. This will be the first In Focus published in 14 years and will feature stories by Ernie Schank, Jessica Rowe, Michon Mackedon and museum staff. He said it should be published by the end of summer.

“People think nothing changes here. That can’t be further from the truth,” Glover said. Currently the museum has a wildflower



Leticia Webb, left, is the new Education Curator at the Churchill County Museum. She is joined by Museum Director Mel Glover and Beatrice Badger, the museum’s mascot.

exhibit, and a “Then & Now” display with pictures of the 22 local spots on the National Register of Historic Places showing the difference 100 years can make.

Glover mentioned that the museum’s memberships – for individuals, families and seniors – help pay for the exhibits and funds events like the Trunk or Treat. Members also receive a discount at the museum store and the quarterly newsletter.

For more information or to start a membership, please visit [ccmuseum.org](http://ccmuseum.org).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music, Movies, and More at the Fallon Theatre

By Kelli Perez

We’ve got a whole weekend of fun coming to the Fallon Theatre—movies, music, and a one-of-a-kind live performance all in one place. Whether you’re bringing the kids, coming out to enjoy the arts, or ready to rock, there’s something for everyone.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., we’re showing “Hotel Transylvania” (2012), a spooky and silly animated comedy perfect for the whole family. Dracula runs a luxury resort for monsters, but chaos breaks out when a human stumbles in and falls for his daughter. This PG-rated film runs 1 hour, 31 minutes.

On Friday, July 18, at 7 p.m., join us for The Bow and the Brush, a multimedia concert featuring internationally acclaimed violinist Dan Flanagan. Presented in partnership with the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society, Flanagan performs original solo compositions inspired by visual artwork, paired with projected images and stories behind each piece. Tickets are \$10.

Then on Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m., get ready for live music from Fallon’s own Acid Box, delivering a mix of hard rock, metal, punk, and blues. They’ll be joined by the Cryptilians, a Reno-based punk band with a tight, no-frills sound. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Looking ahead, we’re proud to join Fallon’s Community Reunion in August! On Friday, Aug. 15, enjoy a free live concert featuring crowd-favorite Great Basin Band, back with their signature blend of



The Bow and the Brush in Croatia. Photo courtesy of Dan Flanagan.

pop, country, and rock hits. Then stop by our open house on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—whether you’re revisiting memories or seeing the theater for the first time, we’d love to welcome you.

Our annual fundraising Show ‘N’ Shine rolls into downtown on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free, family-friendly event features classic cars, live music, food, and more. Want to enter your ride? Registration is open now at fallontheatre.com.

Join us Oct. 3–4 for “Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl” in 4D, sponsored by Huck Salt. The 6 p.m. screenings feature immersive effects like mist, scent, vibrations, lights, character interactions, and themed treats. At 7 p.m., we’ll show a standard version with no effects. Reserve your seats in advance—this adventure runs one weekend only.

And save the date: Comedian Lee Hardin returns Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Seen on NBC, DryBar Comedy, and Nateland Live, Hardin brings clever, clean humor and wildly relatable stories. Last year’s show sold out—tickets are \$20.

As always, movie screenings at the Fallon Theatre are free, and the concession stand is stocked with popcorn, candy, and our summer favorite: \$5 soda floats, including root beer and creative Pepsi combos. See you at the theatre.

### Births

at Banner Hospital

**Matteo Emillano Hernandez Stamps**, born May 28 to Jonathan Hernandez Molina and Abigayle Stamps, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz., measuring 18 inches.

**Henry Frank Baker**, born June 6 to Robert and Samantha Baker, weighing 8 lbs., 5 oz., measuring 20.5 inches.

**Montana Danielle Allison**, born June 22 to Keelyn Horigan and Blake Allison, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz., measuring 19 inches.

**Ryder Lee Robbins**, born June 25 to Victoria Martin and August Robbins, weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz., measuring 20 inches.

**Agatha Ilene Boyer**, born June 28 to Richard and Lauren Boyer, weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz., measuring 19 inches.

**Jesse Michael Hagar**, born June 30 to Amanda Carter and Todd Hagar, weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz., measuring 19.5 inches.

*Let us add your newborn to our birth announcements, no matter where they were born. We would love to share the great news!*

### Marriage Licenses Issued in June 2025

6/4/25 **Shelly Monique Matthews**, 54, to **Monte Lee Grenamyre**, 57, both of Fallon

6/5/25 **DakotaLee Reeves**, 30, to **Amber Marelle Thompson**, 41, both of Fallon

6/6/25 **Martin Edward Garcia**, 62, to **Kristina Leanne Doud**, 41, both of Fallon

6/6/25 **Cory Douglas Oller**, 37, to **Kelsey Leeann Sharp**, 28, both of Fallon

6/9/25 **Halsey Lynn Thompson**, 38, to **Kevin Michael Carder**, 39, both of Fallon

6/11/25 **Casey Jerry Goodfellow**, 24, to **Baylee Ann Bates**, 24, both of Fernley

6/13/25 **Stacey Ann Bargar**, 62, to **Jose Luis Roman**, 59, both of San Jose, Calif.

6/13/25 **Erin Marie Harp**, 37, to **Joshua Aaron Inserra**, 38, both of Fallon

6/16/25 **Michelle Leann Dalager**, 54, to **Tricia Ann Strasdin**, 50, both of Fallon

6/16/25 **Nicholas Mas Schobinger**, 35, to **Erica Brianne Hagman**, 33, both of Fallon

6/16/25 **Cassie Michelle Marion**, 23, to **Robert Glenwood Gaines Jr.**, 32, both of Fallon

6/17/25 **Kevin Allen Malone**, 55, to **Leslie Jaye Carter**, 48, both of Fernley

6/20/25 **Aiden Joseph Hilton**, 28, to **Sindel Antoinette Harris**, 26, both of Fallon

6/20/25 **Justin Christopher McBean**, 34, to **Lydia Julia Zarate Rivera**, 40, both of Fallon

6/27/25 **Bryan Tejeda Talamantes**, 28, to **Jenirae Soto Reyes**, 24, both of Churchill County

### PETS OF THE WEEK

#### Meet Ramsey

Ramsey (D-555) is a 4-year-old neutered male who may be shy at first, but give him a little time and his sweet, playful side will shine!

This handsome guy is leash-trained, crate-trained, and house-trained—ready to fit right into your home. Ramsey gets along great with dogs of all sizes, is cat-friendly, and has a soft spot for squeaky toys and balls once he feels comfortable. If you’re looking for a loyal companion who just needs a little patience and love, Ramsey is your boy!

Photos and details are available on our Facebook page, but we don’t respond to questions online. To meet Ramsey, please call or visit the City of Fallon Animal Shelter.

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#### Is Blue for You?

Blue is a young, neutered male Doberman (born May 7, 2024) and the son of Rex, following in his dad’s pawsteps with all the best traits. He’s super friendly, great with other dogs, and eager to learn. Blue has completed training sessions with Connected K9 and Wags K9 Training, making him a smart, ready-to-please companion. His previous home couldn’t give him the time and attention he deserved, so he’s hoping for a fresh start with an active, loving family. If you’re looking for a loyal, playful dog who’s already on the right track, Blue might be your perfect match!

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#### Helping Animals

Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) is a local nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of cats and kittens in Churchill County. Adopting a cat or kitten not only gives them a loving home, but it also opens space for us to help even more animals in need, making adoption an amazing way to save lives!

Call us for more information, visit us during our adoption days, or schedule an appointment at our adoption center. We’re also happy to answer questions about our Trap-Neuter-Return program, barn cat adoptions, or any other services we offer.

