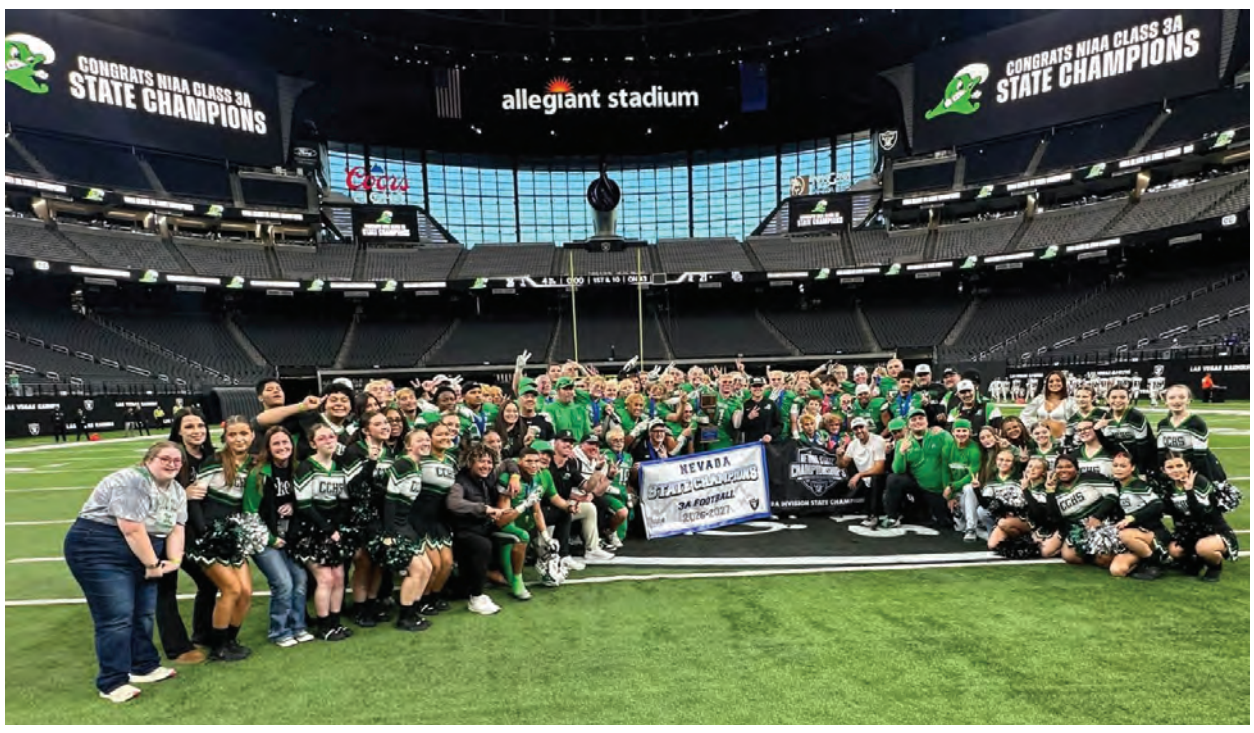
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State Champs – X2



The Churchill County High School football team won its second consecutive 3A state championship last Friday, 26-21, over Spring Creek at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. For full coverage, see C-section Great Basin Sports. Photo by Robert Perea.

First Responders Gear Up for Annual Holiday Food Competition

Staff Report



Nearly 200,000 pounds of food have been collected since the friendly competition began in 2016. File photo.

There is nothing quite like a little friendly competition between Fallon's first responders, especially when bragging rights are on the line and the entire community comes out ahead.

The annual First Responders of Churchill County Holiday Food Competition returns Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fallon Walmart, where local law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical crews and search and rescue volunteers will compete to see which agency can collect the most food for families in need.

The rules are simple. Community members bring food donations, choose their favorite agency and help fill the collection vehicles. At the end of the day, the food is weighed, and the agency collecting the most pounds earns the bragging rights for another year.

Since the competition began in 2016, participating agencies have collected an impressive 197,834 pounds of food, putting this year's event within reach of a 200,000-pound milestone.

The annual tradition began under the leadership of Beth Riley, formerly of Banner Churchill EMS, who helped turn a good-natured rivalry among local emergency responders into one of Fallon's most successful holiday food drives.

Over the years, the competition has produced some remarkable results. In 2023, the agencies collected 23,666 pounds, with the Fallon Police Department taking first place. The following year, the Churchill County Sheriff's Office claimed the trophy as the combined agencies gathered 28,180 pounds of food and water.

The real winners, of course, are the families who benefit from the donations. In previous years, the collected food has been delivered to

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County Approves Hazen Industrial District Despite Public Objections

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County commissioners voted unanimously Nov. 18 to establish the Churchill Hazen Industrial Park General Improvement District, creating a new governmental entity to provide electricity, water, sewer, roads and other infrastructure for industrial development in the Hazen area.

The decision followed more than an hour of public testimony, much of it from residents urging commissioners to delay the action until questions about property ownership, water rights, financial obligations and the potential effects of industrial development could be resolved.

Commissioners first adopted Resolution 14-2026, approving a revised service plan for the district, then approved Ordinance 2026-G establishing the district itself. Both measures passed unanimously.

The district was proposed by CHIP LLC, represented by Cory Hunt, and is intended to support large-scale industrial development through infrastructure financed initially by private investment and eventually supported by fees and revenues collected from businesses operating within the district.

Under the approved service plan, the district will have authority to provide five services: electricity, water, wastewater, roads, and storm drainage and flood control. It will be governed initially by the Churchill County commissioners acting as the district's board of trustees.

The plan calls for electricity to be supplied primarily through private generation facilities within the district, with the district purchasing wholesale power and reselling it to industrial customers. The system is initially intended to operate independently of NV Energy's electric grid.

County Manager Joe Sanford told commissioners that the revised service plan incorporated eight changes requested during the board's earlier consideration of the proposal, including provisions addressing how the district could eventually be dissolved.

Sanford also said parcel numbers incorrectly identified during an earlier board action had been corrected in the revised documents.

However, questions about two parcels continued to dominate public testimony.

Resident Michelle Anderson identified assessor's parcel numbers 009-271-78 and 009-271-80, which she said had been represented as county-owned property in district documents even though they were held by the county treasurer in trust because of delin-

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log: *The Capacity to Expand*

By Rachel Dahl

I was going to write last night. There were all kinds of things rolling around in my head that I wanted to get down on paper, but by the time I finally got home and settled in, I was just too tired. Which is unfortunate because I had some really profound thoughts. At least I think they were profound. I can't remember most of them now.

But one of them came back to me this morning, and I'm going to think it through my fingers here…

Last week I was in an absolute panic. We had seven community newspapers to get out, along with two additional sections, and the responsibility was heavy for making sure all of them got put together and out the door. Nine separate publications, essentially, with stories to edit, pages to fill, pictures to find, headlines to write, and all the other little things that have to happen before a newspaper can go to press.

I was a nervous wreck.

This week, we're doing exactly the same thing. Seven newspapers and two sections. The deadlines haven't changed. There aren't suddenly fewer stories or fewer pages or fewer things that can go wrong. And I'm still tired, and there's still more work than there are hours in the day.

But we're not panicking – we're just doing it. Getting it done.

And that got me thinking about something I've noticed over the years. This remarkable capacity we have as human beings to expand into whatever life asks of us.

Seven years ago, when we started The Fallon Post, we were completely overwhelmed. We had one little newspaper to put together every week, and I remember the anxiety of trying to figure out how in the world we were going to accomplish that feat every week. Each deadline felt enormous. Every little problem felt like a catastrophe. We were learning everything as we went, and there were plenty of weeks when I wondered what on earth I'd gotten myself into.

One newspaper.

And now we're doing nine.

