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Fallon Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Outstanding Local Businesses

Staff Report

This year's Fallon Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet was a sold-out success at the Fallon Convention Center last Friday night, February 2. With a theme of "Desert Rose," local vendors decorated the tables with gorgeous centerpieces and gathered to recognize and celebrate the local businesses and individuals who made 2023 a year to remember.

Outstanding Customer Service – Food and Beverage Business: Telegraph Coffee & Tap

Outstanding Customer Service – Retail Business: Big Mike's Guns & Ammo

Best New Business Startup: Buddy Boys Donuts & Shave Ice

Recognized Ag Leader of the Year: Pete Olsen

Outstanding Business: Sierra Nevada Properties

Outstanding Homebased Business: Cuppiecakes Bakery

Outstanding Business Innovations: Fallon Theatre

Outstanding Customer Service – Health and Beauty Services: Banner Churchill Community Hospital

Outstanding Customer Service – Services and Repair Businesses: Just in Time Heating & Air

The Village Garden Center Crew: Jane Jackson, Sherry Legarza, Doug Bailey, Steve Carlin, Diana Edgmon, Tami Edgmon Deby Smotherman and Terry Edgmon. Photo by Rachel Dahl.

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From the Publisher

Captain's Log – Runnin' Down a Dream

I'm running late. This should have been written HOURS ago. The girls actually just sent a note through our team chat, "Tis a sad day, is it possible the captain has been lost at sea?"

I'm not lost at sea, although it feels like I could be with this weather, it's wet and cloudy like the Scottish Moors and I could have very well gone missing in my dinghy, off somewhere singing my sea shanties.

Instead, I'm madly pretending this is an old-time newsroom and the editor just yelled, "Stop the Presses," and I have to hurry up and pound out a last-minute breaking news story. My little green visor is askance, and the cigarette is burning slowly in the ashtray.

Oh, my goodness, stop. There are no cigarettes, and I'm pretty sure little green visors are accountants, right?

It's just one of those really fun days that you could let get the best of you but you're just having too much fun getting all these different things done and taking bites out of the great smorgasbord that is a very full life.

We had a very good reminder this week to enjoy life and as Loretta Guazzini always says, "you squeeze every little bit of joy you can out of it." My mom had a bit of a health scare that was pretty sobering and drove home the need to spend as much time as we can with our people.

And then yesterday the very great Toby Keith died. That hit hard when I saw the news this morning. None of us are getting out of this alive.

So we're squeezing life for all we're worth around here – wallowing around in it, sampling all we can, getting all good and covered up in experiences and projects, making memories.

And while we're at it, we'll be right here…

… Keeping you Posted.
Rach

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Announcements

NOTICE

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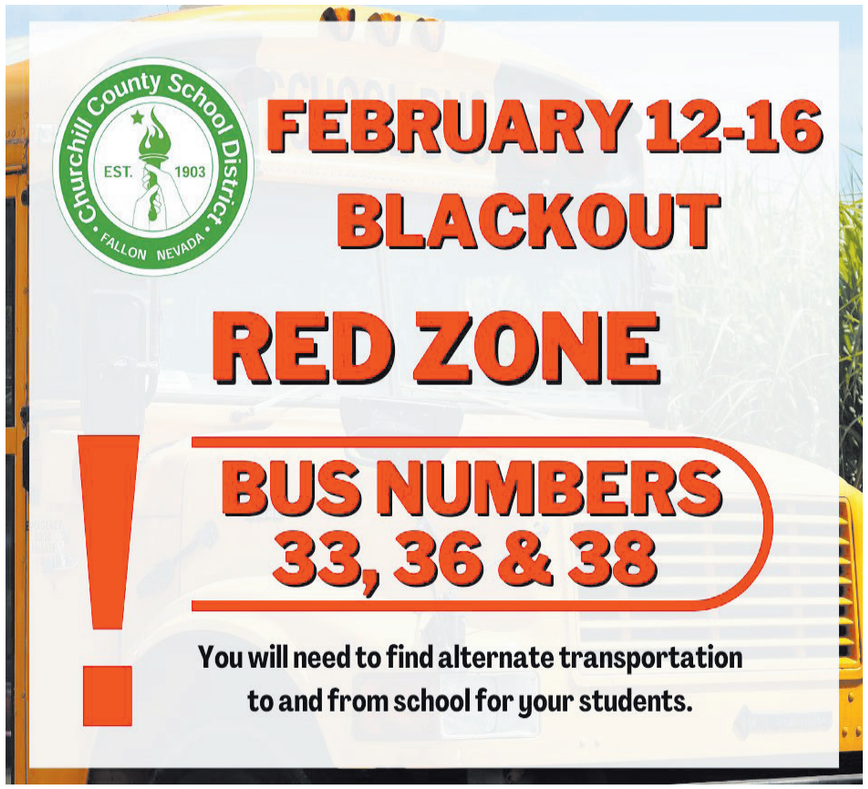

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John Giacomazzi

It is with great sorrow that we say goodbye to John Giacomazzi. On January 27, 2024, he died in Oregon of ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), surrounded by the love of family and friends. Born on February 17, 1981, in Las Vegas, Nevada, John was 43.

His family moved to Fallon, Nevada when he was an infant. John graduated from Churchill County High School in 1999. He continued his education at Southern Oregon University, where he received a degree in Psychology. After college, he spent 10 years teaching English as a foreign language in Seoul, Korea. He coached snowboarding teams in Portland, Oregon, and South Korea and prepared athletes for the Olympics.

John grew up skiing at Diamond Peak at Lake Tahoe, and his passion for snowboarding would follow him throughout his life. He was a world traveler going to New Zealand, Jamaica, Canada, Mexico, and Korea. John followed the snow, wintering in Colorado and Australia.

Even as ALS robbed John of his movement and body control, he spent his last few years writing, hosting video diaries, and sharing his incredible gift of gratefulness. He is the author of an inspirational autobiography entitled "A Peacock's Gotta Fly- Never Lose Your Smile."

John was a friend to everyone and beloved by all who knew him. Family, friends, and fans will miss his loving presence. To quote John, "Live life for the people you care about that can no longer live theirs." In honor and remembrance of John, as he would say, think of three things for which you are grateful.

John is survived by Michael, Claire, and Mneme Brown, stepsisters, nieces, and numerous cousins, friends, and fans.