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



OBITUARIES

# Forever Hornet’s #26

## Darius Fruzza’s Final Season Remembered

By Nancy Chapman

Darius Fruzza, a vibrant 13-year-old, loved baseball. He played travel ball and was on an all-star team each year, usually as catcher or third base, the same positions he played as a 13U Hornet. Darius began playing travel ball at age nine with the 10U Hornets, coached by the same staff that led him through this past season: Head Coach Justin Judd, Assistant Coach Josh McCallum, and Pitching Coach Andrew Craig. As Judd shared, “This kid has touched so many lives, and we are all better people to have had him with us as long as we did.” Darius loved his baseball family, who were also his teammates.

In addition to the Hornets travel team, Darius played in the city league on several teams, including the Giants and the Braves. Each year, he made the Cal Ripken All-Star Team. The Hornets set their sights on playing in the Cal Ripken Youth All-Star Games in Hawaii in July 2024, a tournament hosted every other year. Because the age cutoff would have disqualified most of the team by 2024, they committed early in 2023 to the goal. They practiced often and played through summer, fall, and into winter. Their goal was to outperform other teams vying for the opportunity. Darius held an essential role on the field as catcher, the only position with a full view of all players and one that helps guide pitchers to success. He worked hard to defend home plate. Together with his teammates, Darius helped earn their place on the Hawaii tournament roster. While there, the players, coaches, and parents enjoyed time together in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

After playing in the Babe Ruth state



Darius on the All-Star Giants Team. Photo courtesy of Justin Judd, by Ranson Photography.

tournament in late June 2025, Darius began experiencing flu-like symptoms. His family planned to take the Fourth of July weekend off, but Darius developed a severe headache. On July 6, his parents took him to the Banner Hospital due to worsening symptoms. He was transferred by Care Flight to Renown in Reno, where doctors found swelling in his brain resulting from a rare reaction to a virus. Neurologists were scheduled to evaluate him, but tragically, there was no brain activity. Darius passed away the evening of July 7.

Harry and Christina Fruzza chose to donate their son’s organs, giving others the gift of life.



Honor Walk at Renown Teammates and family. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

On Tuesday, July 8, Renown Hospital held an Honor Walk. This tradition allows family and friends to pay tribute to organ donors as they are escorted by staff through hospital corridors to the operating room. Darius was honored by a large group of family, friends, and teammates who recognized his life and legacy through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Darius’ Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, July 15, at the Gardens Funeral Home in Fallon.

For more information or to support the Fruzza family, visit <https://gofund.me/dc247f26>.

### ALFRED TIMOTHY “SLICK” MILLER

July 15, 1954 – July 7, 2025



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Alfred Timothy “Slick” Miller, beloved son, brother, and friend, who left us on Monday, July 7, 2025. Slick was born on July 15, 1954, in Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada, to Alfred and Willa Miller.

Slick was known for his kindness and sense of humor. His enduring spirit and genuine character made a lasting impression on all who knew him. He was a dedicated and loyal friend, always there for those in his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Willa Miller, and his sisters, Deborah Miller Wayland and Patricia Ann Miller Ritz. Slick is survived by his three siblings: Peggy Miller, Russell Miller (and his wife, Diane), and Dorothy Miller Blestcher (and her husband, Hugo), along with many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many friends who will forever cherish his memory.

A celebration of Slick’s life will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Richards Street in Fallon, Nevada, on July 16 at 9 a.m., where family and friends are invited to share in the memories of a man who made a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

### RAYMOND LAWRENCE ALLEN

February 25, 1966 – July 7, 2025



Raymond Lawrence Allen entered life on February 25, 1966, born to the late Gerald Warren Allen, Sr. and Jeanette Mandel Allen.

Ray lived most of his life on the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation in Stillwater. He graduated from Churchill County High School in 1984.

He loved the outdoors—camping, fishing, hunting, and simply enjoying time in the mountains.

Ray was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and underwent a bone marrow transplant. With faith and a positive, upbeat attitude, his cancer went into remission. A couple of years later, however, a blood disorder developed and his platelet count began to drop.

Ray entered eternal life on July 7, 2025. He is survived by his mother, Jeanette Mandel Allen; sister, Rhonda Rae Allen; and children, Markus Allen, Lucretia Allen, and Tanner Allen.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald W. Allen, Sr.; sister, Shawna Smith; brother, Gerald “Rocky” Allen; paternal grandparents, Raymond and Nina Dixon Allen; and maternal grandparents, Lawrence Mandel and Ione Hicks Allen.

A celebration of life will be held at the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Gym on July 19, 2025. Viewing will begin at 10 a.m., followed by services at 11 a.m., with dinner to follow.

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COMMUNITY

# Community Day Offers Free School Supplies, Resource Education

## Come by Rafter 3C Arena August 9 for Free Back-To-School Supplies



Photo by Anne McMillin.

Staff Report

The annual Fallon Community Day event will be held this year on August 9 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Rafter 3C Arena located at 325 Sheckler Road. This event is family back-to-school outing and will include a free barbecue and free school supplies for children in attendance (while supplies last) along with the opportunity to learn about community resources, meet local first responders and see their vehicles. Clothing vouchers will be available, and the Central Nevada Health District is offering on-site back-to-school vaccines. All are welcome to come out and take advantage of this free back-to-school community resource hosted by Churchill County Social Services.

# National Night Out Event August 5

Staff Report

Plans are underway for this year’s National Night Out, with the Fallon Police Department taking the lead. The annual community-building event will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Oats Park. The event is designed to foster stronger relationships between neighbors and local law enforcement. Capt. John Riley led the initial planning meeting last week, bringing together representatives from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Naval Air Station Fallon, Banner Churchill EMS, and the Fallon-Churchill Volunteer Fire Department. The group discussed static displays, vendors, food, and activities planned for the event. Over the past three years, the event has drawn participation from Nevada State

Police, NAS Fallon Security and its working K9, FED Fire, Fleet & Family Support Center aboard NAS Fallon, Banner Churchill EMS, the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office and its K9 unit, Churchill County Search and Rescue, and multiple departments from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, including Emergency Management, Victim Services, and Law Enforcement. Kari Gonzalez, a Victim Services Advocate with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, coordinated past events and will serve as point of contact while Riley is out of the office. Organizers are seeking raffle prize donations—such as gift cards, merchandise, or services—volunteers to supervise children’s activities, and live demonstrations or displays. Residents or organizations interested in participating should contact Gonzalez by Aug. 1 at legaladv@fpst.org.



NAS Fallon Federal Fire crewman with young visitors at NNO event. Photo by Leanna Lehman.

# Nancy Upham Retires After 34 Years of Service

By Nancy Chapman

Nancy Upham made the difficult decision to retire from the Churchill County Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District, where she served as manager for 21 years. She officially retired on April 14, 2025, concluding a career that spanned more than three decades. Upham began working for the district as a seasonal employee in 1991. She became assistant manager in 1994 and was appointed manager in 2004, replacing longtime Mosquito Abatement Supervisor Mike Wargo. When she stepped into leadership, Upham faced a district with more irrigated acreage, creating greater challenges. Most positions were seasonal and required employees to walk extensively to collect larvae samples from muddy standing water while carrying heavy equipment. In the early 1990s, mineral

oil was the primary method used for mosquito control. Today, the district employs a broader range of environmentally sensitive pesticides that are effective against both larvae and adult mosquitoes, and many of the roles are now permanent. One of the most challenging years of her tenure came in 2017, following a winter of heavy snowfall. The resulting standing water caused a surge in mosquito activity, especially from disease-carrying Culex species. More advanced abatement methods and state support for testing trapped adult mosquitoes helped the district quickly identify problem areas and improve response times. Upham expressed confidence in the future of the district, saying she believes the agency will continue to explore scientific strategies



Nancy Upham. Photo by Kori Meyer with the Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District.

for controlling mosquito populations and noxious weeds. She has participated in endurance horse rider events, riding and training her Arab horses for these long-distance rides. Now that she is retired, she plans to engage further in these activities and act as manager of the High Desert Rides, which organizes an annual endurance ride of 30 and 50 miles in the Stillwater Mountain Range. She was recently elected as the Fallon Rotary president, and plans to pursue a new career working with animals. Good luck with your future endeavors and thank you for your dedication to Churchill County!