Somewhere along the way, we went from one to two, and two to three, and each time there was that familiar feeling of having taken on more than we could possibly chew. Then somehow, we managed it. What had seemed impossible became routine, and before long we were looking around for something else to do. (Stop. Stop doing that, Rachel).

Apparently, we have a rather short institutional memory when it comes to suffering.

But isn't that interesting?

I think about all the things in life that once seemed so difficult, the things we were certain we couldn't do. Raising children, learning a new job, managing a household, starting a business, dealing with some unexpected disaster. At the time, the demands seem to take up every bit of energy and ability we possess.

And then we grow.

Not necessarily because we wanted to, and certainly not because we were ready. We just keep showing up, figuring things out, making mistakes, learning what works, and discovering that we are capable of more than we imagined.

Of course, there is a difference between expanding our capacity and simply piling more things onto our plates. I'm still working on that distinction. I suspect there are people around me who would be delighted if I figured it out a little faster.

And I don't mean to suggest that we should all just keep doing more and more until we collapse in a heap. There is something to be said for knowing our limits, getting some sleep, and occasionally sitting on the porch doing absolutely nothing.

But I do think we underestimate ourselves.

We tend to measure what we can do tomorrow by what we can handle today, forgetting that tomorrow's version of ourselves may be considerably more capable.

Last week, nine newspapers felt impossible. This week, nine newspapers are just what we do on Monday and Tuesday.

I wonder what will seem ordinary seven years from now that would absolutely terrify me today.

So, while we slow down and quit wondering that, we'll always be right here…

…Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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Out of Egypt food pantry, helping stock shelves and provide assistance well beyond the holiday season.

This year's participating agencies include the Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Police Department, Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department, Churchill County Search and Rescue, Banner Churchill Emergency Medical Services and Battle Born Air Rescue.

Over the years, the competition has featured plenty of flashing lights, emergency vehicles, good-natured rivalry and the occasional appearance by Santa Claus. But the generosity of Churchill County residents has always been the biggest attraction.

Organizers are inviting residents to stop by Walmart on Dec. 6, make a food donation and support their favorite first responders.

For more information, contact Brian Miller at 775-525-1592.

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quent property taxes.

Anderson argued that the distinction affects ownership rights and notification requirements and asked commissioners to postpone the decision until the documents were reconciled.

"Due diligence is not something to promise after approval," Anderson told the board during the opening public comment period. "It's what makes approval justified in the first place."

During discussion of the district's formation, Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner said the owners of the disputed properties were included on the list of those notified of the organizational hearing.

Later, during staff reports, County Clerk-Treasurer Linda Rothery confirmed the property was held in trust for delinquent taxes.

"There is no ownership of the county at all," Rothery said, adding that the property would likely appear on a tax-sale list presented to commissioners in December, with a possible sale in the spring.

The distinction raised by residents concerns whether the district's ownership records and boundaries accurately represent the legal status of the parcels. The board did not postpone its vote.

Water availability was another recurring concern. Anderson questioned the relationship between water rights held by Churchill County and approximately 1,700 acre-feet of water rights described by project representatives. She asked for a complete accounting of water ownership and the potential effects of industrial water use.

Other residents questioned whether the district was necessary when NV Energy already has transmission infrastructure in the region.

Kevin O'Callahan urged commissioners to require independent verification of the utility's ability to serve future development, along with financial information establishing the district's long-term feasibility.

The service plan cites NV Energy's own resource planning documents and the growing demand for large amounts of electricity in Northern Nevada as justification for an independent electrical system.

The plan also states that private capital will finance infrastructure and that Churchill County will not be responsible for district debt or operating costs. Future district revenues would come from service charges, fees and other agreements with industrial customers.

Some residents questioned whether those provisions adequately address potential demands on existing county services, including fire protection and emergency response.

Others spoke in support of moving forward.

Matt Kent said residents were incorrectly treating the entire industrial park as a proposed data center development when the district could accommodate a variety of industrial businesses, including warehousing, manufacturing and other commercial operations.

The approval establishes the district's governmental and infrastructure framework. It does not, by itself, approve individual data centers or other industrial construction projects, which remain subject to applicable permitting requirements.

The Nov. 18 meeting also included approval of revisions to county development regulations involving landscaping, outdoor storage, shipping containers and compatibility standards between neighboring land uses.

Commissioners approved those changes unanimously following a presentation by Public Works Director Randy Hines.

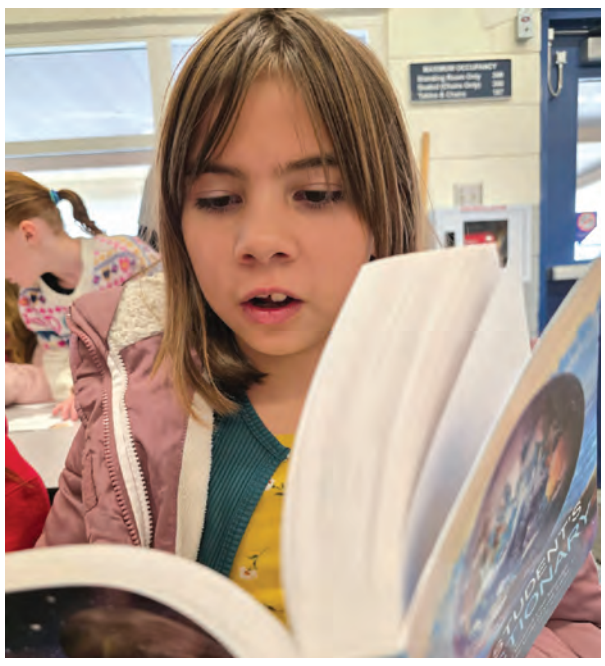
The new regulations establish more specific landscaping and screening standards, revise setbacks and create separate requirements for shipping containers in residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial zoning districts.

The commission also set a Dec. 3 public hearing on a nuisance complaint filed by William Davis against Patrick and Dana Sullivan.

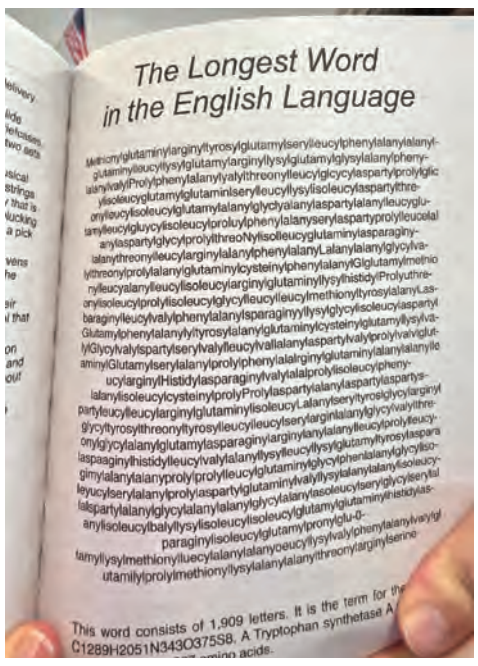
With the industrial district approved, attention now turns to its organization, financing arrangements, utility development and the individual projects that may seek to locate within its boundaries.

FEATURES

Rotary Club Continues Dictionary Tradition for Churchill County Third Graders



Liliana trying to pronounce the longest word in "A Student's Dictionary." Photos by Nancy Chapman.



The longest word in "A Student's Dictionary" the shortened name is Amino Acids.



Zip Upham asking the students at E.C. Best questions about a dictionary.

By Nancy Chapman

Members of the Rotary Club of Fallon visited E.C. Best Elementary School on Nov. 20 to present third-grade students with their very own dictionaries.

Rotary members Steve Endacott, Priscilla Baker, Zip Upham and Nancy Upham distributed the books and showed students how to use them.

Zip Upham explained that when students don't know how to spell a word, such as "know" or "pneumonia," they can ask someone to help them with the first few letters, then look up the word and read its meaning. Students also learned about the many features included in their dictionaries, from definitions and pronunciations to information about planets, countries, states and famous Americans.