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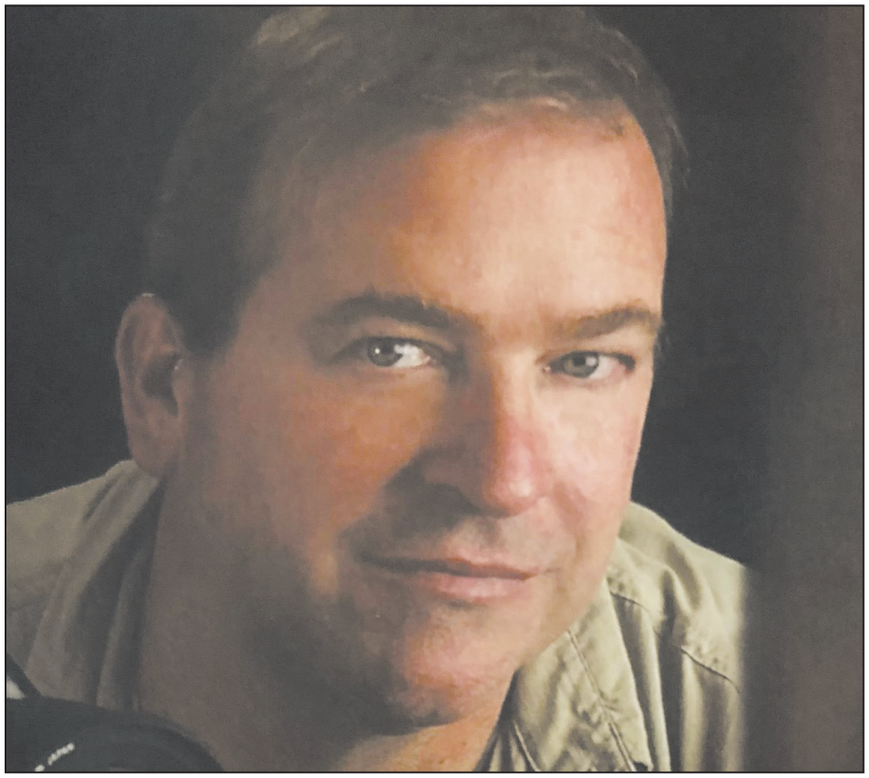

James (Jim) Arthur Scolari

James (Jim) Arthur Scolari lost his battle with cancer on May 1, 2023, in bed at his home in Encino, CA. He was born November 22, 1962, in Oakland, CA. He was the grandson of Ted and Ethel Weaver, who were Fallon residents for more than 80 years. Jim attended school in Fallon from 1976 to 1980 and lettered in CCHS varsity sports, including football, basketball, and track. He graduated from Santa Clara University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Jim lived in the Los Angeles area for many years and was a union Property Craftsman in Hollywood for over 20 years, where he created set decorations for shows like Speed, House Arrest, ER, Malcolm in the Middle, and My So-Called Life. A talented photographer and writer, Jim always kept busy working freelance in Southern California, Ventura, and Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife, Cami, three children, Sam, twins Luke and Luci, and one recent grandchild, Penelope. His mother, Leigh Callahan, and brother, Rob Scolari, live in Las Vegas. He is sorely missed by his family and friends.

Business

...Awards, continued from Front Page

Outstanding Beautification Project of the Year: City of Fallon – Oats Park

Best Place to Work: The Village Garden Center

Outstanding Local Non-Profit Organization: Centro de La Familia

Outstanding Customer Service – Small Retail Business: Dandelion Express Florist

Outstanding Helping Heart Award: American Legion Post 16

Businessperson of the Year: Kyle Cheek

Angela Guthrie and Celeste Blakey from Dandelion Express.

Kristina Mathern and Crystal Bowman from Telegraph Coffee & Tap.

Valerie Johnston and Karla Kent with the Fallon Theatre Board.

Team from American Legion Post 16.

Valerie Johnston and Rob Carnahan with the team from Banner Hospital.

Crew from Cheek Construction/Concrete.

Kim Beeghly and Mayor Ken Tedford, City of Fallon.

Michelle Gabiola-Rogers, Tami Bickel, and Doug Marsh.

Concrete, Construction, Community: Kyle Cheek Named Businessperson of the Year

Staff Report

In a well-deserved recognition, Kyle Cheek, the driving force behind Cheek Construction, has been awarded the prestigious Fallon Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year Award. This accolade acknowledges his outstanding leadership and the respect he commands as a business leader in the community.

Kyle is more than just a boss, according to his employees and those that know and work with him; he is a compassionate leader committed to ensuring that every member of the Cheek Construction family feels heard, valued, and supported. This dedication has played a pivotal role in the company's success, particularly as it commemorates a decade of serving the concrete needs of the Fallon community.

Amidst the celebration of Cheek Construction's 10 Years of Excellence, Kyle's unwavering commitment to advancing the concrete industry in Northern Nevada stands out. His tenacity has been a driving force behind the organization's strength and influence in the region.

What sets Kyle apart is not only his leadership within the company but also his hands-on involvement with some of the most intricate concrete projects in the area. This commitment has earned him the respect and admiration of clients, vendors, and industry peers alike. Kyle Cheek is known as a humble, kind, and resourceful leader, making him truly deserving of the Businessperson of the Year Award.

His passion, dedication, and leadership continue to make a positive impact on both Cheek Construction and the community he serves. Congratulations to Kyle on this well-earned honor!

Kyle Cheek. Photo courtesy of Cheek Construction.

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Local Government

Pay Raises for Subs and Bus Drivers Approved

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill County School Board of Trustees met last week to approve an increase in the payment of substitute teachers. The move was made to dent the critical sub shortage with regular classroom teachers sacrificing their preparation periods to cover for their absent colleagues. The current, temporary solution can cost the district nearly $350 per day and the time of every other staff member, including administrators and classified staff, who pitch in to keep students in their classrooms, learning, not simply hanging out in the library or lunchroom.

With an increase in the regular substitute pay from $100 to $130 per day and a bonus of $10 per day to subs who cover 60 - 75% of a semester, trustees hope to attract more substitutes to cover more classes.

Additionally, the long-term sub rate will jump from $133 per day, kicking in on day 20, to $180 per day, which takes effect on day one. Long-term subs in an open position that the district cannot fill with a licensed teacher will increase to $200 per day, making that sub eligible for health care and retirement benefits.

The estimated financial impact for the rest of the year is $28,945, with an annual impact of $60,000 to $100,000. According to Comptroller Kristi Fielding, the line-item budget for subs in the 2023-24 budget was $150,000, but that amount has so far been exceeded in just the first semester. She said there has been $30,362 spent to cover teachers who have subbed during their preparation periods.