# Medal of Honor Recipient Visits NAS Fallon



Medal of Honor recipient Donald “Doc” Ballard is greeted by sailors and civilians at the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit on board Naval Air Station Fallon. Photos by Gavin Graham, Public Affairs Officer, NAS Fallon.



Staff of the NAS Fallon Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit listened as “Doc” Ballard answered questions and shared his stories of being a Navy Corpman.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Health District Approves Burning Man Event Permit

By Christy Lattin

Burning Man cleared a major regulatory hurdle when its mass temporary event permit application was approved June 26 by the Central Nevada Health District.

The district, which serves residents of Fallon, Churchill, Mineral, Eureka, and Pershing Counties, is in its second year as the lead agency overseeing environmental health at the annual event—a responsibility previously held by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. CNHD staff are working in partnership with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) and the state’s Environmental Health Division as part of a mentoring program to better understand the event’s complex operations.

Permit fees are based on projected daily attendance during a 30-day period, from Aug. 7 to Sept. 5. This year’s permit totals \$42,478, with daily attendance expected to surge during the main event week, drawing between 46,000 and 69,000 attendees, or “burners” per day.

One of CNHD’s responsibilities includes inspecting at least 50% of the estimated 400 permits issued for food vendors, potable water systems, and wastewater haulers.

Before issuing this year’s permit, the district required three conditions to be met. First, CNHD requested a daily briefing with representatives from NDA, Burning Man’s public health liaison, the event’s medical lead, and the operations manager. This is the first year such briefings have been required, which included Zoom meetings to better accommodate all participants.

“Although the daily meetings may not always be necessary, we want to build a strong partnership with CNHD staff,” said Marnee Benson, director of government affairs for Burning Man.

The second condition required Burning Man to designate a public health liaison to serve as CNHD’s point of contact. Benson and Katie Hoffman, Burning Man’s agency relations manager, will continue serving in that role.

The third requirement involved communication access. CNHD requested direct radio or emergency phone contact with event operations. In response, Burning Man committed to providing access to its on-site pager system and ensuring Wi-Fi coverage for basic cellular communications.

“We work with over 15 different federal, tribal, state and local agencies, including the Central Nevada Health District,” Benson said. “Burning Man supports CNHD in numerous ways during the planning season and during our event in Black Rock City. The protocols we’ve developed over the years with the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health and CNHD create a reliable and efficient system to help ensure the agency can operate effectively and members of the public are protected.”

The district also ratified a contract with NDA for staffing assistance to complete permit inspections. The contract totals \$10,559.85, plus per diem costs.

CNHD’s pre-planning costs for this year come to \$57,493.42, including \$22,800 for staffing, \$10,559.85 for the NDA contract, and approximately \$24,133.57 for other expenses such as supplies, RVs, volunteer transportation, and a golf cart.

Combined revenue from the mass event permit and other temporary permits is expected to total \$60,428.

In addition to CNHD approval, the Bureau of Land Management requires a special recreation permit for Burning Man to be held on federal land. The BLM’s Black Rock Field Office has implemented a five-year temporary closure on public lands surrounding the site to protect natural resources, ensure safety, and coordinate law enforcement support. This year’s closure is in effect from July 24 to Oct. 5.

The Central Nevada Health District oversees environmental health, clinical health services, public health preparedness, and communicable disease investigation throughout its five-county service area.

# County Approves Raises for Elected Officials and Restructures Several Positions

By Christy Lattin

At its July 3 meeting, the Churchill County Commission approved \$280,000 in salary and benefit increases for eight elected officials, following the passage of SB116 by the Nevada Legislature. The bill, which revises NRS 245.043, increases base salaries for elected officers effective July 1, 2025. The new salaries are calculated using the consumer price index and ensure the official is paid at least 3% more than the highest-paid employee they supervise.

**NEW BASE SALARIES INCLUDE:**

- County Commissioners: \$36,000/year
- Clerk/Treasurer: \$107,818/year
- Recorder: \$107,818/year
- Assessor: \$107,818/year
- District Attorney: \$177,808/year
- Sheriff: \$135,738/year

District Attorney Art Mallory noted elected officials haven’t received a salary increase since 2016 and called it unfair for department heads to faithfully fulfill their duties without equitable compensation.

Pay tables for fiscal year 2025–2026 reflect a general 2% adjustment for regular and law enforcement employees. Updates also include the addition of an Election Technician position, changes to Recordation Clerk wages, and the reclassification of captain’s

wages in the Sheriff’s Office.

Additional restructuring and pay changes include:

- Sheriff’s Office: Two captain positions restructured, \$17,829.81
- Recorder’s Office: Two positions restructured, \$3,843.24
- Clerk/Treasurer’s Office: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer replaced by Election Technician, \$6,503.92
- District Attorney’s Office: Vacant position reclassified as Deputy DA II (no cost)
- District Court: Clerk position reclassified (no cost)
- Parks and Recreation: \$1,000 budgeted for overtime
- Public Works/Planning & Building: \$1,140 for pre-meeting planning commissioner sessions and intern retention
- Social Services: \$221 in standby time
- All restructured positions and increases were included in the adopted FY25–26 budget.

**OTHER COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

- Declared four vehicles as surplus property
- Awarded \$1,307.49 to the Fallon Junior Rodeo
- Extension of an agreement with CSH for Medicaid technical assistance, to explore if Churchill County can become a Medicaid-billable county.
- Approved a one-year contract with Emma White to support suicide prevention (cost

split with City of Fallon and Social Services)

- Ratified lease with Sandra Burrell for one beauty shop station at the Pennington Life Center
- Approved funding for mental health and substance abuse education: \$20,200 to Churchill County School District and \$19,500 to Churchill Community Coalition (funded by Marijuana Tax Fund)
- Transferred parking lot at 170 S. East St. to the City of Fallon to finalize a previous agreement involving the old Senior Center and Cottage School
- Appointed County Manager Chris Spross to area boards, replacing former manager Jim Barbee
- Adopted a resolution assigning two cents of each \$100 in taxable property to the Co-operative Extension Program (estimated revenue: \$154,400)
- Adopted resolution certifying the county’s tax rate at \$2.8629; the City of Fallon rate is \$3.66 per \$100 of taxable property.
- Reappointed Carla Pomeroy to a three-year term on the Transfer of Development Rights Sending Site Review Committee
- Reappointed Jason Sibley to a three-year term on the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
- Reappointed Ava Case, Gary Imelli, and Bob Francke to four-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission

# Library Board Appoints Interim Director

By Christy Lattin

A former educator was chosen to serve as the Interim Library Director while the search for a permanent director continues. The Library Board of Trustees chose Patsy Esposito, a former teacher at Pyramid Lake High School, to step into the role to keep library operations running smoothly.

Three individuals expressed interest in filling the interim director position. Kendra Flower, a special education teacher, and Thomas Patterson, the current digital information services librarian at the library, also applied for the position. Before board members voted, they discussed qualities they wished to see in the interim director. Trustee Sue Segura said she had known Esposito for 25 years and worked with her previously. No discussion was held on the qualifications of the other candidates.