According to Endacott, the tradition of providing every third grader with a personal dictionary began around 1994. Since then, the Rotary Club has given nearly 6,600 dictionaries to Churchill County third-grade students.

This year, the club distributed 296 copies of "A Student's Dictionary," including 211 to E.C. Best Elementary School, 72 to Oasis Academy, eight to Logos Christian Academy and five to Veritas Preparatory School.

"A dictionary teaches a child how to approach a problem and use critical thinking skills by sounding out the word and finding it in the dictionary," according to the Fallon Rotary Club. "This simple task gives them a feeling of self-confidence and satisfaction that they cannot get online."

Beyond definitions, the student dictionaries contain the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, information about American Sign Language and Braille, the periodic table and maps of all 50 states. They also include facts about the solar system and an interesting entry featuring a 1,909-letter chemical name associated with a protein.

Students also received a Scouting America bookmark encouraging outdoor activities and survival skills, including building a fire.

The excitement of receiving a new book never seems to get old. For these third graders, their dictionaries are more than just another book to take home. They are lasting tools for learning that can help build confidence and curiosity for years to come.



The Ethics of Public Office

By Rachel Dahl

Most of us learned the basics of right and wrong somewhere along the way. Don't lie. Don't steal. Treat other people the way you would like to be treated. The Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule have provided a pretty solid foundation for human behavior for a very long time. But something interesting happens when a person is elected to public office. Suddenly, being a good person isn't quite enough. An elected official has been entrusted with something that doesn't belong to them. Public money. Public authority. The power to make decisions that affect other people's property, businesses, families and communities. And with that authority comes a responsibility that goes beyond ordinary personal morality.

This isn't a new idea. In fact, people have been wrestling with it for more than 2,000 years. The ancient Greek philosopher Plato argued that rulers should govern for the benefit of the people rather than for personal advantage. His student Aristotle took that idea further, distinguishing between governments that serve the common good and those that serve the interests of the people in power. For Aristotle, that distinction was fundamental to whether government was just.

The Roman statesman Cicero offered an explanation I particularly like. Writing in On Duties, he compared governing to serving as a trustee. Someone entrusted with responsibility for other people's interests must act for their benefit, not their own. He also warned that public officials must serve the whole community rather than favoring one group over another. Think about that for a minute. More than 2,000 years ago, Cicero was telling public officials they had an obligation to represent everybody, not just the people who supported them. Apparently, this has been a difficult concept for quite some time.

Fast forward to the American founding, and we find James Madison wrestling with the same problem. In Federalist No. 57, Madison explained that a well-designed constitution should seek representatives with the wisdom to recognize the common good and the virtue to pursue it. But he also insisted that government needed safeguards to keep those representatives accountable after taking office. Madison understood that good intentions are no substitute for accountability. In Federalist No. 51, he famously observed, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." Of course, men are not angels. Neither are women. And winning an election doesn't suddenly make anybody one.



That is why our Constitution divides power, establishes checks and balances and makes public officials answerable to the people. The founders understood that a free society cannot depend entirely upon the personal goodness of whoever happens to be in charge. Which brings us to something interesting in Nevada law. Nevada Revised Statutes 281A.020 declares that public office is a public trust, held for the benefit of the people. It establishes the principle that public officials must avoid conflicts between their private interests and the interests of the people they serve.

But what does that actually mean when someone takes a seat on a city council, county commission or school board? Consider a commissioner deciding whether to approve a project proposed by a longtime friend. The project might genuinely benefit the community, and the commissioner might sincerely believe it should be approved. But that relationship raises questions about impartiality and whether disclosure or abstention is required. In small communities, where nearly everyone knows everyone else, those questions can become complicated. Nevada law recognizes this, distinguishing between circumstances requiring disclosure and those requiring abstention.

There is also an important difference between what is legal and what is ethical. The law establishes enforceable requirements, while ethics asks broader questions about fairness, judgment and public trust. An official might satisfy every technical requirement and still leave citizens wondering whether a decision was made fairly. That doesn't necessarily mean misconduct occurred, but it reminds us that public confidence requires more than simply avoiding a violation.

Perhaps that is the most important lesson for both citizens and elected officials. Public office is not a personal reward for winning an election. It is not ownership of a seat, a budget or a community. It is a temporary responsibility exercised on behalf of the community, including those who voted for someone else. Cicero understood that. Madison understood that. Nevada law recognizes it.

Because in a constitutional republic, public power never really belongs to the person holding it. It belongs to the people who entrusted that person with the responsibility to exercise it.

Before she started local community newspapers, Rachel Dahl studied political theory at the University of Nevada, worked on political campaigns, and served on the Fallon City Council. She also taught government and civics as a discussion leader for Western Traditions at the University of Nevada and at Western Nevada College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hometown Christmas Concert to Benefit Two Fallon Organizations

Staff Report

An evening of Christmas music and local talent will bring the community together Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Fallon Theatre for a special holiday concert benefiting two local nonprofit organizations.

The Fallon Hometown Christmas Concert will begin at 7 p.m. and feature performances by community talent, offering an opportunity for residents to enjoy the sounds of the season while supporting neighbors in need.

Admission is $5, with all proceeds benefiting the Wolf Center and the Pregnancy Care Center, two organizations serving the Fallon community.

The concert is one of several community events planned throughout the holiday season, bringing local performers and audiences together to celebrate Christmas while raising money for worthwhile causes.

The Fallon Theatre will host the performance on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $5 per person.

MEETINGS

Dec. 3 – 17, 2026

Fallon City Council
Meets the first and third Tuesday
of each month at 9 a.m.
55 W. Williams Ave.
Next Meeting: Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Meets the first Thursday
and third Wednesday of each month
155 N. Taylor St.
Next Meeting: Dec. 3 at 8:15 a.m.;
department tours at 1 p.m.

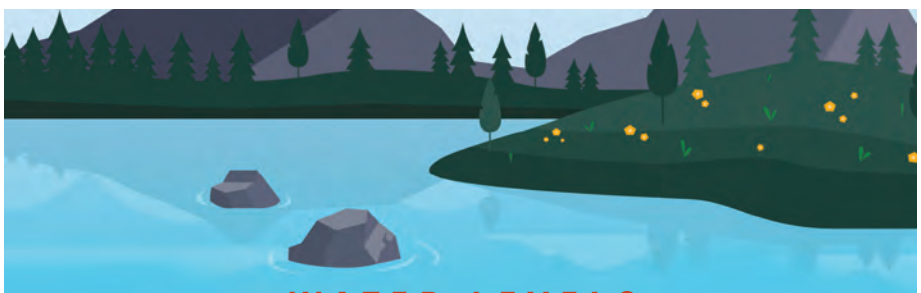
County Highway Commission
155 N. Taylor St.
Next Meeting:
Dec. 3 at 10:30 a.m.

CC Communications
155 N. Taylor St.
Next Meeting: Dec. 3 at 11 a.m.

Churchill County Planning Commission
155 N. Taylor St.
Next Meeting: Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Churchill County Coalition for Seniors
155 N. Taylor St.
Next Meeting: Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.





WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken Nov. 22 at 6 a.m.

Lahontan Reservoir	64,437 af
Carson River Below Lahontan	0.1 cfs
Truckee Canal at Wadsworth	282 cfs
Truckee Canal at Hazen	293 cfs
Carson River at Ft. Churchill	131 cfs

Nov. 22, 2025	Nov. 22, 2024	Nov. 22, 2023
65,348 acre feet	117,676 acre feet	200,153 acre feet

cfs - Cubic Feet per Second | af - Acre Feet | TCID.org & Water Data.USGS.gov
Note: The below-Lahontan figure is the reported reservoir release, not a downstream USGS gauge reading. Historical readings are from Nov. 17, not Nov. 22.
Sources: Truckee River Water Master's Nov. 22 daily report; Fallon Post Nov. 20 edition; Churchill County and City of Fallon meeting calendars.
Confirm agendas before attending.