"We are wearing people out from not having enough subs," said Superintendent Derild Parsons. "We are hoping if we do this, we will ease the burden to our schools. It is an important part of the budget that we need to straighten out and then budget for."

Board President Gregg Malkovich said the sub shortage has been a problem for nearly ten years. "I don't think this will get us many, but if it gets us three, that's three more than we have."

Trustee Matt Hyde said, "We want our teachers to be ready for their classes, not using their preps to cover classes. To me, that's the most important part of this."

The increase took effect on February 1.

In other business, the board also approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Churchill County Classified Association, allowing for an increase in the bus driver salaries from Range 24 to 28 on the pay scale, transportation trainers from Range 27 to 29, and the transportation specialists move from 25 to 28, an agreement to offer full benefits to bus drivers who work at least five hours per day, and agreement that all bus driver positions offer employment of five hours per day and driver with routes that are less than five hours per day will be given tasks to meet the five-hour requirement.

Superintendent Parsons explained during his report that the principal search process for the EC Best and Churchill County Middle School positions is underway with great interest from those wishing to serve on the search committee. The application period closed on February 9, and the interview committee will meet on February 13 to review and rate the applications and send the recommendations to Parsons. Interviews will be held on February 24, and the intent is to bring a recommendation to the board at the February 28 meeting.

Parsons also explained the athletic director position is open and is a unique posting with two possibilities: one as a Teacher on Special Assignment, or if the person has an administrative endorsement, which is preferred, that ability exists to offer the position as a vice principal to serve with Principal Tim Spencer.

Trustees also approved the Augmented 2023-24 Budget, making a $5,468,643 adjustment to the initially submitted general fund, bringing the total to $42,468,801. Fielding reported that there has been a push to increase discretionary spending at the school level. After several years of cutting back these funds, the per-pupil discretionary funds for all schools were increased by 20%.

"This will allow schools to put some things back," said Parsons. "We've cut over the years and cut back and back. Principals will still need to budget, but this gives them more control over what they need between now and the end of the year."

Fielding said she had to increase the utility budget as it grows and restore funding for repairs and maintenance. She also was able to add in curricula and textbook purchases, computer lab equipment, and classroom furniture. "These are things we have not been able to do in a long while," said Parsons.

According to the board packet, the Adjusted Base Per Pupil amount is $10,157 based on an Average Daily Enrollment of 3,179 students.

EMERGENCY AND LICENSED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

NEW RATE: $130/day

Pay Rate Details:

- Bonus rate = $10 per day for substitute teachers who work 60% to 75% of school days each semester
- Bonus rate = $20 per day for substitute teachers who work more than 75% of school days each semester

Long-term substitute teachers are not eligible for the bonus rate.

LONG-TERM LICENSED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

NEW RATE: $180/day

Pay Rate Details:

- $180 per day for assignments that are 20+ days in length.
- The rate begins on the first day of the assignment.

The board also received brief training on the budget process and set the timeline for the budgeting for the 2024-25 school year. The Budget Committee will hold its first meeting on February 12, its second meeting on March 4, and present a general fund-based budget to the board on March 21.

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Mark Hyde Announces Candidacy for County Commissioner

By Rachel Dahl

Matt Hyde has officially announced his intention to run for the office of County Commissioner in District 1, the seat currently held by Commissioner Justin Heath. Heath announced several weeks ago that he is not running for re-election.

Hyde is in the middle of his third term, serving on the Churchill County School Board for the past ten years. He has been re-elected twice.

"I've always wanted to run for county commission," he said, although the timing isn't exactly right because of how his school district term straddles the commission term. "I don't think children would ever be born if we always waited for the timing to be exactly right," he laughed.

During his term on the school board, Hyde has served as a member of the Board of Control of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, the nine-member governing body of high school athletics and activities in Nevada as recognized by the Nevada state legislature. He was the school board president twice and vice president three times.

As a member of the Board of Control, it was important to consider all 17 districts, "not just focus solely on Churchill or Oasis. It's what's best for everybody. It really comes down to policy; I'm a big policy-driven guy; if you want to talk to me about policy, that's where you start to make a change."

One of Hyde's most significant successes at the school district was getting the strategic plan in place, setting the board goals, and seeing the graduation rate climb after those goals began being implemented.

Hyde has worked for CC Communications for 27 years and is primarily focused on the importance of infrastructure and roads and is concerned about growth. "I don't want super-fast growth that our infrastructure can't handle," he said. "I don't want to be another bedroom community; we don't want to be a second Fernley; we need industry, good manufacturing jobs that pay a living wage."

His father, Willis Hyde was the Watermaster at the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District when Hyde was young, and he grew up knowing the importance of water in the Lahontan Valley. "Water is important, and we are lucky to live over a great aquifer, but we need to keep the water in this valley. That water coming down is ours. Farming is important for the community, the economy, and to protect that aquifer."

"I just love serving, and I love Churchill County," said Hyde. "I feel like I've learned a lot, and have governing experience and have a lot to contribute."

District 1 covers the community generally west of Highway 95 and Taylor Street and south of Williams Avenue and Hwy 50 West. For specific clarity on the district boundaries, see the map on the County Commissioners page at churchillcountynv.gov/128/County-Commissioners and check representation by address.

Filing for the 2024 election candidates will open on March 4 and close on March 15. Contact the County Clerk at 774-423-6028 for more information.

Mark Hyde.

Robin Spielberg to Perform at Barkley Theater February 17

Staff Report

Steinway Artist Robin Spielberg is renowned for her emotive and masterful piano artistry. Bringing her music on a solo tour, she performs her original compositions and timeless classics from the American Songbook, cinematic soundtracks, and romantic favorites at theaters across eight states. The tour comes to the Barkley Theater at Oats Park Art Center on Saturday, February 17, at 7 p.m. Spielberg takes the audience through time and emotion, performing songs that evoke nostalgia with delicate notes and powerful crescendos that stir the soul. As she tells engaging stories between musical selections, Spielberg creates an intimate connection with her audience, making each concert a unique and unforgettable experience. Tickets are $17 for members, $20 for non-members, and $10 for youth and students (with valid student ID). Doors open at 6 p.m.

With an impressive tour schedule and hundreds of thousands of recordings sold, this Steinway Artist has been winning the hearts of listeners worldwide with her compelling melodies and sensitive piano techniques since debuting her first recording of original solos for piano, "Heal of the Hand." She made her sold-out Carnegie Hall debut in 1997. Her latest release, "By Way of the Wind" - her first fully orchestrated work- debuted on Billboard's Classical Crossover chart in October 2023.