Segura made the motion to hire Esposito, and the board voted unanimously in favor.

Human Resources Director Kim Brontsema told the board the job listing for Library Director was posted on various recruiting platforms and will close on August 4. Trustees asked her to pre-screen candidates and to assemble a review panel.

Prior to discussion about the interim director, Churchill County Museum Director Mel Glover spoke during the public comment period and expressed frustration with the recent departure of librarian Cathy Thorsen after only eight months. He acknowledged the current members of the library board didn’t comprise the board that terminated former library director C.L. Quillen in May 2024 but beseeched them to remedy the chaos that has plagued the library the past couple years.

“The buck stops with you guys,” he said.

The resignation of Thorsen, who started as library director Oct. 14, 2024, was a complete surprise said Board Chairwoman Jessica Rowe.

“On June 19, Ms. Thorsen emailed Ms. Brontsema and me to inform us of her immediate resignation, citing personal reasons. This was unexpected, as we shared a collaborative and communicative working relationship. At this time, she has not shared further details, and we respect her privacy,” Rowe said.

“I can only speak from the perspective of a single board member, but my personal experience with the strategic planning process, board meetings, and interactions with Ms. Thorsen, staff, and patrons has been open, productive, and positive. While this resignation presents us with a challenge, our response reflects the stability that we’ve built: communication has been swift and effective, staff collaborated quickly to ensure uninterrupted service, and the board and county worked together to develop a solid interim plan.”

The Library Board will meet next on July 24 at 3 p.m. in County Commission chambers.







COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, July 8, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

By Teresa Moon

Bran Maynard Pierson appeared for sentencing on Category B Felony Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, a Third or Subsequent Offense, to which he pleaded guilty in February. The charge is punishable by 1-6 years in prison with a mandatory fine of \$2,000-\$5,000. Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills pointed out that there is a stipulated sentence of 24-72 months in the Nevada State Prison and deferred to the court to order an appropriate fine.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer commended Pierson’s efforts, saying, “I don’t get the opportunity very often to stand up and just be so proud of a client for the work that they’ve done.” Sommer said Pierson completed the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission program, which changed his life in “meaningful ways,” and requested the minimum statutory fine.

Pierson thanked the court and said, “Without the Reno-Sparks Mission, I wouldn’t be here today. I have hope, and I have people that have my best interests in mind.” He expressed plans to return to the mission for continued support upon parole.

Judge Stockard praised Pierson’s progress, stating, “Hearing what you’ve said restores my faith. You walked the walk.” Stockard imposed the agreed-upon sentence of 24–72 months in prison and a \$2,000 fine, noting it was “substantially less than it would have been had you not walked the walk.” Pierson was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff’s Office for imposition of the sentence.

Christopher Justin Gelineau, in custody, appeared for sentencing on Attempt to Commit Home Invasion, a Category C Felony.

Alternate Public Defender (APD) Wright Noel said restitution of \$175 had been paid and explained the incident involved an on-again, off-again relationship. Gelineau, intoxicated, kicked down a motel room door to retrieve his possessions. “While obviously inappropriate, this was not an attempt to burglarize,” Noel said, adding that his client struggles with substance abuse and requested placement in Western Regional Drug Court as a probation condition.

Gelineau apologized, calling his actions “embarrassing and shameful.” He told the court, “I took this deal in hopes that I could get some treatment for my alcohol and drug addictions.”

“With this criminal history, this is a close call,” Judge Stockard warned. “When I say no alcohol, I want you to understand how serious I am about it.” Stockard granted Gelineau probation on a suspended 24–60-month prison sentence and ordered restitution. Conditions

include completing a substance abuse evaluation and Western Regional Drug Court.

Lillian Frances Smith, in custody, admitted to Non-Technical Sentencing Violations that include absconding from probation and court-ordered DUI Diversion, which carries a mandatory prison term if revoked.

Smith initially pled guilty in September 2021 to Driving Under the Influence, a Third or Subsequent Offense, a Category B Felony, and misdemeanor Battery on an Officer. She was admitted to DUI Diversion at that time.

CCPD Jacob Sommer said his client accepts responsibility and requested minimum terms, with the misdemeanor to run concurrently to the felony.

Smith admitted, “I was a coward, and I ran,” adding she knew her behavior was unacceptable.

On the DUI, Judge Stockard imposed fees and assessments, revoked Smith’s probation, and imposed the underlying sentence of 19–48 months in prison and a \$2,000 fine. He further ordered Smith to serve a concurrent 364-day jail term on the Battery on an Officer charge.

Wallace Edward Stevens admitted to a Non-Technical Sentencing Violation for absconding. Stevens initially pled guilty in December 2021 to Uttering a Forged Instrument, a Category D Felony.

Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Ryan McCormick requested revocation of probation and imposition of the underlying sentence. CCPD Sommer acknowledged the state’s position but asked the court to consider a dishonorable discharge from probation as an alternative.

Judge Stockard revoked probation and modified the sentence to 12–48 months, to run consecutive to a Washoe County sentence Stevens is currently serving.

Kevin Jay Chico, in custody, refused to appear for a scheduled hearing. CCPD Jacob Sommer said Chico has also refused to meet with him several times. The court acknowledged receipt of reports that indicate Chico can proceed to adjudication. Judge Stockard remanded the case back to Justice Court, where it originated. Chico was charged in 2024 with Petit Larceny, Robbery with a Deadly Weapon, Robbery of an Elderly Victim, First Degree Kidnapping, Own or Possess a Firearm as a Prohibited Person, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle.

Jolean Marie Boag did not appear for her status hearing. The court issued an Order to Show Cause for failing to comply, with a hearing set for August 12.

June 24 appearances not published in the July 11, 2025, edition of *The Fallon Post*.

Jonathan Sotero Kelley appeared in the Tenth Judicial District Court before Judge Thomas Stockard for a status hearing regarding a petition to be honorably discharged from supervision by the Division

of Parole and Probation.

The state opposed discharging Kelley, with Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills stating that Kelley has failed to pay any supervision or court fees. “He should not be rewarded for what the state can only characterize as sheer contempt of this court’s order,” Mills said. “At best it’s contempt; at worst it’s just laziness.”

Parole and Probation Officer Montgomery told the court that Kelley’s supervising officer believed Kelley had fulfilled his probation obligations, except for the unpaid fees.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel said Kelley told him the supervision fees had been paid and Montgomery agreed to check on this.

The Clerk of the Court reported no record of any payments made. Kelley told the court the fees would be paid by July 4.

Kelsey Jordan Moore pleaded guilty to a Category D Felony of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or a Debit Card and to a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine). Each charge is punishable by 1–4 years and a fine up to \$5,000.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer told the court that Moore was previously ordered to pay restitution, and the full amount has been collected by his office and will be tendered that day.

Judge Stockard ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) and set sentencing for August 26.

Magdaleno Ramirez-Ruiz appeared for an arraignment and status hearing. Judge Stockard noted the case dates back to August 2002, when he was working at the Churchill County District Attorney’s Office. He stated he does not believe he was involved and feels he can fairly preside, and asked CCPD Jacob Sommer to discuss the matter with the defendant.

Sommer raised the issue of bail. CDDA Lane Mills requested \$20,000 cash-only bail, stating the case had previously been set for trial and Ramirez-Ruiz failed to appear. Mills said, “The jury, counsels, court personnel, and witnesses were there — and no defendant.”

Sommer requested bail be set at \$5,000, arguing it must be reasonable and noting the underlying charge was simple possession of a controlled substance.