Convoy of Lights Returns Dec. 5 to Benefit Toys for Tots

Staff Report

Churchill County Search and Rescue will sponsor the annual Convoy of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 5, bringing decorated vehicles, colorful Christmas lights and holiday cheer to the streets of Fallon while collecting toys for local children.

The holiday parade welcomes all participants, with vehicles encouraged to decorate for the Christmas season and join the lighted procession through town.

Staging begins at 5 p.m. at the Pennington Life Center, with the parade scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Following the parade, participating vehicles will be on display at the Oats Park Arts Center, giving families an opportunity to see the decorations up close.

There is no advance registration required, and all entrants are welcome. Participants are asked to bring one new, unwrapped toy per entry as their contribution to the Toys for Tots program, which provides Christmas gifts to children in need.

The Convoy of Lights is a chance for families, friends and community organizations to celebrate the season together while helping make Christmas brighter for local children.

Residents are invited to come out, enjoy the parade and support the participants as they light up Fallon for a good cause.

Vehicle Access Temporarily Restricted at Lahontan State Recreation Area



Vehicle access to the shoreline at Overlook in Lahontan State Recreation Area is temporarily restricted during a dam maintenance project expected to continue through March 15, 2027. Visitors may still access the reservoir and fish but must walk from the designated parking area to the water. Photo courtesy of Lahontan State Parks.

Visitors to Lahontan State Recreation Area will notice some changes to shoreline access at Overlook as a dam maintenance project gets underway.

Beginning Nov. 9, vehicle access to the shoreline at Overlook will be temporarily restricted to accommodate maintenance work being conducted by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID). The project includes refurbishing the dam's six lower gates and replacing gate stems and bronze seats. Work is expected to continue through March 15, 2027.

A temporary gate has been installed west of the restroom to keep public vehicles out of the construction area. Only authorized vehicles, including park staff and project personnel, will be allowed beyond the gate.

Visitors can still enjoy fishing and access the reservoir at Overlook, but getting to the water will require a short walk. All vehicles must remain in the designated paved parking area, and shoreline access from the parking lot will be pedestrian-only. Vehicles are not permitted on the pedestrian access path.

The temporary restrictions are intended to keep visitors, construction crews and equipment safe while the work is underway.

Once the project is complete, vehicle access to the shoreline will be restored, along with an improved access area designed to provide visitors with better access to the reservoir.

Visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly and be patient while this important maintenance project is completed. In the meantime, fishing and other recreational opportunities at Lahontan remain available.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

WILLIAM N. PENNINGTON LIFE CENTER | 952 S. MAINE STREET, FALLON, NV | 775-423-7096
Lunch Served Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch is $6 for those under 60 and a suggested donation of $3 for those 60 and older.

Monday, Nov. 30	Tuesday, Dec. 1	Wednesday, Dec. 2	Thursday, Dec. 3	Friday, Dec. 4
Italian Beef Bake	*Chicken Parm*	*Sloppy Joes*	*Chicken Tamales*	*Shrimp Scampi*
Green Beans	*Cali Vegetable Blend*	*WW Bun*	*Refried Beans*	*WW Pasta*
Spinach Salad	*Orange-Spinach Salad*	*Baked Beans*	*Spanish Rice*	*Roasted Corn*
FF Strawberry	*WW Bread Stick*	*Baby Carrots*	*Pineapple Chunks*	*Crisp Salad*
Yogurt	*Fruit Cocktail*	*Fruit Cocktail*	*Tapioca Pudding*	*Italian Dressing*
				Baked Apples

FALLON DAILY BREAD

WOLF CENTER | 457 ESMERALDA AVE., FALLON, NV | 775-423-4714
Meals are served Mondays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 p.m. All meals are subject to change. All are welcome.

Monday, Nov. 30	Thursday, Dec. 3	Monday, Dec. 7	Thursday, Dec. 10	
Buffet Night	*Turkey Casserole*	*Bean & Cheese Burrito*	*Baked BBQ Chicken*	**Volunteer groups needed to help serve once per month, 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call for information.**
	Salad & Bread	*Rice & Salad*	*Potatoes & Salad*	

COMMUNITY

8,173 Head, 14 Hours: A Big Day at Nevada Livestock Marketing

By Rachel Dahl

There are busy days at a livestock auction, and then there are days when 8,173 head of cattle come through the sale barn in 14 hours.

That was Friday, Nov. 20, at Nevada Livestock Marketing in Fallon, where owner Jack Payne and his crew pulled off the largest cattle offering in the company's history, bringing together 129 consignors, buyers from across the region and an army of truck drivers, auctioneers, clerks and cowboys to get the job done.

The feeder sale had originally been planned as a two-day event. Instead, the crew managed to move the entire offering through the ring by 9:30 Friday night.

"Pretty crazy day," Payne said afterward, thanking the buyers, consignors and employees who made the sale possible.

The operation required considerable coordination long before the auctioneer started calling bids. Cattle arrived from ranches across Nevada and neighboring states, including large consignments from the Juntura, Oregon, area.

Payne particularly recognized the Pozzi, McKay, and PRO ranching families for bringing an exceptional offering of cattle to Fallon. He also thanked Danny Pozzi, Chris Venell and their families, who traveled from Oregon to help sort not only their own cattle but thousands of others.

After the sale, they stayed at the feedlot and helped ship another 3,300 head.

The trucking crews were equally busy, handling 60 loads as cattle arrived at the sale and departed for feedlots and other destinations.

At that scale, a livestock auction is as much a transportation and logistics operation as it is a marketplace. Cattle must be unloaded, inspected, sorted into appropriate groups, moved through the auction ring and loaded again for delivery to their buyers.

For ranchers, the sale is where months of work raising and preparing calves meet the realities of the cattle market.

And the prices gave producers something to be encouraged about.

According to Nevada Livestock Marketing's Nov. 20 sale report, feeder steers weighing 500 to 600 pounds averaged $4.65 per pound, with highs reaching $5.10. Steers weighing 400 to 500 pounds averaged $5.12, with highs of $5.50.

Lighter steers weighing less than 300 pounds averaged $6.50 per pound, with the highest sales reaching $7.60.

Heifers also brought strong prices, with those weighing 400 to 500 pounds averaging $4.86 per pound and 500- to 600-pound heifers averaging $4.10.

The figures reflect the prices reported for the various weight classes, with individual sale results varying by cattle quality, condition and other factors.

"Great to see the market climbing back and optimism in the air," Payne said.

The Nov. 20 offering followed a successful Nov. 6 feeder sale, when Nevada Livestock Marketing sold 5,120 head from 124 consignors. Payne had noted increased buyer interest in weaned calves and demand from California grass buyers following autumn rains.

The company's Fallon facility, located at 1025 Allen Road, serves producers from Nevada, southern Idaho, southern Oregon, eastern California and western Utah. Its sales are also broadcast through DVAuction, allowing buyers to participate remotely.

Payne credited the entire team for handling the record offering, recognizing truck drivers, clerks, auctioneers, ringmen, pen crews and everyone involved in moving the cattle.

"We really had the dream team helping at the sale this week and it definitely showed," he wrote. "With the right team around nothing is impossible."

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Fallon sale barn handles its largest cattle offering as ranchers and buyers gather from across the West.

For a business built around serving livestock producers, the remarkable day demonstrated the importance of dependable crews, transportation networks, competitive buyers and relationships with ranching families throughout the region.

And there is little time to rest.

Nevada Livestock Marketing's next feeder sale is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4, with several large consignments already booked.

After 8,173 head in one day, Payne and his crew have certainly raised the bar for what a Friday in Fallon can look like.

Prepared Meals

William Pennington Life Center
Monday through Friday (hot lunch),
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
952 S. Maine St.
Free over 60

Wolf Center (Fallon Daily Bread)
Mondays and Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
457 Esmeralda St.