Spielberg is a prolific composer with 24 recordings to her credit and appears on more than 40 compilations worldwide. Her discography includes albums of original piano solos, arrangements of American standards, original pieces for piano/ensemble, holiday recordings, a CD of American melodies, and lullabies. She is in the top 1% of artists played on Pandora Radio, the internet's largest radio station. In addition to over 200 million streams on that platform, she has 160,000 monthly listeners on Spotify and has sold over a million physical CDs of her piano-centric music. During the Covid-19 lockdown, Spielberg began a weekly live stream, which she continues on Fridays at 9 p.m. Eastern when she is not on tour at http://www.YouTube.com/robinspielberg.

Spielberg's multi-faceted work in music includes mental health as a National Artist Spokesperson for the American Music Therapy Association. She is a founding member of the Mindful Music Association and a C.A.R.E. Channel Artist streamed in hospitals across the country. Her work includes a tour of lectures and workshops at schools, community centers, nursing care facilities, and performing arts centers. Her popular TEDx TALK on music and wellness has over 400,000 view.

Spielberg's memoir, "Naked on the Bench: My Adventures in Pianoland," won the 2014 Gold Medal in the Reader's Favorite International Book Award contest.

Robin Spielberg at piano. Photo by Larry Kosson.

District Court News, January 30

By Teresa Moon

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, January 30, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

Mikayla Sue Sherman, in custody, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Gross Misdemeanor, which carries a potential penalty of up to 365 days in jail and a fine of up to $2,000. Defense counsel for Sherman, Larry Dunn, Esq., asked the court to place Sherman in the Western Regional Drug Court program. Dunn told the court that Sherman did abscond from supervision for a time, but she realized she needed to address her problems and self-surrendered. Judge Stockard suspended proceedings, placed Sherman on probation for twelve months, and granted her admission to the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program.

Lanette Dawn Anderson appeared for sentencing on a Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), to which she pled guilty in November and is punishable by 1-4 years in prison. Deputy District Attorney Aaron Thomas told the court, "It is within the court's discretion to put violent drug dealers in Drug Court." Wright Noel with the Churchill County Public Defender's Office said that he did not believe the state's description of Ms. Anderson as a violent drug dealer was accurate and asked that she be placed on probation and allowed to complete drug court. Anderson addressed the court. "For the first time in my life, I feel like I'm making changes in my life and that the drug court program is helping me." Stockard granted Anderson probation on a suspended sentence of 14-48 months in prison, ordered her to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations therein, and placed her in Drug Court.

Joseph Robert Keller appeared for sentencing for Non-Support of a Spouse, a Former Spouse, or a Child, a Category C Felony. Under the terms of plea negotiations made in January of 2023, if Keller made his payments for a year, the charge would be reduced to a Gross Misdemeanor. Public Defender Wright Noel told the court that Keller has made child support payments for the last year and is current with his payments. Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills agreed and said the state is comfortable going forward; Mills asked for a suspended jail sentence with the condition that Keller continue to make his scheduled child support payments. Judge Stockard suspended a sentence of 364 days in jail and placed Keller on probation for a year. Additionally, if any payments are missed, Keller must return to court.

Kimberley Ann Sanchez, in custody, admitted to a non-technical sentencing violation of absconding on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, for which she received probation in November of 2022. Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills informed the court that Sanchez had been convicted 22 times, five of those convictions were felonies. "She clearly is not supervisable. We just ask that the court revoke her." Public Defender Wright Noel argued for the reinstatement of Sanchez's probation, stating that his client was doing well until she lost her mother and took an unauthorized out-of-state trip, after which she never got back on track. Noel said Sanchez is trying to get her life back together; she is employed, and he sees a lot of potential. Judge Stockard revoked Sanchez's probation and imposed the underlying sentence of 12-32 months in prison. She was remanded to the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.

Jillian Olivia Yesslith, in custody, pleaded guilty to a Category B Felony of Battery by a Probationer, a Parolee, or a Prisoner in Lawful Custody, which carries a potential punishment of 1-6 years. According to the factual basis given, Yesslith kicked an officer during her arrest. Judge Stockard ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for April 23.

Ramona Herrera, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category D Felony of Principal to Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card or a Debit Card, punishable by 1-4 years in prison and a fine of not more than $5,000. According to the factual basis, on August 24, 2022, Herrera, either personally or instructed another person to, made purchases with a credit card that was not hers; purchases totaled $216.95. Churchill County Public Defender asked the court to release Herrera on her own recognizance, telling the court that she has medical conditions and has been in custody for more than a month. He also asked that his client be provisionally placed in Drug Court. Judge Stockard consented. He ordered supervision by Court Services, a pre-sentence investigation, and set sentencing for April 23.

Jose Manuel Ruiz, in custody, pleaded guilty to a charge of Violation of a Domestic Protective Order, a Third or Subsequent Offense, which is a Category D Felony with a potential punishment of 1-4 years in prison and a fine of up to $5,000. On December 20, 2023, Ruiz violated a protection order issued out of a Colorado court and arrived at the home of his wife and children, having been twice convicted for violating the order. Ruiz also admitted to a Sentencing violation on the Gross Misdemeanor charge of Violation of a Protective Order, a Second Offense to which he pled guilty on December 12. Judge Stockard ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for April 23.

Continuances and Warrants:

- Michael Jacob Casey's arraignment - continued to February 6.
- Brant Bennett Jayne's arraignment -continued to February 6.
- Corey Lamar Etchinek's sentencing -continued to February 20.
- Selma Christina Sample - A $10,000 bondable bench warrant was issued.

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Dealing Drugs in Churchill County Earns Alford 6-25 Years

By Teresa Moon

Brian Keith Alford, in custody, pleaded guilty to Mid-Level Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Category B Felony, which carries a potential penalty of 1-10 years in prison and a fine of up to $50,000. According to Alford's attorney, John Kadlic, Esq., Alford was in a car that contained 28-42 grams of a Schedule I or II controlled substance.

In October of 2021, Alford received probation for High-Level Possession of a Controlled Substance and Offer, Attempt, or Commission of an Unauthorized Act Relating to the Manufacture or Compounding of Certain Controlled Substances (87 grams of methamphetamine sold to a cooperating source).

During proceedings, Alford admitted to violating the terms of his probation.

Public Defender Jacob Sommer asked the court to continue the matter, explaining, "My client feels that he has some personal things that he would like to arrange. He knows he is going to prison, so it would just get some of it all wrapped up."

