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Fallon Chalk Festival Coming Soon

By Sydney Trainor

The City of Fallon is gearing up for a vibrant and creative celebration this spring with the inaugural Fallon Chalk Art Festival. Designed to bring together artists, families, and the broader community, the festival promises a lively atmosphere filled with color, creativity, and local flavor.

Scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, the event will feature live art demonstrations, a variety of local vendors, food trucks serving delicious fare, and much more. The festival represents a new tradition for Fallon, inspired by Mayor Ken Tedford's love of chalk art—particularly the mesmerizing 3D illusion pieces that have captivated audiences worldwide.

Two accomplished artists will be commissioned to create large, unique chalk murals on the city sidewalks, with the hope that these works will be preserved as lasting reminders of the festival's debut. These commissioned pieces are expected to showcase the power and versatility of chalk as an artistic medium, transforming ordinary pavement into stunning visual experiences.

Attendees are encouraged to watch the artists at work, ask questions, and even try their hand at chalk art in designated areas. The event is open to the public and completely free, making it accessible for residents and visitors alike. Festivities will run from noon to 10 p.m. on May 29 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 30, offering plenty of opportunities for everyone to join in the fun.

This year's festival theme, "Under the Fallon Sky," is a nod to the national America 250 celebrations, which commemorate the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. The theme invites artists and attendees to explore the beauty and history of Fallon, Nevada, while connecting with the broader spirit of American creativity and unity.

Throughout the festival, Carson Street will be closed to traffic to create a pedestrian-friendly environment, allowing visitors to stroll freely and admire the sidewalk chalk masterpieces up close.

Maine Street will also showcase the talents of local artists, though it will remain open to vehicles because it is a state route. Businesses along Maine Street are encouraged to participate by offering festival specials, hosting activities, or simply joining in the event's artistic spirit.

Recognizing the importance of youth engagement in the arts, the City of Fallon is collaborating with the Churchill County School District to encourage student participation. Kaitlin Ritchie, representing the school district, is leading the effort to involve young artists, while Robin Openshaw of the Churchill Arts Council is helping to connect local artists and educators.

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Fallon Municipal Airport Marks New Era



Dan Koch, Dalton Kaady, Rochelle Tisdale, Anthony Tisdale, owner of Flyin' Tiz Aviation LLC, Mayor Ken Tedford, General Manager Bryanna Travis, with Titan Fuel representatives, Mick Kendall and Amanda Cash. Photo courtesy of Cheryl Venturacci.

By Leanna Lehman

The Fallon Municipal Airport marked a new chapter Tuesday as city leaders, aviation partners, and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating long-awaited improvements to the airport's facilities and the arrival of a new fixed-base operator.

The event, held March 17 at the airport, highlighted recent upgrades to the fixed-base operator (FBO) building and recognized the transition of airport operations to Flyin' Tiz Aviation LLC.

Aviation businesses and supporters attended the ceremony, as well as City of Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford, council members Karla Kent, Paul Harmon, and Kelly Frost, along with Churchill County Sheriff Richard Hickox and Judge Benjamin Trotter. Yerington Mayor John Garry and Councilman Omar Lopez also came over for the celebration.

The improvements coincide with the Fallon City Council's recent approval of a 10-year contract with Tisdale's company, Flyin' Tiz Aviation LLC, to serve as the airport's fixed-base operator. Under the contract, the company will provide services previously handled by Fallon Airmotive LLC, including aviation fuel sales and maintaining staffed office space at the airport.

Flyin' Tiz Aviation will operate out of the city-owned transient aircraft hangar known as Hangar A2, often referred to locally as the "drum hangar." The agreement includes an initial 10-year term with the option to renew for two additional five-year terms if contractual obligations are met.

Following the council vote earlier this month, Flyin' Tiz Aviation owner Anthony Tisdale thanked city officials and introduced members of his team, describing the transition as a significant undertaking.

During Tuesday's ceremony, Tisdale credited the airport's role in the community and recognized the legacy of longtime airport operator Walt Wardwell, who ran the facility for decades and whose work as a Certified Flight Instructor and aviation professional helped build the local aviation community.

"For everyone in the Fallon community that flies airplanes or has been affiliated with the airport, it would be hard-pressed to find anyone who hasn't flown with or taken lessons from Walt Wardwell," Tisdale said. "He taught me how to fly and taught a lot of other people how to fly."

Tisdale said the new operators intend to build on that legacy rather than replace it.

Much of the renovation work to the airport's facilities was completed through hands-on effort from the small team now managing operations.

"We didn't really have the money to hire a bunch of contractors and spend a ton of cash," Tisdale said, acknowledging the hard work of several others, including General Manager Bryanna Travis and his mother, Rochelle Tisdale. "We worked really hard to take what we had and make the best of it."

Bryanna Travis also spoke, thanking several airport partners and aviation services operating from the facility, including Titan Fuels, Silver Sage Aviation, Frey Spray, REMSA CareFlight at Banner Hospital, Ugalde Aviation, and the Fallon Muni Flyers.

She said the airport has been working with Western Nevada College to expand aviation training opportunities and build a pipeline for future pilots. In addition, the airport plans to host a youth aviation summer camp in June through the Operation Aviation Foundation for students ages 12 to 16 interested in aviation.

"We are working on expanding our aviation

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log: *The Generational Divide*

By Rachel Dahl

We generally have a lot of fun around the Fallon Media world, but some days are just more fun than others. And honestly, it's these amazing people who make up our little work family that bring the most joy.

On Thursdays, we have a whole crew of volunteers who rally together to get the papers delivered around town and to Lovelock. Some Thursdays, though, we have to pull in a staff member or two to fill in for volunteers when they have the audacity to be busy, actually enjoying their retirement or some such thing.

Last week, Sadie and Riggin pulled short straw and took a route to cover for Harry, who normally covers what we call "the money route." This one is all the locations where the store or coffee shop keeps a can on the counter, an envelope in the cash register, or has an actual newspaper vending box.

Those boxes have been the bane of our existence since the beginning.

So, the master's degree-holding 27-year-old and the Cal Poly-bound 17-year-old teamed up to make the task a little lighter and more enjoyable. These two are pretty sharp, and they enjoy healthy competition in all things around the office. They're constantly keeping score of who answered more calls, sold more subscriptions, or hawked more merchandise in the store.



But Heaven forbid that either one of these overachievers can manage an old-fashioned newspaper box.

Shortly after they left, papers in hand to fulfill their route, Denice received a text that they couldn't get into the box at Fox Peak. Something about the key wouldn't work. Then another desperate text, and then a phone call. They did not know how to get the papers inside the box.

Denice was puzzled as she tried to assist over the phone, "Well, don't you have any quarters?"

There are two things at work here – first, two really smart kids completely over-thinking the mechanics of a simple mechanical device, and the evolution of society where we no longer carry cash. Of any sort, let alone change.

Never did it dawn on this brain-trust to just insert quarters and open the door, take out the old papers, and put in the new papers.

We were all hysterical and have been laughing about this and teasing the kids all week.

So while we spend some time making little key/change kits for all the delivery drivers, we'll always be right here...
...Keeping you Posted.

— *Rach*

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training through that program and building a pilot pipeline through them," Travis said.

Tisdale also took a moment to thank Mayor Ken Tedford.

"We really appreciate all of his support. This could not have been possible without him trusting us to take on this venture and try to make Fallon Airport a little better."

Mayor Tedford said the improvements represent a significant step forward for the airport and for the community.

"I think it shows a lot of support for what they're trying to do at the airport," Tedford said. "From what Anthony and his team have done in just several weeks, we know great things are coming ahead."

Tedford noted that city leaders and local pilots

have spent years working with the Federal Aviation Administration to secure grants for runway, taxiway, and infrastructure improvements at the airport. Those grants typically follow a federal funding structure where the FAA covers about 94% of project costs and local partners contribute the remaining share.

For city leaders and airport operators, the improvements already underway signal renewed momentum at the facility and an opportunity to strengthen Fallon's role in regional aviation.

"We're the gateway to Fallon," Tisdale said. "And we want people to show up in Fallon; we want them to see a nice building... and realize this is a classy place. It's a good place to live. It's a good place to come spend money at local businesses and to want to come back here."

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A tent near City Hall will serve as the festival's center for art classes, welcoming children and teens to try a variety of artistic media beyond chalk. Experienced instructors will lead hands-on projects, encouraging creativity and skill development. Families are welcome to observe or participate, making the festival inclusive for all.

Adding to the weekend's excitement, a free color run will kick off at 8 a.m. on May 30, weaving through downtown Fallon as participants are showered with colored chalk powder. Open to all ages and abilities, registration will be available soon on the festival website and on-site that

morning. The first 50 to sign up will receive a complimentary T-shirt, so early registration is encouraged. This lively event is all about fun, movement, and celebrating with color.

Artists and vendors interested in taking part can find registration and more information at fallonchalkfest.com. The city invites everyone to enjoy this new Fallon tradition, which features interactive art classes, live demos, great food, and the color run. The Fallon Chalk Art Festival is set to become a springtime highlight for the community.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Baby Needs a New Home

Baby, a four-year-old mixed-breed dog described as sweet, goofy, and affectionate, is seeking a new forever home after being surrendered to a local shelter due to a landlord's new no-dogs policy.

According to shelter staff, Baby is crate-trained, leash-trained, and house-trained. She is known for her friendly demeanor with dogs, cats, and people of all ages. "She loves treats, walks, and spending time with her people," the shelter said in a statement. "Once she warms up, she's incredibly loving."

While Baby has a curious streak — and may wander off if a gate is left open — staff said she is not an escape artist and simply enjoys exploring her surroundings. She is past the typical puppy chewing stage and is considered well-mannered and easygoing.

The shelter is hopeful that someone will give her the second chance she deserves. "All Baby really needs is someone willing to give her a little time and a lot of love," the staff said. "In return, she'll offer loyalty, protection, and a heart full of unconditional love."

City of Fallon Animal Shelter | 1255 Airport Rd, Fallon | 775-423-2282



Meet Angel

Angel is a handsome one-year-old black kitty who is officially ready to find his forever home. Though he only has three legs, you'd never know it by the way he plays, explores, and zooms around with pure kitten joy. His missing leg has never slowed him down; if anything, it just makes him extra special.

Angel is playful, curious, and full of quiet charm. He can be a little shy when meeting new people, but give him a bit of patience (and maybe a toy or two), and he'll blossom into your loyal little shadow. Once he trusts you, he becomes the sweetest, best friend, the kind who keeps you company, makes you smile, and fills your home with gentle purrs.

If you're looking for a resilient, loving companion with a heart as big as his personality, Angel is waiting to meet you. He doesn't need four legs to run straight into your life ... just one chance.

Questions? Call 775-217-4745

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

FEATURES

Honoring National Vietnam Veterans' Day—Please Don't Ever Forget

By Stuart Cook

Three weeks before National Vietnam War Veterans' Day, observed March 29, 2025, I made a promise. That promise, which I honor now and forever, is to never forget.

Most people don't realize that 2.7 million members of the U.S. military served their country in Vietnam. They, and their families, made sacrifices that should never be forgotten. Please join me in keeping the promise to remember and honor Vietnam Veterans on March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Fallon City Hall courtyard for a special ceremony.

My name is Stuart Cook. I was a U.S. Navy riverboat sailor who served in Vietnam from July 4, 1970, to July 4, 1971. I'm now the chairman of the Fallon, Churchill Vietnam War Veterans' Day Committee.

Unlike in other wars, American veterans fighting in Vietnam returned home without being welcomed or thanked for their service. There were no adoring crowds waiting when we came home. Instead, we were spat on and called baby killers or mercenaries by some of our own countrymen, while others simply wouldn't make eye contact with returning soldiers.

We owe it to this generation, and those to come, to teach the true history of the Vietnam War, and share the stories of sacrifice, service, and valor found among our Vietnam Veterans.

If you believe honoring our veterans is important, and I think you do, then I hope you will help preserve their legacy. We are losing our aging Vietnam Veterans at the staggering rate of about 500 a day. Eventually, there will be no one left to tell their stories.

I was just 19 years old when I flew from New Jersey to Travis Air Force Base in California, and then on to Saigon. What a culture shock! When the plane doors opened, the whole country seemed to smell of fish heads and rice.

We were about to head to the Annapolis Hotel when a soldier warned us to watch for anyone trying to attach a bomb to the bus. At the hotel, they mustered us and assigned guard duty. I got the midwatch, midnight to 4 a.m., even though I had very little sleep over the previous three days.

They handed me a plastic M-16. It was the first time I had seen a gun like this, let alone held one. My training took all of a minute: put the magazine here, pull this back, flip the lever to automatic, point, and pull the trigger.