Oasis Community Church
Tuesdays (breakfast), 7 to 8:30 a.m.
1520 S. Maine St.

Fallon NAZ
Wednesdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
1520 Grimes St.

Back Porch next to Wolf Center
Wednesdays and Saturdays (sack lunches)
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
280 E. Stillwater Ave.

Christian Life Center
Thursdays (dinner), 5 to 6 p.m.
1435 Kaiser St.

Food and Commodity Pantries

Epworth Community Food Pantry
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
457 Esmeralda St.

New Frontier Food Pantry
Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1490 Grimes St.
Available 24 hours by phone, 775-442-1686

Out of Egypt Food Pantry
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
1075 Taylor Place

Commodities, New Frontier Food Pantry
Second Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1490 Grimes St.

FBNN Mobile Harvest Produce
Second Thursdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
William Pennington Life Center, 952 S. Maine St.

Commodities, William Pennington Life Center
Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
952 S. Maine St.

Fallon Cares (formerly Karma Box)
Food and hygiene products – two per visit
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.
Donations appreciated

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FALLON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fallon on Ice Skating Rink
City of Fallon
10 S. Carson St.
Nov. 21, 2026, through Jan. 3, 2027

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lot
Louie's ACE Home Center
1855 W. Williams Ave.
Nov. 27 through Dec. 13; three weekends

Friday Night Spaghetti Feed
American Legion Post #16
90 Ada St.
Nov. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.; $8 at the door

Small Business Saturday
Fallon Chamber of Commerce and CEDA
Participating Fallon businesses
Nov. 28

Alpha Theta Craft Fair
Alpha Theta
Numa Elementary School,
604 Discovery Drive
Nov. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open House for Scouting in Fallon
Scouting in Fallon
Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St.
Dec. 1

Paint 'n Sip
"Let It Snow-man" Door Hanger
Fallon Elks Lodge #2239
93 W. Center St.
Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

First Friday Night Fish Fry
American Legion Post #16
90 Ada St.
Dec. 4; $8 at the door

Fallon Christmas Tree Lighting
City of Fallon
Maine Street, downtown Fallon
Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

Ugly Sweater 5K Fun Run/Walk
Churchill County Parks and Recreation
Fallon City Hall, 55 W. Williams Ave.
Dec. 5; registration at 9 a.m.,
run begins at 10 a.m.

Santa's Wonderland
City of Fallon
City Hall Courtyard, 55 W. Williams Ave.
Dec. 5; free ice skating from 10 a.m. to noon;
cookie decorating, hot cocoa, ornament making,
letters to Santa and photos

Sequined Ornament Workshop
with Beck Baumann
Churchill Arts Council
Oats Park Art School, 648 Court St.
Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sounds of the Season
Barkley Theatre, Oats Park Art Center
151 E. Park St.
Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m.; tickets $10 adults,
$5 children and students

Toys for Tots Convoy of Lights
Sponsored by Churchill County Search & Rescue
Fallon; route/location details not listed
Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

10th Annual First Responders
Holiday Food Drive
Fallon first responders
Fallon Walmart
Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday Night Smash Burgers
American Legion Post #16
90 Ada St.
Dec. 11; event listing does not specify time

Pregnancy Care Center Night of Fun
Pregnancy Care Center
William N. Pennington Life Center
Dec. 11 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.; free

Paint and Sip – "A Hometown Christmas"
Fallon's Art and Soul
Whimsy's, 25 S. Maine St.
Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.; $45; reservations required

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COMMUNITY

Fervo Energy Discusses Geothermal Development in Churchill County

By Nancy Chapman

Fervo Energy, a next-generation geothermal energy company based in Houston, Texas, is exploring potential development in Churchill County using technology adapted from the oil and gas industry to generate electricity from underground heat.

Sam O'Keefe, manager of GeoCluster Development for Fervo Energy, was the guest speaker at the Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon Nov. 19 at the Fallon Convention Center, hosted by Executive Director Lucy Carnahan.

Fervo has an operating pilot project, Project Red, near Winnemucca and is developing Cape Station, a large geothermal project near Milford, Utah. The company is also exploring opportunities in Churchill County, including its proposed Corsac project.

O'Keefe explained that Fervo uses innovations from the oil and gas industry, including horizontal drilling, multistage reservoir stimulation and advanced underground monitoring, to access geothermal resources in areas where conventional methods may not be practical.

Traditional geothermal plants depend on naturally occurring underground reservoirs containing hot water and permeable rock. Fervo's enhanced geothermal system creates pathways through hot rock, allowing water to circulate underground and absorb heat before returning to the surface.

The heated geothermal fluid passes through a heat exchanger, transferring its heat to a separate working fluid called isopentane. The isopentane drives a turbine to generate electricity, while the geothermal fluid is returned underground to repeat the process.

O'Keefe said the system provides a reliable source of electricity that can operate continuously, unlike wind and solar generation, which depend on weather conditions.

Water use was among the questions raised by those attending the luncheon.

O'Keefe described the geothermal system as a largely nonconsumptive use of water because the fluid is circulated through a closed system rather than lost through evaporation. However, he explained that water is required during drilling, construction and the initial development of the underground reservoir.



Sam O'Keefe, manager of GeoCluster Development for Fervo Energy, discusses the company's geothermal technology and potential Churchill County projects during the Nov. 19 Fallon Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Photo by Nancy Chapman.

Fervo expects to lease water rights from private owners in project areas and may drill wells to access deeper groundwater supplies. O'Keefe did not provide an estimate of the amount of water that would be needed for a Churchill County project.

Another concern discussed was induced seismicity, or earthquakes associated with changes in underground pressure during drilling and reservoir stimulation.

O'Keefe said Fervo has already installed seismic monitoring stations in Churchill County to establish baseline conditions and monitor activity as development progresses. The company uses monitoring procedures that allow operations to be slowed or temporarily stopped if seismic activity reaches certain levels.

He said the company has used similar monitoring systems successfully at its Utah development.

Fervo's Project Red near Winnemucca began operating in 2023 and serves as a demonstration of the company's enhanced geothermal technology. At Cape Station in Utah, the company is constructing a much larger development, with 500 megawatts of planned capacity in its first two phases.

In Churchill County, Fervo has identified two potential development areas, although O'Keefe said the company has not established a construction schedule or determined how many generating units would ultimately be built.

The Corsac project is already part of the county's land-use review process. A conditional use permit application, SUP26-24, was scheduled for consideration by the Churchill County Planning Commission on Nov. 12, with a County Commission hearing listed for Dec. 3. The outcome of the Planning Commission hearing has not yet been confirmed.

O'Keefe also discussed potential employment and economic opportunities. He said approximately 300 workers are on-site during construction at Cape Station in Utah, with several dozen permanent employees expected during long-term operations.

He emphasized that those numbers are examples from Utah, not specific projections for Churchill County.

Fervo has worked with schools and colleges in Utah to develop apprenticeship programs and introduce students to geothermal careers. O'Keefe expressed interest in establishing similar relationships with Churchill County schools and local businesses.

He noted that Churchill County already has an established geothermal industry and experienced workforce, which could provide an advantage as the company considers future development.

Fervo recently joined the Fallon Chamber of Commerce as part of its effort to become involved in the community before beginning construction. O'Keefe said the company hopes to hire locally, work with existing businesses and become a long-term community partner as its plans develop.



Wolf Center Serving the Community

By Nancy Chapman

The Wolf Center offers several essential services to the community, led by Dawn Blundell, Pastor of the Methodist Church. Its services address residents' most basic needs.

"Laundry services are available every week Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Men's and women's restroom and shower facilities are also available, and everything is provided: soap, shampoo, lotion, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. It's all provided by donor contributions," Pastor Blundell said.