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford strongly opposed a delay and asked the court to proceed with sentencing. "This isn't a sneak surprise," said Sanford, as the case has been ongoing since September. "Justice delayed is justice denied," she continued, noting there will always be something the defendant wants to take care of before going to prison.

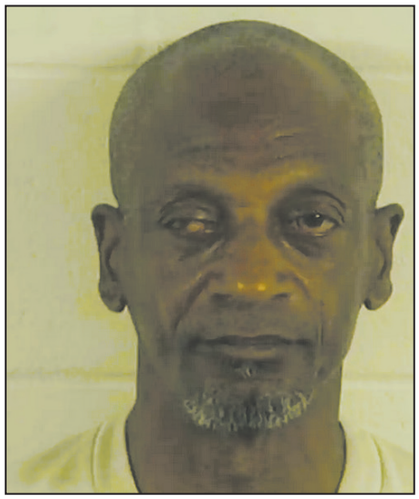
Judge Stockard proposed that he rule today but would not sign it until next week, to which counsel agreed.

Sanford asked the court to sentence Alford to 36-120 months in prison in the interest of public safety. "Unfortunately, what we have in front of us is a person - I hate to say it, but for which rehabilitation is not working." In the state's opinion, probation was given previously, and it was a gift that the defendant should have flourished under and proven everyone wrong; instead, he proved the state right. "He is a drug dealer, and he is a poison to this community."

Kadlic argued Alford has already lived longer than the average meth user, noting that his client will be in his 70s when he gets out. Kadlic asked for concurrent sentences, stating, "He is a fairly intelligent individual; unfortunately, he has chosen to live a life of using drugs," asking the judge to give Alford a chance to get out.

Alford addressed the court. "Addiction is a disease. It's not a choice. I just know it's been tough. It would be kind of silly to choose to kill yourself consciously. I did not choose to do this consciously. I don't have any excuses; I have a disease."

Judge Stockard sentenced Alford to 19-72 months in prison on the mid-level possession charge, revoked his probation for both previous convictions, and imposed the underlying sentences. Alford will serve 40-180 months on the high-level possession charge and 19-48 months on the charge of selling drugs in Churchill County, with all the terms to run consecutively.



Brian Keith Alford. Photo courtesy of Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

Education

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy

Senior Spotlight: Amora Routt

The change to Oasis Academy in third grade came easily for graduating senior Amora Routt. While many students find changing schools daunting, that was not the case for her.

"I first started attending Oasis in third grade, and I've never been more thankful for a change," Routt said. "I truly love Oasis and I appreciate all that the staff have and continuously do for their students."

One class and teacher have stood out the most during her time at Oasis.

"I'm very thankful for all the staff, from the lovely front office ladies to every teacher at Oasis, but my favorite classes by far have been any that are taught by Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz," she said.

Ms. Bogdanowicz has a way of making learning fun and engaging in a welcoming environment.

"She is an absolute hoot and makes any class less boring and more interactive. This is especially true in Ag class because it just feels as though you're with family," Routt said.

Routt will graduate in May with her high school diploma and associate of arts degree from Western Nevada College. She then plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in psychology.

She has good advice for future students.

"My advice for future students is to live life to the fullest. Go to the sports games, go to all the dances, attend as many school events as possible because why not? Why miss out on something that might be fun," Routt said.

Adopt-a-Pilot Takes Off

Oasis Academy is excited to participate in Southwest Airlines' Adopt-a-Pilot Program again. The fun educational program pairs a Southwest pilot with schools to teach fifth-grade students the science and engineering behind flight.

Local pilot Kristopher Nastro is Oasis Academy's adopted pilot. Nastro will step into classrooms regularly to teach students lessons about flight, such as drag, lift, and thrust. He will also document his travels as he flies with Buster the Bighorn.

The program is back after pausing due to COVID.

Annual Blood Drive a Success
Written by: Hunter McNabb

Towards the end of January, a familiar sight filled the WNC parking lot as the Vitalant Bloodmobiles came to town. Community members came to support our healthcare system.

Oasis Academy College Prep Student Council organized its biannual blood drive and received over 36 units of blood, surpassing its goal. The bloodmobile collected 22 whole blood donations and seven power red donations, potentially impacting the lives of 108 hospital patients.

The council is grateful for the support from many of our community partners, including Renown Urgent Care, Banner Community Hospital, Churchill County Law Enforcement Center, City of Fallon-Churchill County Fire Department, Churchill County UNR Extension Office, Fallon Youth Club, Telegraph, and the Convention Center for helping to support the blood drive mission and advertising the event."

Kristopher Nastro and Buster.

The student council partnered with Vitalant to collect donations and do its part to help reduce the critical blood shortage plaguing the United States and our region.

If you missed the January blood drive, be sure to visit vitalant.org to see the requirements and upcoming drives in your area.

Hunter McNabb and Vitalant Representative.

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CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie, photos courtesy of Churchill County School District.

NELC (above): February is Black History Month, and Octavia Merritt's class is gearing up and excited for what they will learn about a few great African Americans in History. Students have already discussed the great music Michael Jackson created and learned about Ruby Bridges, the first African American to be allowed to integrate into school. Students will learn about Maya Angelou, Former President Obama, and many other African American figures this month. When they learned about Michael Jackson and listened to the ABC 123 song, the students danced and followed some of his dance moves.

Numa (left): Jerrilynn Nall's and Kristina McFadden's classes enjoyed a presentation by Jaime Schroeder and her two therapy dogs, Fozzy Bear and Ernie. The teachers wanted to bring Schroeder in to help their classes meet general targets touched on throughout the year, such as self-management, relationship skills, and focusing on calming and self-regulation skills. It also worked hand in hand with their social studies unit on careers/jobs because Schroeder explained to the classes how she got into the dog therapy field and what it takes for the dog and handler to get certified. "I am not sure anything can quite beat getting doggy kisses while learning," Nall said.

ECB (left): School counselor Janell Seuss takes classes each week for guidance lessons. She works with students on making good choices, team building, relationship building, and working on ECB's 4 B's: Be kind, Be safe, Be responsible, Be respectful. Last week, she worked with students in Monica Mayfield's class by having them participate in an activity where they had to focus on teamwork. The activity was a mission in which teams of students worked to get three containers across a molten lava river. They had a rope and a piece of material, and they could use a sweatshirt or a shoe if they wanted, but nothing could touch the river

LES (right): Students in Crystal Cabral's class learned about the groundhog whistle (their habit of making high-pitched whistling sounds), interviewed each other to collect data, and created a class prediction graph on whether Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow. Nine students and Cabal predicted that the groundhog would see his shadow. The other ten students predicted he would not see his shadow, and we would have an early spring. As they watched Phil give his live prediction, some of them let out big sighs, and some cheered with joy. This year, we should be welcoming an early spring.