The next morning, I went to the TV lounge. Only one other sailor was there watching the news. A riot was on the screen. After a few minutes, I said, "That looks familiar."

A caption appeared: Asbury Park, New Jersey — my hometown.

Weeks later, when the mail caught up with me, I learned that my father had been the incident commander for all mutual-aid fire departments during the riots. He was standing next to a fire truck when it came under fire, and had to pull all firefighters back until they had a secure area.

I'm in Vietnam and haven't been shot at yet, and my father in my hometown comes under fire. There's something wrong with this picture.

My dad had been a Navy corpsman with the Fourth Marine Division during World War II. He received three Purple Hearts from Iwo Jima, Saipan, and Tinian. As a kid, I remembered his nightmares and him picking shrapnel out of his body. Now I found myself worrying about both of us.

The next day, I stepped outside, hoping to find a French restaurant that other sailors were talking about. I hadn't gone 50 feet when two teenagers on a Honda 50 zipped past a soldier and grabbed his watch. As they sped away, a Vietnamese police officer fired his weapon and killed both boys.



Trophies of War (1970–71). Photos courtesy of Stuart Cook.

The soldier calmly picked up his watch and kept walking.

Two things crossed my mind: that soldier had been here too long, and "Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore."

Back in the TV lounge, a sailor from Texas handed me a short-timers calendar. The calendar had a picture of a woman whose body was divided into 365 squares. I shaded in three squares. I had 362 days left.

I honestly thought I'd never make it.

When I arrived at Naval Base Nha Be, I saw many riverboats and asked which one I was assigned to.

"Yours is out there in the middle of the river," I was told. I looked out and saw a ship with a group of boats tied alongside it. "We have a special one for you," the man said. I didn't like the sound of this comedian.

We tied up to a barge next to the ship. There are two landing craft on the barge that look like they were at the Battle of Normandy and had been in a field for the last 20 years. The man said, "That one is yours." I got my Jersey mouth on, and he said you don't know me well enough to talk to me that way.

He explained that I had been hand-picked to convert three of those landing craft into minesweepers and introduced me to the other four members of the crew. My job was to pull the engines and rebuild them aboard the ship in the internal combustion engine shop.

It didn't take long to learn that these barge engines were beyond fixing. I went to the master chief and told him the engines weren't worth saving. He agreed, and within a week, six brand-new engines arrived.

That's when I learned he was known as Pappy Palmer, or "Older Than Dirt." A World War II veteran, he had three destroyers shot out from under him. After forty-two years in the Navy, he was serving his final year in Vietnam.

There was nothing that man didn't know about engines, and he had a talent for keeping his sailors out of trouble with the Commanding Officer.

All of this happened during my first month in Vietnam. I still had 11 months to go, and hadn't even been on the river aboard my boat yet.

I tell these stories not for sympathy, but so people understand the things you never hear about Vietnam.

Help us remember those soldiers who never got the welcome home that all our military men and women deserve on Sunday, March 29, at 1 p.m. For more information, call 775-217-2292.

Stuart Cook is a career Navy fireman and chief. He served as the civilian federal Fire Chief at NAS Fallon for five years before retirement.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK

Sheriff's Office

By Sydney Trainor

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office presented during the Feb. 19 County Commission budget hearings, highlighting several funding requests related to staffing levels, equipment replacement, and operational costs.

Sheriff Richard Hickox explained that the proposed budget includes adjustments to accounts that have historically been underfunded or unfunded, including inmate medical care and other operational costs. Rather than a "wish list," the request reflects an effort to bring accounts to realistic funding levels so the office can continue operating as expected by the public.

The department requested six additional positions, including one sergeant, one investigator, and four deputies assigned to the jail. These positions previously existed but were removed during earlier budget cuts. Commissioners questioned whether the positions could realistically be filled given recent hiring challenges. Hickox acknowledged that the department is still working to fill two vacancies, but noted that applications have recently increased.

Funding was also requested for replacing equipment. The department's tasers and in-car camera systems have reached the end of their service life, and Hickox noted that newer equipment is usually purchased through multi-year service agreements rather than one-time purchases. Additional drones were also requested for search and rescue, crime scene documentation, and monitoring large public events.

Vehicle replacement was another topic discussed. Several patrol vehicles currently in service have exceeded 120,000 miles, including two 2013 Tahoes with more than 170,000 miles. Fleet staff recommended replacing four vehicles due to their mileage and age.

The department also requested funding for prisoner medical care and jail maintenance. Inmate medical care is a required expense that had not previously been fully budgeted, and maintenance costs are increasing as jail infrastructure and equipment age.

Commissioners also asked about coroner-related costs, which are managed by the sheriff's office. Hickox said those expenses include autopsies, protective equipment, body bags, and transportation costs, noting that mortuaries now charge for body transport.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Local pickleball players, the Burke and the Gross families, at a recent tournament. Photo courtesy of Fallon Pickleball Club.

Pickleball Classes Return to Churchill County in April

With pickleball continuing to draw new players across Churchill County, the parks and recreation department is bringing back its beginner-focused classes this spring, offering adults a chance to learn the sport or sharpen early skills. The department will host an Intro/Beginner class and a Skills & Drills session on April 14 and 16 at the City County Gym. The beginner class runs from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the skills session from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Both are open to participants 18 and older, and the fee is \$15 per person. Recreation staff says the sessions are designed to help first-time players get comfortable with the basics while giving returning players guided practice on fundamentals such as footwork, paddle control, and court positioning. Registration is available at churchillcountyrecreation.org.

Annual Tree Sale Returns, Orders Due April 11

By Rachel Dahl

Gardeners, landowners, and anyone looking to add a little green to their space have a limited-time opportunity to do just that while supporting local students.

The Lahontan Conservation District is once again partnering with the Churchill County High School Plant Systems Class for their annual tree and native plant sale, offering a wide selection of shrubs, trees, and hardy native plants suited for the region.

Orders must be placed by April 11, 2026, with plants available in limited quantities on a first-come, first-served basis.

The sale features a mix of species selected for local conditions, including options for

windbreaks, wildlife habitat, erosion control, and general landscaping. Bare-root trees vary in size by species, and substitutions may be made if certain varieties sell out.

In addition to providing plants to the community, the project serves as a hands-on learning experience for students. Participants in the Plant Systems Class are involved in every step of the process, from growing and organizing inventory to designing order forms and completing sales.

Funds raised through the sale go directly back to support the program.

Pre-orders will be available for pickup on May 9 at Churchill County High School, with additional plants also available for purchase that day.

Organizers encourage community members to participate early, as availability is limited each year.

For those looking to improve their property while investing in local education, the annual sale offers a practical way to do both.

Orders must be placed by April 11, 2026, with plants available in limited quantities on a first-come, first-served basis.

Carson River Watershed Forum Scheduled

Staff Report

Local agencies, residents, and watershed partners from across western Nevada — including Churchill County stakeholders — are invited to take part in the 2026 Carson River Watershed Forum on April 1–2 at the Nevada Legislative Building in Carson City.

The Carson River Coalition and the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) will host the two-day event, which features updates on watershed programs, new research, drought communication, groundwater monitoring, outdoor youth initiatives, and the growing role of data centers in Nevada. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. each day, and registration is \$50 for both days and \$30 for one. Lunch is included.

“Thoughtfully managing the Carson River helps provide clean drinking water, economic stability, and sustainable natural landscapes,” CWSD Program Manager Brenda Hunt said. “The Forum brings partners together and is an opportunity to learn about extraordinary efforts throughout the watershed.”

The Carson River Watershed stretches from Alpine County through Carson City and into Churchill County, where the river supports agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

Professional development hours may be available for engineers, floodplain managers, and planners. Registration is available at forms.gle/Fdo3ZYVD8nFVK949A. For general inquiries, contact Kelly Nicholas at kelly@cwdsd.org.



SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Monday, March 23

Beef Stew
Buttermilk Biscuit
Mixed Green Salad
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Diced Pears

Tuesday, March 24

Chicken Enchilada
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Mixed Green
Salad
Fruit Ambrosia

Wednesday, March 25

Meatloaf
Garlic Mashers
Spinach
WW Bread
Chantilly Fruit
Cup

Thursday, March 26

Black Bean Soup
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Cucumber w/ Sour Cream
Tropical Fruit Cup

Friday, March 27

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Capri Veg Blend
WW Roll
Apple Crisp

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Monday, March 23

Ham & Potatoes
Salad & Dessert

Thursday, March 26

Biscuits & Gravy
Ham & Fruit

Monday, March 30

Buffet Night

Thursday, April 2

Rotary Night

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

OBITUARIES

Voters Should Know

Key Dates and Information for 2026 Elections

Nevada’s 2026 Primary Election will be held June 9, 2026, with early voting running from May 23 through June 5.

Nevada primaries are closed elections. Voters registered with a major political party — Democratic or Republican — will receive ballots that include their party’s candidates for partisan offices as well as all nonpartisan races. Voters registered with minor parties or as nonpartisan (NP) will only receive nonpartisan contests on their primary ballot.

The 2026 General Election will be held on Nov. 3, 2026. Early voting for the general election runs Oct. 17 through Oct. 30.

Before heading to the polls, election officials encourage voters to make sure their voter registration information is current. Registration status, email, and phone information can be confirmed or updated at VOTE.NV.gov. Voters should also ensure their driver’s license or identification card is valid and up to date. Updates can be made through the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles.

Officials recommend voters make a voting plan in advance. That includes researching candidates and ballot questions, deciding whether to vote in person, by mail or by ballot drop box, and identifying the nearest polling location. Poll workers and election officials cannot explain candidate platforms or ballot questions, so voters are encouraged to review that information before casting a ballot. For reliable election information, residents can contact their local election officials.

In Churchill County, voters can reach the Churchill County Clerk’s Office at elections@churchillcountynv.gov or 775-775-423-6028.

Additional statewide election information is available through the Nevada Secretary of State’s Office at nvsos.gov

SCOTT ALAN GOODPASTURE

Scott Alan Goodpasture, 71, passed away peacefully at his home after a long battle with cancer. Scott, affectionately known as “The Melon Man,” had an interesting life. Although he lived in Fallon for most of his life, he also lived in Connecticut, Brazil, and California. Scott was an enthusiastic metal detectorist, an avid Nevada history buff, but most of all, he loved farming. He loved talking to all his customers, whether he sold melons out of his truck or to local stores and co-ops. Scott was preceded in death by his parents, Julian and Ruth Goodpasture, and his brother Jeff. He leaves behind his other family, Diana Parham, Liz Matthews and family, and Tyler Parham and family.



MEETINGS

March 26 – April 2, 2026

Board of County Commissioners

Meets the first Thursday and third Wednesday of each month
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: April 2 at 8:15 a.m.

CC Communications

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

Churchill County School Board

690 S. Maine Street
Next Meeting: March 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Special Meeting, Public Hearing on Budget

Central NV Health District

155 N. Taylor Street
Next meeting: April 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.
155 N. Taylor Street
Next Meeting: March 26 at 3 p.m.



Churchill County & Fallon Candidates (As Filed)

JUDICIAL

- Thomas Stockard — District Court Judge (NP)

COUNTY OFFICES

- District Attorney: Art Mallory (R)
- Sheriff: Richard C. Hickox Jr. (NP)
- Assessor: Denise Mondhink-Felton (R)
- Recorder: Tasha Hessey (R)
- Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Rothery (R)
- Public Administrator: Robert “Bob” Getto (R)
- County Commission District 2: Myles Getto (R)

SCHOOL BOARD (TRUSTEES)

- Celestia Blakey (NP)
- Keith W. Boone (NP)
- Amber Casey-Getto (NP)
- Joe McFadden (NP)
- W. Derild Parsons (NP)

OTHER BOARDS

- Mosquito/Vector/Weed Board: Kevin Porteous (NP), Gary L. Smith (NP)

CITY OF FALLON

- Ward 1: Ryan Swirczek, Lori Norcutt, Daniel Doty (NP)
- Ward 3: Paul Harmon (NP)

WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken March 16, at 8:30 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	219,700 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	4.03 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	0.00 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	00.0 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	807 cfs

March 16, 2024	March 16, 2023	March 16, 2022
263,753 acre feet	147,417 acre feet	122,523 acre feet

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

FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

[T]HERE Gallery Exhibit by Patrick Kikot

Churchill Arts Council
151 E. Park St.
Jan. 23 – April 5

Movie Day

Coalition for Senior Citizens
The Fallon Theatre
Every third Friday at 1 p.m.