Judge Stockard cited the failure to appear and the 23-year absence without any effort to resolve the case. “I have to look at his individual circumstances, including his character and his ties to the community,” Stockard said. “I don’t feel I’ve heard anything about his character other than the fact that he didn’t show up for a jury trial and he hasn’t shown up for 23 years.”

Stockard set bail at \$20,000 cash only and continued the matter until July 15.

California Teen Kidnapping Results in Fallon Arrest

By Leanna Lehman

Aideyn Jace Purdy-Knudson first appeared before Judge Benjam Trotter in New River Township Justice Court on March 20, following his March 19 arrest and subsequent booking into the Churchill County Jail on several felony charges related to the kidnapping of a 16-year-old California girl.

At the March 20 hearing, Judge Trotter determined that Purdy-Knudson qualified for indigent defense and appointed the Churchill County Public Defender’s Office to the case, despite the defendant indicating he may have the means to retain private counsel.

The most serious charge Purdy-Knudson faces is Kidnapping in the First Degree Not Causing Substantial Bodily Harm, a Category A Felony punishable by life in prison with the possibility of parole after 5 years, or a definite term of 15 years with the possibility of parole after 5 years. The criminal complaint alleges that on March 18, 2025, Purdy-Knudson willfully took the minor from California to Nevada without the consent of her legal guardian.

He is also facing two counts of Assault on an Officer with Use of a Deadly Weapon, both Category B Felonies, each punishable by 1 to 6 years in prison. The complaint states that Purdy-Knudson attempted to unsheathe a knife during confrontations with Churchill County Sheriff’s Deputy Nelson and Corporal White while they were performing their

duties, placing both officers in reasonable fear for their lives.

He is further charged with Failure to Stop on Signal of a Peace Officer, a Category B Felony punishable by 1 to 6 years in prison. According to the complaint, he refused to stop for marked law enforcement vehicles, drove at 95 mph in a 35-mph zone, crossed over solid double lines into oncoming traffic, and endangered other motorists.

Additional charges include Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, a Category C Felony punishable by 1 to 5 years in prison. The complaint alleges he had a stolen blue 1993 Cadillac Deville with California registration DP905YL, which he knew or should have known was stolen.

Purdy-Knudson also faces two Gross Misdemeanor charges, each punishable by up to 364 days in jail: Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment of a Child, and Battery on an Officer. The child endangerment charge stems from allegations that he placed the 16-year-old minor in danger by operating the vehicle recklessly while she was seated in the front passenger seat. The battery charge alleges that he wrapped his arms around Corporal White’s legs in an attempt to take the officer to the ground during the confrontation.

After multiple continuances, Purdy-Knudson returned to Justice Court on June 26. Represented by Churchill County Public

Defender Jacob Sommer, he appeared before Justice Pro Tem Anthony Tisdale, presiding in Judge Trotter’s absence. Sommer requested a Valdez-Jimenez hearing to determine whether Purdy-Knudson should be considered for release on his own recognizance (OR) or to establish a bail amount he can reasonably afford.

Valdez-Jimenez hearings are based on the Nevada Supreme Court ruling requiring prosecutors to prove that keeping someone in jail is necessary to protect the public or ensure court appearances. The court must consider whether less restrictive alternatives, such as Court Services supervision or electronic monitoring, would suffice. The ruling relies on the constitutional principle that every defendant is presumed innocent and should not be jailed simply because they cannot afford bail.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford appeared for the state and did not oppose scheduling the Valdez-Jimenez hearing for a later date.

Judge Tisdale ordered bail in accordance with the charges, setting bail at \$250,000 for the kidnapping count, with total bail across all charges set at \$318,000.

The Public Defender’s Office reserved the right to revisit Purdy-Knudson’s custodial status and bail amount, and informed the court that the defendant is working with the state toward a potential resolution.



EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

CRAIG NAMED USA LACROSSE ALL-AMERICAN

Oasis Academy is celebrating a milestone achievement as sophomore midfielder Kaylee Craig has been named a USA Lacrosse All-American, one of the highest honors in high school lacrosse.

The distinction is awarded annually to high school players who exhibit outstanding lacrosse ability, sportsmanship, and character. Selections are made by area coaches and administered by USA Lacrosse, the sport’s national governing body.

Craig’s selection places her among the nation’s elite high school players, recognizing her exceptional skill and leadership on and off the field.

This season, Craig was a driving force for the Oasis Academy Bighorns, helping lead the team to a postseason berth in the competitive High Sierra Lacrosse League. Her performance also earned her a spot on the All-Region First Team, cementing her reputation as one of Nevada’s top young lacrosse players.

“I was very honored and excited to receive the All-American award, especially knowing that I compete against so many talented players in the league,” Craig said. “I couldn’t have achieved this without the support of my teammates.”

Oasis Academy administrators and coaches expressed pride in Craig’s achievement.

“We are so proud of Kaylee and happy for her achievement,” said Dane Nott, Oasis Academy K-12 School Leader. “She is a shining example of the numerous benefits high school athletes experience, including teamwork, discipline, communication, and time management, which are crucial for success in academics and beyond.”



Kaylee Craig on the field. Photo courtesy of MaxPreps.com.

With lacrosse set to become an officially sanctioned varsity sport in Nevada in the 2026-27 academic year, Craig’s recognition comes at a pivotal time for the sport’s growth in the region.

SUMMER SCHOOL WRAPS UP AT OASIS ACADEMY WITH A SWEET SURPRISE

Oasis Academy marked the end of summer school with a refreshing treat. Students were surprised with the Snack Oasis truck, serving colorful shave ice as a reward for their hard work. The summer program offered students a chance to catch up on coursework, explore enrichment activities, and connect with friends. Teachers praised students for their dedication, and the icy treats provided a festive close to the session.

FOURTH GRADER HONORED IN POSTER CONTEST

Sophie Bryan, a fourth grader in Mrs. Rebecca Farley’s class, earned honorable mention in the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s Free Fishing Day Poster Contest, which drew nearly 400 entries statewide.

Her poster featured a father, daughter, and dog fishing on a dock at sunset, with the message “Welcome to the Lake,” highlighting both family bonding and Nevada’s scenic beauty.



Sophie Bryan with her Fishing Day artwork.

“I’m incredibly proud of Sophie for winning the honorable mention in this contest,” Farley said. “This achievement speaks volumes about her creativity and passion.”

The contest encourages students to appreciate Nevada’s wildlife and natural resources through art and creativity. “I’m incredibly proud of Sophie,” Farley said. “This achievement speaks volumes about her creativity and passion.”

The annual contest encourages students to celebrate Nevada’s wildlife and natural resources through art.

Veritas Preparatory School – Classical and Christian

Unite: Building a Stronger Community at Veritas Preparatory School

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photos courtesy of Veritas.



End-of-year picnic.



Spirit Day Ice Cream.

At Veritas Preparatory School, we believe education is a partnership between families, teachers, and students. At the heart of this partnership is Unite, our dynamic parent group that brings the school community together in a spirit of service, encouragement, and shared purpose.

Unite is more than a volunteer organization, it’s the heartbeat of Veritas. This group of parents supports faculty and staff, organizes events, fosters school spirit, and creates opportunities for families to be involved. From teacher appreciation efforts and seasonal celebrations to welcoming new families, Unite helps make Veritas feel like home.

The name “Unite” reflects its mission to strengthen family connections, support the school’s classical and Christian foundation, and model servant leadership for students. Unite events are known for their warmth and creativity, reflecting the values that make Veritas unique.