CCHS (not pictured): Last Friday, the Student Council surprised students with an impromptu pep rally in the quad. NJROTC Instructor Chief Bryska offered up his sound system, and just before lunch, the students were dismissed to the quad, where Student Body President Brody Allen and Senior Class Officer Hannah Benjamin were in the bed of a truck, ready to pump up the students. Allen encouraged all the students who gathered around to go support the CCHS athletes at the Wrestling Tournament at the Rafter 3C and the CCHS basketball games in the gym. The students responded to a few cheers, got some fresh air, and then headed to lunch.

CCMS (not pictured)**:** Zoey Brown had her students work in groups where each group received a different question. They had to work through it together using their notes and then teach it to the class. "If they can teach it, then they truly know it. It helps them build their confidence in their knowledge and make them realize they are learning and retaining information," Brown said. The first group of students taught the entire class how to solve for slope and y-intercept only using two coordinate points, then write it out in the slope-intercept form equation. "I am so proud of them. They did such an awesome job," Brown said.

Greenwave Wrestlers Host Northern 3A Duals

Staff Report

February 2 and 3 saw Churchill County High School hosting the Northern 3A Duals to determine the seeding for the regional wrestling competition to be held February 9 and 10. The Greenwave won nine of their matches, losing two.

Photos by Robert Baker.

Quentin Horbeak.

Above: Carson Melendy.
Below: Manuel Barros.

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Movies & More

Your Community-Owned & Operated Fallon Theatre

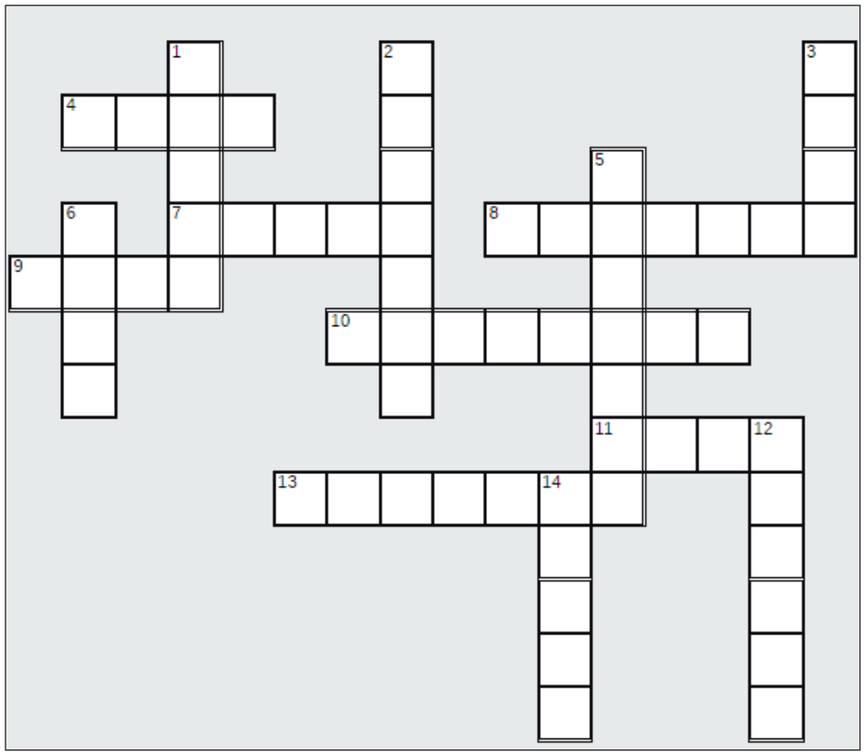
Lots of laughs headed your way this Valentine's weekend, plus two great movies and our annual Valentine's 5K walk/run.

Playing both Friday and Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. is the great 2001 animated comedy fantasy "Shrek." Once upon a time, in a faraway swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek, whose precious solitude is suddenly shattered by an invasion of annoying fairy tale characters. They were all banished from their kingdom by the evil Lord Farquaad. Determined to save their home - not to mention his - Shrek cuts a deal with Farquaad and sets out to rescue Princess Fiona to be Farquaad's bride. Rescuing the Princess may be small compared to her deep, dark secret. Voices provided by Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, John Lithgow, and Cameron Diaz.

Also, Friday night, starting at 6:30, please join us for a great Galentine's Day event - live music provided by the Domesticated Man Band. Immediately following will be the showing of the terrific 1993 romance comedy "Sleepless in Seattle." After the death of his wife, Sam Baldwin moves to Seattle with his son, Jonah. When Jonah calls a talk radio program to find a new wife for his father, Sam grudgingly gets on the line to discuss his feelings. Annie Reed, a reporter in Baltimore, hears Sam speak and falls for him, even though she is engaged. Unsure where it will lead, she writes Sam a letter asking him to meet her at the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day. Starring Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Ross Malinger, Rita Wilson, and Rob Reiner.

Saturday, please join us for our annual Valentine's 5K Walk/Run. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and the 5K starts at 9 a.m. Then, that evening, join us for some great live stand-up comedy as February Funnies takes our stage, starring Marc Yaffee with special guests Adam Stone and Brian Lee. The show starts at 7 p.m., must be 18 or older to attend. Tickets are $20 in advance (brianleecomedy.ticketleap.com) or $25 at the door.

Hope to see you at all these great events.



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— by Peanut

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7 God of love
8 Roses
9 Cherish
10 Month
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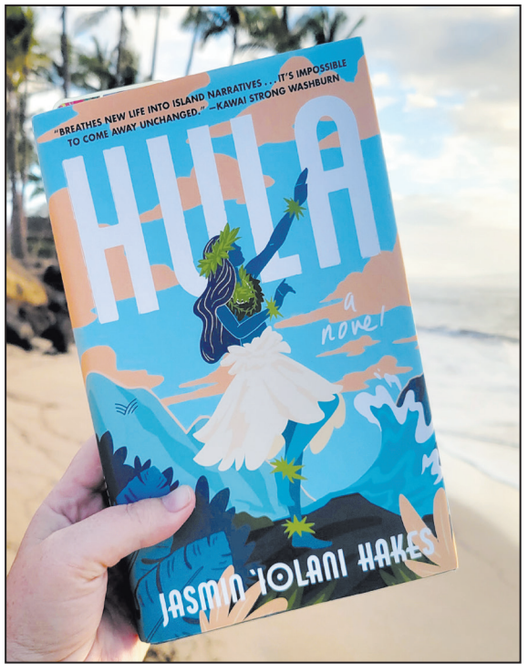
ALLISON'S BOOK REPORT