Irish Night

Elks Lodge
93 W. Center St.
March 21

Maine Street Mile Madness

PEO
Fallon Theatre
March 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Donkey Basketball

Grad Night
CCHS Gym
March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Spring Lecture Series

The Art of Storytelling
Churchill County Museum
March 24, 31, April 7, and 14 at 6 p.m.

Aging Adult Resource Fair

Coalition for Senior Citizens
Fallon Convention Center
March 25 at 10 a.m.

Healthy Steps for Older Adults

Silver Springs Senior Center
2945 Ft. Churchill Rd.
March 26 at 9:30 a.m.

The Addams Family Musical

Churchill County High School
1 Greenwave Cir.
March 27 at 7 p.m. and
March 28 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Churchill County Library
553 S. Maine St.
March 28 at 11 a.m.

Grand Opening
7 Sisters Co.
171 Industrial Way
March 28, 12 – 5 p.m., Ribbon Cutting at 1 p.m.

Honoring National Vietnam War Day Event

Fallon City Hall Courtyard
March 29 at 1 p.m.

Reflections of Jesus

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
750 W. Richards St.
March 31, 6 – 8 p.m.

Bubble Fun Run 5K

City-County Gym
321 Venturacci Ln.
April 4 at 10 a.m.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Fraternal Order of Eagles – Fallon Aerie #1447
7977 Reno Hwy.
April 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Car Show

Soroptimist International of Fallon
100 Campus Way
April 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grand Opening Celebration

Clear Path Healthcare
50 Commercial Way
April 18, 12 – 1 p.m.

Contact Sadie
at 775-423-4545 to sponsor
the weekly calendar.



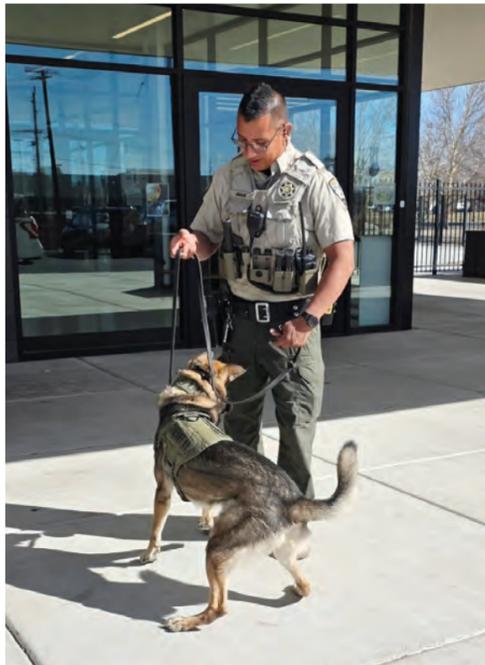
March is halfway in the saddle! Our Community Calendar this month is proudly sponsored by the Reining & Ranch Horse Association. Check out what’s happening around town!

COMMUNITY

Sheriff's K-9 Teams Spotlight Safety at RPEN Meeting



Deputy Leary and her K-9 partner, Jiggs.



Deputy Ugalde and his K-9 partner Tokos.

Story and photos by Nancy Chapman

Churchill County Sheriff's Office deputies and their K-9 partners took center stage as this month's guest speakers for the Churchill Chapter of the Retired Employees of Nevada (RPEN) regular meeting, sharing the vital role the dogs play in community safety and supporting their handlers.

Deputy Leary and her two-year-old Malinois, Jiggs, demonstrated narcotics detection by successfully locating a simulated substance during the presentation. Jiggs signaled the find by lying down, earning her a favorite toy as a reward.

Deputy Ugalde and his three-year-old German shepherd, Tokos, demonstrated similar skills by detecting a substance hidden behind the seat cushions. After Tokos signaled the find and lay down, he also received his favorite toy. Deputies explained that the toys serve as cues to the dogs, letting them know they have completed their assignment and can relax.

The chapter regularly welcomes community guest speakers each month. The Churchill Chapter of RPEN meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Fallon Youth Center.

Oasis Academy Science Fair Awards

Staff Report

Oasis Academy held its annual Science Fair Exposition on Wednesday, March 11, celebrating outstanding student projects from all grade levels. More than 260 entries were judged March 9-10 across three categories—Demonstrations, Investigations, and Inventions—highlighting the creativity and ingenuity of participating students.

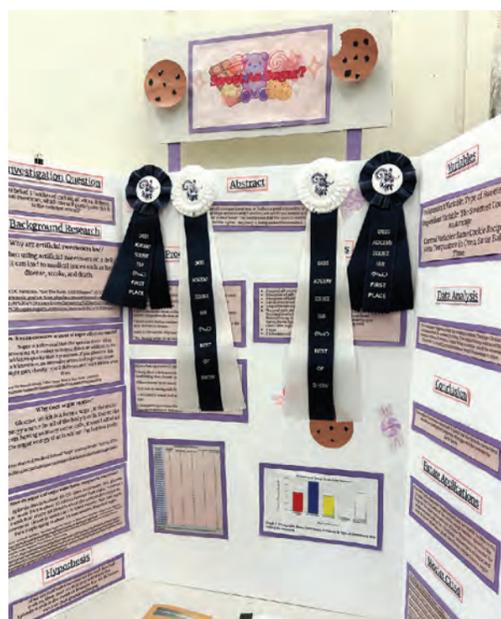
The Science Fair featured entries from students in elementary, middle, and high school, ensuring that each grade band competed with peers of similar age and experience. Projects were evaluated, and awards were presented within each level, recognizing achievement and encouraging growth at every stage of students' academic journeys. This structure helped make the competition fair and inclusive for all participants.

Here are the results from the Oasis Academy Science Fair, showcasing the top student projects in each category. Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their hard work and creativity!

K-2
1st Place - Evie Sanford & Pierce Ferguson

3-4 Demonstrations
1st Place - Daniel Kindness
2nd Place - Everett Nastro
3rd Place - Brielle Davis

Investigations
1st Place - Natale Laca
2nd Place - Evelyn Brooks
3rd Place - Landon Haffner



"Sweet as Sugar" project earned first place at the Oasis Academy Science Fair on March 11.

5-6 Investigations
1st Place - Grace Miller & Bailey Lewis
2nd Place - Maylee Mcknight & Lauren Rule
3rd Place - Deacon Johnson & Carson Olsen

Inventions
1st Place - Tanner Tippet & Hudson Santos
2nd Place - Kyra Lewis & Theo Foster
3rd Place - Ben Fecht & Ryder Shingleton

7-8 Demonstrations
1st Place - Sawyer Schank and Odin Roose
2nd Place - Dayana Moran and Mayu Steinbaugh
3rd Place - Sophia Derby

Investigations
1st Place - Macady Bogdanowicz
2nd Place - Braylee Cline and Victoria Molatore
3rd Place - Alyssa Oylar

Inventions
1st Place - Nickolas Sorensen and Connor Tolman

HIGH SCHOOL Demonstrations
1st Place - Neel Bhakta and Keagan Craig
2nd Place - Sophia Moya and Jesselle Bayoneta
3rd Place - John Dunkin and Jason Zutah

Investigations
1st Place - Sadie Whitaker
2nd Place - Brooke Manskie and Kiley Detomasi
3rd Place - Emma Cline and Jonathan Velasquez

Inventions
1st Place - Mason Jardine
2nd Place - Crew Schank
3rd Place - Asher Irving and Keegan Coday

Congratulations to All the Winners!

Push for Safe and Sober Grad Nite Continues With March and April Events

Staff Report

After months of steady fundraising, the Churchill County High School (CCHS) Grad Nite volunteer committee is entering its final stretch to secure enough money to host a safe and sober graduation celebration for the Class of 2026. Several community events are planned in the coming weeks as the group works to cover transportation, facility rental, and prizes for participating seniors.

The committee has been working "tirelessly since August to raise funds for a safe and sober grad night for the 2026 graduates," according to organizers. The annual event includes busing students to the Coconut Bowl in Reno, where graduates receive full access to the facility for an all night celebration. The Coconut Bowl is a family entertainment center featuring bowling, laser tag, arcade games, and other attractions, making it a popular destination for group events and celebrations. Costs include charter transportation, facility fees, and the cash and gift cards awarded to seniors as they begin their post graduation plans.

To date, the committee has already hosted a Vertical Raise fundraiser, the Christmas Home Tour, a Daddy Daughter Dance, and a bingo night. A

meat raffle is currently underway, with winners to be drawn during Donkey Basketball on March 23.

- The final round of fundraisers includes three major community events:
- Donkey Basketball — Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., CCHS Gym. Tickets are \$9 for children in grades K-6, \$12 for students, and \$15 for adults.
 - Drive Thru Dinner — Thursday, March 26, 3:30-6 p.m., at the 3C Complex. Meals include pulled pork or tri tip with sides and dessert. Orders are being accepted through March 20 at 5 p.m.
 - Golf Tournament — April 18.

"All proceeds go directly to support safe and sober graduation night," the committee said, calling this the final push to ensure the event remains free for all seniors who attend.

Organizers also expressed deep appreciation for the community's support throughout the year. "Any contribution, great or small, is truly appreciated," the committee said, adding thanks to The Fallon Post for helping share event information and flyers.

Residents wishing to donate may contact the committee through the CCHS Grad Nite Facebook page or by emailing cchsgradnite@gmail.com.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Companionship plays a crucial role in enhancing the emotional support and psychological wellbeing of hospice patients. A vital part of hospice is carefully selected and well-trained volunteers working alongside the professional staff. These special people provide different types of support for the hospice program and those coping with terminal illness, grief and loss. Volunteer support includes patient companionship, respite care for caregivers, shopping, light housekeeping and office assistance.

Contact Julie Ruiz, Eden Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 775-351-3150

BUSINESS

Green Goddess Collective Launches Markets, Classes

By Sydney Trainor

The Green Goddess Collective will hold its first market of the season on Thursday, March 19, kicking off a series of weekly events supporting Fallon’s local entrepreneurs. Markets will run most Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. through October, offering residents a chance to shop locally and strengthen community ties.

The nonprofit organization is dedicated to promoting local businesses and makers. “When you come here to the Green Goddess, you’re supporting local entrepreneurs, and you’re supporting our community,” said Karen Nichols, a founder of the collective.

Vendors at the markets offer a wide range of products, including baked goods, fresh produce, flowers, crafts, and other handmade items. Most products are made directly in Fallon, underscoring the group’s commitment to keeping things “hyperlocal.”

In addition to regular Thursday markets, the collective will host special events throughout the year. A spring seedling sale is scheduled for May, featuring around 40 vendors. A large seasonal market will take place in October, with additional holiday markets planned around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Green Goddess Collective also aims to provide educational opportunities by offering

hands-on classes in traditional skills. Upcoming sessions may include soapmaking, sourdough bread baking, and other crafts taught by vendors. Classes are expected to be held every other month, with schedules to be posted on the collective’s website once finalized.

Founded by local community members with backgrounds in agriculture and horticulture—including Kimberly Urso of Yellow Petal Flower Farm, Stacy Fisk of Fisk Family Farms, Jamie Sammons, a horticulture teacher at Churchill County High School, and Karen Nichols of Cherry Dog Orchards—the collective seeks to support growers, makers, and small businesses while fostering connections among community members.

Fallon Media Co. Acquires Winnemucca Publishing

By Sydney Trainor

Fallon Media Co., an independent publisher based in Fallon, Nevada, has acquired Winnemucca Publishing, marking a new chapter for local journalism in Pershing, Humboldt, and Lander counties. Fallon Media currently publishes several rural Nevada news outlets, including *The Fallon Post*, *The Fernley Reporter*, and *The Pershing Post*, as well as the online *Silver State Chronicle* and *RANGE* magazine.

The acquisition brings renewed investment to rural Nevada newsrooms that have faced years of consolidation and shrinking coverage.

Fallon Media’s philosophy focuses on restoring consistent community coverage, highlighting local government, schools, businesses, and everyday life in the communities it serves. In the coming weeks, Fallon Media will operate as Winnemucca Publishing and revive local newspapers, including the *Humboldt Sun* in Winnemucca and the *Battle Mountain Bugle* in Lander County. Along with this, Fallon Media will combine *The Pershing Post* with the *Lovelock Review Miner*.

Founded by Rachel Dahl in 2019 as *The Fallon Post*, the company expanded in 2023 as Fallon Media Co., adding *The Fernley Reporter* and launching *The Pershing Post*.

“We’re grateful to the Winnemucca Publishing team for their openness and professionalism throughout this transition,” Dahl said. “They have deep roots in these communities, and we appreciate the welcoming spirit they’ve shown as we work together to strengthen local journalism in Humboldt, Pershing, and Lander counties.” She confirmed that the Winnemucca Publishing staff will remain in place as the company moves forward.