Unite also plays a key role in fundraising. The group helped lead the successful “Night Under the Stars” fundraiser at the Rafter 3C Arena this spring and continues to assist with other events and student activities. Beyond fundraising, Unite builds community by fostering friendships and a sense of belonging for parents.

Veritas is grateful for the time and energy these parents contribute. Their efforts remind us that at Veritas, we are better together. The next Unite meeting is Wednesday, July 23. Parents who wish to get involved can contact the school for more information.

GARDENING

Trees Are Life:

Why Proper Tree Care Matters More Than Ever

By Nancy Chapman and Marco DiGiacinto

Trees provide significant public and private value in a community. They represent both an appreciating asset and a potential risk in managing residential and commercial landscapes. Trees remain symbols, icons, pillars, ceilings and centerpieces of our communities.

A tree can feel like an important part of your family, much like a pet. Trees fill landscapes, line streets, and provide much-needed shade in summer, cooling the air we breathe and offering shelter during a storm.

The aesthetic value of trees is priceless. Imagine your world without trees to look at, or without their homes for birds and animals. They help clean

our air by trapping pollutants in their leaves and bark. During photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, while transpiration adds water vapor to the air, improving air quality.

Trees are an integral part of our existence and should be treated as such. Please stop topping your trees! They are too important to our environment and well-being. Call me for the right alternative to make your trees safe, healthy and beautiful.

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SPORTS

# Greenwave Grappling Offers Jiu-Jitsu, Grappling Training

## Next Kids Summer Camp Offered in August

Story and photos by Christy Lattin

*When one door closes, another opens—and for Adam Johnson, that meant launching a new jiu-jitsu and grappling gym in Fallon.*

Greenwave Grappling, located at 2262 Reno Highway, Suite A, opened in March and offers training in jiu-jitsu, self-defense, and grappling for both kids and adults. Johnson brings more than 20 years of experience in various disciplines. He spent a decade training in mixed martial arts before pivoting to Brazilian jiu-jitsu, studying under the Atos Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy for 10 years. He recently earned his first-degree black belt.

Johnson’s dream of opening a jiu-jitsu gym began in 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic put those plans on hold. He continued working in healthcare operations in Reno until he was laid off last September—a turning point that led him to finally pursue the idea. A third-generation Reno native, Johnson chose Fallon for his gym’s location to be closer to his 12-year-old daughter and extended family.

Greenwave Grappling is open six days a week and offers a full schedule of classes for children and adults. Students can train in both “Gi” and “NoGi” styles. A Gi is the traditional cotton uniform consisting of a jacket, pants, and belt used for training and



Adam Johnson opened the Greenwave Grappling jiu-jitsu gym in March and offers classes for adults and children.



Adam Johnson shows student Mayleigh Bennett, 15, the proper technique to escape a hold.

competition. Johnson said the gym has already welcomed about three dozen members. Daily, monthly, and annual membership options are available.

The gym held its first kids summer camp July 14–16 for ages 6 to 10 and plans to host another camp in August. Each session is capped at 16 participants. Camp instructor Trish Gertsma, an elementary school teacher and brown belt in jiu-jitsu, leads activities that include jiu-jitsu fundamentals, crafts, snacks, movies, and confidence-building exercises. Camp registration is \$150 per child, with a 10% discount for siblings.

Johnson said Greenwave Grappling aims to prepare students for real-world situations. “Kids will be training against resistance every day,” he said. “We offer students safe training, but they’re not going to be surprised by aggression or violence when they’re confronted.”

For more information or to review membership plans, visit [www.greenwavegrappling.com](http://www.greenwavegrappling.com) or stop by the gym at 2262 Reno Highway, Suite A.

# Parks & Recreation Commission Sets New Direction

## Summer Program Highlights and Meeting Time Moves to 6 p.m.

By Rachel Dahl

*The Churchill County Parks and Recreation Commission welcomed new board member Tina Grainer at its July 2 meeting and unanimously voted to move future meetings to 6 p.m., one hour earlier than the current 7 p.m. start. The change, proposed by Ava Case, was supported as a way to better accommodate board members’ work and family schedules, especially during winter months.*

Recreation Director Jorge Guerrero reported a busy and productive summer season, with strong attendance for youth programs. The popular SumFun program

has 150 children enrolled, with an average of 110 attending daily—up from last year’s average. To accommodate the growth, the department added a third activity pod and installed new playground equipment and a shade cover, thanks to support from Fallon Rotary.

The department is also running youth soccer and tennis camps, and planning is underway for several major events at the Rafter 3C Complex. These include the Fastest Gun Alive quick draw competition, which was moved to July to attract more youth participants, and the Road to Fallon Cutting, expected to bring more than 400 horses and a significant economic boost to local hotels and restaurants.

Guerrero shared updates on the long-anticipated SNPLMA-funded improvements—\$32 million in improvements planned across two sites. While progress has been temporarily

delayed due to an outdated easement on the 3C property, the district anticipates a notice to proceed within three to six months. The full design phase is expected to take a year, with project completion estimated within four to five years.

The department also recently installed a new ADA pool lift and continues to offer regular aquatics programming during the summer.

During public comment, board member Kris Hadley praised the 3C facility after hosting a May fundraiser for Agape Christian School. While rain disrupted the car show portion of the event, Hadley noted that out-of-town visitors were impressed by the cleanliness and charm of the complex.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for August 5 at 6 p.m.

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C O L U M N S

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen: Summer Blueberries and Lavender

By Kelli Kelly

I am not cut out for humidity! I keep learning this lesson. First in San Diego, then in Nashville and Atlanta, and most recently in Washington, I was reminded. While I tend to wilt when exposed to ambient moisture, blueberries are perfectly suited for it. Between water coming from the sky and acidic soil, Washington has the perfect environment for a proliferation of bluebs (as we call them in the Valentine family). This past week, I joined my sister and her family at Indigo Acres, a delightful Airbnb on a working blueberry farm on the outskirts of Battle Ground, Washington. When I say that we gorged ourselves on blueberries, I am not exaggerating in the slightest.



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

My last gallon of blueberries and I are now safely back in the land of “it’s a dry heat,” and I am back to complaining about how muggy it gets at 11% humidity (rather than the 45% or more that I suffered through this last week). Should you ever find yourself picking only the “fatties” from a patch of blueberry plants, here are some ways to enjoy the fruits of the plant that is arguably the least suited to our unique Nevada climate. First up is a shrub syrup. Shrubs date back to at least colonial times and were used as a way to preserve the summer harvest.

Blueberry Lavender Shrub Syrup

Ingredients:

- 1 pint Blueberries
- 1 cup Sugar
- 8-10 Lavender sprigs
- 1 cup Apple cider vinegar

DIRECTIONS:

- Combine the blueberries, sugar, and lavender in a wide-mouthed mason jar. Smash the berries and sugar together with a wooden spoon or muddler.
- Pour in the apple cider vinegar and seal well. Shake the mason jar vigorously, then store in the fridge for a few days.
- Strain the mixture into a bowl, pressing the solids well to squeeze out all the juice. Store syrup in a jar in the fridge for up to a few months.
- To serve, combine 1 to 2 tablespoons of syrup per 1 cup of carbonated water. Add a squeeze of lemon and enjoy.



DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 375°F. Grease a 2-qt baking dish with butter. Gently toss the blueberries with half of the sugar and pour into the prepared dish.
- Combine the flour, baking powder, salt, and remaining sugar in a mixing bowl. Toss to combine.
- In a small saucepan, combine the butter and milk. Heat over low heat until the butter melts. Add the warm milk mixture and vanilla to the dry ingredients. Mix with a wooden spoon.
- Spread the batter over the blueberries. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the top is nicely browned. Let cool for 5 minutes. Spoon the slump onto plates and serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Allison’s Book Report: “Atmosphere” by Taylor Jenkins Reid

By Allison Diegel

When someone asks me about my favorite authors, I’ll no doubt launch into a long, gushing monologue about how much I love Taylor Jenkins Reid. I adore every single book she’s written—especially “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo.”