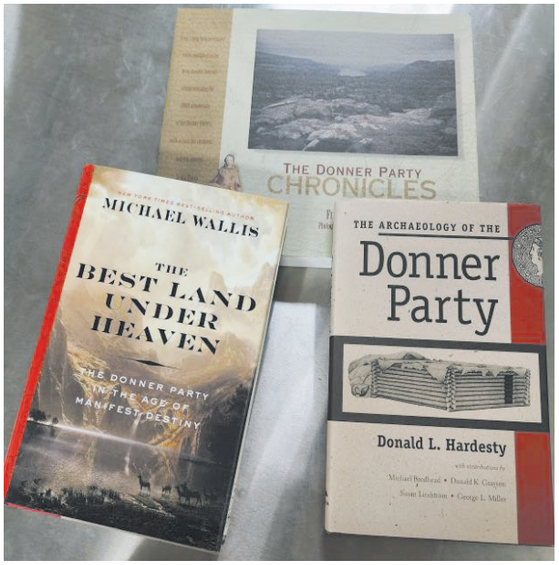
"Hula" by Jasmin 'Iolani Hakes

I am slowly getting my act together this week after my vacation and the period of recovery that inevitably comes with going out of town. Taking a break from winter and heading to Hawaii for a little break from winter was such a great idea, but I am thinking that returning to the cold after a week of summer in January is kind of a cruel thing to do to myself. The fact that it is still very much winter in our high desert makes me miss the palm trees swaying and the smell of the briny ocean air twice as much.

Fortunately for me – and, by proxy, you – I brought home a little bit of island love in the form of a good book like I so often do. "Hula" by Jasmin 'Iolani Hakes is a debut novel, but with her palpable love for her beautiful home and her depiction of a culture that runs deep, I doubt it will be her last. Set in Hilo on the big island of Hawaii, "Hula" is a sweeping family saga that touches on Hawaiian tradition, culture, and the complications of mothers and daughters. Hi'i is proud to be part of the Naupaka family, known for its contributions to hula and to the town itself, but there is a lot that she doesn't understand. Hi'i has never known her grandmother - a woman who is a legend in her own right as a hula dancer – and her mother has never revealed who her father is. Living in a tight-knit community is complicated for all three of the women, as unspoken tensions within it create fractures that seem to be entangled with the Naupaka family's history. Through the art of hula, Hi'i sees her chance to make up for the past and solidify her place within the family's legacy - but to win, she has to turn her back on everything that she has ever known, possibly putting the very thing she is fighting for on the line. "Hula" is a love song written to Hawaii and the culture that is hula, as well as a testimony to how generations carry and pass on the baggage of their ancestors. Families are complicated for everyone, but when you're on an island, you can't just run away.

That's all I have for this week. I took this picture in Hawaii because it seemed like a travesty not to snap a picture of a beautiful book near the beautiful place where it is set. Pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more pictures from my travels and my never-ending rambling and reading, and tell me what you think I should be reading and reviewing next.

Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls and Their Many Pets here in her hometown of Fallon. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.



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On February 2, 1847, the first woman of a group of pioneers commonly known as the Donner Party died during the group's journey through a Sierra Nevada mountain pass. The disastrous trip west ended up killing 42 people and turned many of the survivors into cannibals.

You can read these books in the Museum Reference Library.

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - Dumplings and Pickle

Editor's note: Our dear Kelli Kelly has temporarily traded the Nevada winter for a fun visit with her New York family. In honor of her visit, she sent us a flashback article she wrote in 2017.

My sister Erin is not particularly skilled in the kitchen. She tries her best - but honestly, folks, she once burned spaghetti. Not the sauce, the noodles. Consider that for a moment. Erin dropped dried pasta into boiling water and left them in the pot for so long that all the water evaporated, and the noodles burned to a crisp. So, I was not in the least surprised when Erin sent me a text that said that she was cooking something, and it was causing her husband a little anxiety. What did surprise me was that 'cooking' was a metaphor, and Brian's anxiety was about becoming a father.

September 18th, 2015, marked the day my darling nephew "Pickle" came into this world. It also marked the day that Erin and Brian became amazing parents, and I became a doting aunt. Brian was not particularly happy with me for assigning the womb name "Pickle" to his unborn son; he subsequently dubbed me Auntie Meathead.

In February (2017), E&B headed to Sweden to ski and snowshoe, staying in a hotel made entirely of ice and attempting to see the Northern Lights. So Erin asked me to come to Brooklyn to Pickle-sit.

When I visit, I make it a goal to home-cook as many meals as I can, and I was excited to cook for Pickle for the first time.

My nephew Pickle is a pretty amazing toddler. Despite being only 17 months old, he is a remarkable judge of the quality of a meal, as evidenced by his enthusiasm for consuming Auntie Meathead's Chicken and Dumplings.

Chicken and Dumplings is one of my favorite comfort meals of all time. In this recipe, you start by making stock with a whole chicken, ensuring your house smells great all day. The stock becomes the basis of the cooking medium for buttermilk dumplings, which get puffy and huge. Add to all of this the poached chicken, sauteed vegetables, and cream. It doesn't get much better. I was delighted that Pickle agreed. Overall, I think he ate Chicken & Dumplings for four days before we ran out.

To my sister Erin: You might suck at cooking in the kitchen, but you definitely cooked up an amazing little Pickle. Keep on being a great mom. You can always get spaghetti delivered.

Chicken & Dumplings
With apologies to Tyler Florence

Ingredients
For stock
1 chicken
1 onion, halved
2 bay leaves
2 T black peppercorns
1 head garlic, split down the middle
2 carrots
4 stalks celery
For soup
2 T butter
2 T canola oil
2 ea carrots, peeled and diced
2 ea celery stalks, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
¼ c flour

Reserved stock
1 c frozen peas
1 c pearl onions
¼ c heavy cream

For dumplings
2 c flour
1 T baking powder
1 t salt
2 ea eggs
1 c buttermilk
1 bunch green onions, chopped Directions:

Pickle (now nine) and Kelli. Photo courtesy of Kelli Kelly.

For Stock:
Put all ingredients in a large pot, cover with cold water, and heat slowly till simmering. When chicken is cooked through, remove from heat. Strain and reserve stock, shred chicken.