Blundell explained that the The Wolf Center provides a food pantry that works as a subsidiary of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Monetary donations can be made directly to the pantry or via the Methodist Church website. The donations go through separate funding streams for the pantry or directly to the church. Another essential service the center provides is mail service. Many of the recipients are or in a near homeless situation and have no permanent mailing address.



Volunteers at the Wolf Center preparing a meal.

Fallon Daily Bread is a free community meal program that drew the community's attention to residents' needs for food. Pastor Blundell explained the center serves freshly made meals on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Feeding anywhere from 25 to 80 people per meal. On Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to-go sack lunches are prepared for approximately 30 to 40 people each day. Volunteers from the LDS Church, Fallon Rotary Club, Banner Hospital, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Church of the Nazarene, Beta Sigma Phi, Soroptimist and Fallon Naval Air Station prepare and distribute these meals. Blundell said without these volunteers these programs would be impossible.

The Wolf Center serves a large Thanksgiving dinner on the Monday before the holiday. This year the meal fell on Monday, November 23, 2026. The meal typically feeds approximately 200 people. New Millennium donated all the turkeys, while donors such as Buddy Boy Donuts and several local churches, supplied other food items for the meal. An all-volunteer team cooked and served the meal.

Every Monday from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. the center houses office space for the Nevada State Department of Welfare and Human Services for the convenience of those in need. Its kitchen is used daily by the Head Start/Centro de la Familia programs to prepare meals for their students. The Boy Scout Troop 1776 uses the center for their meetings and training. Local performing arts groups use the center for rehearsals. Pick'n and Grin'n held the Fall Farm Festival at the Wolf Center on November 21, 2026. The year-round Farmer's Market will be featuring local produce and fresh breads and baked goods from various partners of Pick'n and Grin'n, every Saturday starting after Thanksgiving.

Dawn also mentioned that in addition to the organizations that already use the center it can be rented for special events. The center's annual operation costs are about $30,000 per year; this includes utilities and building maintenance. With the community's help, The Wolf Center has been able to keep the rental fees low for these special interest groups.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sounds of the Season Brings Classic Christmas Music to Oats Park



Staff Report

The sounds of Christmas will fill the Barkley Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 5, as the Churchill Arts Council presents "Sounds of the Season: A Classic Christmas Concert," featuring local singers and musicians celebrating the holiday season.

Directed by Tom and Patty Fleming, the concert begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Oats Park Art Center and will feature traditional Christmas favorites performed by some of Fallon's own talented voices and instrumentalists.

The annual holiday season brings plenty of opportunities for the community to gather, and this concert offers an afternoon devoted to the music that has become part of Christmas traditions for generations.

From familiar carols to beloved seasonal melodies, the performance will bring together local talent in the intimate setting of the Barkley Theatre, where audiences can enjoy live music and the shared experience of celebrating the season.

The festivities will continue after the concert in Valerie's Place, the art center's bar and gathering space, where the Churchill Arts Council will host its Holiday Art Bar. Seasonal drink specials will be available, along with an opportunity to browse the ChArts Store for holiday gifts.

The celebration will also include Christmas caroling in the Art Bar, with Byron Sorensen accompanying singers on the piano. Audience members are invited to stay after the performance, visit with friends and neighbors, and join in the music.

The afternoon offers an opportunity to enjoy not only a Christmas concert but also the arts center itself, which has long served as a gathering place for music, art and community events in Fallon.

Doors open at 4 p.m., with the concert beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Barkley Theatre, Oats Park Art Center, 151 E. Park St. in Fallon.

General admission tickets are $10, with tickets for children and students priced at $5. Tickets are available online at churchillarts.org.

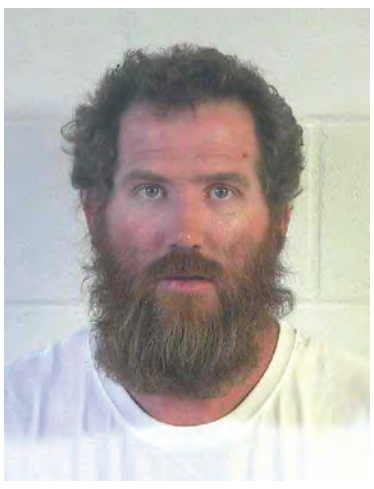
The Churchill Arts Council invites residents to celebrate the season with an afternoon of live music, holiday shopping and Christmas carols shared with the community.

COURT

Gilbert Sentenced to Prison for Attempted Lewdness with a Child

Court Records Show Five- to 12.5-year Sentence Following July Guilty Plea

By Rachel Dahl



Jordan Randolph Gilbert was sentenced Nov. 10 to 12.5 years in Nevada state prison after pleading guilty to attempted lewdness with a child under 14 in Churchill County District Court.

District Judge Thomas L. Stockard imposed the sentence following Gilbert's July 27 guilty plea to one count of attempted lewdness with a child under 14, a category B felony under Nevada law.

According to the judgment of conviction filed Nov. 16 in the 10th Judicial District Court, Gilbert was sentenced to a minimum of 60 months and a maximum of 150 months in state prison. He was also awarded credit for 196 days of presentence incarceration.

Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford argued for a significant prison sentence, citing the seriousness of the offense and the vulnerability of the victim, according to a Nov. 20 press release from the Churchill County District Attorney's Office.

The filed judgment of conviction specifies a maximum sentence of 150 months, or 12.5 years, with a minimum parole eligibility period of 60 months.

Parole eligibility does not guarantee release. The parole board determines whether an eligible inmate will be granted parole.

The district attorney's office also stated that Gilbert will be required to comply with Nevada's sex offender registration requirements and will be subject to lifetime supervision after his release from prison.

The judgment further orders Gilbert to submit a biological specimen for DNA analysis and pay court assessments and fees totaling $1,854.70, including $1,676.70 for a psychosexual evaluation.

In announcing the sentencing, the district attorney's office acknowledged the work of law enforcement and the individuals who came forward during the investigation and prosecution.

The case was prosecuted in Churchill County's 10th Judicial District Court under case number 26-10DC-0512.

Wilcox Sentenced to 10 Years for Lewdness With a Child

Churchill County Sentence to Run Consecutively to Prison Term in Lyon County

By Rachel Dahl



Brandon Michael Wilcox was sentenced to 10 years in Nevada state prison Nov. 10 after pleading guilty to lewdness with a child under 16 in Churchill County District Court.

District Judge Thomas L. Stockard imposed the sentence following Wilcox's Aug. 11 guilty plea to one count of lewdness with a child under 16, a category B felony under Nevada law. According to the Churchill County District Attorney's Office, the offense involved a 15-year-old child.

The court ordered Wilcox's sentence to run consecutively to a sentence imposed in Lyon County, meaning the Churchill County prison term will be served separately from, rather than at the same time as, his Lyon County sentence.

Under the judgment of conviction, Wilcox must serve a minimum of 36 months and may serve up to 120 months on the Churchill County conviction. The court awarded him credit for 92 days of presentence incarceration.

The district attorney's office said Wilcox could become eligible for consideration by the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners after serving the required minimum term. Parole eligibility does not guarantee release.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford represented the state during sentencing and argued for a substantial prison term, emphasizing the seriousness of the offense and the need to hold Wilcox accountable.

In addition to the prison sentence, Stockard ordered Wilcox to comply with Nevada's sex offender registration requirements. He will also be subject to lifetime supervision following his release from prison.

The judgment of conviction, filed Nov. 16 in the 10th Judicial District Court, also requires Wilcox to provide a DNA sample and pay court assessments and fees totaling $178.

In a Nov. 19 press release announcing the sentence, the Churchill County District Attorney's Office acknowledged the work of law enforcement and those who came forward in cases involving crimes against children.

The case was prosecuted in Churchill County's 10th Judicial District Court under case number 26-10DC-0820. The consecutive sentence references Lyon County District Court case 24-CR-1112.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Commission Approves Development Code Changes

By Rachel Dahl

Churchill County commissioners approved changes to county development regulations, reviewed financial reports and received updates on several county projects during their Nov. 18 meeting.