“Our goal is not to replace what exists, but to build on it,” Dahl said. “Local newspapers are civic infrastructure. Communities function better when residents have access to accurate reporting about what is happening around them.”



Rachel Dahl, founder of Fallon Media Co., speaks at a town hall meeting in Battle Mountain, Nev., Thursday, March 12, discussing plans to revive local newspapers following the company's acquisition of Winnemucca Publishing.

The purchase of Winnemucca Publishing continues Fallon Media’s push to rebuild strong local reporting across Nevada’s rural communities.

As part of the transition, Fallon Media will temporarily pause the *Great Basin Sun*, a regional publication launched in 2024 when Pacific Publishing combined and renamed the Lovelock, Winnemucca, and Battle Mountain papers. Fallon Media plans to revisit the project in the future with a format better suited to its network of local community papers.

“Local newspapers need to be run from the communities they serve,” Dahl said. “Our focus right now is making sure Winnemucca and Battle Mountain once again have strong, consistent local news coverage.”

The Humboldt Sun, *The Pershing Post*, and *Battle Mountain Bugle* will continue publishing with expanded local reporting as Fallon Media begins the next phase of investment in the publications.

The company says readers can expect more frequent updates, deeper reporting, and a renewed presence in the communities these papers serve.

CCHS GRAD NITE PRESENTS

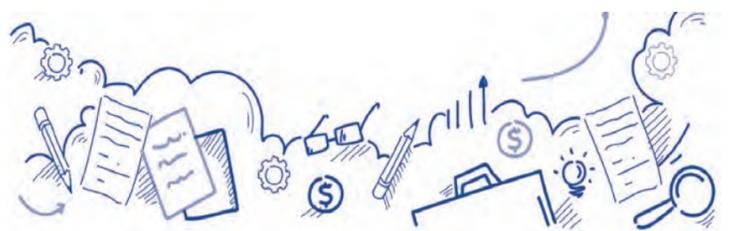
NEW DATE!!

DATE: March 23rd
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: CCHS Gym

TICKET PRICES
CHILD (K-6): \$9.00
STUDENT: \$12.00
ADULT: \$15.00

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Crowded Field Emerges in Race for Nevada's 2nd Congressional District

By Rachel Dahl

A wide-open race for Nevada's 2nd Congressional District is quickly becoming one of the most closely watched contests in the state, with more than two dozen candidates filing before last week's deadline.

The surge of candidates follows U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei's decision not to seek re-election, creating a rare open seat in a district that has long leaned Republican.

Candidate filing for the 2026 election cycle closed Friday, March 13, solidifying a crowded field that includes Republicans, Democrats, and a third-party contender, all vying to represent Nevada's sprawling northern district.

The Republican primary is shaping up to be especially competitive, with a large field of candidates entering the race.

Among the most prominent is former state Sen. James Settelmeyer, who formally entered the race and, as of this week, stepped down from his role as director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. His resignation, effective March 27, signals a full

commitment to the campaign.

Settelmeyer led the state agency overseeing natural resources, wildfire preparedness, and water management, and his departure comes as he transitions from state leadership back into electoral politics.

Other Republican candidates include David Flippo, a financial advisor who shifted his campaign from Nevada's 4th Congressional District following Amodei's announcement, and former Eureka County Sheriff Jesse Watts.

Several additional Republican candidates have filed, making the GOP primary one of the most crowded races on the ballot.

Democrats have also fielded a sizable slate of candidates, reflecting what many see as a potential opportunity in an open-seat race.

Among those who have filed are Greg Kidd, a venture capitalist who previously ran for the seat as an independent candidate and is now running as a Democrat, and Teresa Benitez-Thompson, a former state assemblymember currently working in the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

Kathy Durham, a retired teacher, is also

among the early entrants in the Democratic field.

Lynn Chapman of the Independent American Party has filed and will appear on the general election ballot, alongside the winners of the Republican and Democratic primaries.

Nevada's primary election is scheduled for June 9, where both major parties will narrow their fields. The winners will advance to the general election on Nov. 3.

With such a large number of candidates, particularly on the Republican side, the primary is expected to play a decisive role in shaping the outcome of the race.

Nevada's 2nd Congressional District covers much of rural and northern Nevada, including Churchill County and Fallon, making the outcome of this race particularly relevant to local residents.

With no incumbent in the race, voters will be choosing not just between candidates, but potentially between different directions on issues ranging from public lands and water policy to economic development and federal representation for rural communities.

Local Races Take Shape After Filing Closes March 13

By Rachel Dahl

Candidate filing for the 2026 election cycle officially closed Friday, March 13, setting the stage for a number of local races across Churchill County and the City of Fallon.

The filing period for most county and local offices opened March 2 and ran through 5 p.m. on March 13, while judicial candidates filed earlier in January.

By the close of filing, several races had drawn multiple candidates, including the Fallon City Council Ward 1 seat, while a number of county offices will move forward with a single candidate on the ballot unless a late challenge or write-in emerges.

FALLON CITY COUNCIL DRAWS INTEREST

In the City of Fallon, the Ward 1 council seat will be contested, with three candidates filing for the position: Ryan Swirczek, Lori Norcutt, and Daniel Doty. The seat is currently held by Councilwoman Kelly Frost, who is term-limited and not seeking re-election.

Ward 3 Councilman Paul Harmon filed for

re-election and, as of the close of filing, does not appear to have drawn opposition.

Both council positions are nonpartisan and will appear on the June primary ballot.

At the county level, several key offices will be on the ballot in 2026.

Art Mallory filed and is unopposed as a Republican candidate for Churchill County District Attorney, a position that has drawn attention in rural Nevada as counties continue to face challenges recruiting and retaining attorneys for public service roles.

OTHER COUNTY FILINGS INCLUDE:

- Denise Mondhink-Felton for Assessor
 - Tasha Hesse for Recorder
 - Linda Rothery for Clerk/Treasurer
 - Robert "Bob" Getto for Public Administrator
- Churchill County Sheriff Richard C. Hickox Jr. also filed for re-election as a nonpartisan candidate.

For County Commission District 2, incumbent Myles Getto filed as a Republican candidate.

Several candidates filed for the Churchill County School Board of Trustees, including

Celestia Blakey, Keith W. Boone, Amber Casey-Getto, Joe McFadden, and W. Derild Parsons.

Kevin Porteous and Gary L. Smith filed for positions on the Mosquito, Vector and Noxious Weed Abatement Board.

Earlier this year, Judge Thomas Stockard filed for re-election to the Tenth Judicial District Court, which serves Churchill County.

At the state level, Senator Robin Titus and Assemblyman Greg Koenig have also filed for re-election, with Titus drawing a Democratic challenger in Lynne Ballatore to represent District 17.

Nevada's primary election is scheduled for June 9, with early voting beginning May 23. The general election will be held Nov. 3.

In races where more than two candidates file for a nonpartisan office, the primary will narrow the field. In partisan races, voters will select their party's nominees to advance to the general election.

With filing now closed, the focus shifts from paperwork to campaigning, as candidates begin making their case to voters across Churchill County and Fallon in the weeks ahead.

Central Nevada Health District Updates

By Sydney Trainor

The Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) held an online meeting on March 4, where board members reviewed administrative updates, approved several contracts, and discussed budget and program planning for the district.

During the meeting, Shannon Ernst was appointed to the administrator position. Ernst previously served as the interim administrator for about one year and has 25 years of experience with Churchill County Social Services. Board members highlighted her strong professional reputation, stating, "She's developed many wonderful contacts with state agencies, the legislature, and health districts, many who wrote letters of recommendation on her behalf." The board approved the appointment of Shannon Ernst as administrator, effective March 20.

Members also reviewed a proposed revised fee schedule. CNHD has been reviewing its fee schedule since the district launched, and staff found that some fees did not align with the required work and others were missing entirely. The proposed structure includes an initial increase now,

with gradual adjustments over three years. These changes are designed to avoid large immediate cost increases for the public and permit holders. The board scheduled a public hearing for April 16 at 1:30 p.m. to consider this proposal.

A contract ratification with VillageReach for the completion of a Community Health Assessment was also discussed. The \$71,403 contract will fund an assessment intended to evaluate health needs across the district and help guide development of the Community Health Improvement Plan. CNHD received 26 proposals during the bidding process, which were evaluated based on cost, experience conducting assessments, and knowledge of rural Nevada communities. The board ultimately voted to ratify the contract with VillageReach.

Board members discussed a temporary contract with Churchill County Juvenile Detention to provide medical oversight services. Ernst explained that the county is currently without a physician to oversee detention medical care, and the agreement would allow CNHD to provide oversight until the county establishes its own jail medical program. Services would include physician oversight, prescription review, and medical record review. The proposed rates are \$187.50 per hour for physician services and \$80 per hour for registered nurse services. The board approved the contract, which would run from March 9 through June 30, 2026.

Board members also approved an expanded contract with Dr. McDonald to provide family planning and clinical services. Ernst stated, "Dr. McDonald has agreed to support the family planning program until we fill the clinical manager/APRN position." Under the agreement, Dr. McDonald will be paid \$1,200 per clinical service day, with an additional rate of \$150 per hour for specialized projects, such as providing medical oversight for juvenile probation services.

The board also reviewed the draft fiscal year 2027 budget for the Central Nevada Health District. According to Ernst, the draft budget was prepared in coordination with Churchill County and is balanced based on current funding allocations. The board approved the draft budget, with a final version expected to be submitted before the end of May.

A fiscal update as of Feb. 23 was provided by Shasta Garrison. The report showed that the district has collected about 41% of its projected revenue and has spent approximately 46% of its budgeted expenses. Garrison noted that some grant reimbursements are still pending and that current grant-funded programs remain on track to spend their funding as planned.

During the staff report, board members heard updates on several ongoing district activities. Staff is currently working on multiple grant applications and discussing plans with Churchill County's IT department to move the Central Nevada Health District's computer systems to its own network. Plans are also being made for upcoming community outreach efforts, including prevention and public health awareness events. The district is continuing recruitment for several open positions, including a resource liaison in Eureka, a public health preparedness planner, and a clinical manager/APRN position.

The next meeting will be held on April 16 at 1:30 p.m.



FALLON TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

PURPOSE & QUALIFICATIONS

The FTDC is seeking applications from qualified applicants for two (2) positions on the Board of Directors.

Applicants must meet the following requirements under the FTDC Corporate Charter:

- Be at least 25 years of age
- Be a resident of the State of Nevada
- Be a high school graduate or possess equivalent credentials
- Possess sufficient business experience and judgment to assist in corporate decision-making
- Have no felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please call 775-423-6040.

ISSUED: MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

IMPORTANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

All applicants must complete a criminal background check and submit the fingerprint screening results with their application.

Applicants are responsible for obtaining and paying for the fingerprint background screening.

Background checks may be obtained from (ask for Nevada Livescan Service check):

- Fingerprinting Express, Reno, Nevada; or
- Big Mikes Guns and Ammo, Fallon, Nevada

Applications submitted without fingerprint screening results will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit:

- Completed FTDC Board of Directors Application
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Fingerprint background screening results

Applications are available at the FTDC Office located at 567 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada, or may be requested by email at admin@ftdc.us.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026, 5:00 PM

Submit applications to: Fallon Tribal Development Corporation
Attn: Kathleen Gutierrez, FTDC Board Secretary
567 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406 | Email: Kathleen.Gutierrez@ftdc.us

COURT

Tenth Judicial District Court

The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, March 10, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding.

By Teresa Moon

Susan Lynch appeared for sentencing on the Category E Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), to which she pleaded guilty in January.

Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer said his client is doing very well in the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program, where she was provisionally placed, and that she would like to remain in it.

Lynch told Judge Stockard, "I'm doing very well in Drug Court. I'm there for all my meetings. I think it's helping me a lot." She also said, "I'm taking advantage of everything they're offering me there."

Judge Stockard placed Lynch on probation and ordered her to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations. He also officially placed Lynch in the Western Regional Specialty Court Program.

Justin Poindexter, in custody, appeared for arraignment. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer explained that this case is unique in a couple of ways; his client is here on an allegation of failure to pay child support. However, there is an issue regarding Poindexter's need for treatment. The defense asked for a three-to-four-month continuance to get Poindexter into a facility.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford said it "would be setting the defendant up for failure if we went forward with arraignment today."

The state agreed with the defense's request for a continuance; however, Sanford asked for a status check in three weeks.

Judge Stockard set a status hearing for March 31.