For Soup:
Sweat carrots and onions in melted butter and oil. Add garlic. When vegetables are soft, add flour and whisk for about 5 minutes. Add reserved stock and cook until thickened. Stir in reserved chicken, peas, pearl onions, and cream.

For Dumplings:
Combine dry ingredients. Whisk together buttermilk and eggs. Add wet ingredients to dry and stir until combined. Stir in green onions. Working in batches as necessary, drop large spoonfuls of dumpling batter into simmering soup. The dumplings should cover the top of the soup - but don't crowd them too close together. They take about 15 minutes to cook through. Flip the dumplings over after about seven minutes and let simmer until they are firm and puffy. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of

LAWRENCE MARTIN MAES aka LAWRENCE M. MAES aka LAWRENCE MAES,
Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the above-entitled Court, on the 16th day of January, 2024, as Administratrix of the Estate of LAWRENCE MARTIN MAES aka LAWRENCE M. MAES aka LAWRENCE MAES.

All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file the same with proper vouchers attached, with the Clerk of the Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

DATED this 16th day of January, 2024.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada:

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. the Churchill County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following. An application for a zone change filed by Hooper Management Family LLLP and Sharyl Bancroft Trust for property located off Gummow Drive, Assessor Parcel Numbers 008-391-28 & 008-391-29, consisting of 6.11 and 27.97 acres respectively in the E-1 zoning district. The applicant is requesting a zone change for a portion of the parcels, being a 13-acre parcel fronting Gummow Drive resulting from the proposed boundary line adjustment, from E-1 to R-3.

If you cannot attend the Churchill County Planning Commission meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department, 155 N Taylor Street, Suite 194, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m., February 13, 2024. A copy of the application is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department. A scanned copy of the application has also been published with the Planning Commission's agenda on our web page at www.churchillcountynv.gov under Agendas & Minutes. The Planning Commission's decision will be forwarded to the Churchill County Board of County Commissioners' meeting to be held on March 7, 2024,

Dated at Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada, 1/24/24.

By: Loreli LeBaron

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NOTICE OF EXPLANATION OF PROJECT LOCATED IN A FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that the Churchill County Board of Commissioners has conducted an evaluation, as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulation at 24 CFR 55.20, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the environment. The Churchill County Board of Commissioners had determined that there is not a practicable alternative, other than locating the proposed project described below in a floodplain.

Churchill County's New Water Treatment Plant and Source of Supply - Sand Creek Water System. The new water treatment plant (WTP) would provide additional capacity and service to the Central Zone. It would entail drilling and equipping two new wells to supply source water, construct a water treatment plant to treat ground water for arsenic and manganese, construct a new potable water storage tank, and a new booster pump station for additional capacity within the Central Zone. The area that the utility serves is specifically located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Sections 26, and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 35, and the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 35, all located in Township 19 North, Range 28 East, and Mount Diablo Meridian. The total acreage for the APE is less than 5 acres in total land area. The improvements must be located in the floodplain because there is no alternative location that would minimize the potential adverse effects.

By publication of this notice, the Churchill County Board of Commissioners is inviting any final written comments prior to the undertaking of the proposed project. All comments should be addressed to Chris Spross, Director, Public Works Planning and Zoning, Churchill County, 155 N. Taylor Street, Ste 194, Fallon, NV 89406 on or before February 19, 2024.

Myles Getto, Chair, Churchill County Board of Commissioners
Chris Spross, Director of Churchill Public Works, Planning and Zoning Department

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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On **Wednesday, February 14, 2024,** beginning at 7:00 p.m. the Churchill County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following. An application for a **zone change** filed by Jared Card and Jesus Mariezcurrena for multiple properties located at the intersection of Carson Highway and Beasley Drive, Assessor Parcel Numbers 007-171-52, 007-171-53, 007-171-54, and 007-171-74, consisting of 4.26 acres in the C-1 zoning district. The applicant is requesting a zone change for the parcels from Commercial (C-1) to Industrial (I). Churchill County is also including the two remaining C-1 zoned adjacent properties in this request; the first being Assessor Parcel Number 007-171-56, owned by Galen and Margaret Hines, totaling approximately 0.49 acres; and the second being the portion of US 50 passing through or adjacent to the affected properties. Such consideration may include changing the zoning district to one that allows a less intensive range of uses.

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Dated at Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada, 2/1/24.

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City of Fallon-Churchill County Fire Board
Tuesday, February 13 at 5 p.m.
Fire Station - 20 N. Carson St.

CC Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.
Admin Complex – 155 N. Taylor St.

TCID - O&M Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 15 at 9 a.m.
District Board Room
2666 Harrigan Rd.

CC Cemetery Board
Thursday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m.
CC Admin Complex
155 N. Taylor St. , Suite 136

C.A.R.T. Board of Directors
Thursday, February 15 at 3 p.m.
Conference Room - 485 W. B St.

Board of County Commissioners
Canvass of Votes
Friday, February 16 at 8:15 a.m.
Commission Chambers
155 N. Taylor St.

Water Levels

Measurements taken
February 6, 2024
at 11:40 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir
235,200 af
Carson River Below Lahontan
4.03 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth
0.00 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen
0.00 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill
288 cfs

February 5, 2024
2024 : 234,944 acre feet
2023 : 108,721 acre feet
2022 : 88,197 acre feet

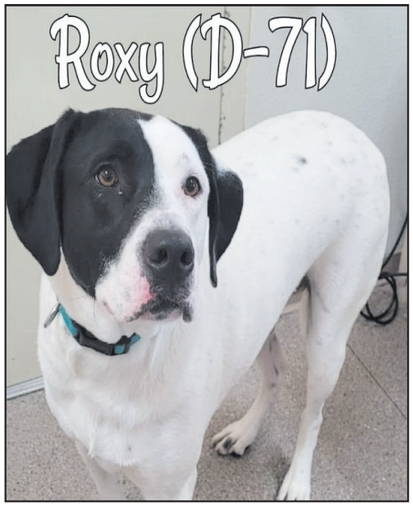
cfs - Cubic Feet per Second
af - Acre Feet
Source: TCID.org & WaterData.USGS.gov

Pound Puppies

Meet Roxy

This fun-loving, affectionate, playful girl is ready for her new home. She is a 3-year-old, and according to her DNA test, 28% Newfoundland. Roxy enjoys a good car ride, and we were told is good with people of all ages. She also has basic commands such as sit, stay, kennel, no, and out. The previous owner says she's a very intelligent dog and a cuddle bug.

If you think she would make a good addition to your household, please give us a call at 775-423-2282, or come check her out at Fallon Animal Shelter



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