In addition to approving the formation of the Churchill Hazen Industrial Park General Improvement District, commissioners unanimously adopted revisions to Titles 14 and 16 of the Churchill County Code, addressing landscaping, outdoor storage, shipping containers and compatibility standards between neighboring land uses.

Public Works Director Randy Hines explained that the revisions are intended to make development requirements clearer and more consistent for property owners and businesses.

The changes include updated setbacks, landscaping requirements for commercial and industrial developments, and specific standards for shipping containers based on zoning classifications. Shipping containers will not be permitted in R-1, R-2 and R-3 residential districts, while rural and agricultural properties will have limits based on acreage.

In industrial districts, shipping containers may be stacked up to three high with the appropriate permit.

Hines said the county also revised landscaping requirements to emphasize decorative rock and other low-water-use materials, rather than requiring extensive landscaping in remote areas where it serves little purpose.

The revisions establish more specific standards for buffers between neighboring uses and clarify requirements for accessory structures and multifamily developments.

During public comment, resident Michelle Anderson questioned how the changes might affect property owners' rights to appeal administrative decisions. County officials said a proposed definition of an "aggrieved party" would be removed from the ordinance for additional review at a future workshop.

Commissioners approved the ordinance unanimously.

The board also reviewed the county's financial condition after Anderson requested clarification of two funds showing negative balances in the Nov. 10 report.

The Parks and Recreation Fund showed a negative balance of approximately $63,491, while the Water Resource Fund showed a negative balance of approximately $190,281.

County Comptroller Sherry Wideman explained that both were timing differences rather than unexpected expenditures.

She said sales tax revenue arrives several months after it is collected, leaving the Parks and Recreation Fund temporarily short of anticipated receipts. The Water Resource Fund balance reflects expenditures associated with the Navy's transferable development rights program, for which the county expects reimbursement.

Commissioners approved the consent agenda, which also included a $300,000 transfer to the Road Department for first-quarter fiscal 2027 road and bridge projects.

Commissioners received notification of an application by Wok LLC to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for data center-related tax abatements associated with proposed operations in Churchill County.

The county was notified as part of the state's review process. Commissioners did not vote on the application.

During public comment, residents questioned the projected economic benefits and the county's role in evaluating the proposed tax incentives.

County officials explained that tax abatements are approved by the Governor's Office of Economic Development rather than the county commission.

County Assessor Denise Felton noted that Nevada's data center personal property tax abatement provisions were established by the Legislature in 2015. She said the issue may receive additional attention during the upcoming legislative session.

County Manager Joe Sanford reported progress on several public works projects, including improvements to the parking area serving county social services and public works offices.

He also said the county has begun seeking qualifications for projects funded through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, including improvements to the North Maine Street ballfields.

Sanford reported that a legislative bill draft has been completed concerning how utility-related tax revenues are distributed between counties where electricity is generated and counties where it is consumed.

Under the current system, he said, those revenues are allocated to the counties where electricity is used. The proposed legislation would address revenue sharing with counties that host power-generating facilities.

The issue could have financial implications for Churchill County, which hosts several power-generating facilities.

Wideman also reported that the county's annual audit is progressing, although the county expects to request an extension for its federal single audit because federal auditing instructions have not yet been released.

Commissioners scheduled a Dec. 3 public hearing on a nuisance complaint filed by William Davis against Patrick and Dana Sullivan.

During staff reports, Sheriff Lee Orozco said two new deputies had recently been sworn in and that the department continues recruiting additional deputies and dispatch personnel.

Orozco also reminded commissioners that he will leave office Jan. 3, following more than 30 years of service to Churchill County.

The next regular county commission meeting is scheduled for Dec. 3.

EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

A Message from the Superintendent



As we head into Thanksgiving break, I've been reflecting on my first few months as superintendent, and how grateful I am to be doing this work in the community I've always called home.

Growing up here, attending these schools, and now raising my own children in this district gives this role a special meaning to me.

One of my favorite parts of this job has been getting into our schools, spending time with students, and talking with the incredible people who show up for our kids every day. I've had the opportunity to see firsthand just how much heart goes into making our schools what they are.

To our teachers and staff, thank you for everything you do, including the things that often go unseen. To our students and families, thank you for trusting us, working alongside us, and reminding us why this work matters.

I'm proud to be part of this community, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve it.

From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Blake Cooper

Superintendent, Churchill County School District

Veritas Preparatory School

Classical and Christian

The Great Golden Turkey Hunt Takes Over Veritas!

By David Ernst. Photo(s) courtesy of Veritas Preparatory School.

Thanksgiving excitement filled the campus of Veritas Preparatory School as students participated in Golden Turkey Week, a fun-filled competition that turned ordinary recess periods into an exciting campus-wide treasure hunt.

Throughout the week leading up to Thanksgiving break, students eagerly searched the school grounds for hundreds of tiny golden turkeys hidden in unexpected places. What began as a simple holiday activity quickly became a favorite recess adventure as students raced to discover as many of the elusive birds as possible.

Each day brought new excitement as additional golden turkeys were hidden around campus. By the end of the week, more than 400 golden turkeys had been scattered throughout the school grounds, giving students plenty of opportunities to test their observation skills and determination.

As soon as recess began, students could be seen searching high and low, carefully examining the playground and other areas of campus in hopes of spotting another golden treasure. Every discovery brought excitement, and the friendly competition grew as students compared their collections and wondered who would ultimately claim the coveted title of Ultimate Golden Turkey Master.



Students display their Golden Turkeys.

The competition reached its grand finale on Friday, when students gathered to celebrate the results of their weeklong search. Every student who had successfully found at least one golden turkey received a candy reward for participating.

The greatest honor, however, was reserved for the student who collected the most golden turkeys throughout the week. That student received the largest, goldenest Master Golden Turkey. Towards the end, students banded together into teams and shared turkeys in an attempt to bring the Master Golden Turkey to their classroom.

While the competition was certainly exciting, Golden Turkey Week was about more than finding hidden treasures. The activity brought students together across grade levels, encouraged friendly competition, and added a little extra joy to the school days leading up to Thanksgiving vacation.

CITY OF FALLON

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving Day is a time to remember our many blessings and to celebrate the opportunities that freedom affords. Explorers and settlers arriving in this land often gave thanks for the extraordinary plenty they found. And today, we remain grateful to live in a country of liberty and abundance. We give thanks for the love of family and friends, and we ask God to continue to watch over America; and

WHEREAS, almost four centuries ago, the Pilgrims celebrated a harvest feast to thank God after suffering through a brutal winter. President George Washington proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. He stated "I do recommend the 26th" day of November to be devoted by the People of these United States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks ... for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed"; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln revived the tradition during the Civil War, asking Americans to give thanks with "one heart and one voice." Since then, in times of war and in times of peace, Americans have gathered with family and friends and given thanks to God for our blessings; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is also a time to share our blessings with those who are less fortunate. Americans this week will gather food and clothing for neighbors in need. Many young people will give part of their holiday to volunteer at homeless shelters and food pantries. On Thanksgiving, we remember that the true strength of America lies in the hearts and souls of the American people. By seeking out those who are hurting and by lending a hand, Americans touch the lives of their fellow citizens and help make our Nation and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, we give thanks to living in a country where freedom reigns, justice prevails, and hope prospers. We recognize that America is a better place when we answer the universal call to love a neighbor and help those in need. May God bless and guide the citizens of Fallon as we move forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ken Tedford, Mayor of the City of Fallon, Nevada, do hereby proclaim that November 26, 2026, as:

NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING

and I urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to gather, in homes and places of worship, to offer a prayer of thanks for our many blessings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fallon this 26th" day of November 2026.