Jonathan Dale Keller, in custody, pleaded guilty to two counts. Count I: Attempt to Commit Obtaining or Possessing a Credit Card or a Debit Card Without Consent, a "wobbler" which can be sentenced as a Category E Felony, punishable by 1-4 years and a fine up to \$5,000, or as a Gross Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000. Count II: Misdemeanor of Possession or Use of Drug Paraphernalia, punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

SDDA Chelsea Sanford noted that this is a mandatory probation case. She told the court, "He has a choice. No matter what sentence this court gives him, it is going to ultimately be up to him once his sentence is completed, whether or not he's going to be doing the rest of his life on the installment plan, in and out of the detention center and/or prison, or if he's going to turn his life around."

Sanford also summarized the defendant's criminal history beginning in 2014 through today. That history included eight to 10 misdemeanor convictions ranging from domestic battery to assault to numerous petit larcenies, one gross misdemeanor for injury to a vehicle in 2024, and a probation violation. She said Keller also left residential substance abuse treatment, withdrew from Drug Court, and failed to pay restitution.

Regarding the current case, the victim's wallet went missing from her cart at Safeway. A few weeks later, law enforcement received a call about an unwanted subject; this turned out to be the defendant, who had open warrants from Justice Court. During a search of his person, officers found a pipe which tested positive for methamphetamine, and a driver's license, five credit cards, and a military dependent verification card, all belonging to the victim, along with two credit cards belonging to the victim's husband.

Sanford said that from Keller's release for his last gross misdemeanor to his current arrest was two months and two days. He has also failed to appear in a Justice Court case since his arrest in this case.

"It's a crossroads for this defendant," Sanford stated. "What does he want to do with his life?" She said that he can live his life committing misdemeanors, maybe eventually graduating to felonies, or he can turn his life around.

Sanford asked the court to grant probation on Count I, but to sentence it as a felony. She said what we have here is an individual who keeps on "pestering the criminal justice system" with misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors.

Churchill County Alternate Public Defender Wright Noel agreed with the state's request for sentencing the credit card offense as a felony with probation. Noel told the court that his client has been in a difficult situation. "He's been homeless, and he's missing quite a few documents that would allow him to find a job," Noel said. When released, the defendant plans to meet with the FASTT Team to figure out how those documents can be recovered so he can get back to work. FASTT assists defendants in obtaining documents and provides other services to help stabilize those who need essential services or treatment.

Keller told the court he is sorry for the things he has done and said he is hoping for an opportunity to prove himself.

Judge Stockard inquired as to what Keller would like to do with his life. Keller said ideally he would like to be in the military, but he just wants to get his life on track.

Stockard told Keller, "At some point you've got to just decide if you're going to spend your time in the Nevada State Prison, or not ... It seems like a history of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory." Stockard counseled Keller on the opportunities that exist if he takes advantage of them.

Judge Stockard granted probation on Count I, sentencing it as a felony and suspending 19-48 months. He ordered Keller to meet with the FASTT Team within 48 hours of his release from custody and to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations.

On Count II, Stockard sentenced Keller to 30 days, with 21 days credit granted for time served and nine days suspended. Count II runs consecutively to Count I.

Justice Court

Fallon's New River Township Justice Court convened Thursday, March 12, with Judge Benjamin Trotter presiding.

Vicki Henderson appeared for sentencing on a first offense DUI. The court noted Henderson had been ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation before sentencing could proceed. Henderson told the court, "I did. I got two of them, actually. But I did it online." Judge Trotter explained that the court needed a multi-page substance abuse evaluation report from a certified provider, and that an evaluation for this court was not something she could do online. He provided information on how to obtain the evaluation locally and continued the matter to May 21 for sentencing, giving her time to complete the state-mandated evaluation.

Felipe Rodriguez-Martinez appeared for a status hearing on four counts of Lewdness, including Lewdness with a Child Under 14, a Category A Felony punishable by life in prison with parole eligibility after 10 years, and three counts of Lewdness with a Child Under 16, Category B Felonies, each punishable by 1-10 years. If convicted, he would be subject to lifetime supervision and sex offender registration.

On behalf of Rodriguez-Martinez, defense attorney Lauren Gorman appeared via Zoom, with interpreter Maria Davis present on standby if needed. During his initial arraignment, Rodriguez-Martinez said he intended to fight the charges against him.

Senior Deputy District Attorney (SDDA) Chelsea Sanford said this was the first status hearing with defense counsel, that the state had sent all discovery, but the parties needed additional time to review the case and determine whether it could be resolved or should be set for a preliminary hearing. Gorman confirmed that negotiations had not yet begun. Judge Trotter set a status hearing for April 23.

Saira Sepulveda Soto appeared for sentencing on a DUI and traffic violation case. Deputy District Attorney Priscilla Baker, on behalf of the state, told the court the matter had previously been continued because the defendant had not completed her substance abuse evaluation. Baker said Sepulveda Soto had recently obtained the evaluation, but the written report was not yet complete. Judge Trotter continued sentencing to April 2 and advised Sepulveda Soto that she needed to ensure the evaluation report was provided to her attorney and the court before sentencing could proceed.

Victor Puga, in custody, appeared via Zoom from the jail for a status hearing on a case that included two charges of first or second offense Possession of a Controlled Substance, less than 14

grams, and Use or Possess Drug Paraphernalia.

Churchill County Public Defender (CCPD) Jacob Sommer said Puga was being held only on the new case, as the court previously determined that the imposed suspended sentences in older matters could not be enforced because the suspension periods had expired. Puga had been charged with two counts of Domestic Battery, Resisting a Public Officer, and Criminal Contempt in 2021.

Sommer said the parties had reached a resolution under which Puga would plead guilty to Count II, Misdemeanor of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and both sides would remain free to argue sentencing.

Priscilla Baker, on behalf of the state, confirmed the agreement and said the state was asking the court to require Puga to obtain a substance abuse evaluation. Baker also asked for a suspended 90-day sentence due to Puga's history of not following court requirements.

Sommer told the court Puga had already spent about eight days in custody and asked the court to impose a total of 10 days so he could be released that weekend and not have additional suspended time hanging over him. Puga told the court, "No, just besides—I'll get myself on the right track and get myself off of this drug and be on my way to do goodness."

Judge Trotter accepted the guilty plea to Count II, dismissed Count I, and ordered Puga to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations. Trotter sentenced Puga to 15 days in the Churchill County Jail, suspended for two years, and granted three days credit, leaving 12 days suspended. The court also ordered Puga to provide proof within 90 days that he had obtained the evaluation.

Michael Timothy, in custody, appeared for sentencing via Zoom from jail on misdemeanor charges of Petit Larceny and Obtain Money, Property, Rent, or Labor by False Pretense, a Value Less than \$1,200.

SDDA Chelsea Sanford, on behalf of the state, advised the court that victim notification had been sent, and no victim appeared. She explained that the victim in the case had no restitution claim because the stolen item had been returned, but Premier Pawn was owed \$160 after purchasing the item from the defendant. The state asked for restitution in that amount and for suspended jail time.

Judge Trotter sentenced Timothy on Count I, Petit Larceny, to 15 days in the Churchill County Jail, suspended for two years, on the condition that he commit no new criminal violations and



pay restitution within 90 days of release. On Count II, the court imposed another 15 days, suspended for two years, consecutive to Count I, with the same conditions. The court also ordered Timothy to pay \$160 in restitution to Justice Court on behalf of Premier Pawn.

Timothy told the court he could pay it immediately. Judge Trotter then ordered Timothy released on the justice court charges, noting he would remain in custody as he was being held on a separate District Court matter.

April Gililand did not appear for a status hearing for a first-offense charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Less than 14 Grams. DDA Priscilla Baker said Gililand had previously appeared for arraignment and status hearing, had been appointed counsel, and had been in contact with defense counsel as recently as the day before the hearing. Baker said the state believed Gililand had been notified of the hearing and asked for a bench warrant.

Senior Deputy Public Defender Jeff Weed said she had been responsive and had been meeting with counsel, and asked the court to continue the matter for two weeks rather than issue a warrant. Judge Trotter consented to Weed's request and set a status hearing for March 26.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.



Seventh and eighth graders in Stephanie Switzer-Holden and Maureen Park's science class examine the internal and external structures of an earthworm during a hands-on dissection activity at Churchill County Middle School.



Fifth-grade student council representatives celebrate as new turf is installed on the playground at Numa Elementary School.



Landon Pearce, Gabriella Mendez, and Itzyana Mejia stay focused while working on assignments with Chromebooks in Jennifer Buckmaster's classroom at E.C. Best Elementary School.

CCHS
Sophomore Melody Garcia-Bishop is making a meaningful impact through service and leadership as the school's first official high-school puppy raiser for the nonprofit organization Liberty Dogs. She is currently raising Aspen, a future service dog who will be trained to assist U.S. veterans in need. As a puppy raiser, Garcia-Bishop is responsible for helping Aspen learn foundational skills, socialization, and discipline that will prepare the dog for advanced service training. Her dedication reflects both strong leadership and a deep commitment to helping others. Programs such as Liberty Dogs rely on volunteers like Garcia-Bishop to help prepare service dogs that can one day provide life-changing assistance and companionship to veterans. CCHS has embraced the effort, welcoming Aspen on campus and supporting Garcia-Bishop in her work. This partnership highlights how students can take an active role in community service while developing responsibility, compassion, and leadership.

CCMS
Seventh and eighth-grade science students in Maureen Park and Stephanie Switzer-Holden's science classes had the opportunity to dissect an earthworm, thanks to supplies funded through a DonorsChoose project. "Because of this generous support, students were able to participate in a

hands-on science activity that helps them better understand biology," Park said. During the dissection, students explored both the internal and external structures of the earthworm, identifying key parts such as the digestive and circulatory systems and body segments. "This activity allowed students to connect what they learned in class about living organisms to a real-life example," Park said. Experiences like this help students become more engaged, curious, and excited about science. "Our class is grateful for the DonorsChoose supplies that made this learning experience possible."

NUMA
Students are thrilled as their new turf playground nears completion. Last year's fifth-grade student council helped make it happen by presenting to the ChurchillCSD school board about the importance of improving the play space. The upgraded playground offers a safe, durable area for recess and outdoor learning while promoting physical activity. Students have been involved from start to finish. They advocated for the project and are now imagining how they will enjoy the new field once it is ready. "I am so proud of our student council's initiative," said school counselor Noreen Swenson. "Their efforts demonstrate true leadership and civic engagement, and show the positive impact young people

can have on improving their school. With the final touches underway, everyone is looking forward to enjoying the upgraded playground."

E.C. BEST
Students in Jennifer Buckmaster's class are exploring many exciting concepts in reading and math. In language arts, students are building words, learning new sight words, reading leveled books, and writing in their journals about what they read. In math, they recently learned about base-ten blocks, including expanded form, and are now identifying both two and three-dimensional shapes while studying their attributes. "Students are working on many exciting things in the classroom, and it is wonderful to see them apply what they learn in meaningful ways," Buckmaster said.

LAHONTAN
Samantha Frost's class enjoyed a week full of colorful science experiments, gearing up for St. Patrick's Day. Students explored surface tension through a rainbow experiment and mixed baking soda, vinegar, and food coloring to create a fizzling rainbow. They ended the week by coloring a rainbow and watching it grow as it absorbed water. "It was exciting to see the students explore science in such a hands-on, colorful way," Frost said.

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Weekly Highlights at Logos Christian Academy

By Brenna Goings with photos courtesy of Logos.



Kindergarten through second-grade students at Logos Christian Academy celebrate Pi Day with math lessons, hands-on activities, and a slice of pie.

Logos Christian Academy students in Mrs. Nyrandra and Mrs. Jeana's classes marked Pi Day this week with lessons about the mathematical constant pi, hands-on activities, and a slice of pie to wrap it up.

Pi Day, observed annually on March 14, recognizes the number pi (3.14), which represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The day is often celebrated by math enthusiasts and schools with educational events and, fittingly, eating pie.

Throughout the week, students learned key vocabulary such as diameter and circumference, measured circles to see pi in action, and participated in activities that demonstrated the concept. The celebration concluded with everyone enjoying a slice of pie.

Teachers said the activities aimed to make math engaging and help students connect abstract concepts to real-world examples.

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EDUCATION

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera, with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

OASIS CELEBRATES NEVADA READING WEEK

Students, families, and staff at Oasis Academy came together to celebrate Nevada Reading Week with a series of engaging events designed to promote a love of reading and literacy. The week featured the Scholastic Spring Book Fair, a family-focused Literacy Night, and a fun dress-up day in which students arrived at school dressed as their favorite book characters.

Throughout the week, the Scholastic Spring Book Fair gave students the opportunity to explore new titles and discover stories. Classrooms visited the fair during the school day, while families had a chance to browse and purchase books together before and after school.