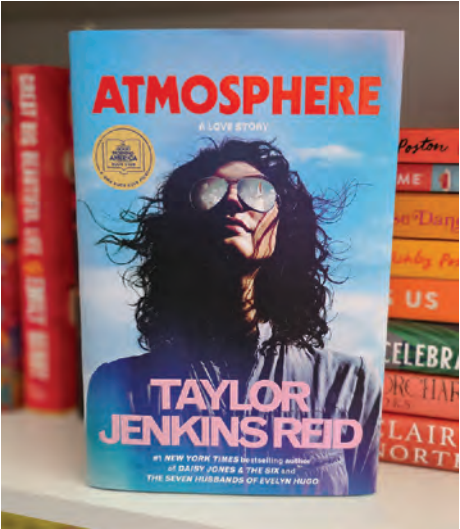
My kids joke that I’ll use my final breath to urge someone nearby to read Evelyn Hugo. They’re probably right. It’s just that good.

So you can imagine the squeals and full fangirl mode that kicked in when I cracked open TJR’s latest release, “Atmosphere.” Let me tell you—it did not disappoint.

If you’re a fan of Reid’s signature style—deep dives into vivid worlds, richly layered characters, and emotional storytelling—you’re in for a treat. This time, she’s taking us to space. Literally.

The novel centers on Joan Goodwin, a brilliant physics and astronomy professor who’s long been captivated by the cosmos. She’s living a quiet, fulfilling life teaching at Rice University and being a devoted aunt to her niece, Frances. But when she sees a NASA advertisement calling for the first women scientists to join the Space Shuttle program, Joan’s lifelong fascination turns into a burning ambition to actually go there.

It’s 1980, and Joan is selected from thousands of applicants. Her training begins at Houston’s Johnson Space Center, where she’s surrounded by a remarkable group of fellow candidates, including the



charming Top Gun pilot Hank Redmond and fellow scientist John Griffin. As this group of future astronauts forms an unlikely found family while preparing for flight, Joan begins to discover new passions, a deeper purpose, and a love she never expected. That new light makes her question everything she thought she knew about her place—not just in the universe, but in her own personal orbit.

“Atmosphere” is classic TJR. Reid pulls you into a defining moment in history—this time, the thrilling dawn of the shuttle era—and fills it with characters so real you’ll feel like you’ve known them forever. It’s a story about chasing dreams, pushing beyond your limits, and opening yourself to love in the most unexpected places.

The novel blends the intensity and wonder of NASA training with deeply emotional character arcs. It’s fast-paced, heartfelt, and ultimately inspiring.

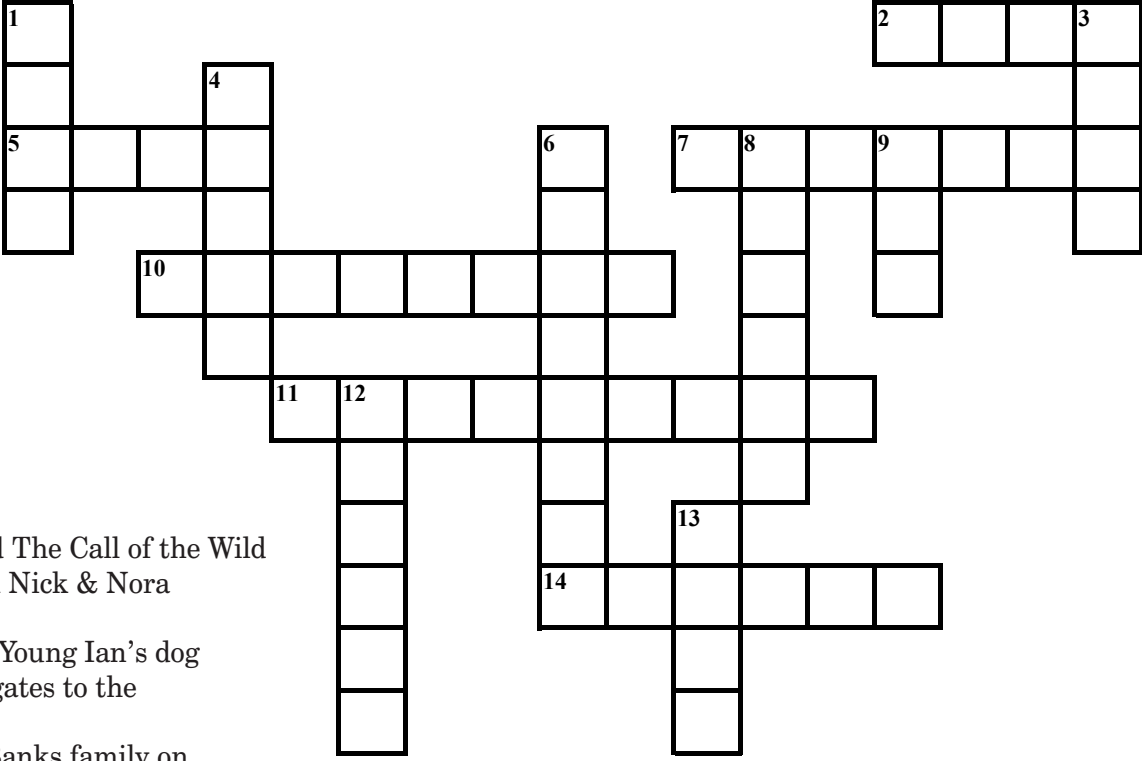
Honestly, “Atmosphere” might be the best book I’ve read all year. It’s a soaring story of transformation set against the breathtaking backdrop of space—but it stays grounded in everything that makes us human.

If you’re even a little curious, I hope you’ll pick up a copy and buckle in. And don’t forget to check out my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more recommendations and plenty of enthusiastic fangirl gushing about the books I can’t stop loving.

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.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

- 2. She took care of Wendy, John & Michael
- 5. From the mind of Stephen King
- 7. Harry Potter’s godfather’s animagus
- 10. The Red Dog
- 11. Died in Disney classic film
- 14. Charlie Brown’s beagle

Down

- 1. He answered The Call of the Wild
- 3. Worked with Nick & Nora Charles
- 4. Outlander’s Young Ian’s dog
- 6. Guards the gates to the Underworld
- 8. Lived with Banks family on Cherry Tree Lane
- 9. Teaches Babe to herd sheep
- 12. Timmy’s pal & savior
- 13. Terrier on yellow brick road

[ Crossword answers found on page 13 ]



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COLUMNS

Postcards: Singing Sands

By Michon Mackedon

Churchill County’s Sand Mountain, just to the north of Highway 50, some 25 miles east of Fallon, is often described as a “singing sand dune.” In the Middle East and North Africa, singing dunes are common, but Sand Mountain is reportedly one of only three in North America. A second North American singing dune, named the Crescent Dune, is located near Tonopah, Nevada, and a third, named Kelso Dune, rises from California’s Mojave Desert.

The songs they sing vary with the season, the humidity, the force and direction the wind, and any disturbance caused by man, beast, or Mother Nature. They range from sighs to vibrating moans to thunderous roars. Local resident, Margaret (Peggy) Wheat, now deceased, but known nationally for her pioneering work, The Survival Arts of the Primitive Paiutes, described the music of the mountain: “It sounds like rolling thunder. It’s absolutely quiet out there and then you can hear it clear down at the highway more than a mile away.”