Ken Tedford, Mayor

Michael O'Neill, City Clerk

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Nevada states that, "we the people of the State of Nevada, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessings, ensure domestic tranquility, and form a more perfect Government, do establish this Constitution;" and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 stated, "it is impossible to build an empire without our Father's aid. I believe the sacred writings which say, "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1); and

WHEREAS, George Washington enunciated, "animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity, and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence wrote, "can the liberties of a nation be secured when we have removed the confliction that these liberties are the gift of God"; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry quoted Proverbs 14:34 for our nation, "righteousness alone can exalt a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people"; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution advocated, "the diffusion of the light of Christianity in our nation" in his Memorial Remonstrance; and

WHEREAS, George Mason, in his Virginia Declaration of Rights, forerunner to our U.S. Bill of Rights, affirmed, "it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other;" and

WHEREAS, these, and many other truly great men and women of America, giants in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ken Tedford, Mayor of the City of Fallon, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November 23 - 27, 2026 as:

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK

and I urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to join me in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fallon this 23rd day of November 2026.

Ken Tedford, Mayor

Michael O'Neill, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN FALLON NUGGET CHIPS:

Pursuant to Regulation 12.070(2)(c) of the Nevada State Gaming Commission, as of August 15, 2026, the following chips are discontinued at the Fallon Nugget: $25 – Green with blue and white markings, $5 – Red with green and yellow markings. The casino chips described above will be redeemable at the Fallon Nugget main cage, located at 70 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406, twenty four (24) hours a day through December 15, 2026 which is one hundred and twenty (120) days after August 15, 2026.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
CODY J. WINDRIVER
DOD August 8, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cody J. Windriver died on August 8, 2026, and that Cienna Marie Windriver has been appointed Limited Personal Representative of his Estate.

Pursuant to Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Law and Order Code §20-80-060, and 20-70-050, all persons having claims against the Estate must present their claims within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this Notice. Claims and supporting documentation shall be submitted to:

Cienna Marie Windriver,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Churchill County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on December 3, 2026, at approximately 8:15 AM, in the Commission Chambers, County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street, Suite 145, Fallon, Nevada, on the following matter:

A Nuisance Complaint filed by William Davis against Patrick Sullivan and Dana Sullivan concerning dismantled vehicles, people living in a tent trailer, wood piles, and various environmental hazards on property located at 4175 Edwards Lane, Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the County Clerk's Office, 155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, before 4:00 PM on December 2, 2026 or via email to ClerkBoards@churchillcountynv.gov.

Dated: November 9, 2026
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer
Prepared by: Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, on the following matters:

A planned unit development application, PUD26-000002, filed by Bluestone Engineering and Consulting LLC for Greg Margetich of Margetich Developments LLC for Silver Spur Village. The property is located at 2255, 2355, & 2475 Casey Road, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 008-361-11, 008-361-31, 008-361-38, 008-361-39, and 008-361-48, in the C-1 & R-2 zoning districts. The applicant proposes to establish a planned unit development with a hotel, eating & drinking establishments, retail stores, and multi-family residences.

A subdivision tentative map application, PC26-13, filed by Bluestone Engineering and Consulting LLC for Greg Margetich of Margetich Developments LLC for Silver Spur Village. The property is located at 2255, 2355, & 2475 Casey Road, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 008-361-11, 008-361-31, 008-361-38, 008-361-39, and 008-361-48, in the C-1 & R-2 zoning districts. The applicant is requesting to create a Planned Unit Subdivision with up to 80 residential townhome units with common space parcel and 6 parcels of commercial uses.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2026. Copies of the applications are on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office. Scanned copies of the applications will be posted on December 10, 2026, with the Agenda Packet on the county's website at https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 North Taylor Street, County Commission Chambers, Fallon, Nevada, at approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, on the proposed Ordinance:

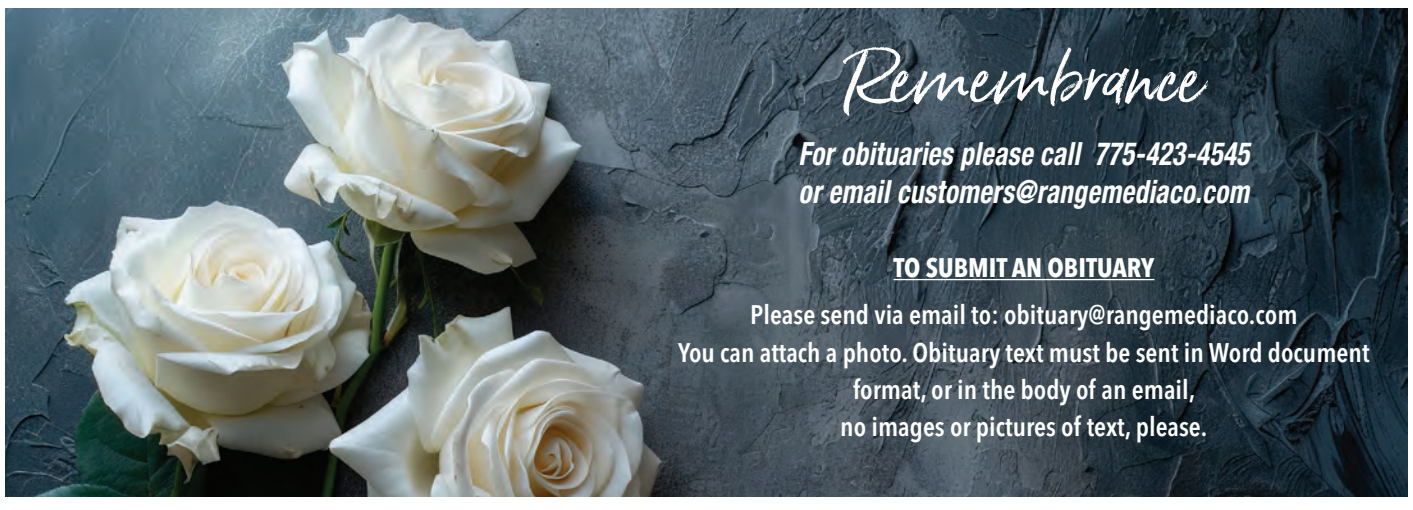
Bill 2026-C Ordinance 32, TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES TO TITLE 16.

SUMMARY: THIS ORDINANCE CHANGES TITLE 16 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE TO ADDRESS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. THE PROPOSED CHANGES REPLACE THE EXISTING "DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES" USE IN THE USE TABLE WITH THREE NEW USES TITLED: "DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES,<10MW," "DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES, 10MW-100MW," AND "DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES,100+MW;" PROVIDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE USE TABLE; AND CREATES A NEW CHAPTER CREATING NEW INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS TO MITIGATE IMPACTS FROM POWER CONSUMPTION AND BACKUP POWER PROVISION, CONSERVE WATER IN THE COUNTY, PROTECT WATER AND SOIL QUALITY, REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF NOISE AND LIGHT ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES, ADDRESS TRAFFIC IMPACTS, REGULATE VISUAL IMPACTS AND SCALE OF THE USE, AND ENSURE ADEQUATE SANITATION. CHANGES ARE ALSO MADE TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF "DATA STORAGE AND DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES" AND "ACCESSORY USE" AND ADD THE TERMS "BACKUP GENERATOR," "CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM," AND "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS" TO CHAPTER 24.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 110, Fallon, NV 89406, before 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2026. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection at the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A scanned copy of the ordinance will be posted on December 10, 2026, with the Agenda Packet on the county's website at https://www.churchillcountynv.gov/1081/Agendas-Minutes.

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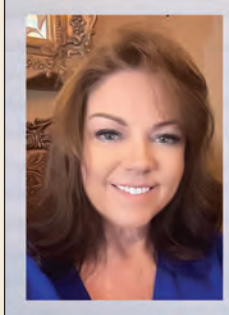
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