One of the highlights of the week was the first annual Literacy Night, which welcomed parents and students to campus for an evening focused on building reading skills in fun and practical ways. Families participated in interactive games and activities that demonstrated reading strategies parents can use at home to support their children's literacy development.

A special moment during the evening was a read-aloud session led by Vice Principal Shannon Garcia, joined by the beloved school mascot, Buster Bighorn. Students gathered eagerly to listen to the story, creating a memorable experience that celebrated the joy of reading.

The celebration concluded with a dress-up day on Thursday, where students showed their creativity by dressing as their favorite book characters.

Oasis Academy would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff members and parent volunteers who worked behind the scenes to organize both Literacy Night and the Scholastic Book Fair. Special thanks to teacher Melinda Santos and Reading Interventionist Sara Peixoto for coordinating Literacy Night and Katherine Rule for coordinating the Book Fair. Their time, dedication, and enthusiasm helped make Nevada Reading Week a meaningful and memorable experience for students and families alike.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: DANIEL ANDERSON

As graduation approaches, senior Daniel Anderson is looking back on his time at Oasis Academy with gratitude, humor, and a few unforgettable moments. Anderson started at Oasis in eighth grade, and the transition from middle school to high school brought big changes in his school experience.



Bighorn senior, Daniel Anderson.

"I started Oasis in the eighth grade, and it was pretty boring," he said. "Then my first two high school years were fun, and my last two years have been the best moments of high school."

Many of his favorite memories came from participating in FFA, which he also said was his favorite class.

"FFA was my favorite class because it is always just a fun class with funny things happening," he said.

One of those things is the class's lively conversations.

"Some of my favorite moments in FFA are when students start talking about random things, and Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz has to step in and shut it down because it's funny," he said.

That's part of the reason Ms. B is his favorite teacher, too.

"I would like to thank Ms. B for always being such a funny, engaging teacher," Anderson said. "I love her classes."

Another teacher played a critical role during a frightening moment in his freshman year. In health class, Anderson began choking on a water bottle cap.

"I choked on my water bottle cap," he recalled. "Mr. Andy Lenon performed the Heimlich maneuver on me, and it flew right out. I would like to thank Mr. Lenon for saving my life in health class when I was a freshman."

After finishing high school, Anderson plans to continue his education by pursuing a commercial driver's license.

"I'm going to continue to go to school and get my CDL for future jobs," he said.

As he prepares to move forward, the senior also has advice for younger students.

"Just stay on top of work and talk to teachers if you need anything; they'll be happy to help," he closed.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RUSTEN MCKNIGHT

Oasis Academy senior Rusten McKnight has been at the school for over a decade, starting in first grade. The senior is looking ahead to college while reflecting on the people and experiences that helped shape the path forward.

Despite the typical challenges of school life, the student said the Oasis environment fostered a strong sense of community.

"Throughout my time here, I've noticed how,

despite the obvious social circles and occasional drama, everyone has been friendly with everyone else within the academic environment," he explained. "My class has really been that way, and it has shaped the reason why I chose certain paths in my life."

Some of the most meaningful moments from the student's time at Oasis were not tied to events but to people who offered support during difficult times.

"It's not a specific memory, but during one of the most difficult times of my life, one of my biggest supporters was counselor Andy Lenon, and I'm very grateful for that," McKnight said.

Another teacher who left a lasting impact was Ms. Jackie Bogdanowicz, a science and ag teacher.

"Ms. B has been my favorite teacher since I was in her ag class in middle school. She was always engaging and fun to be around," he said. "Even when she is frustrated, she tries to make sure that class is a positive experience for everyone."

Academically, one unexpected class stood out during senior year. The student recalled initially doubting whether he would enjoy the music appreciation class.

"I didn't think it was going to be a fun class, but we were actually able to learn some music theory," he said. "It was really exciting for me because it was something I was struggling with as a self-taught musician."

Outside the classroom, the senior stayed active in a variety of extracurricular programs. Over the years, McKnight participated in Oasis' archery program, played soccer for Greenwave, and was involved in Oasis FFA. The student also participated in 4-H and even took on a leadership role.

"Outside of school activities, I've participated in 4-H, and I even was able to be a leader/teacher for a 4-H guitar club, which is the reason I'm hoping to get my teaching degree," he explained.

As the graduate prepares to move on to college, there is one piece of advice he hopes younger students will take seriously: prioritizing mental health.

"Take hold of your mental health; the more you struggle, the more you'll fail," the student advised. "Don't be afraid of psychologists or therapists ... it's useful just to talk to a professional."

McKnight knows caring for mental well-being can make a major difference in both academic success and overall happiness.

"I promise you'll do so much better in school and be so much happier with your life if you are able to take hold of your mental well-being," the student said.

McKnight will be graduating in May with both his high school diploma and his Associate of Arts Degree from Western Nevada College. He then plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, to earn a teaching degree and an engineering degree through the NevadaTeach program.

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

Students Shine in Annual Speech Meet

By Gretchen Felte with photo courtesy of Veritas.

Students at Veritas Preparatory School participated in the school's annual Speech Meet on March 3-4, presenting memorized and original speeches before a panel of judges. Competitors from kindergarten through eighth grade delivered pieces in a variety of styles and on a wide range of topics.

Each student's speech was memorized and presented before judges, who evaluated the delivery and content to determine the first, second, and third-place winners for each grade level. While kindergarten students recited shorter passages, seventh- and eighth-grade students were required to write and present original speeches.

Beyond strengthening language and memorization skills, the Speech Meet helps students develop confidence in public speaking. Classical Christian education places a strong emphasis on communication—particularly in areas such as logic, debate, and persuasive argumentation—skills many adults feel were underdeveloped in their own schooling.

By introducing these skills at an early age, the Speech Meet equips Veritas students to communicate clearly, think critically, and present ideas with confidence, preparing them for future academic and professional success.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication.



Seventh- and eighth-grade Speech Meet winners, from left, Liam Buller (third place), JaiLeigh Woods (second place), and Kitana Ramirez (first place), are recognized at Veritas Preparatory School.

2025-2026 VERITAS SPEECH MEET RESULTS

Kindergarten

1. Sutton Hammond
2. Hailey Hallisey
3. Lorenzo Gonzales

First

1. Clarity Gilbert
2. Lily Ernst
3. Quentin Peek

Second

1. Audrey Schilling
2. Charles Munoz
3. Noah Quiles

Third/Fourth

1. Clara Shaffer
2. Trent Hallisey
3. Reece Boni

Fifth/Sixth

1. Clara Ernst
2. Madeleine LaValley
3. Mercedes Martinez

Seventh/Eighth

1. Kitana Ramirez
2. JaiLeigh Woods
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SPORTS

Lady Greenwave Blanks Wooster Twice in 15-0 Doubleheader Sweep



CCHS junior Kalaya Downs mans third base against Wooster during Saturday's doubleheader. Photos courtesy of Carrie Sheldon-Davis.



CCHS junior Hayden Dooley delivers a pitch against Wooster during Saturday's doubleheader.

Staff Report

The Churchill County High School girls varsity softball team kept its momentum rolling Saturday, shutting out Wooster twice in a 15-0, 15-0 doubleheader sweep that moved the Lady Greenwave to 8-2.

The opener set the tone for the day. Hayden Dooley worked three hitless innings, staying in command throughout as she mixed pitches and kept the Colts from generating any rhythm. She also contributed at the plate, reaching base twice, scoring twice, and driving in two. The Lady Greenwave offense backed her with steady pressure. Miley Pimentel reached safely in all three plate appearances and scored twice, Kanani Mauga doubled and drove in four runs, and Bostynn Wright added two runs and an RBI as Lady Greenwave built a lead that quickly became out of reach.

The momentum carried straight into the second game, where Jocelyn Pimentel delivered another dominant performance. She struck out seven in three no-hit innings with no walks, extending a stretch of five straight outings with two or fewer free passes. Her impact carried over to the batter's box as well, where she went 2-for-3 with a double, two runs, and two RBIs.

Lady Greenwave's lineup continued to produce around her. Kalaya Downs delivered her first triple of the season, finishing with two runs and two RBIs, while Sutton Yost added a run-scoring double. Lady Greenwave hit .565 as a team in the second game of the double header, marking their sixth consecutive game batting .381 or better and underscoring how consistently the offense has performed during this early-season surge.

The sweep dropped Wooster to 0-6 and marked Lady Greenwave's sixth win of the season by at least 14 runs, highlighting the team's blend of reliable pitching and high-output hitting.

The Lady Greenwave travel to Sparks on Friday for a 3 p.m. matchup, looking to extend their winning streak.



CCHS sophomore Bostynn Wright scores against Wooster during Saturday's doubleheader.

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Track Teams Compete at Fighting Zebras Invitational

Staff Report

Churchill County High School's varsity boys and girls track teams delivered a series of impressive performances at the 6th Annual Fighting Zebras Invitational, held Saturday, March 14, at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, California. The meet kicked off with field events at 8:30 a.m. and track events at 9 a.m., drawing athletes from across the region for a day of competition.

Among the highlights, senior Bransyn Wright claimed first place in the high jump with a leap of 6-3, setting a season best. Wright then raised the bar to 6-7 in an attempt to break the Churchill County High School record. Despite jumping with a partially torn meniscus, he narrowly missed the mark after clipping the pole with his heel. Undeterred, Wright plans to make another run at the record at the Elks Invitational on March 21.

Wright also finished 13th in the 100-meter finals, clocking in at 11.56 seconds, while team-

mate Boyd Phipps placed 41st with a time of 12.80 seconds. In the 200 meters, Wyatt Dixon led Churchill County's entrants, finishing 23rd at 24.73 seconds, followed by Braydon Coldwell and Phipps in 31st and 32nd, respectively.

Nathaniel Bianchi made his mark in the hurdles, capturing fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a season-best 43.63 seconds. Bianchi also finished fifth in the long jump (19-01.50). The boys' relay team posted a fifth-place finish in the 4x100-meter relay, recording 45.27 seconds.

In distance events, Leo Arcoraci and James Lofthouse ran nearly identical times in the 800 meters, placing 24th and 23rd, respectively, while Arcoraci set a personal best in the 1600 meters (5:00.98). Jarret Ugalde Torres earned a season best in the 3200 meters, finishing 21st in 12:00.87.

Greenwave throwers also produced notable results. Justin McArthur placed 10th in the shot put with a personal best of 38-01.00 and 28th in

discus (90-07). Jason Lewis finished 22nd in discus (98-04) and 33rd in shot put (31-02.50), while Carter McBee took 31st in shot put and 31st in discus. Jaeshon Pearson also performed well in the triple jump, placing seventh with a jump of 37'3.75" before injuring his hamstring on his last attempt.

On the girls' side, Tommie Fitzer earned a personal best in the 200 meters (29.40) and a season best in the 800 meters (2:51.21). Freshman Kinsley Viera placed fourth in shot put (30-04.75) and eighth in discus (93-00), both personal bests.

Distance runner Aubrey Strickland finished 13th in the 1600 meters with a personal best (5:57.56), while Casandra Hooper set personal marks in both the 1600 (6:03.25) and 3200 meters (13:48.13), placing 18th and ninth, respectively.

The Churchill County teams will next compete at the Fallon Elks Invitational in Fallon, Nevada, on Saturday, March 21.

SPORTS

Oasis Academy Bighorns Open Season 6-0

Staff Report

The Oasis Academy boys varsity baseball team has surged to a 6-0 start, pairing one of the region's most productive offenses with a pitching staff that has delivered steady, low stress innings through the first two weeks of the season.



through. Jose Montalvo delivered a perfect 4 for 4 day with two doubles, a stolen base, and two RBI in the opener, setting a new career high in doubles. Kayden White added two RBI in that same game, and the lineup has continued to produce up and down the order. Oasis Academy finished with 14 hits in Saturday's 10-5

The Bighorns have swept their opening league slate, including three straight wins over Battle Mountain, and have topped the 10 hit mark in every game.

The Bighorns completed their latest sweep on March 14, posting 10-5 and 9-2 wins at Battle Mountain to move to 6-0. The pair of road victories marked Oasis Academy's third and fourth wins over the Longhorns this season. They also claimed an 8-6 win in Battle Mountain on March 12, which helped keep their early momentum intact.

Pitching and timely hitting have driven the fast start, and few players have embodied that balance more than junior right-hander Ryder McNabb. In Saturday's 10-5 win, McNabb threw three scoreless innings and allowed just one hit while continuing a streak of four straight appearances without giving up more than one earned run. He also sparked the offense, going 2 for 4 with two doubles, two runs, and two RBIs — a performance the document notes as "the most doubles he has posted since back in March of 2025."