Helen Stone, a member of the local Paiute tribe, wrote that her people spent the summer in the hills east of here, then turned back in the fall to the Carson Sinks. They stopped at “the singing sand hill,” and “after the evening meal, they lay upon their beds; as it grew dark, the sand hill began to hum and hum so they listened.... Soon, they also fell asleep. They tell us the sand hill felt sad for the ones who were sick and tired, so he hummed them to sleep, to rest through the night.”

Writing in the July 1990 Lapidary Journal, Sharon Elaine Thompson reported that “according to an 1883 report on Sand Mountain... the sound was less like a lullaby and more like a Wagnerian opera belted out in an acoustically perfect hall.”

Theories abound to explain this unique and eerie phenomenon, including the Native American belief that the mountain was a living creature, who would roar angrily at times and murmur softly at others.

Scientists have differed in their explanations of the formation and characteristics of Sand Mountain, but they agree that the sands have blown to the site from the beaches of ancient Lake Lahontan, which dried up for the most part about 9000 years ago. Israel Cook Russell, a member of the United States Geological Survey Team in 1885 observed, “It is impossible to trace the sands....to their sources, but we may be sure that they have traveled far and were not derived from the waste of the rocks in their present neighborhood.” A prevailing theory is that southwest winds continue to deposit new sands blown from Weber Reservoir near Hawthorne through an opening in the Cocoon Mountains, through Simpson Pass, across the Four Mile Flat and, finally, against the rising Stillwater Mountains, where they pile up, shift, and add to the undulating wave of sand we call Sand Mountain.

The magic, the lore, and the desert songs of Sand Mountain now take second place to its fame as a recreation area. It is visited each year by at least 50,000 people who pay \$40 per week to join in the fun of sand skiing, sandboarding, and riding all-terrain vehicles. The site is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and closely regulated. For example, 8 feet whip flags are required on all vehicles riding in the dunes; burning tires is prohibited; possession or use of any glass cup or bottle is not allowed; speed limit is 15 miles per hour in camping areas. What can’t be controlled is the plaintive song of the dune as it shifts, along with the times that have brought changes to it.

Thank you, Bunny Corkill, for writing a wonderful article on Sand Mountain, published in Volume 5, In Focus (1991-1992). You provided me with both facts and inspiration.

Please send your articles and ideas for articles 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.

### WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken July 15, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	254,831 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	952 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	144 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	98.4 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	2.9 cfs

July 15, 2024	July 15, 2023	July 15, 2022
268,138 acre feet	297,636 acre feet	110,394 acre feet

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

### MEETINGS

#### July 21–25, 2025

Churchill County School District  
4th Wednesday of the Month  
at 5:30 p.m.

CCSD Admin Bldg.  
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Next meeting, July 23

Fallon City Council  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the  
Month at 9 a.m.  
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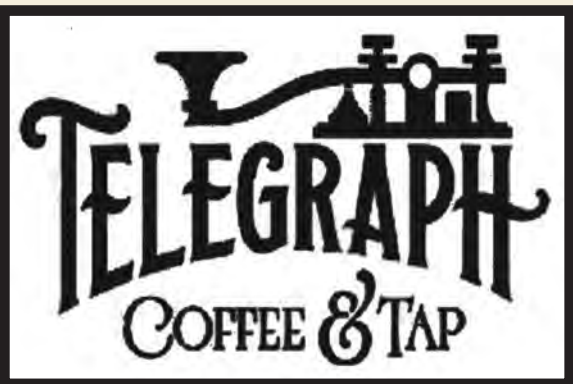
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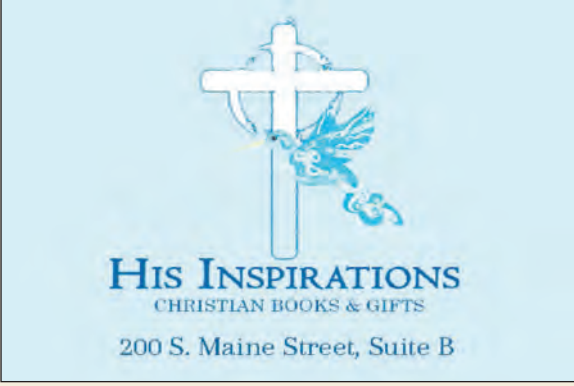
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7:00 p.m. FREE concert at the Fallon Theatre

Saturday, August 16

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

FREE Breakfast at the Oats Park Arts Center - Lariat Patio

FREE Show-n-Shine Car Show and Antique Tractors display

Tour the Oats Park School & Art Center

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tours

Old High School

Cottage Schools

Douglass House

Fallon Police Department

The Old Post Office

Tour City Hall w/Mayor Tedford

Fallon/Churchill Fire Department

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tour Churchill County Museum

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FREE Swim at the City Pool & the New Splash Pad area

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Historic Fallon Theatre Tours 10am-2pm

Frey Ranch Distillery Tours

4:00 p.m.

Gather at Oats Park

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS - Some classes will have tents set up

We will be honoring the Class of 1965.

Purchase food, ice cream, beer and wine, or pack a picnic.

Enjoy the photo booth, face painting, balloon artist,

reuniting with friends, and other fun-filled activities!

7:30 p.m. FREE concert

Della Mae | EXTRA parking at E.C. Best



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Show

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DAY OF REGISTRATION

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Elks

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Fallon Elks Lodge #2239

Presents:

MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

2025

Missed Pitch, Hit & Run in June? We're Doing It Again!!!

WHEN: July 26, 2025

WHERE: Oats Park Ball Field

TIME: 9 AM

WHAT: Softball/Baseball Skills

WHO: Boys & Girls in these categories:

7-8 years 8-10 years 11-12 years 13-14 years

Pre-Registration:

<https://pitchhitrun2025.leagueapps.com/events/4639877-elks-lodge-2239>

Last year, winners in each category were invited to advance to the next level of competition at the Oakland Coliseum.

Winners at each level CAN compete in the finals at the 2025 World Series!

For additional information:

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Register Now to Participate in the Fallon Lions Club Labor Day Parade Sept. 1



The Fallon Lions Club invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to participate in the annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, under the theme "Celebrating Youth and Agriculture." The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Taylor and Virginia streets, behind Churchill County Junior High. Entries must check in by 9 a.m. at the parade booth at that location.

Awards will be given for:

President's Award, Best Use of Theme, Most Creative, Best Youth Group, Best Civic Group, Best Business Entry, Best Mounted Group, Best Antique Farm Equipment, and Best Automobile Entry.

To enter, submit the entry form with a brief description of your float for the announcer. Email to fallonlions@gmail.com, fax to 775-255-4813, or mail to Fallon Lions Club, P.O. Box 651, Fallon, NV 89407. Include a phone number or email where you can be reached on Sunday, Sept. 1.



The deadline is the Friday before the parade. Call Barbara Hertz at 775-666-3068 for more info.

FALLON LIONS CLUB 2025 LABOR DAY PARADE ENTRY

NAME OF ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY:

YOUTH GROUP ☐ CIVIC GROUP ☐ BUSINESS ☐ MOUNTED GROUP ☐ ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT ☐ AUTOMOBILE ENTRY ☐

CANDIDATE OR INCUMBENT OFFICIAL ☐ NONE ☐ NO AWARDS FOR POLITICAL GROUPS ☐

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY FOR ANNOUNCERS:

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Number of Animals \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ENTRIES TO: FALLON LIONS CLUB, P.O. BOX 651, FALLON, NEVADA 89407