Matthew Bird has been equally central to the Bighorns' early surge. The senior opened the season on March 3 with four shutout innings and seven strikeouts, his highest total since March 2025, and added a home run and three RBI in the same game. He has remained hot at the plate, going 3 for 4 with a home run, three runs, and a stolen base in the March 14 win. Bird has now stolen at least one base in four straight games, giving Oasis Academy a consistent threat at the top of the order.

The Bighorns' depth has also shown

win, part of a season long trend that has seen the team reach double digit hits in all six contests.

Oasis Academy's most lopsided wins came on March 7 at Incline, where the Bighorns posted 22-6 and 15-3 victories in a doubleheader that showcased their offensive ceiling. Those wins pushed them to 3-0 and set the tone for the Battle Mountain series that followed.

With league play still in its early stages, the Bighorns have positioned themselves as one of the Northern 2A's most complete teams. They are scheduled to face Battle Mountain again as the season continues, giving them a chance to extend their undefeated streak and further solidify their place at the top of the standings.

BY THE NUMBERS OASIS ACADEMY'S 6-0 START

- ✓ 6-0 Oasis Academy's undefeated record to open the season
- ✓ 3 Wins over Battle Mountain in a four-day span
- ✓ 14 Hits recorded in the March 14 win — part of a streak of 10+ hits in every game
- ✓ 4 Straight appearances in which Ryder McNabb has allowed one earned run or fewer
- ✓ 4 Consecutive games with a stolen base for Matthew Bird
- ✓ 7 Strikeouts Bird recorded in the March 3 opener, his most since March 2025
- ✓ 22 & 15 Runs scored in back to back blowouts at Incline on March 7
- ✓ 4-for-4 Jose Montalvo's perfect day at the plate in the season opener, including two doubles

CCHS Varsity Boys Sweep Lowry

Staff Report

On Friday, March 13, the Churchill County High School boys varsity baseball team opened its series against Lowry with a strong showing. The Greenwave secured a 5-4 victory, setting the stage for their successful weekend sweep. The team displayed solid defense and timely hitting, allowing them to take control of the game early and never look back.

Greenwave bats stayed hot as the boys' varsity baseball team swept a doubleheader against the Lowry Buckaroos on Saturday, March 14, at Churchill County High School, picking up 9-4 and 17-7 victories.

With the wins, Churchill County High School (5-2) extended its winning streak to five games. The Greenwave set the tone early, grabbing a 9-4 win in the opener before unleashing a 17-run outburst in game two.

Mason Llamas powered the Churchill County offense, going 4-for-5 with four RBIs, two runs scored, and a pair of doubles—his first of the year. Ryan Judd also played a key role, finishing 2-for-3 with two runs, a triple, and two RBIs as the Greenwave lineup overwhelmed Lowry's pitching.

The Greenwave will look to keep their momentum rolling as they head into the next stretch of the season, their confidence bolstered by a string of convincing performances.

The team's next matchups are away games against the North Valleys Panthers on Thursday, March 19, and the Fernley Vaqueros on Friday, March 20, at 3 p.m., and Saturday, March 21, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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<p>Epworth Community Food Pantry Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 457 Esmeralda St.</p> <p>New Frontier Food Pantry Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1490 Grimes St. <i>Available 24 hours by phone, 775-442-1686</i></p> <p>Out of Egypt Food Pantry Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. 1075 Taylor Place</p> <p>Commodities, New Frontier Food Pantry Second Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1490 Grimes St.</p>	<p>FBNN Mobile Harvest Produce Second Thursdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. William Pennington Life Center, 952 S. Maine St.</p> <p>Commodities, William Pennington Life Center Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 952 S. Maine St.</p> <p>Fallon Cares (formerly Karma Box) <i>Food and hygiene products – two per visit</i> Front porch of Chamber of Commerce, 290 W. Williams Ave. Lobby of Churchill County Sheriff's Office, 180 W. A St. West entrance (outside), Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St. <i>Donations appreciated</i></p>
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COLUMNS

What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen

By Kelli Kelly

There are some people in a place that you don't realize are part of the structure of it until they're gone. The Fallon Melon Man was one of those people.

I first met him sometime in early summer of 2010, not long after I started working as the sous chef at the Slanted Porch. He showed up at the back kitchen door with a box of vegetables, quiet, wearing well-worn jeans, a bucket hat, and suspenders. He had the look of someone who spent most of his time with his hands in the earth. He didn't say much, and he didn't need to. At the time, I was just starting to think about where food came from beyond the kitchen. That moment, standing at the back door with a farmer holding a box of vegetables, shifted something for me. It made the whole system feel smaller and more human, like maybe there was a better way to connect the people growing the food and the people cooking it.

He didn't let people in easily. It took a while before we even called each other by name. But once he did, the floodgates opened. He told long, winding jokes, poked fun, and asked questions. He would call to talk about wildlife or recipes or something he had baked at home. He was shy with people he didn't know, but he could talk for ten minutes straight about vegetables or melons or birds. Sometimes he would call just to tell me about what he was seeing out by the river. Once, he heard what sounded like laughter and went to investigate, only to find a flock of pelicans floating down the Carson River. It was the unlikelihood of it that delighted him most.

Other times, it was the deer. His farm, in his words, was a veritable buffet. The deer would come through and take a single bite out of a watermelon, then move on to the next one. One bite, thirty melons gone in a night. Not something you can plan for and not something you

can fix. He was endlessly frustrated by it. And yet, every year, he would also gift me venison. That was him. Equal parts wonder and irritation when it came to the natural world.

He was, at his core, a farmer who cared deeply about how things were grown. He walked carefully through his fields and expected the same from anyone working alongside him. It mattered to him that plants weren't stepped on, that things were done right. That care showed up in everything he produced, especially the melons.

Most people knew him as The Fallon Melon Man. He didn't give himself that name. It grew around him the same way his melons did, quietly and over time. He sold them from a roadside stand on Reno Highway, under a pop-up the color of cantaloupe, usually hunkered down in the back of a blue and silver panel truck with the license plate "MELONS." He didn't go to the farmers market at the Cantaloupe Festival. He preferred his spot on the highway. If you pulled up, he wouldn't just hand you a melon. He would ask you when you planned to eat it. Today or tomorrow. Then he would reach into the crates in the back of the truck and pick one specifically for you. He knew which ones were ready and which ones needed time. He knew his melons.

And they were his melons. Cantaloupes are open-pollinated. They cross. Year after year, he saved seeds and let the bees do their work. The genetics shifted. There wasn't a clean name for what he was growing anymore. So I started calling them Pioneer Melons, after his farm. They were rooted here, changing every year. A little bit Hearts of Gold, a little bit something else. Sweeter, more stable, less fussy. More Fallon.

For years, he brought me the first melon of the season (at least he would tell me it was the first one). And when I went on the morning news to promote the Cantaloupe Festival, I would bring his melons and tell people about The Fallon Melon Man. He would call me afterward to ask if I had talked about him, because people would start showing up



and calling him that. I think he liked it, even if he would never say that directly.

For those who didn't know him personally, his name was Scott Goodpasture. He operated Pioneer Farm for decades and quietly became one of the people who defined what it means to grow food in this valley. He didn't take credit cards at his stand. Cash only. And if someone didn't have cash, he would often just give them a melon and tell them to come back later. He didn't expect them to, but they usually did. That's the kind of trust he operated with and the kind of relationship he had with this community.

This week, Fallon lost one of its legacy farmers. A man who walked softly on the earth, who paid attention, who found joy in baby owls and pelicans on the river, and who grew some of the best cantaloupes you could find anywhere. Fallon cantaloupes are already something special. His were the best of them.

On Sunday, I went out to the highway where he used to set up his stand. I left flowers, but I also left cabbages and rutabagas and turnips. It didn't feel right to leave just flowers for a farmer. It felt like something he would have quietly appreciated.

He didn't make a lot of noise. He didn't promote himself. He didn't center himself. And yet, he became part of the rhythm of this place. Summer in Fallon starts when the Melon Man shows up on the highway. This year, when the weather turns and the season comes around again, I think a lot of us are going to feel that absence. I know I will.



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

Allison's Book Report: "Well, Actually" By Mazey Eddings

By Allison Diegel

The first day of spring has arrived, and the days are getting longer and warmer. But we shouldn't let that stop us from cuddling up and getting cozy with a good book. In fact, I recommend taking your book outside and soaking up some much-needed vitamin D. This week's pick is a fun, quirky romance that I'm sure you will love, indoors or out!

In the ever-evolving landscape of contemporary romance, Mazey Eddings has a knack for capturing the chaotic, digital-first energy of the modern world, and "Well, Actually" is a prime example of her razor-sharp wit. The story centers on Eva Kitt, an aspiring journalist who finds herself stuck in a career rut as the host of "Sausage Talk." It is exactly what it sounds like: a quirky, somewhat awkward interview show where she chats with B-list celebrities over lukewarm hot dogs.

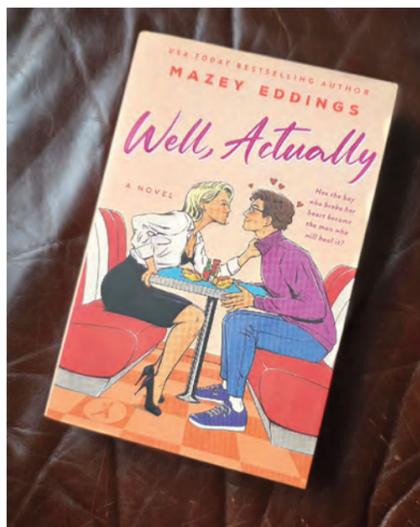
It's a far cry from the hard-hitting investigations she dreamed of, but things take a sharp turn when an impromptu, slightly tipsy public call-out of her college ex-boyfriend goes viral. Suddenly, Eva is thrust back into the orbit of Rylie Cooper, a social media darling who has built a massive platform on deconstructing toxic masculinity and teaching men how to be better partners.

The friction between Eva's cynical "black cat" energy and Rylie's "golden retriever" influencer persona is where the book truly sparkles. To manage the public relations (PR) fallout of their viral spat, they strike a deal to go on a series of "redemption dates" that will be debriefed on Rylie's channel. Eva, ever the skeptic, plans to use the opportunity to boost her own career and prove that Rylie's enlightened persona is just a well-crafted brand. However, as the manufactured dates progress, the lines between performance and reality begin to blur. Eddings does a fantastic job of exploring second chances, showing how the people who hurt us in the past can sometimes grow into the people who help us heal, provided they've actually done the work.

Beyond the spicy banter and the "Chicken Shop Date" inspired premise, the novel dives deep into the anxieties of 2026 media culture. It explores the pressure of virality, the hollowness of performative identity, and the struggle to find authenticity in a world obsessed with algorithms. Eva is a wonderfully flawed protagonist—sharp-tongued and fiercely independent—while Rylie's vulnerability makes him a stand-out romantic lead. It's a story that manages to be both hilariously "chronically online" and deeply earnest about human connection.

If you're looking for a smart, witty second-chance romance, this hot-dog-filled journey is a must-read for you this week! Don't forget to pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader to tell me what you thought of it! Until next week, keep reading!

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.



Movies & More

By Kelli Perez

Spring is settling in beautifully, and there's no better way to enjoy these longer, warmer evenings than with a great film and good company. We hope you'll join us this weekend.

It's time for the third Friday senior matinee, and we're excited to welcome back our friends from the Coalition for Senior Citizens to the Fallon Theatre at 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, for a special showing of "Cocoon" (1985). This quirky sci-fi drama makes for a perfect afternoon escape. All senior attendees receive a free small popcorn and drink. We look forward to another afternoon with our valued community members.

This Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., experience the magic and music of "Encanto" (2021), Disney's vibrant celebration of family and identity. Set in Colombia, Mirabel discovers she may hold the key to saving her family's enchanted home. Bursting with color and unforgettable songs, the film is rated PG and runs 1 hour, 42 minutes.

At 7 p.m. both nights, settle in for "Cocoon" (1985), Ron Howard's beloved tale of friendship and new beginnings. When retirement community residents stumble on a remarkable secret in a neighbor's pool, their lives are transformed. Warm, funny, and touching, it's rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour, 57 minutes.

Have you checked out our changes yet? Our brand-new laser projectors deliver stunning images, and beautiful new seating in the lower theatre is complete. None of it would be possible without the generosity and hard work of our volunteers, and we are grateful for every one of them.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome the Toiyabe Chamber Music Society for their Loneliest Road Chamber Music Project on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m., featuring the Berkeley String Quartet as they begin their Nevada tour. This ensemble from Berkeley, California, will perform Schubert's "Death and the Maiden," a new work by Daniel Darnesin Flanagan, and a Beethoven Quartet, all with projected images. Admission is by donation, and children are welcome, making it a wonderful opportunity to experience live chamber music in our community.

Coming to the stage this summer, Ventura Highway—The Music of America performs Saturday, July 18 at 8 p.m. for a night of timeless music and harmonies. This tribute celebrates America's iconic sound, bringing beloved hits to life in a concert audiences love. Admission is \$10, and it's sure to be a summer night you won't want to miss.

The Fallon Theatre team is proud to offer free movie screenings whenever possible, making it easy for the whole community to gather. Our concession stand will be open with all the classic favorites, including fresh popcorn and candy. If you'd like to rent the theatre or feature a message on the marquee, please call 775-423-6210 or email thefallontheatre@gmail.com.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Contracted Healthcare and Wellness Services:
Podiatrist | Clinical Psychologist
Music Instructor | Dietitian
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe**

Date of Issuance: March 9, 2026

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, on behalf of the Fallon Tribal Health Center, seeks proposals from qualified individuals or firms for the following contracted services:

Podiatrist – Outpatient foot care services including treatment of foot and lower extremity conditions with emphasis on diabetic foot care.

Clinical Psychologist – Behavioral health assessment, treatment, and crisis consultation services.

Music Instructor – Music instruction and programming promoting youth engagement and behavioral health prevention.

Dietitian – Nutrition counseling and community education supporting diabetes prevention and management (SDPI program).

To obtain a complete RFP package and proposal instructions, contact Jon Pishion, Health Director, at fhcdirector@fpst.org. Proposal submissions are intended to be simple and may consist of a brief letter of interest, resume or CV, and proposed compensation rate.

Proposal Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026, 5 p.m. (PDT). Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

In accordance with 25 CFR and Tribal TERO Ordinance, Indian Preference will be afforded to qualified Native American applicants/firms. The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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**IN THE FALLON TRIBAL COURT
IN AND FOR THE FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE**

**In the Matter of the Application of:
JAYLEN MANNING
(PARENT'S NAME(S))**

**For Change of Name of the Minor Child:
Jazlynn Rose Lopez (Child's Name)**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of Petitioner's name as noted above shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

Jazlynn Rose Lopez
(first) (middle) (last)

to (requested new name):

Jazlynn Rose Manning
(first) (middle) (last)

DATED: March 2, 2026
Printed Name: Jaylen Manning

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Postcards:

“You are the tallest woman I ever saw.”

By Michon Mackedon

My high school classmate, Ron Lawrence, visits once in a while to tell me a story. I think—at least I hope—that he likes to see his memories preserved in a “Postcard.”

A few weeks ago, he wanted to talk about his grandfather, Charles Lawrence, who was born in Illinois in 1870. In 1908, Charles saw an ad in a local Illinois newspaper informing the public that the Newlands Project in Fallon, Nevada, had opened land to farming and was in need of surveyors. How often can we who live here in Lahontan Valley trace our local roots to a relative who once saw an ad in a newspaper, or nailed to a tree, about the Newlands Project? I know I can.

Charles Lawrence's story has “the Newlands Project ad” part in common with the stories of hundreds of others who sought to homestead here, following the lure of bountiful land and water. However, Lawrence succeeded where many others failed. They weren't meant to farm, or they failed to find domestic happiness, or opportunities took them elsewhere.

Charles' story, then, is about successful farming. I'll reach the domestic happiness theme later in the column. He first acquired 80 acres in Stillwater, “west of where Lester DeBraga now farms, but it was too salty.” Ron is not sure whether Charles worked as a surveyor for the Newlands Project to build capital or whether he brought money with him from Illinois. In any case, in 1911, he sold that property and bought 160 acres from Charles Kent for \$9,000 (\$307,063 today). Learning that 160 acres was too much for one man to handle, he downsized in 1917 and bought 80 acres from Albert Weishaupt. Ron said that at the time, he also bought a new Buick with the proceeds from selling the 160 acres. He was 47 years old, but he had a purpose, land, and a Buick.

In 1919, he began corresponding with a woman who was a friend of some folks who had visited him in Stillwater. Her name was Eva Edwards, and she was teaching school in Arizona.

Charles wrote to her, in part: “Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Stiles, I take the liberty of addressing you. ...they spoke of you while they were visiting in Nev. and no doubt they have told you a good many things about me and this part of Nev.” Eva replied, “My cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles, told me of meeting you during their visit to Nev. last summer and also said they told you of me and that you expressed a desire to correspond with me, which I quite willingly consented to.”

Ron's sister, Marcia Ernst, wrote about their correspondence in “In Focus,” Volume 9. It was restrained and polite, carefully constructed so as to avoid commitment or suggest yearning. Charles offered to buy Eva a ticket to Nevada so that they might meet, but independent Eva refused, instead buying a ticket herself. She boarded a train from Arizona to Hazen in May of 1920. When Charles met her, he exclaimed, “You are the tallest woman I ever saw!” According to Marcia Ernst, Eva thought that Charles had the bushiest, most unflattering mustache she had ever seen. However, she liked the Buick.

They were married on July 20, 1920, in Fallon's Methodist Church. Ron's father, Dale, was born in 1923. Charles had been financially successful up to that point, but he suffered losses in the crash of 1929. A series of health setbacks led to his death soon after. Dale, from the time of his father's death, wanted only to stay and work on the farm. Ernst writes, “Mother and son continued running Charlie's farm and expanding the livestock operation, branching out into pigs and sheep.”

Eva died in 1978 at the age of 83. Her legacy and Charles' live on in Ron, who carries on the goal of the Newlands Project, to coax green fields from desert soils.

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

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



The Greenwave Plant Corner

The difference Between a Weed and a Flower is a Judgment

Story and photos by Joshua Hernandez

On a warm summer day last June, I was fishing with my brother and sister here in Fallon. I wasn't getting any bites and was getting bored when I noticed butterflies fluttering around. I rested my fishing rod on the ground and followed them. They led me to a beautiful group of flowers growing by the water where they were landing. I remember thinking, “These flowers look like little shooting stars.” I was amazed at how pretty they were.

I went home and couldn't stop thinking about those flowers until, in the busyness of the days, they slipped my mind. That is, until recently. I was privileged to grow these plants for a pollinator garden we are helping to develop at Lattin Farms. I found out the plants were part of the genus *Asclepias*, commonly known as milkweed.

I was given seeds to plant, fresh from the S10 Plant Systems room fridge, that we harvested last fall from the ditch bank near the school. Milkweed seeds need cold to germinate. They require at least a 30 day period in a moist, cold environment — a process called stratification. You can easily replicate this by wrapping the seeds in a damp paper towel, placing them in a Ziploc bag, and putting the bag in the fridge.

Remembering my fishing trip, I recalled how milkweeds often grow alongside water, so I filled the bottom tray with water and watched it rise until I was satisfied. I let the seeds sit for a day before Mrs. Sammons told me I should bring them into the classroom to pamper them on a heating mat (which is optional and not required for germination). She was worried they might not come up because of how much water they were resting in.



A milkweed plant grown by the author is shown.

Surprise! Mrs. Sammons was thrilled when, after a day or two, they started coming up — and a lot of them. Once they germinated, I transplanted them into slightly larger pots. You can see them here in this photo.

Some people view these plants as weeds, but these “weeds” have shown me that there is beauty in even the smallest, simplest things, and I think it's important to notice them. That brings me to why I'm writing this week's column.

I'm growing milkweed not only because I think it's pretty but because these plants are valuable to

Nevada and to the pollinators that live here. Milkweeds are the only food source for monarch caterpillars. Have you ever wondered why you haven't seen monarchs as much lately? Monarchs have faced massive population loss and are now endangered. Scientists say this is due to widespread habitat loss, increased pesticide use, and the impacts of climate change.

To some people, these butterflies are just insects. I say they are much more than that. Monarchs are an important part of the global ecosystem, and biodiversity is always worth protecting.

So what can we do? For starters, include milkweeds in your yard along with other pollinator friendly plants such as yarrow or goldenrod. Planting a variety of flowers helps keep pollinators fed all season, giving them the fuel they need for migration. I also suggest decreasing pesticide use wherever possible. Together, we can help restore monarch habitats.

If you don't have any milkweed in your yard yet, I encourage you to let one stand flourish for a season. I think people would like to see the monarch butterfly thrive like it once did. Let's work together and make that happen.



In Remembrance

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or email admin@thefallonpost.org

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DISTRICT COURT
CHURCHILL COUNTY,
NEVADA
In the Matter of the Application of:
STEPHEN SARA FUENTES
For Change of Name.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the above-entitled Court requesting that the Court legally change applicant's name from:

Sara Ann Renee Fuentes
(first) (middle) (last)

to (clearly print the name you want to be known by in the future):

Sara Ann Renee Hyatt
(first) (middle) (last)

The applicant submitted a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not changing his or her name for a fraudulent purpose.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person objecting to the changing of applicant's name shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within 10 days after the publication of this Notice.

DATED this (day) 18, October, 2025.

Submitted By:
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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v.

BLOCK 42 OF THE TOWNSITE OF WONDER, SITUATE IN CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA; AND BETTY NEWBERRY, et al.,
 Defendants.

Case No.
 3:26-cv-00126

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION FOR PUBLICATION

To: Unknown Heirs of William L. Newberry

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff United States of America has filed a Complaint and a Declaration of Taking to condemn in fee simple absolute, including any mineral rights, for the property described below. The public use for which said land is necessary for national defense and military use by the United States as authorized by law, including, but not limited to large-scale Department of Navy aerial testing and training; ground combat tactical maneuvering and firing; and equipment and tactics development.

This Declaration of Taking is filed pursuant to the authority of the Act of Congress approved August 1, 1888 (40 U.S.C. § 3113), as amended; the Act of Congress approved February 26, 1931 (40 U.S.C. § 3114); 10 U.S.C. § 2663(a)(1)(A), which authorizes the Secretary of a military department to have proceedings brought in the name of the United States, in a court of proper jurisdiction, to acquire by condemnation any interest in land, including temporary use, needed for the site, construction, or operation of fortifications, coast defenses, or military training camps; the Act of Congress under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law (P. L.) 116-283 § 2201 at 134 Stat. 4297; and the Act of Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P. L. 116-260, which appropriated funds for the Department of Defense.

Further authorities are the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, P. L. 117-263 § 2201 at 136 Stat. 2975 and § 2901 at 136 Stat. 3015, allowing for the acquisition of private and state-owned land in fee title, and for private mineral and water rights, as well as for withdrawal of federal land from all public uses; and the Act of Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P. L. 117-328, which appropriated funds for the Department of Defense.

The authority granted to the Secretary of the Navy in 10 U.S.C. § 2663(a)(1)(A) was delegated to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) (ASN (EI&E)) in SECNAVINST 5430.7S. This authority was further delegated from ASN (EI&E) to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations, Energy and Facilities) (DASN (I&F)) per SECNAVINST 11011.47D.

If you have any objection or defense to the taking of the property in which you may have or claim some interest, you are required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, at either of the addresses designated below, within twenty-one (21) days after April 3, 2026, an Answer identifying the property in which you claim to have an interest, stating the nature and extent of the interest claimed and stating all your objections and defenses to the taking of the property.

A failure to serve an Answer shall constitute consent to the taking and to the authority of the court to proceed to hear the action and to fix the just compensation and shall constitute a waiver of all defenses and objections to the taking.

If you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, a Notice of Appearance designating the property in which you claim to be interested and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting said property.

You are further notified that at the trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have answered or served a Notice of Appearance, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensation to be paid for the property in which you have any interest and, if appropriate, you

may share in the distribution of the award of compensation.

You are further notified, however, that unless you file a Notice of Appearance, this proceeding may proceed to pretrial or trial without further notice to you.

You are further notified that all persons, firms and corporations named as defendants herein are joined as defendants generally to the end that all right, title, interest and estate of all said defendants in and to any and all of the land herein involved shall be divested out of them and vested in Plaintiff.

The property which is the subject matter of this proceeding is described as follows:

Land in the unincorporated area of the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, described as follows:

THAT PORTION OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 35 EAST, M.D.B.&M., LOCATED IN THE WONDER MINING DISTRICT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BLOCK 42 OF THE TOWNSITE OF WONDER AS SHOWN ON THE WONDER TOWNSITE MAP RECORDED AUGUST 18, 1906 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA AS FILE NO. 3352, CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA RECORDS.

APN: 010-567-04
 Dated: March 13, 2026
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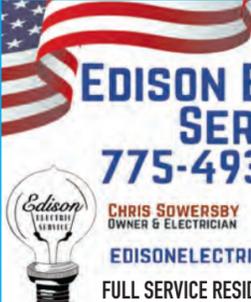


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